CLERKS AND HORSES.

There is no [illegible] ing horses run. There is no [illegible] some cases it is [illegible] wager with money [illegible] certain horse can run [illegible] other horses, [illegible] risks is small, and it is not hard to put himself in his family to incur a [illegible] which has been [illegible] But there is hardly a [illegible] which does not belong to the horse, whether it is risked in a race, in a poolroom, at a poker game, in a club, in a real estate deal, or in backing an invention that may or may not mature into something useful. There would be harm in giving such money to foreign missions. Hence the action of one of the big life insurance companies in notifying its clerks to keep away from places where betting and gambling are common is justified, inasmuch as there is a tendency in some young men, who have the daily handling of sums, as in banks and insurance companies, to borrow a few dollars, believing that they have received a "sure tip" and will be able to restore the abstracted coin in the morning. Even the walking delegate has proved himself superior to temptation, for the accounts of one of our labor unions are short by nearly $2,000 that the treasurer had "borrowed" to use at the race track, and had lost it, as usual.—Brooklyn Eagle.

THE COMMON MAN.

Will not the common man be the glory of our age? Of the advance which he has made we are certain. It is the greatest fact of all history. However sceptical we may be of our progress in other directions we cannot doubt that the world of common men has "widened with the progress of the suns."

Whatever the pyramids were designed to be they are monuments of the labor of slaves. All the temples and palaces, yes, and the cathedrals of other days, were cemented with the blood and sweat of [illegible]

We [illegible] are that eleven-hour day and [illegible] hour day and [illegible] raised [illegible] for an Egyptian [illegible] rearing [illegible] most of [illegible] age data [illegible]

HUMAN SYMPATHY.

Mr. Roosevelt [illegible] that [illegible] sympathy. [illegible] poem [illegible] President [illegible] latest chair [illegible] from the heart. It [illegible] died at [illegible] then [illegible] voted to [illegible] his grateful [illegible] and he hopes [illegible] might discover [illegible] of expression [illegible] always [illegible] gifts of [illegible] is [illegible] which [illegible] forthwith [illegible]

THE NAVY'S GROWTH.

The growth of our navy, with the precocity of a boy in knickerbockers, is moving many chaing and changes in the system and methods of training. In order to increase the output of officers [illegible] have been graduated at Annapolis, instead of three, and the capacity of the Naval Academy is being [illegible]

To improve the course of study of the academy [illegible] an changes of [illegible] to be supplemented [illegible] in Newport, Rhode Island and San Francisco, while a new inland station is to be established at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars and, most important of all, new training squadrons have been organized on both the Atlantic and Pacific.

The new fleets of school-ships which are to do so much for the American man-of-war's-men already admitted to be the best paid, best fed and best clothed seamen in the world are made up of thirteen ships, comprising nearly one-fifth of the total tonnage of the navy, and manned by one-fourth of Uncle Sam's entire naval force. Upon these vessels it is possible to educate at one time more than nine thousand men, of which number more than three-fourths are accommodated in the ships on the Atlantic Coast.

THE CHRONIC GRUMBLER.

We were meant to be happy in this world and yet how few persons have found true happiness! As a general thing, those who have had real troubles are happier than those who have had only imaginary ones. For real sorrows and troubles teach us gently how to bear others, and also to feel how much worse they might have been. When those about us have sorrow of various kinds it is to those who have suffered also that the unfortunates turn. There they find true sympathy and understanding.

But that much to be pitied individual who is always crying for the moon or [illegible] as hard to bear as Mrs. B's sorrows are to her husband. Too unfortunate [illegible] is a [illegible] hard, and [illegible] for Heaven [illegible] [illegible] of the Lord [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]