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FLASHES OF THOUGHT.

Trifles make perfection, but perfection itself is no trifle.—
[Michael Angelo.

The more polish you put on a mean man the better the devil is suited.—[Ram's Horn.

You need not tell all the truth unless to those who have the right to know it all. But let all you tell be truth.—[H. Mann.

There is no royal road to fortune. Every man who starts out to achieve business success must expect to find plenty of hard, uphill work on the way.

We must remember how small a proportion the good or evil effected by a single statesman can bear to the good or evil of a great social system.—[Macaulay.

Popular ignorance with popular suffrage would be fatal to the community. This puts state education not on socialistic grounds but on that of political necessity, and necessity, whether political, military or sanitary, must be supreme.—[Goldwin Smith.

It is the age itself that writes newspapers, which, therefore, have a distinct purpose and meaning at the time, and a kind of intelligible truth for all times. * * * Genius, indeed, melts many ages into one, and thus effects something permanent, yet still with a similarity of office to that of the more ephemeral writer. A work of genius is but the newspaper of the century, or perchance of a hundred centuries.—[Hawthorne.

Dissatisfaction with one's lot sometimes arises from overconscientiousness. * * * "Always try to do your best," is one of the several hundred copy-book maxims which hypocrisy pretends are necessary to success, but which common sense and practical life quietly ignore. Very much less than your best will often answer the purpose, and the rope that reaches is long enough. Good enough is good.—[Daniel G. Brinton, the Pursuit of Happiness.

They tell us of an Indian tree, which, howsoever the sun and sky may tempt its boughs to wander free, and shoot and blossom wide and high, far better loves to bend its arms downward again to that dear earth from which the life that fills and warms its grateful being first had birth. 'Tis thus, though wooed by flattering friends, and fed with fame, if fame it be, my heart, my own dear mother, bends with love's true instinct back to thee.—
[Phoebe Cary.

WISDOM IN WIT.

[From the Burlington Hawkeye.]

Widows are not always as mournful as they are dressed.

Feminine instinct leads every woman to carry a few pins about her.

The man who first said that figures never lie, probably never saw a ballot.

When money is tight, a young man who has but little of it should keep sober.

The borrowing man soon begins to wonder why every one he knows is so poor.

The more you puff a cigar the smaller it becomes, and that is the case with some men.

A stab in the back is serious, but neither is getting it in the neck without its consequences.

NEWS NUGGETS.

We exported 50,416,626 pounds of lard in February.

The settlers must get off the lands of the Winnebago Indian Reservation.

In 1894 we manufactured in the United States 33,362,373 barrels of beer.

In 1790 the United States had a population of 3,929,214; in 1890, 62,622,250.

Queen Victoria is said to be dangerously ill. She has ruled England fifty-eight years.

Platinum wires made white-hot by electric currents are now used as saws for felling trees.

Two labor leaders quarrel, and Debs calls Egan names and Egan says Debs lives in luxury.

It is always best for a man to keep his temper. No one else wants it.—[New Orleans Picayune.

It cost the tight little island of Great Britain in 1894 for spirits, wine and beer \$692,270,000.

The Orizaba volcano in Mexico, after taking a sleep for a century, is now belching fire and smoke.

The making of a peace treaty between China and Japan hangs fire. Meanwhile the Japs are "marching on."

Japan is almost as large as California, having 147,000 square miles, while the American State has 158,000.

The best way for a man to get out of a lowly position is to be conspicuously effective in it.—[Rev. Dr. John Hall.

A firey Jap shot the Chinese Peace Commissioner, Li Hung Chang. Accounts say he was not dangerously wounded.

A sample order of 20,000 tons of coal has come from Mexico to the coal operators of the Fairmount (West Virginia) region.

In the fiords of the Norway coast the clearness of the water is wonderful. Objects the size of a half dollar may be seen a depth of 25 to 30 fathoms.

Secretary of State Gresham is talking about resigning. If the whole Administration, including the President, would resign the whole nation would rejoice.

In 1870 we had an interest-bearing debt of \$2,046,455,722.39; in June, 1894, \$635,041,890. Since that time Cleveland has increased the debt about \$162,000,000.

April 1 the Dallas Morning News contained information that Cleveland will run for a third term, and that Gorman thinks he can be elected. That's the biggest April fool out this season. A yellow dog would stand a better chance of being elected President than Cleveland.

In February there were exported 5,769,874 pounds of oleomargarine butter and oil and 312,652 pounds of genuine butter and 2,093,973 pounds of cheese and 238,244,577 pounds of cotton and 60,639,199 gallons of petroleum oil and 118,370,639 pounds of hog products.

There is a great deal of work in finished iron and steel. Orders for 27,000 cars have been given out, and the Delaware bridge gave an order involving 10,000 tons. St Louis has 4,000 cars to place, and New York has nearly thirty fire-proof structures to be placed.—[Iron Age.

Allen Ripley Foote is out with his views on the currency question. We know him—he's about as light-weight as Cleveland's