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2. *Men are born with no knowledge, but with a mental power by which they are enabled to acquire all knowledge.* Nothing is so helpless as a baby. The calf knows where to turn for its sustenance; the baby cannot find its way to its mother's breast. The chick runs about with its shell on its back, as familiar with the world in which it finds itself as if it were a hundred years old; the baby cannot walk or move to any purpose useful to itself. All brutes as soon as they are born know where to get the food suitable to them, and only take what is good; the infant of a year old clutches at all things good and bad, and will take a deadly poison as soon as it will a cordial. The spider weaves his web with astounding results immediately its needs dictate; man at first blunders, and puts together the rudest and most inadequate place in which to hide his head. Thus man, unlike the beasts, comes into the world with no knowledge. This is his imperfection. But this imperfection constitutes his perfection. He knows nothing, but he has the power to learn everything. He has—what no beast has—the rational faculty, or the power to weigh, compare, and judge. Though, therefore, at first he blunders about his home, by-and-bye, through the exercise of his mental power, he comes to know somewhat about floors, beams, rafters, and roofs, and thus temples and crystal palaces are at length evolved out of his intelligence. But more than all this. Man, having a rational mind, can do what no beast can do—REGULATE HIS LOVE. The sow cannot but love the mire; the tiger cannot but love blood and warm flesh. We do not blame these creatures for their desires and habits, because they are impelled toward them by their instincts, and have no mind to control them. The hare cannot but love the soft sward of the prairie; the eagle cannot but love the sunny heights of the atmosphere. We do not commend these creatures for their purer desires and habits, because they are impelled to them by their instincts, and have no rational mind to choose them. But man has a rational mind by which he controls and regulates his desires. He can become a human sow or a human tiger, wallowing in the mire or thirsting for blood. He can become a human hart or a human eagle, ranging over the boundless prairies of thought or soaring in the highest intellectual regions. In the one case we condemn, and in the other case we praise, because we know and feel that man has a rational soul, unlike the beasts, and that though they can neither sink below nor rise above the law of their life, he can do both.

Now, inasmuch as there is this undeniable distinction between men and brutes,

3. *Man cannot have been evolved out of the brutes.* Had he been so, he would have been but a higher ape. He would have been horse, as brutes are, with all his knowledge, instead of none. He would never have been able to acquire any knowledge, instead of all. As the sow and the tiger, the hart and the eagle, and I may add the ape, come into the world with the respective laws of their life imprinted on their being, so would man have come into the world with the laws of his life imprinted on his being, of course varied from these creatures, according to the different sphere he was intended to fill. He would have had no power of choice. He would have had no discernment between good and bad. As the wolf sees that it is good to seize on the lamb, and has no idea of vice in connection with it—as the lamb sees that it is good to browse in the meadow, and has no idea of virtue in connection with it—so man, had he been of the same kin and descent as these creatures, would have seen it to be good to follow out the law of his life, and either tend and eat wild animals, or feed on herbage, as the case might have been, and would not have been able to associate vice with the one, or virtue with the other. As he is, Man is unique; there is nothing like him, or for a moment comparable to him in Creation.

And now, Sir, let me say a word or two about some indescribable gibberish I have heard whispered and seen in print about performing animals and wonderful dogs and elephants. A performing animal acquires no knowledge; but its tamer and master acquires a knowledge over it, and learns to lead and guide its instincts so that they are subservient to his pleasures or his uses. Where does the knowledge of a performing horse, or pig, or canary go, when the man who trained it is no longer present? Why, when the knowledge that obtained the direction of these animals is absent, their knowledge is absent too, as every one must be aware. Then the elephants that know when they are pricked with a pin and show that they don't like it! Is it not wonderful? Then the rats that can smell poison and won't touch it! Then the dogs that find their masters at home one day in a week and know 'tis Sunday. Really, sir, the gentlemen who call this "the acquisition of knowledge" must have precious little knowledge themselves. If an elephant didn't know that it was pricked, and the boy that did it, how would it be able to know what was beneficial, and what was hurtful in its own home? Is it not the same knowledge or instinct under different circumstances? That dogs have extraordinary sagacity is undeniable. But if a creature did not know when its master was at home and when absent it would not have the instinct of a dog, but would be something else. A dog knows how to carry a rat in its mouth by instinct, and there are some masters so wonderfully clever that they can get the dog to carry a basket instead; and then the masters kick up their heels like wild animals because they think the dog has shown itself to be something like a man! But really, sir, in the light of the principles I have laid down above, is not this the most pitiful twiddle, and does it not show the miserable shifts to which the admirers of the great scientific bubble are reduced in order to save it from bursting?

