



## THE NORTHLVILLE RECORD

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## THE SAN DOMINGO COMMISSION.

The abomination to the United States of the island of San Domingo, now just now to be the chief subject of comment. So numerous have been the rulers and civil wars in this picturesque locality that the inhabitants, at least many of them, are anxious for the protection of some stronger power, and naturally enough turn to the United States as the most reliable government under which to take refuge. In order to ascertain the propriety of such a step, the President sent a Commission composed of some of the most talented men in our land, to explore the island, and report the exact state of affairs, both as regards productiveness of the land, and to learn the general feeling on secession.

As is well known, much apprehension was felt for the safety of the Tennessee, on board of which the Commission were sent. The announcement of her safe arrival, however, has been received with news that the Commission were busy at work, and would within three or four weeks fulfil their mission. Of course, in this, as in all other cases, there will be opposition to the project, and while the better and more intelligent people will favor association, the ignorant and warlike portion of the island will stoutly resist, going very only at the sword's point.

The association of San Domingo, certainly seems to us a wise step, the acquisition of that cold barren region, Alaska, only that without the latter, our country would be at a loss for a "lasting" monument to its ex-secretary.

## THE WAR.

The long talked of and most humiliating spectacle to the unfortunate Parisians since the beginning of the war, took place on the first, when the hated Prussians made an entry into Paris. The citizens remonstrated against this degradation, but to no purpose, as their visitors, who are about to return to "Faderland," deemed their ten thousand French incarnates without having witnessed the sights of the first city in the Empire. As they entered thereby, the city has shown their contempt by keeping in doors.

Peace has finally been concluded between France and Prussia, the former yielding reluctantly to the extortionate demands of the latter. The terms of peace were settled at 5:30 P. M. on the 26th ult. Alsace and Metz are surrendered. Belfort is retained. The war indemnity is five millions of francs. France to have three years in which to pay it, but the Prussians are to hold the fortresses till all is paid.

Correspondence Record:  
FROM NOVI.

Necktie Festival, benefit church fund—Donation masters.

Mr. EDGAR.—On Thursday evening Feb. 23, the Ladies' Benevolent Society held a necktie festival, at Mr. Seymour Denraux's which was attended by a very large number of people, and was altogether a pleasant and profitable occasion. All seemed to enjoy the festivities, and it was the general expression, that, for pure simple sport, a Necktie Festival reaches the climax.

The net proceeds of the festival was eighty-three dollars, which was appropriated toward payment of debt on Baptist Parsonage, and on the 25th \$100 was paid by the Ladies' Society on that debt.

There was some anxiety on the part of a few that such a festival would lead to an over-stepping the bounds of Christian propriety, but, it must be said, our Novi gathering was both gentle and becoming, and will be pleasantly remembered by many for years to come.

All we also to state, that in your former record of "Domestics" the amount was too low. The facts were, that on Christmas I received \$25.00 in an "almanac" as a surprise, while the donation proper—including amounts brought in since by those prevented from coming on the evening—amounts to over \$140, of which \$120 was in money. The full donation including the "almanac" was over \$160, which I shall long remember with gratitude.

ISAAC W. LAMM.

John Hirsch has bought Mrs. Sarah Gove's dwelling and lot for \$1200. Also that Mr. John Wells has purchased the James Ells place, near the toll gate.

Correspondence Record:  
FROM CHICAGO.

Review of the week—Woman Suffrage Convention—Lecture of Miss Anna Dickinson—Speech of Hon. Collier.

Editor Record.—Our last week in Chicago has not been characterized by any striking accidents or diabolical murders, and only one conversion, viz. that of the female Suffragist, who held forth in Farwell Hall, beginning on Wednesday the 2nd inst., and closing their labors for the amelioration of woman from bondage, Thursday evening. Your correspondent designed to invade the inner temple, and a sight of the same. Moral and spiritual, and then forgot an envelope of account papers, and lost his men escort. Among the prominent orators, who were present was Mrs. Jacob G. Johnson, who addressed the congregation and informed them present she intended, if far to fight the venerable philosopher of the New York Tribune, and that she intended it a good omen for the cause to have Horace opposition, and their proceeded to inform the audience that she considered Geo. D. Prentiss as a man living up to his word and a small capital at that.

Among the many incidents which occurred was one a little more amusing than the rest. Upon the conclusion of the remarks of the speakers, an elderly lady ascended the platform and announced herself as a daughter of science and "said she had something to say upon the momentous subject under discussion. Judge Bradwell, the chairman endeavored to express his opinion that the speakers were all in order, but the old lady continued amid laughter, and the chairman again endeavored to silence her. She said it was a woman of grave meeting, and speak the world, she was not going to be put down by a man, she was allowed to speak—and to the profound admiration of the chairman—After the old lady had finished her speech, which was to the effect that woman should receive a free pre-education, Dr. Brown, a Jewish Rabbi from Milwaukee engaged to support woman suffrage by some Hebrew translations from the Bible, but, on account of an imperfect knowledge of the English language, all his efforts in that direction were a failure so far as making any impression on the audience exerting an amazing tact, and his allotted half hour being up he took his seat.

