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THAT SUNDAY LAW.

The police magistrate, after taking several weeks to decide whether the sale of cigars and beer on Sunday constituted servile labor, has finally decided that he does not know. He has therefore imposed a nominal fine of four dollars, and the question is to be argued before the supreme court.

It is not often a public man so proves himself right in his lifetime, when all the world has said he was wrong. Mr. SHEPHERD has lived to have the most ample revenge on his former foes, and he can well understand that he laughs best who laughs last.

ESQUIRE IS TOO COMMON

The New York Sun, which is a pretty good authority on many points of social usage, has this to say in answer to a correspondent:

It is harsh to charge callidness against the use of the suffix Esquire, after it has spread so universally among English-speaking people; but it ought to be stopped, as callidness, as unnecessary, and as contrary to the genius of the future.

Whatever may have been the English idea, the American seems to be that the tradesmen should be called Esquire, while Mr. is the exception which marks the gentleman.

In old times the prefix Mr. was a distinction, but when it became too common Esquire took its place. Now that the latter title is given to everybody, the prefix of Dr. is coming in as a substitute.

At the Christian Endeavor convention in Boston, Canada came to the front when the province of Assiniboia was awarded the banner for the greatest proportionate increase in number of local societies.

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It has been the fortune of a good many public men, in the United States, to be rallied at as corruptionists and jobbers. In most cases the outcry has had solid foundation, and has confirmed what was at first merely suspicion.

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The case with which a bad habit can be acquired is exemplified by other creatures than man, and the latest instance is in the case of a minute ocean insect known as the gribble.

ing holes in the gutta percha insulation, thus letting the water reach the wires. The gribble's taste for cables is purely an acquired one, and the appetite of this insect will doubtless lead to much greater ravages in the future, unless some plan is devised to make it mend its ways.

A few years ago, the newspapers were praising the business sagacity of MARK TWAIN in making money by being his own publisher. It now seems he would have done better had he done otherwise.

Rain fell last Monday, which was St. SWITHIN'S day, and now people are predicting that rain will fall during every twenty-four hours of the next forty days.

A "rich and heretofore a highly respectable citizen", of a town in Ohio has been arrested for burglary, and has confessed himself guilty of most of the robberies occurring there for the last three years.

Newspaper writers and others are apt to depict the fishermen of the Gulf of St. Lawrence as a hardy and simple minded people, but the wreck of the steamship Mexico at Belle Isle, a few days ago, proves that some of them can distinguish themselves in other ways.

A week or two ago, PROGRESS told the story of a violin which had been lost by one Professor BOTT, of New York, and which VICTOR FLECHTER, a well known dealer, was charged with having stolen.

At one of the Christian Endeavor meetings in Boston, "Dr. S. F. Smith, author of 'America' was introduced" and a verse of that apology for a national anthem was sung.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

Appleton's Canadian Guide book for 1895 is a very well illustrated and carefully prepared manual which will be found of great use to travellers. The territory covered is Eastern Canada and Newfoundland, the descriptions for which were written by Prof. Roberts, and a sketch of the country from Western Canada to Vancouver's Island.

Monday will be a great day for the small boy and the big boy, for the circus will be here in all its glory. The Shamrock grounds have been fitted up, so as to give much better accommodation than was offered last year.

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VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

World's Love. Thou beauteous earth, by angels trod, Ye splendid skies, and dread, My Father's house! The mossy sod...

A Fishin'. Wunst we went a fishin'—me An' my pa an' ma all three— Wen they went a pic-nic, way Out to Hanch's wood one day.

The Song In The Heart. There are songs of love which are sweet to hear, Recalling scenes to our hearts most dear; They reveal the faces of the dear long ago;...

The House of Never. The house of Never is built, they say, Just over the hills of the By-and-By. Its gates are reached by a devious way, Hidden from all but an angel's eye.

An Unpractical Girl. The young lady who had made 700 words out of "controversy" last autumn has run away from home. Her mother wanted her to make three loaves of bread out of flour.

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THE WORLD'S BIG BRIDGES. The Structure Uniting New York and Brooklyn Heads the List. The very latest official computation puts the total cost of the Brooklyn Bridge at \$17,489,855.

With the enormous increase of viaduct work for railroad purposes in the United States, the profession of "bridge builder" has become a very important one, steel and iron work having largely superseded masonry, since by improved processes in their manufacture, structural iron and steel have materially decreased in cost.

Will be Here Monday. Sells Brothers circus will exhibit in St. John on Monday and Tuesday. This is the only great show in America that has had a continuous and successful career of twenty-four years under the same name and management.

"FILOSOFY AND FOLLY." T. O. Per—I want you (hic) to (hic) kill that dog! C. A. Nine—What for pray?

Russian Centenarians. Russia seems to be prolific of centenarians, though one would hardly be disposed to regard the general condition of existence under the government of the Czar as conducive of longevity.

What "Northerners" Are. In Texas a "norther" is a chilling blast that sweeps over the country, sending the temperature down as much as thirty degrees in as many minutes.

The Sunbonnet. A feminine reformer wants a revival of the old-fashioned sunbonnet. "I do wish," she remarked, "that I could get about twenty women to join me in bringing the sunbonnet into popularity again."

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old-fashioned sunbonnet. A pretty woman always looks prettier in a dainty white sunbonnet than in anything else, and what a picturesque feature of our markets it would become if our attractive society dames would return to the pretty sunbonnet of their grand-mother's day.

Training Locomotives. It may not be generally known that locomotives intended for express trains require as much training, in their way, for fast running as do race horses.

Shoes of Paste. "For years," says a Maine manufacturer, "shoes of a cheap grade have been made of what is known as leather-board. It is a compressed paste. There is a factory in my State which turns out tons of it every month."

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