I have said nothing about the palpable absurdity involved in Darwinism that a superior creature, can be evolved out of an inferior, nor of the equally absurd hypothesis that one type of animal can be produced by another type, both of which, however, are opposed to every natural law, and show that Darwinism rests on less than the shadow of a shade.

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Beloved.—A drunken Scotchman, returning from a party, fell asleep in the street. Some rude boys came and began licking his mouth. Sawney roared, "Wha's kissing me noo? Ye see what it is to be well liked amang the laddies!"

Having his "weigh."—"I hope you have no objection to my getting weighed?" said a husband to his wife, following the lead of the parson's letter. "Not a jot!" "Only to see, my love, if you would be none the worse for one!"

DR. WILBERFORCE AT INVERARY.—The Bishop of Winchester, who for some days past has been the guest of the Duke of Argyll, preached in Inveraray Castle, preached on Sunday to a large assemblage in the pavilion erected last year on the Castle lawn for the home coming festivities. The seats reserved for the occasion were form throughout. The Duke and Duchess of Argyll were present, as also were their children, Lord Lorne and the Marquis of Lorne, Lord and Lady Archibald Campbell, and other members of the ducal family, Sir George Home, Bart., of Wedderburn, M.P., the Bishop chose for his text, "Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters."

THE WEATHER.—Temperature has risen a little over central England, but hardly any change is reported elsewhere. Light and variable south-westerly breezes have set in a some of the French coasts, and in Ireland. In our islands generally and over the North Sea the wind is still from the south-east, and a fresh breeze blows. In Norway it is northerly. The sky has become cloudy generally, and there are rather rough seas, particularly in the west generally, towards elsewhere. The thermometer at eight o'clock yesterday morning was registered as follows at the undermentioned places, 67 deg.; Plymouth, 65 deg.; Wick, 54 deg.; Valentia, 60 deg.; and Toulon, 72 deg.

WASTE MATERIALS AT VIENNA.—Among the supplemental exhibitions which will be formed in connection with the Vienna Exhibition, there will be one showing what steps have been taken since 1851 (the date of the first London Exhibition) in the utilisation of substances previously thrown away as useless. On one hand will be shown the waste products in all the industrial processes included in the Universal Exhibition; on the other hand, the useful products which have been obtained from such wastes since 1851. This is intended to serve as an incentive to further researches in the same important direction.

DR. LIVINGSTONE AS A MASTER.—The following trait is quite in character with the simple-hearted character as a chief among his African attendants:—"I have been frequently ashamed of my impatience when I have been tempted to show a displeasure or lay severer, whereas, had the servant been one of mine his dishonesty or laziness had been a matter of no consequence whatever! I have often heard our servants discuss our respective merits. 'Your master,' say my servants to the Livingstone, 'is a good man; he does good to men; he does not beat you, for he has a kind heart; but ours—oh! he is a bad man; he ties us down to the ground, he has being hated and thwarted in every possible way by the Arabs and half-castes upon first arrival at Ujiji, he only he laughed at the idea of his being a bad man; he has now won all hearts. I perceived that universal respect was paid to him.

