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DESIRE OF SOCIETY.

There can be but little doubt that desire of society is one of the original principles of our nature. It shows itself at a very early period of life, and under all diverse conditions of existence. Its universal manifestation, and that under circumstances which preclude the idea of education or imitation in the matter, proves it an implanted principal having its seat in the constitution of the mind.

The child rejoices in the company of its fellow. The lower animals manifest the same regard for each others society, and are unhappy when separated from their kind. Much of the attachment of the dog to his master may, perhaps be owing to the same thing. The beast of labor is cheered and animated by his masters presence, and the patient Ox as he toils along the furrow, or the highway, moves more willingly when he hears the wellknown step and voice of his master trudging by his side. Every one knows how much the horse is inspired by the chance companionship, upon the way, of a fellow laborer of his own species. Horses that have been accustomed to each others society on the road, or in the stall, frequently manifest the greatest uneasiness and dejection when separated; and it has been observed by those acquainted with the habits of animals, that cattle do not thrive so well,

even in good pasture, when solitary, as when feeding in herds.

Accordingly we find most animals, when left to the instinct of nature, associating in herds and tribes, larger or smaller according to the habits of the animals. They form their little communities, have their leader, and, to some extent their laws; acknowledge and obeyed by all. This interesting subject we will continue next week. P.

DUNLAP AGAIN.

The redoubtable Joseph I. went to speak on Democracy in Union Township last Saturday night, but was surprised to find his crowd, Odell TANNERS. Joe's well known reputation as a P. B. (public brick) saved his bacon, or the boys might have executed a half concieved idea of laying the 'brick' in Mortar. Joe is now the acknowledged champion of the UNQUENCHABLE and UNTERIFIED in this region.

"BASE BALL. The public demoralization in regard to base-ball playing is getting to be so great that it calls loudly for correction. The 'noble game' is fast degenerating into a species of wholesale gambling; and the relaxation and exercise which it was intended at first to foster and encourage is little thought of now. And, not only this, the public excitement in regard to it, complains a Troy paper, 'has reached such a point, that, whenever two first class clubs play a match, all classes of people rush to the field to witness the encounter, and business is suspended, as much as on a national holiday. Yesterday,' continues this paper, 'ten thousand people were crushed in the railroad and street cars, and one lady was actually saved from being squeezed to death at the park gate by a gentleman who, at the risk of his own life, held back a crowd of men that were pushing and jamming to obtain ingress to the grounds. The pity is, that people will insist on going crazy over the game of base ball; and the greater pity, that, at the present time, there doesn't seem the slightest indication that the disease will ever run its course.'"

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