One man proposed that the representative from the city of Bricks be allowed fifteen minutes to elucidate the problem, as he remarked at the time his half hour had expired, that he was just going to do so, but upon hearing the question of choice, furthering it was found to be an almost unanimous desire on the part of the audience that the gentlemen from Milwaukee be allowed to keep his seat. Speeches were made by a number of others both ladies and gentlemen, and the question debated from nearly every standpoint, and although at length a unanimous vote was taken to support the ballot, it was decided to be an almost unanimous desire on the part of the audience that the gentlemen from Milwaukee be allowed to keep his seat. Speeches were made by a number of others both ladies and gentlemen, and the question debated from nearly every standpoint, and although at length a unanimous vote was taken to support the ballot, it was decided to be an almost unanimous desire on the part of the audience that the gentlemen from Milwaukee be allowed to keep his seat.

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## Dress and Health.

The high waist low necks to dresses and the high-heeled shoes are most vulgar fashions and ought not to be longer tolerated. We shall not quarrel with the little jaunty hats of the ladies, for they are in good taste, and no harm results from them as of all parts of the body the head is the best clothing. But to pass to the other extremity, we have to say that the destitute, high-heeled boots and shoes, running as they do almost to a point, are spoiling the gait and ruining the ankle joints of children and young misses. We are careful to order stockings to remove such heels from shoes before permitting them to be brought into our stores. Heels of moderate height and good breadth are of great service in elevating the feet, so as to avoid direct contact with moist earth, and they also give support and add firmness to the step. Why should fashion push good devices to absurd extremes? We must aid in destroying the tyrant when her decrees lead to the physical or moral injury of the race. The present fashion of leaving the neck and the upper part of the chest bare is fraught with evil consequences. It would be less objectionable in countries uniformly warm; but that our daughters, here in this bright and changeable climate, should constantly expose to the chilling winds a vital part of the body, is one of the evils of fashion which should be disengaged by every mother, and father, and brother. No part of the dress is really more absurd than the high "stove-pipe" hat so generally worn, and yet all attempts to subvert it have proved abortive. For thirty years we have worn this kind of head covering, and we like it better than any other; we have tried hard to like the low, soft hats, but we failed; and this is the experience of thousands. Absurd as the high hard hat is, it does keep the head more comfortable, it does retain a more equable temperature, it does feel better, than any other form of head covering; and so let us continue to knock them against beams in attics and branches of trees. If they serve a good purpose in protecting us from the roots of old garrets and stables, they also protect us from bad bumps and keep our heads comfortable. —*Journal of U.S.A.*

## The Uses of Habit.

There has been much declaiming on the part of a certain school of physiognomists against the propriety of allowing the mind to run in a groove; or, in other words, to acquire any particular habit of thought. All habits, say these declaimers, are bad. There are no good habits. No man should do anything from mere force of habit. The effect of habit is to prevent thought and to open the door for error in reasoning. It tempts the mind within limits beyond which it cannot expand, and thus becomes an obstacle to healthy growth.

We regard these views as false in the extreme, and propose to devote a brief space to the presentation of the uses of habit, reasoning, of course, good habits.

We assert that all experts are the result of persistent habit. Setting this proposition can be best illustrated by examples of manual expertness. One of the most striking of these examples is the skill acquired in medical execution. At first the beginner finds the process of practicing the various tomes on an interested in their proper sequence and length, very tiresome and fatiguing. But by drill of long and tedious practice, he comes to a point where the fingers move by mere habit, without any sensible effort of his will. Indeed, the habit of doing what he has to do right becomes strong, that to attempt to do it otherwise would be almost as painful and tedious as his first attempt to acquire the process.

In the performance of all kinds of mechanical work, dexterity is only to be acquired by habit formed by continuous practice. These facts are obvious in connection with manipulation, that it appears strange they should be disputed when applied to mental operations, or moral impulse.

As in manual operations, a certain sequence and order, strictly followed, will enable the operator to perform each detail with greater facility and accuracy, and so shorten the time expended in reaching the desired result, as well as make the result more perfect, so a proper method gives rapidity and accuracy to the mind. A mind trained to think methodically, is a mind which has acquired habits of thought.

This methodical thinking is absolutely indispensable to success in many professions, of which we may cite "law" as one conspicuous example.