PROGRESS IN JAPAN.—According to the *Japan Herald* the appointment of Japanese Ambassadors at the Court of London, and the Court of Washington and the determination of the Mikado to visit Europe upon his return from a contemplated tour of the empire. These are, "from the two demonstrative manifestations of friendship by the American people, as evinced by the recent visit of the late Embassy, and the, as at present understood, will repair to Paris first, and, by degrees becoming accustomed to popular gazes, to London, he will be hardened to submit with comparative ease to the lionizing tendencies of our American cousins. Nothing will be left undone, nothing will be left to chance, nothing to the "Japanese." The same journal mentions that the Japanese Government have just effected a loan of £200,000 with which to develop the natural resources of the country. From the department of Religion a notice has been issued against indecent emblems; forbidding the people to worship them, and stating that they will be destroyed in whatever temple or shrine they may be found. The organisation of the Post Office was in progress all over the country, and already between Yedo and Yokohama, the mail is made up five times a day each way; but all letters must be stamped, or they will not be forwarded. It also appears that great preparations are being made by the Japanese Government to have a Japan fully represented at the forthcoming Vienna Exhibition.

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LORD AND LADY DUFFERIN IN CANADA.

London, Wednesday Night.

The number of distinguished foreign visitors now in England is exceedingly large, including, as it does, Burmese and Japanese ambassadors, the Crown Prince of Sweden, the Princess Frederick Charles of Prussia, and a host of United States naval and military officers. The presence of many of these strangers at evening fêtes in London in some way makes up for the absence of the usual gaieties in the Highlands. One of the oldest of sights at the theatres and other evening entertainments, is furnished by the Japanese students, who are quartered in the metropolis in hundreds. The small eyes of the Japanese seem perpetually blinking with sleepiness, the result of their staying up now and again far beyond their usual time for going to rest, six o'clock in the afternoon. The behaviour of the Japanese gives no unalloyed satisfaction, as we have seen from notes into which many of them have been introduced by Lord Granville, but also in their mode of life and general conduct at their own lodgings. Their gentlemanly and simple demeanour might well shame a great number of the English youths who are now enjoying the pleasures of the long vacation at their metropolitan homes.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has brought a hornet down about his ears in speaking of Christ as the revelation of Hinduism to the Indians in London, and the influence they may be supposed to be exerting over their fellow-students at the Inns of Court and the universities. Two Hindoo gentlemen write to the *Times* this morning asserting that their countrymen are no fetishists. That so far as doctrines of a "future state and charity are concerned they believe in them as well as the best Christians. They further aver that the Hindoos are not only more numerous, but remain as they are. To quote one of them, "To educated heathens who are sojourning in this country at present it is a matter of merriment to see the different sects of Christians here keeping on an incessant warfare with each other."

Satisfaction is expressed, especially in American circles, at Mr. Stanley's return to Brighton. Had he not gone back, and so proved how little he felt the ungentlemanly treatment of Gordon Bennett, who failed to invite the guests at the mayor's first banquet, there is no saying how much the gravity of the offence might have been magnified in New York. Mr Stanley is are this satisfied that the serious levelled at the Prince of Wales's conduct in the jealous persons have only had one result, namely, of making the general welcome given to him and his news in England all the more hearty. Progress of Stanley's fame that a Mr. Tyler, "Master of the Universities Club, Jermyn-street, issues the spirited offer to lead a fresh expedition gratuitously to Ujiji. He undertakes to search out Livingstone wherever he may be in Central Africa, and, if necessary, remain with him for two years. Like the Indian gentleman of his great work, if the Royal Geographical Society accord him the protection always accorded a British subject, the necessary transport to Zanzibar, and the requisite outfit thence into the interior. For the latter purpose, the funds already lodged with the Acting-Consul at Zanzibar are, he says, ample guarantee. Beyond these, the service he offers will not cost the society one single penny.

