

SELF-FLATTERY.

One of the Unconscious Tendencies of Human Nature. The tendency to make our own tastes the standard and our own characters the normal types of soundness and strength is both general and deep.

THE LITTLE RED BOOTS.

Boyhood Reminiscence of a Prominent Lawyer—His Grandfather. "I'm almost 60 years old," remarked a prominent lawyer, "but I can never look at a pair of little red-topped boots without a pang."

M. Forel, in his excellent work on ants, has pointed out that very young ants devote themselves at first to the care of the larvae and pupae, and that they take no share in the defense of the nest or other out-of-door work until they are some days old.

A STRANGE STORY.

Experiences of the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. Frank Havill, editor of the Mount Carmel (Ill.) Register, tells the following strange story about an experience of Judge Jesse J. Phillips, chief justice of the supreme court of Illinois:

Many years ago he (Phillips) had a friend who was to him as Jonathan to David. Together they discussed almost every theme of science, philosophy and ethics. They paid one another frequent visits. Their homes were in towns several miles distant.

Days and weeks passed on, and Judge Phillips soon forgot the speech, for he was not a man who placed faith in warnings, signs and the like. One summer day his thoughts were far away from death or ghosts.

"Look!" he whispered. "There over the dashboard!" "I see nothing," said his companion. "What do you mean?" Judge Phillips sat as if spellbound, though his companion was unable to see anything but the empty air.

"I never saw a human being more plainly than I saw him standing there before me and looking in my face." How long the vision lasted he could not tell, but at last it seemed to melt into the air, and the judge drove on.

His friend was inclined to laugh at him, and he himself made no attempt to account for the strange happening. But early next morning he received a telegram announcing that on the day before, at the very time when he was taking his drive, his friend had died suddenly.

Was it a warning? Did his friend have premonition when he said: "I will look you in the face again?" Judge Phillips cannot explain the story. Its narration affects him deeply, and he probably has not told it to more than half a dozen persons, though it occurred years ago. He is not a spiritualist, and no one could be readier than he to discountenance the cheap delusions which are sometimes called spiritualism.

Notable Period in History. During the years 1857-60 of Victoria's reign, the most important event was the treaty of Paris, to which the astuteness of Cavour made Sardinia a party. It was signed in 1856, and broken with impunity by Russia in 1871, when she increased her feet in the Black sea.

England was stunned by the news of the Indian mutiny. The generalship and statesmanship which suppressed that very formidable outbreak far transcended the glories of the Crimea. The heroism of Havelock was crowned by the clemency of Lord Canning, who, in his refusal to avenge the horrors of Cawnpore by indiscriminate massacre, was upheld by the sympathy and sound sense of the queen.

Oklahoma Belle—I think pap's a goin' ter faver ye, Bill, over all the other fellers. I've been a talkin' to him about ye, and he never said nothin' but I knew belikes ye.

Oklahoma Belle—I told him ye was comin' 'round ter-night, and he loaded up his gun with squirrel shot instead of buck.—Detroit Free Press.

THIS AND THAT.

The bandaging of the feet of Chinese girls is begun in many cases at the age of four.

The present year is said to be the one thousandth anniversary of the foundation of the British navy.

Atlanta has an ordinance prohibiting vehicles from passing places of worship at a rapid rate of speed on Sundays.

Princess Maud of Wales never wore a ring until Prince Charles of Denmark placed her engagement ring on her finger.

Benjamin Bissell, who lives near Ballston Spa, N. Y., says he has voted for 18 presidential candidates, not one of whom was elected.

Red poppies are to be the most fashionable flowers this autumn, and black peonies are the blossoms chosen wherewith to embroider dresses.

The Sheffield club is the oldest football organization in the United Kingdom. It was started in 1855, and its minute book for 1857 is still in existence.

The prince of Wales, when he attends a state function in full dress, wears one of the most costly ornaments known to the British court. It is a plume of feathers pulled from the tail of the fethwah, the rarest and most beautiful of Indian birds.

Ernest von Mendelssohn Bartholdy, head of the Mendelssohn banking house of Berlin, and a nephew of the great composer, has just given a fine oil portrait of Mendelssohn to the Oratorio society of Baltimore. It was painted in the early '40's by Prof. William Hensel, a court painter, during the reign of Frederick William IV.

The duchess of Albany, on her marriage, was given a dowry of \$25,000, and her only private source of income is derived from this, and comes to about \$1,000 a year. Princess Helena, as she is still called in the royal family, is something of a blue-stocking, and she and the late duke of Albany had many tastes in common.

HOT WATER FOR MILLIONS.

London's Plan to Use the Waste Heat of Street Lamps.

Among the conveniences that have accrued to civilized man since the penny-in-the-slot order was instituted, the latest claimant is the Pluto waste heat economizer. Only you do not put a penny in the slot, it is only a halfpenny, thus showing how far such benefits can be refined down to almost the vanishing point of monetary outlay.

The principle of the thing works out in this way. Gas is largely used as an illuminant, and when it is solely so used its heat is lost. Why not utilize the lost heat? This the inventor does by placing above the name of the lamp a spiral coil fed with water from the main. By the heat of the flame the cold water is converted into steam, which, expelled by its own expansive force through an ordinary dead-weight safety valve down a pipe to the lamp post, heats the water by means of an iron coil. Of course, for the supply of hot water to be continued, the light above must be constantly aflame; and it is, therefore, the intention to keep the lamp fitted with the "Economizer" burning day and night. Having got thus far in theory, the imagination of the syndicate runs in every direction as regards its application in practice. The syndicate argues in this way: "That there is a public demand for such hot water is evidenced by the growing number of shops in the East end for the supply of this indispensable commodity. Considering hot water is a primary necessity of life, constituting nearly half of the domestic water consumption, and that it costs a working man nearly three farthings to light a fire especially to boil a gallon of water, it is obvious that such an invention, if successful, would be a vast boon of the widest public importance, as it is intended to keep these lamps burning day and night."—Pall Mall Gazette.

Sobers Up the Worst Chick.

An empty ten-foot oil tank is used in Waverly, V. Va., as a lock-up for tramps and drunkards. A toper was put in it the other day, and the tank was then rolled about for a couple of hours, the villagers hammering on it with clubs. Then the prisoner was released, a thoroughly sobered man.

Bulletin Financier.

Mercredi, 24 novembre 1897.

COFFRONS D'OR ET ARGENT. BOUEN DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÈANS.

Marché de la Nite-Orléans. Le Dollar Exchange a supporté aujourd'hui des ventes de 6,150 balles de 4,300 à 4,350.

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