But perhaps in no field of study is it of greater importance than in invention, and this brings us directly to the main object urged against habit in thought, namely, that it is a foe to originality. We take direct issue on this point, and assert that, on the contrary, it is the very basis of originality, in so far as originality is useful or desirable.

The originality that is desirable in literature, in invention, in the arts, is employment of elementary principles in new combinations. We may refer to music again for an illustration of this point. The elementary combinations are represented by the exercises upon which the pupil is required to devote his practice. These exercises comprise difficult combinations, elements of composition, which, in themselves, are dry and unpleasing, but which, combined in various ways, are formed in the compositions of the great masters. This element being acquired by practice, the originality appears in the combination of them into new and ingenious arrangements.

In invention, a new device always consists of a novel arrangement of elements previously known. An original tinker, worthy of the name, is one who, while he perhaps explores new fields, employs in his research the facts of previous experience and the methods he has found valuable in former investigations, modified to suit the particular exigencies of the case. Let him throw aside ascertained facts and methodical thought, and he at once degenerates into a tamer of baseless theories, which are original only because they are like nothing else. —*Scientific American.*

A correspondent of the Worcester Spy says of the late Ethan Allen, the pistol manufacturer: "By his inventive skill, his resolute perseverance, and his war-worn industry, he acquired a hand, some property. He owed all—under God, to himself. He once said to me: 'Some persons envy me what they consider my prosperity. But they would not be willing to pay for it what I have paid. I commenced business with a capital of \$12. I often went hungry to save the price of meal. I dressed as none of the mechanics that I see about me would do.'"

Some benevolent young healthy ladies of Boston have raised up a fund of \$1,000, the interest of which is to be devoted to taking the inmates of the Home for Aged and Infirm Females out to fine occasions, especially pleasant afternoons.

## USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

LEAVES of fresh wintergrass scattered where red ants congregate, will dispense them as effectively as camphor.

BETTER PAY A CARPENTER FOR MAKING LIGHTS OF STEELS IN THE BARN, WHEN NEEDED, THAN A DOCTOR FOR MENDING BONES BROKEN BY USELESS LEDGES. Roll them in felt and they should have a day intended in the pot.

THE EXTRAVAGANT TENDENCIES OF THE PRESENT GENERATION, SUGGEST TO A CLERGYMAN THE QUESTION, WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE BETTER TO SPARE THE GAIT AND RUIN THE ANGLE JOINTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG MISSES. WE ARE CAREFUL TO ORDER STOCKHORN TO REMOVE SUCH HOLES FROM SHOES BEFORE PERMITTING THEM TO BE BROUGHT INTO OUR STORES.

WHEAT-FLOUR CAKES.—Mix at night four pint bowlsfuls of flour, or half white flour, one teaspoonful of salt, two and a half bowls of tepid warm milk, one half number of yeast. In the morning, add an egg, well beaten; also add milk, if too thick; the cake must be spongey.

IN CLEANLINESS AS IS SOME TELL SAY, ONE OF THE ARTS, ALL THAT HELPS IT SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN. DOORS, WALLS, OR ANYTHING THAT IS PAINTED, MAY BE CLEANED WITH A PIECE OF SOFT HAMMEL, DIPPED IN WARM WATER, THEN WRUNG AND SPUN WITH FINE POWDERED FRENCH CHALK. THE PAINT ON BEING RUBBED, WILL BECOME QUITE CLEAN AND WILL BE SAVED FROM THE DESTRUCTIVE ACTION OF SOAP.

INDIOLINE CANDIES.—Three handfuls of Indian meal (yellow and white mixed); one tablespoonful of soft soap; four teaspooons of salt; four of sugar; pour on boiling water, stirring briskly to the thickness of stiff mush; pour on cold milk till it is as thick as gruel; then add sugar, four to the consistency of griddle-cakes—thick or thin as preferred. They can be varied by the addition of one or two eggs beaten and added last.

A CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE, FROM ELIZABETH, N. J., SAYS THAT HE KEEPS TENDER PLANTS PERFECTLY HEALTHY IN HIS CELLAR ALL WINTER. THE CELLAR IS DRY, COOL, AND DARK. ABOUT THE 1ST OF NOVEMBER, HE PUTS THE ORANGE, LEMON, LICORICE, ETC., INTO THE CELLAR. THE PLANTS ARE IN LARGE TUBS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE OLDEST, WHICH ARE PLANTED IN SMALLER TUBS, AND COVERS THE ROOTS WITH SOIL. THE PLANTS ARE WATERED ONCE A WEEK WITH TEpid WATER.

