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IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK

Since the last time we indited a few stray thoughts for this column we have spent three weeks in the woods in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; most of that time was in territory little trespased by man, since the days of long ago when the forest fell beneath the slaying axe of long ago when the forest fell beneath the slaying axe of the lumber baron. With nothing but a 17-ft, cance beneath us, Harry S. Starrand Ye Ed paddled about 150 miles over river and lake—it was wonderful exercise, for the mind as well as the body. the mind as well as the body.

During our absence many fine things were done for

our family; not until we arrived in Detroit last Thursday afternion did we learn of the illness of Mrs. Averill. By the time you read this she probably is hearly recovered. Thus, although our trip gave us an out-of-doors education and a relaxation from the cares of daily routine, it also pointed staunch friends in Birmingham.

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

According to the Declaration of Independence, one of the inalienable rights of mankind is the pursuit of happiness. But the treasurer of the Atlantic Monthly, in a recent address, remarked that the American people are not a happy nation, because they overlook the greatest sources of happiness. He thought that even the peasants of Europe beat us in securing happiness.

He suggested, as one of the ways through which one can seek happiness, a knowledge of books, through which one gains, a higher wisdom and broader conception of

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There is no doubt a great deal in a philosophy like.

The general popular impression is that happiness is that. The general popular impression is that happiness is to be had by obtaining money. But there is not much to make one think that people who have wealth have any more than their share of happiness. They are freed from the anxieties carried by those who suffer from poverty. Yet there are many people in very humble circumstances who have little money and perhaps none at all, who somehow have arrived at that secret of obtaining happiness,

now have arrived at that secret of obtaining happiness, which so many people of wealth have seemingly missed.

The trouble with money as the creator of happiness is that people commonly tire of the things that money will buy. They may think that they would be happier if they dwelt in a larger and finer house, but if they get money and are able to have it, they really may not be as happy as before, because that more elaborate demands more care and anxiety.

and anxiety. Two of the best means for attaining happiness are: first, the doing of kindly acts by which one makes warm friends, association with whom is delightful; second, appreciation of the finer things, like good books and music.
Things like that do not cost a great deal, but they so enlarge the powers of enjoyment that happiness grows.

WHAT EVOLUTION IS

The origin of the human race is a profound mystery. The origin of the human race is a protound mystery. Before the ordinary observer states an opinion as to whether or not he believes in evolution, or approves the famous anti-evolution law which has led to the Scopes trial in Tennessee, he should go into the subject somewhat, and find out what the doctrine of evolution really is

In the popular mind, evolution is the idea that the human race descended from apes and monkeys. But scientists would not usually hold to that idea. The theory is that the human race has descended from some species among the lower animals as existing at some infinitely remote period, and that these ancestors of our race were also the ancestors of apes, monkeys, etc., which have remained on a relatively low level of development.

It is noted that there is a tendency to variation among different specimens of animals, and the idea is that those specimens that have variations that are useful in the struggle for existence tend to survive, according to the principle called the "survival of the fittest."

In a period of incalculably long ages, it is argued, such survival of the fittest types tends to increase the capacities and powers of a species of animals, so that it In the popular mind, evolution is the idea that the

such survival of the fittest types tends to increase the capacities and powers of a species of animals, so that it may gradually advance from one stage to something far higher. Thus, it is argued, these lower animals have in hundreds of thousands or millions of years evolved into the human race.

Those who accept this theory deny that it attacks religion, and declare that it adds to the majesty and dignity of God to think that in His eternal patience He could bide His time over these countless ages to produce the human race

GREAT AMERICANS

When President Coolidge was recently asked what he intended to do while on his summer vacation, he remarked that he wanted to read the biographies of great Americans

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Some folks who want to be thrilled will say it would be pretty dull work to sit down on a hot summer afternoon and read out of a big, heavy book, about some man of former times whom they, perhaps, never heard of. Yet the struggles and triumphs of these men would be more thrilling than any fiction. Every one of those men had great obstacles to overcome, but by resolutely contending with his difficulties, he went on to greatness.

The tesson would be taught by this study, that greatness does not depend wholly on the original gifts that one has. Many of these great folks never showed any great sign of eminence in youth. But they had courage, and did their duty every time. That led people to trust them more and more, until they became able to do things far beyond the power of ordinary humanity.

Reading the biography of a man or woman is even

PICKING RASPBERRIES

Precious hours from pleasure lent, In the dancing sunlight spent, Speeding, oh, so swiftly by Underneath an azure sky

Searching through the clustered leaves, While an errant fancy weaves Romances of many things, Queens and princesses and kings.

Knights and ladies fine of old. Castles underlaid with gold And beyond this woods so deep, Tow'rs where lovely maidens sleep.

An adventurer am I, And with wicked knaves must vie, All their purposes must foil In this grim old land of toil.

Though with work the hours be fraught, Time I find for dreams and thought; Sorry when my task is done, Picking raspberries is fun.

-Beatrice McDonald

better than having personal contact and conversation with them—for we are quite apt to believe the printed book when mere conversation with Calvin Coolinge merely asserts one reason for his present greatness when he declares that part of his vacation will be spent in reading the biographies of great Americans.

11,000,000 TREES

During the spring planting season of this year, 11,-

000,000 trees have been set out in New York state.

A commonwealth where the tree playing spirit has made such progress during only a half year, is going to be

a very beautiful state in 10 to 20 years.

Our people have hacked down their trees so merciessly in their haste to make money, that many locations in Michigan once beautiful with foliage, are now spots of hare plain. Something dught to be done everywhere to restore the conditions that made the country so wonderful before the hand of man got in its destructive work.

Governor Grosebeck undoubtedly known beautiful.

Governor Groesbeck undoubtedly knows how badly Michigan needs a program of referestation; perhaps the flickering intelligence of John Baird is acquainted with the Name knowledge, but setting the control of the contro same knowledge—but, certainly, these two officials ought to devise a real conservation program for this State. They probably, won't; they are too busy with other matters of less importance.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

Forty-three Years Ago

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D. M. Doty of Southfield, has and exected a very neat tombstone to the southfield of the southfield of

Mrs. Lora Daniels is quite seriously sick at the residence of M. I. James, where she is staying during the absence of the Squire and his wife. She is attended by Dr. Post.

F. Hagerman has purchased the best of the L. Jennings brick building of the bu

Twenty-five Years Ago.

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These trees were set out 29 years age by Uncle Jesse Frink and Rufus Huiter. The tall tree in the Negus yard was a limb stuck carelessly into the ground by Mrs. Negus' brother years and years age. So we all move down the line.

George W. Mitchell has been very the past week but is much better present writing.

Locals are extremely rare this week and if Mitchell don't cut up some kind of capers for us to write his head and shoulders and rendered me belout, we don't know what we will do the feel of the control of the control

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Mrs. Ira Slade has returned to the strains and we are sorry to say is village and we are sorry to say is the form of the strains of the strains of the strains are the strains are the strains are the guests of Lansing are the guests of Mrs. J. A. Bigglow and Mrs. A. Whitehead, dr., this week.

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