

CHOICE OF OCCUPATION.

Every year in thousands of families, as the boys attain the age when they are supposed to have finished their school education, the important question arises. What shall be the future occupation of the boy? The question is not so easily answered, and whenever the choice of occupation has been made without full consideration, it is too often found that the selection has been made without reference to the physical and mental fitness of the boy for the chosen field.

and that his industry is an absolute necessity to the capitalists. If these people who turn up their noses at the mechanic allege as a reason for their exclusiveness that the mechanic is lacking in refinement they should be told that it is partly due to the fact that those who deem themselves more refined have scrupulously withdrawn their refining influences from the mechanic by not associating with him.

Much depends upon the quality of the material which enters the mechanical trades, and if many of those who now made the mistake of studying an unprofitable profession should learn a trade instead and determine to lead a refined life, it will not be long before even this somewhat imaginary reproach is taken away.

Remarkable Ghostly Action. One of the most remarkable modern instances of supposed ghostly disturbance occurred in the home of Rev. Dr. Phelps, of Stratford, Conn. Upon returning from church one day he found that all the doors of his house, which he had carefully locked on his departure, were wide open and the contents of the rooms on the first floor in the wildest confusion.

For seven months the house was disturbed by extraordinary phenomena. The most unearthly noises were heard day and night. Furniture and kitchen utensils were mysteriously moved. Glassware and window panes were broken by unseen hands before the startled inmates, and once the eleven-year-old son of the doctor was lifted bodily and carried some distance.

How much the human mind loves the mysterious. There is a story going about the prophecy of a gypsy to the Princess who was to have married the Duke of Clarence. The sibyl told the young lady that in early life a wedding would be near and yet would never be, and the Princess was awed for a moment and then laughed and went away.

LEATE GERMAN (to stranger who stepped on his toe)—"Mine front, I know mine feet was meant to be walked on, but dot brivledge belongs to me."

"WHAT impression did the grandeur of Niagara make on your sight?" "It convinced me that I had a cataract in both eyes."

A MINISTER had just received a new suit, and his wife a new bonnet. As the modest man and his bashful wife started up the aisle the choir burst forth with, "Who are these in bright array?"

Wasn't Holding His Own. "How is Bronson? Holding his own?" "I don't know. He wasn't the last time I saw him." "Where was he?" "On an ocean steamer."

The number of English words which have no rhyme in the language is large. Among them are month, silver, liquid, spirit, chimney, warmth, gulf, sylphus music, breadth, width, depth, honor, iron and eudoe.

Grown by Electricity. Here is a new triumph for modern science: A Parisian electrician has succeeded in forcing violets by the aid of his battery, and recently sent a bunch of these fledglings to the ex-Empress Eugenie.

A LADY of this city, who is summing in a quaint backwoods village, met a native one day, and, in the course of a little talk, asked him why all the village children went barefoot. "Why, he exclaimed, in surprise, 'that's the way they were born.'"

Misinterpreted Kindness. "Look out, there, or you'll get your head knocked off," shouted the conductor. "Well, I won't look out if I don't want to," answered the brawny young countryman, pulling himself in from the window, "and gold-darn you boots you can't knock my head off either."

ANGRY Father-in-law—Didn't you tell me when you married my daughter that you were worth \$40,000? "Lazy Son-in-law—No, sir; I said that I could lay my hand on \$40,000, but had I done so I would now be in the penitentiary." —Brooklyn Life.

A MARRIED philosopher, whose views respecting nursery management, fashions, domestic economy, and minor morals have long experienced a steady opposition, describes the reflective and analytical intellect as "that divine faculty of reason which distinguishes man from woman." —Harper's Bazar.

The Speed of Electricity. It requires about three seconds to transmit an electrical signal through the Atlantic cable. The speed at which electricity travels amounts to several thousand miles per second, but the electrostatic resistance of the cable reduces this speed to about 1,000 miles per second.

At Peace When at War. Mr. Globetrotter. "I made a flying trip through Ireland while I was abroad, Patrick, and it seemed to me that the people looked contented enough." Patrick. "It's seldom they luk that way, sor. You must 'av been there when th' fighting was goin' on." —Life.

WILLIE has a hollow tooth and it often aches. He has been told dozens of times to get it pulled; in fact, this is the only consolation he gets when he says he has the toothache. One day he was "turied in a book" when his sister came up to him and said:

"Oh, Willie, I have the arache. What shall I do?" "Oh, get it pulled," answered Willie, slightly frowning.

It Cut Both Ways. Deacon Potterby. "Brother Wilgus, your sermon Sunday on gambling was one of the finest efforts I ever heard."

The Rev. Mr. Wilgus. "Ah! Thank you." Deacon Potterby. "Um—ah—the fact is we did have a little plan on foot for presenting you a gold watch, but you made such a stand against the wickedness of getting something for nothing that we concluded you would not accept." —Indianapolis Journal.

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