Mr. Gladstone is staying with Lord Blachford, at Ivy Bridge, doubtless preparing his Irish speeches. It is said that it is the Premier's intention to discontenance in every possible way the Home Rule movement during his absence, and it is conjectured that Mr. M'Carthy's banquet will be given to that gentleman as much in recognition of his staunch opposition "to all measures which lead to the separation of intercourse between portions of the United Kingdom." As for his steady adherence to the principles of Church disestablishment in the hottest of Orangeounties in Ireland. Mr. Gladstone has some idea of being present at some of the Social Science meetings at Plymouth. His distinguished rival, Mr. Disraeli, is at present engaged in writing a new novel.

One of the novelties of the Exhibition to be held at Vienna next year will be a group of dwelling-houses, the arrangements connected with which, it is hoped, will enlighten and the most important questions of social science of the day. The object of the houses will not be to exhibit a collection of ethnographical objects, neither will it be to show how most of the private dwellings houses are built in various parts of different countries; but to exemplify how the private dwelling-house *can* and *ought* to be built, in order best to fulfil its purpose, taking into consideration the climate, local circumstances, and mode of life of the different people as well as their wants and habits. Among the objects in this section will be iron built houses, also *transportable* houses of many sizes and shapes, and in all the classes special attention will be given to the habitations for the industrial population.

All accounts from Canada agree in stating that Lord and Lady Dufferin are fast becoming most popular. Their Excellencies, always very fond of yachting, have recently been cruising about among the islands of the St Lawrence. The citadel at Quebec has been fitted up for a two months' visit of the Earl and Countess, his Excellency having chosen Quebec as the first of all the leading cities of Canada in which he is going to make a stay. By this means he will become aware that he shall be best able to make himself acquainted with the inhabitants and requirements of the various portions of the Dominion.

Another eminent man who wishes to improve his knowledge of the Dominion, and has the intention of going to Longbranch or Saratoga, the General has gone this summer on a visit to Mr. Pullman, chief of the Pullman Car Company, at one of the "Thousand Islands" on the River St. Lawrence. The great attraction of these islands is the fishing, in the indulgence of which sport the President has doubtless found an antidote against a too constant contemplation of the approaching contest with Mr. Horace Greeley.

The three shots recently levelled at the turret ship Glatton, have, it seems, caused damage to that vessel which can only be repaired by the expenditure of the large sum of £12,000. This is the sum set down in the estimates for the repair of the vessel. The expenses seems to have been rather costly.

The O'Conor Don, member for Roscommon, is suffering under a severe domestic affliction, the death of his wife, to whom he was married scarcely four years ago. The deceased lady was a daughter of Mr. T. Perry, of Witham House, Warwickshire.

The "Marie Testimonial" Fund is at last growing into a bulk sum. Amongst the latest contributions are Sir Julius Benedict, the Earl of Dudley (who gives £100), and two "Friends," who between them give £300.

LAW AND POLICE.

THE SUMMER COURT.—In the Bankruptcy Court, London, Mr. Frederick Strange has presented his petition for liquidation. He is the well-known proprietor of the Sydenham Crystal Palace Gardens. His liabilities are estimated at about £30,000. On behalf of the debtor, and creditors, Mr. Ashton has been appointed official assignee was asked, and Mr. Tyler, of Norfolk street, Strand, was appointed. It was considered desirable, in the interests of the creditors, that the debtor should be allowed to continue his business without molestation; his difficulties appearing to be mainly attributable to the very unfavourable weather which prevented the public from visiting his gardens.

A DRUNKEN ASSAULT ON A RAILWAY OFFICIAL.—At the Middlesex Sessions, Mr. Smythe, bandmaster of the Royal Artillery, was charged with assaulting an inspector of the London and North-Western Railway at Euston. The defendant and his band came to the station at late hour on a night when they had been playing at Lord Granville's, and wished to take several trucks to Carnarvon, Wednesday, and this not being forthcoming, an altercation ensued between the defendant and the complainant, the inspector. By arrangement a verdict of guilty was taken, the defendant entering into an undertaking to appear for judgment if called upon.