TO REMOVE STAINS FROM MOURNING-DRESSES, BOIL A HANDFUL OF FIG-TAILS IN TWO QUARTS OF WATER UNTIL REDUCED TO A PINT, SQUEEZE THE LEAVES, AND PUT THE LIQUID INTO A BOTTLE FOR USE. BROMAZINE—CLOTH, ETC., NEED ONLY BE RUBBED WITH A SPONGE DIPPED IN THIS JUICE, AND THE FOAM WILL BE INSTANTLY PRODUCED. IF ANY REASON EXISTS TO PREVENT THE SUBSTANCE FROM BEING WETTED, THEN APPLY FRENCH CHALK, WHICH WILL ABSORB THE GREASE FROM THE FABRIC WITHOUT INJURY.

MORNING.—The following simple preparation against moths is represented to be quite as sure as any of the popular antidotes. Safely from moths for four months in having been unbroken through summer in a snug place. Muff bosom not square. Taking out not occasionally to air exposure, to the mouth. No perfume, camphor or carbolic acid added. After six hours wear them for the last time in the sun, and then into a fine pulse case, be up, and in a tight knot, and shut them up in a drawer which will hold valuable articles.

THE APPEAL OF MUSCLE CAN BE GIVEN TO WHITE WIGGS BY POLING OR SPINNING THEM WITH A COLORED WIRE, OR COMBINATION OF SEVERAL. THE EFFECT IS DIFFERENT IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF STYLING, SOME BECOMING STRAIGHT, VERY RAPIDLY, OTHERS REQUIRING MORE TIME FOR THE RESULT. THE PERIODICITY IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE WOODY SLICE. SMALL PARTICLES OF MANGANESE IS PRECIPITATED, WHICH IS afterward removed by washing twice with water. The wood, when dry, is very light and will be found to recover very closely, the naturally dark woods.

BURRS AND SEEDS.—S. B. JONES, M. D., of CINCINNATI, OHIO, WRITES TO THE JOURNAL OF MEDICAL METHODS: "I HAVE TRIED A GOOD MANY CASES OF BURNS AND SCALDS, AND TO MY ENTIRE SATISFACTION. THIS SOFT, WHITE LEAD IN FLUID OIL, TO THE CONSISTENCY OF MILK, AND APPLIED OVER THE ENTIRE BURN, SOULD EVERY NUMBER. I HAVE BEEN IN THE HABIT OF USING A SOFT FEATHER TO APPLY THE OINTMENT. I HAVE USED THIS PREPARATION A GREAT MANY TIMES IN THE FIFTEEN YEARS OF MY PRACTICE, AND HAVE NEVER BEEN DISPOINTED; IT GIVES RELIEF SOONER AND IS MORE PERMANENT IN ITS EFFECTS THAN ANY PREPARATION I AM ACQUAINTED WITH. I THINK THAT ANY ONE TRYING IT WILL BE SATISFIED. IT SHOULD BE APPLIED OFTEN, AND A FULL DOSE OF AN OPIATE WILL BE ADVANTAGEOUS IF THE BURN IS DEEP."

APPLYING MANURE ON THE FURROW.

I HAVE long been thinking of sending you an account of my success in applying manure for corn on the furrow, after the soil is turned under. And here let me say that I have done burning manure, for its tendency is downward. The last four years I have put the manure on the furrow, and harrowed thoroughly, and have never had a poor crop of corn, oats, or rye; once only in that time I plowed the ground, and the corn was a failure. No more digging on my farm.

I do not think fall plowing the best as a general thing. I usually have a large pile of stable manure, which goes in the way by the middle of winter, and I manage to have enough plowed in the fall to cover what manure we draw up in spring; the rest remains until frost is out in spring; then plow and spread over the rest of the field, and harrow all together. One year ago we plowed our whole field—manured half of it in winter and the other in May. After the drought had set in, it was so dry that the manure dried up in front of the harrow so much that I had to stop the horses once in ten rods to unload. I concluded then that I should have one failure with manure on the soil, unless it rained soon; but no rain came, and when we loaded the first time the manure drew up in front of the cultivator; second and third times, we used a plow; the last hoing, very little manure to be seen; but such a crop of corn and pumpkins has not been raised in my neighborhood for years. One corner of the lot, a three-cornered piece, was sown with common Yankee corn, for the cow, and it grew so thick and stout that a man could hardly get through it; a good part of it measured over ten feet high. If manuring on the top in such a dry season as the past will not fail, when will it?

And let me say here: 1st, my land is good corn land; 2d, I manure about forty acres to the acre, with clear manure—the horse manure put in the bottom of the drop-back of the cows, daily, which absorbs the liquid, and the whole is thrown out under the barn. No straw is used here for litter; only in the yard; that remains until after haying, and is put on the meadows; 3d, when the corn ground is tilled, I take the planter cover and cover over the pieces, sowing enough to make the manure stand; this holds the moisture to the seed. Below is the great corn rooter, which is the best of track for the most part of all disease.

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