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CLEAN UP.

We have emerged from a long and gloomy winter into incipient summer almost without so much as a suggestion of spring.

A few months ago, when such a thing was not so much needed, the municipal government got up a sanitary measure which was partly imperative, partly ineffectual, partly quackish and the remainder largely City-Council-like.

It created some new offices, provided some previously unheeded regulations and as a measure of relief from contagious or the prevention thereof would have been about as effective as a dam of straw in a mountain torrent.

One thing, however, can be accomplished without the Council's or its agents' intervention—a thorough house cleaning and the clearing up of premises. Everybody should be at this without further delay, that is all who have not already put their houses in order.

The advance guard of house flies is upon us; this is more significant than the unthinking would believe. Whether there are flies there is putrefaction, and wherever this is uncovered or not in some manner overcomes death lurks in ambush waiting for victims.

TO THE STARS THROUGH DIFFICULTIES.

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Generally from the realm outside there comes a mass of gathering of men who appreciate the situation as it is. They have, no doubt, in days ago seen fit to look ahead upon our Territory and the people who were delving and piddling here in order that it might be made first habitable, then inviting, and finally irresistible to others who could not and cannot see as the colonists saw and see.

Imagination or an appearance without substance. The other and obstructive class reside here. It is their open throat that they control more patronage in one county of Utah than the President does in the whole Territory, and this is probably true; it also exposes their hands, shows up their case as it reveals the milk in the coconut.

When it comes to a question of speech, then privilege of the one and full recognition of what belongs to others is not a factor in the case. Every time a step in advance is taken it is the duty or at least the action of the spokesman to cast discredit upon it, to attribute inferior motives to those who bring it about or engage in it; they admit nothing and deny everything.

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AS TO POETRY.

The disposition to write what one has to say now and then in rhyme is as prevalent now as it ever was, notwithstanding the discouragements to which the practice has been subjected by the press and otherwise.

A newspaper reader recently asked the New York Sun how many living poets there are in the world at the winding up of the nineteenth century, and received a characteristic reply. The luminary's estimate was that there are about a million. It is amazing that it should be so, and the number is not a million, but a hundred thousand.

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more serious in derivation to the beautiful, and even perhaps more sentimental. Perhaps it is because women have something better to do than rhyming, or because they would rather put their poetry into their lives than into verse.

The concluding portion of the poet's reply is not so interesting in tone but just as truthful and forcible, as every other of experience can testify to abundantly. "Poetry that is majestic, gentle, inspiring, splendid, dainty, ardent, pure, beautiful, heroic, expanding, seductive, enchanting, melodious, sparkling, heroic, lion-like, or bird-like, we love. The poets who are able to make such poetry can never be too numerous. We wish we had ten of them, or ten times ten, to every one we have now. But out with suggestions, we say we all."

GETTING AHEAD DELIBERATELY.

The arbitration conference having in hand the Bering sea controversy draws its slow length along and it may be some weeks yet before any conclusion is reached. Of course it is a weighty matter that is being considered and it would not do to be too hasty, while precipitancy is to be shunned altogether.

It is also gratifying to be told, remarkably though it may appear, and up to the time named, our counsel before the arbitrators had been victorious in every side issue raised before the tribunal. Mr. Coudert gained a great point in proving the English counsel in error when contending that all argument on the subject of regulation should be excluded until the question of rights was settled. The court finally decided against the English counsel on the convention, and it begins to look as if the decision could not be otherwise than favorable to the United States; such an outcome would be eminently satisfactory on the side of the water, however it might be received by our British neighbors.

Some people seem to have got in the way of thinking that the good appellate offices are in Utah, but they are not. Next to the consular-ship in London, the position of consul at Liverpool is the most lucrative in the Federal list, but its worth to its incumbent being about \$20,000 a year. Mr. Neal, who got the place, is a prominent Democrat in Ohio, and figured conspicuously in the Chicago convention, having been the delegate who presented the tariff plank composed by Henry Watterson and substituted for the one reported by the committee on resolutions. Mr. Neal, like Geo. Cannon, appears to have come to the conclusion that the posts of honor are the most lucrative ones and in practical politics he is altogether right.

THE LAST census of the United States shows that there are 22,000,000 men and 21,000,000 women. There are in the majority in all the states and territories except in the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Maryland, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina, Virginia and New Jersey, in which there are more women than men. The District of Columbia has the largest proportionate excess of female population, and Montana contains the largest percentage of men. In New Jersey the two sexes are most nearly equally represented. The increase in numbers has probably not disturbed the sleeping proportions very much.

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