THE THICKBOME DISPUTE.—At Bow street Mr. Abraham Ansinck applied for a summons against Mr. Guilford Jones, M.P., for a libel contained in a letter addressed by that gentleman to a London newspaper, the substance of which was a denunciation of Mr. Ansinck for obtaining money on behalf of the "Thickborne Fund." Eventually the summons was dismissed.

CHARGE OF ABDUCTION.—A young man has been in gaol at Lambeth Police-court for abducting a young girl of 15 years of age from her parents. The evidence against him was slight, the girl having been found at the house of a friend.

HARVEST PROSPECTS.

Harvesting is in active operation through Essex, Kent, Cambridge, Suffolk, and Norfolk counties. In the two last named counties there has been a considerable influx of Irish labourers, causing a great relief to the farmers. In Essex, and the adjacent portions of those districts, wheat had been exceedingly anxious and even desponding in its anticipations of the coming harvest. Great bustle and activity are everywhere perceptible in the thrifty district. Reports stations having been made to the Mark Lane Exchange, the farmers of the difficulty they experienced in obtaining men to gather in the crops, and the soldiers quartered at Aldershot, Winchester, Hampton, Oxfordshire. Their conduct is remarkably good, and we learn they are paid 3s per diem.

Harvesting operations are now in full swing, and the weather during the whole of the past week has been very favourable for the ingathering. The crop generally is considerably below an average crop. Barley on dry soils is in fine condition, but on heavy soils the crop is thin. Oats are good. Some fears are felt as to difficulty was at first experienced in procuring hands to reap the crop, but arrangements were made a fortnight in advance of the wages ruling in previous years. £2 per month was the lowest figure for which they were willing to accept, including the extra rate of wages, however, had the effect of bringing more men into the field than the farmers had anticipated, and plenty of hands. The potato disease has spread most extensively, and half an average crop is a liberal estimate. Green crops are generally in good order.

The British correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* writes from Boulogne, that the Irish harvest has been greatly encouraged the Irish farmers, who had some days ago been afraid that the corn would never ripen, or any harvest at all, have been cheered by the news. A very quantity of potatoes has been destroyed in almost every part of Ireland, but this disease has not spread to a greater or less extent. Wheat looks full and well; the root crops were never more prolific or healthy. There is every reason to expect a good enough market for Irish corn. The turf has been badly saved in many places, owing to continual rains, which is the most unfavourable circumstance in a year when coal is so scarce and dear.

At the Royal Albert Yacht Club Regatta on Tuesday, Cowes, the Albert Cup of £100 was won by the Flying Cloud.

At the Liverpool Police-court, a young woman, named Mary Ann Ellis, was charged with a fraud on a month's imprisonment, for offering herself as a domestic servant with a counterfeit certificate of character.

PONTOON TRAFFIC BETWEEN BELGIUM.—On Tuesday the Council of the Anglo Belgian Prize Fund Association received official information from Brussels in reference to the forthcoming visit of English Volunteers to Belgium. Although the fares by the steamboats between Dover and Ostend have not as yet been definitely settled, there is every reason to hope that, by a liberal grant from the Belgian Government, they will be all but nominal. The Railway Companies have, it is understood, intimated that the entire journey to and from London and Brussels will be accomplished at £1 3s first, and about 12s second class.

FROM "THE ILLITERATE VOTER."—A gentleman whose education has been somewhat neglected writes to the Pall Mall Gazette, "Can any of your Readers tell me Can any of Your Readers inform me why our Police shall not be required to Pass a Test Of 20 or 30 words, the increasing evil of Boys throwing 'Fire ward' is our Motto, Birm increas about 9 00 per Year, this requires inens Pass, if Boys Throwing the intimated with the use of a ballpenny Case he is not fit for office. I know of 4 Case of out Four Boys Sent to Prison for the Offence of throwing the Police cannot see every case of throwing, he ought to have power to use the Case on proof of 3 Witness our first Ward is a very Bad one, Birm Contains Twelve Wards I Councillor, and ten times as a Guardian of the Poor and hope to enjoy the honour of Your confide to the last, Yours truly.—R. L. M

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