When men and women get to saying ungracious things of one another in a kind of hostile rivalry, the situation is not pleasant, and bodes no good to the coming generation. The evil may be a limited one, yet it is, as far as it exists, a real one, and is already embittering and unsettling a good many lives. Well would it be, therefore, if some one could come forward with an eirenicon that would still the unnatural jarring which is a decided feature of today's civilization. It is the women today who are in the main on the aggressive. In fiction and essay they are employing their new-found intellectual powers in demonstrating how poor a creature is man. According to some, it would appear as if man had been the great imposture of the ages, and that a certain instinct of preservation had led him to deny culture to woman, lest he should be found out, and the bubble of his reputation eternally collapse. One recent writer, who, however, assumes a man's name, has it that if nature had not implanted a troublesome amount of affection in a woman's composition, she could by her greater force of will and character have driven man into a corner of the universe, just as the inferior race of the past have been driven before the superior ones-only more so, the disparity being greater.

This is not wholesome. If men have

what holders of power, who were also fallible

mortals, might have been expected to do;

and if women were wise the lesson they

would learn, now that they are more and

more being placed in the way of acquiring power themselves, would be, if possible, not to abuse it so much as men in their day have done. There is little to be gained by turning the shafts of feminine wit against men, nor will the feminine character be improved by will be a serious effort to rise to the level of their new opportunities and responsibilities. A man may be a great scholar and a great fool, and so, we venture to say, may a woman. It is a much easier thing to stimulate the intellect than to strengthen and enrich the moral nature; and it does not follow that, because women now have access to most colleges and universities, they are going at once methods of culture which have been devised for men may tend to impair in a greater or less degree those finer intuitions which are claimed as the glory of the female sex, and in which we are quite prepared to declare our between the sexes may be less than has hitherto been supposed; but there are differences nevertheless, and it is the manifest interest of the race that these should be developed and made prominent rather than weakened and obscured. If the human race is to endure, and if civilization is to advance, the relations between sexes must not permanently be relations of rivalry. Men and women were not made to struggle with one another for the advantages of life, but mutually to aid one another in reaping those advantages. That "sweet love" of which the poet speaks is given as the reward of right relations between man and woman; and, where other guidance is lacking, we may profitably ask whether any given line of conduct tends to the gaining or the sacrificing of that reward. If to the former, then it may safely be said to be right conduct; if to the latter, wrong. What it is clear that man has to do in these later days is to frame to himself a higher and completer ideal of manhood than he has hitherto, on the whole entertained, and try to live up to it. The awakened womanhood of the age - when allowance has been made for all that is hysterical and morbid and heartless in contemporary feminine utterances-summons him most clearly and distinctly to walk henceforth on higher levels in the strength of a nobler self-control Then he has to recognize in the fullest sense, without a particle of reservation, that he has in woman not a weaker shadow of himself, not a reflection of his glory nor a minister to his pleasure, but a divinely bestowed helpmeet, to whom special powers and faculties have been imparted for the interpretation of truth and the beautifying of life.—Popular Science Monthly for August.

Atheism. Doubtless there are some persons who call themselves atheists; and some who are called atheists by others; and perhaps some who really think that they think that there is no God. But atheism as a philosophy is extinct and since the death of Ernest Haeckel it would probably be impossible to name any person of any eminence either in philosophy or science, either in this country or in Europe, who avows himself an atheist. The general result of scientific thinking on this subject is well summed up by Herbert Spencer in the formula. "Amid all the mysteries by which we are surrounded, nothing is more certain than that we are ever in the presence of an Infinite and Eternal Energy from which all things proceed." It is certain that this Energy is one, not many; the same in the most distant star as in the globe we inhabit. It is equally certain that this Energy is an Harcourt said that the government would in-

create those thought-relations, but discovers them. In brief, the Universe has been thought out, and science is a discovery of the previous thought in it which makes it a Universe—that is, a One in many. Nor is it less certain that this Infinite and Eternal Energy from which all things proceed is in the world of men as well as in the world of matter: gives unity to history and to life; makes possible a science of human life in its various phenomena; in brief, to quote Matthew Arnold's phrase. "There is a power not ourselves that makes for righteousness." Righteousness is a reality, and men in struggling toward it are struggling, not to create what does not exist, but to discover and realize what does exist.

