

RESTRAINT AND FORCE ARE NOT SYNONYMOUS terms with brutality and cruelty. The silent force in nature and the most enduring and powerful, and from gentle treatment the most effective even a soft word will quiet the most towering wrath and a tender look and caress subdue the most violent passions.

try cities find it profitable to invest millions in better streets certainly the rural districts will find it no less profitable. The fact that on a smooth roadway a farmer's load need be limited only by what can pile on the wagon ought to be proof enough of the value of good roadways without a single wheel being called.

From here California now reaches the foot of the mountains in eleven days by means of refrigerated cars and cold storage on shipboard. The Englishman no longer needs to coast his peach around the world to reach maturity on the sunny side of a wall. But California peaches are not yet sold on Florida to a penny.

TEACH a child to avoid evil through fear of punishment, and he never appreciates the higher motives of human action. He foresees also that there is any other reason for doing right and he will soon begin to calculate the chances of escape from the consequences of wrong doing. In such cases he will naturally figure that he is shrewd enough to hide his acts from the world and will ride the tide to the besetting temptations of youth.

The fact that we are at last supply a large proportion of our literary diet is a subject for national congratulation. It means that we are becoming more and more independent, and individually, without which even political independence could not make us wholly free. We don't care for English or any other foreign opinion so much as we used to do holding it better to maintain self-respect than to receive the commendation of a nation which only natural dependence can wholly release.

An absolute singleness of purpose almost means a mind always in one point as eyes that regard every object however minute, from the point of view, an intellectual direction beginning and ending with one article. Exclusiveness of this kind is apt to produce serious results, and the more each man to exaggerate the force and value of his particular attainment, and perhaps therein with his own importance. It deprives the mind of the refreshment which is afforded by alternation of labor, and of the strength as well as the activity, to be gained by allowing the varied subjects to evolve and put to exercise the wonderfully varied powers.

This singular question, "Who reads an American book?" is no longer asked by English writers. American authors need not care, as they have fought their way through, and American books are now to a considerable extent republished in England. Since the adoption of the copyright law, the English publisher of the right law publications of English authors in this country have greatly fallen off. It was the fact that it could be got without paying for it that made English literature, except a few classics so popular here. Ten years ago no publisher of books outside of Boston issued more American than foreign works.

It was in 1817, that Gov. DeWitt Clinton of New York began the construction of the Erie Canal. That was an enormous undertaking for the time, though its cost completed, amounted to only \$8,000,000. Since its construction New York has spent \$60,000,000 for enlargement, repairs and maintenance of her canal system, and for the last ten years without any tolls or other return save the commercial supremacy the canal system has enabled the city of New York to maintain its position as not surpassed by railroads as at one time it was thought they would be. The whole effort of late years is towards the construction of ship canals, for cheap transportation, and in this direction canalists promise to become of greater importance to the world's commerce than ever before.

Tax beaties of the kindergarten system are far from being a matter of pure sentiment. It is not simply that little children are by their nature in place for a few hours every day, kept out of the sight and sound of all evil things although this is a point worthy of some consideration, with respect to certain classes of children. But the real benefit to the pupils and to the community is very much greater, and lies very much deeper than this. One of the most important features is that it gives to children, who are likely to be taken from school and put to work at an early age, two years of mental training which would otherwise be lost to them. The child who must go into a factory or store at the age of ten or twelve years, those two years are a substantial gain, not only in point of the time spent in school, but in the better habits and mental training that are gained by the child.

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A BROTHER'S SACRIFICE.

STORY OF THE GREAT PLAINS FORTY YEARS AGO.

Brother Love and the Tragedy Which Came of It. A Tale of the West. By J. M. Blosser.

"Among the numberless instances of self-sacrificing love which have come under my observation," said an old "Forty-niner" recently, "none has left a deeper impression on my mind than that which I witnessed on the upper trail across the plains about forty years ago."

"We were taking a party out to California, and there was a small herd of cattle along—probably a hundred head or more—that gave us some trouble. As you saw, there were no cattle drivers then. These men, who were experienced cowboys, the herd we had was as quiet as any I have ever expected to be, but still it was a herd of cattle and cattle are the most timid creatures on earth. They are particularly afraid of lightning and thunder."

"This herd was in charge of two brothers named Wilkerson. I think they were the older ones, Tom and Henry. They were both men of about thirty years of age, and as far as I know, they were the best of friends. They were both men of about thirty years of age, and as far as I know, they were the best of friends. They were both men of about thirty years of age, and as far as I know, they were the best of friends."

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF PROFITABLE HOES.

Responsibility of the Land-Springs Among Hoes. A. M. Blosser.

"I am quite sure that on one-half the farms of the country, hoes for several years past have given no profit, and either a different system of management should be adopted or else the hoes should be replaced by better ones."

"The QUEER PILOT FISH. Incidents of a Voyage of 181 Days." A. M. Blosser.

"Many of the sailing vessels which come into port bring one or two passengers, and occasionally companions of the captain, but they are not the usual travelers who brave the dangers of an ocean voyage for the sake of its strange experiences. Many find the passage dreary in the extreme, but we had as quiet a sea as I have ever expected to be, but still it was a herd of cattle and cattle are the most timid creatures on earth. They are particularly afraid of lightning and thunder."

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