Agnosticism has in the thinking world sup-

planted atheism; and though the two are often confounded, they are not only diverse, they are mutually destructive. Atheism is the doctrine that there is no God, no One revealed in and through the many; no universe, only a lot of heterogeneous phenomena. Morally it is the philosophy of selfconceit; it says: I, man, am the greatest being in the universe; there is none greater. Agnosticism is, on the contrary, the affirmation that God is so great and man so little that man cannot define God, cannot understand him, cannot even know enough about him to predicate of his personality. It is a defecabused their power in the past, it is only tive philosophy, because it does not take cognizance of man's spiritual nature as a source and means of knowledge; but it is not atheism. It is, on the contrary, a righteous reaction against self-conceit of atheism which banishes God from the universe, and self-conceit of dogmatism which imagines that he can be measured and defined by the We should ask no better witness to the existence in the universe of "an Infinite and Eternal Energy from which all things much indulgence in the practice. Better far proceed" than Flammarion's "Atmosphere." Science, by its demonstration of the unity of phenomena, has forever put an end to polytheism; and by its demonstration of the magnitude of the universe has made intellectually impossible all forms of idolatry and anthropomorphism or man-worship; but it has also made unthinkable the notion that the universe is a concourse of atoms fortuitously happening together. There are doubtto show a higher type of character. It is not less some atheists in the world, just as there impossible even that a reliance on those are some polytheists and some idolaters, but none of either inscientifically educated circles. Religion has no longer any occasion to argue the existence of an Infinite and Eternal Energy from which all things proceed science hac established His existence. Reown firm belief. The intellectual differences ligion has only to inquire, by a consideratiou of the moral history and the spiritual consciousness of mankind, what are His relations to humanity. - The Outlook (Evangelical).

### Largest Mill in America.

The Ottawa correspondent of "Canada Lumberman" writes: "It is seldom that in Canada we are called upon to chronicle the destruction of so large an amount of valuable saw mill property, as was the case in the burning of Mr. J. R. Booth's great mill on the Chaudiere. The mill was known as the largest saw mill on this continent, and one of the most perfectly equipped mills in the world. There seems no explanation of how the fire occurred; the one unfortunate fact stares its owner and the people of Ottawa in the face, that at least, \$250,000 of property has been destroyed. The mill is a complete wreck. The loss is covered by insurance to the extent of \$143,300, leaving a net loss over the insurance to be borne by Mr. Booth of at least \$100,000. We in Ottawa, from a citizen's point of view, are hoping that it will not be the case, but it is very much feared that Mr. Booth will not rebuild the mill. About 1,000 hands, all told, were employed in connection with this enterprise, representing at least, families of 3,000 persons. No comment is necessary to show how seriously will such a loss of labor fall upon Ottawa. Great disappointment and loss will also come upon many shippers who were depending upon the cut of this mill to enable them to fill their export orders for the United States, South America and other points. The loss, too, of the season's cut, will be to Mr. Booth a severe blow."

The Oil Monopoly. The Standard Oil Trust is reported to have acquired possession of Canadian oil wells, as another step on its march to seizing the whole earth. The country may patriotically submit to a duty on this product as a protection to our people, but to pay a duty which will chiefly benifit foreigners who control the most odious of monopolies, is certain to raise trouble. If Petrolia means the Standard Oil Trust, the duty on coal oil will have to be abolished, the country will not be willing to pay taxes to add to the wealth of that concern. We trust, however, that the soil of Canada will not be soiled by the crawling tentacles of the Standard Oil Trust Octopus. -Canadian Trade Review.

### The Payment of Members.

In answering the interpellation of Samuel Wood, the Labor member of parliament in the house of Commons, London, Sir W. V. intellectual Energy; that there are thought- troduce at the next session a bill providing relations in the Universe; that man does not | for the payment of members.

Here and There. That Prendergast tie-up in Chicago was a

reat success.—Baltimore Herald.

Sunday School Teacher: "What kind of boys go to heaven?" Small Boy: "Dead ones."

"Oh, mother, may I go out to swim?"
Exclaimed a stylish daughter;
"Yes, child, but dont let any whim

Lead you so far astray as to injure your new Bathing suit by actual contact with the water."

The New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin says: "The fire loss of the United States and Canada during July aggregated the enormous sum of \$16,307,

He: "Now that our little quarrel is all made up, I would ask you to take a good

cigar, if you were a man. She: "And if you were a woman I should

ask you to join me in a real good cry." Gentleman: "Cabby, a sovereign if you

eatch the four-thirty train. Cabby (addressing his emaciated steed) 'Now, then, ole bag-o'-bones, jist fancy the cats are arter yer, an' show us wot yer kin

Little Gladys: "Granny, go down on your hands and knees for a minute, please. Fond Grandmother: "What am I to do that for, my pet?

Little Gladys: "Cause I want to draw an elephant."

A .: "Why, man, all your shop-girls are squint-eyed! Can't you manage to obtain a prettier set?"

B.: "I have got these as a protection against shop-lifters. The scamps will never know where the girls are looking!

The cannibal laughed lightly. "Certainly." he observed, "I shall follow he usual course.'

"What? eagerly demanded the trembling "Take before eating," rejoined the savage,

as he reached for his kodak. Housewife (showing sample of milk to local dairy-keeper)—Look here! I bought this milk from you-it's half water, and the rest

is chalk, and you sold it for pure country

The milk-maker (with dignity)-Madam, to the pure all things are pure.—Tit-Bits.

According to the Princess, an English journal, tea-drinking is rapidly becoming a vice among English working-women, and it has just been shown that the miserable condition of the worker in the state quarries at Merioneth is very largely due to the inordinate consumption of tea by the men as well

A raw egg is an invaluable household remedy, and should be more used than it is, considering that it is always to be had. When the children fall and bruise themselves, the pain may be speedily eased by covering the affected part with a rag steeped in raw egg. Bad cuts may be relieved by being treated in the same way.

It is said of Ruskin that he rises quite late. After breakfast he goes to his study and reads for a while the newspapers or a book, and then he will walk out in the gardens or along the shores of the lake. He enjoys seeing old friends and young people. In the evening he nearly always has a game of chess. Music is also his delight.

Some children were trespassing in a field, and quite happily gathering flowers. Presently a keeper came up to them saying angri-

"Now, then, what business have you to be in here. Didn't you see a notice at the

"Oh, yes, please, sir," answered one little girl, "we saw a notice, but it had 'private on it, so we didn't like to look"

I would say to the intending settler in British Central Africa: If you are of sound constitution, and will live wisely and well, I can promise you in that country immunity trom all serious diseases except malarial fever and hæmaturia. The chances are about one to ten that you will never have fever at all. and about eleven to ten that you will not have 'black-water' fever; and if you do have 'black-water' fever, the chances are not more than two to ten that you will die from it if you are of sound constitution."-H. H. Johnson in the New Review, London.

There is a good story told of the Duke of Northumberland, who, in spite of his vast wealth, is very unaffected and simple in his life. Whenever he travels on the local railway he usually takes a third-class ticket, to the indignation of the railway officials. Upon a day they determined to break him of this frugal habit, and filled his compartment with chimney sweeps carrying bags of soot. When the Duke arrived at his destination he took the sweeps to the booking-office and bought them each a first-class ticket back again, and put one in each first-class carriage, sacks and

There had been a terrible runaway accident and the victim, a good-looking, youngish lady, was born to the nearest chemist's. She was placed on a lounge, and medical aid summoned. But all help was in vain. The shock had been too much for her. She was

Feebly she opened her eyes for a minute ere she passed away, and the intense earnestness of her look indicated her longing for utterance. Her lips moved, but her words were inaudible. Every ear was strained to catch the slightest sound.

By a supreme effort she partly raised her hand to her head for a moment, but it fell back limp and nerveless. Again a faint whisper escaped her lips.

"Is my-is my-"Yes, madam, I assure you," cried a married man among the sympathetic group; "your hat is on perfectly straight."

Instantly the wistful, troubled expression of her eyes subsided, and with a calm and placid smile she passed away.

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