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NOT GOOD AUTHORITY.

A CHARGE THAT MUST BE SUSTAINED BY COLD HARD FACTS.

A Ministers Reply to Prof. Washington Rejoinder—Discrimination Called For—Hunt Down the Unworthy.

To the Editor of THE PLAINDEALER.

Sir: So deep, earnest, and general is the conviction that there is somewhere or somehow a lacking of power in colored churches to meet the real needs, that, when a prominent educator of the race declared two thirds of the ministry to be incompetent, the unthinking swiftly accepted this explanation.

With the rapidity of light there has flashed throughout the race a notion that her ministry blocks the wheels of progress by its illiteracy or corruptness. The colored press, which has long since become a mighty power among us, has lent its voice to the unwise task of deepening and fixing this idea in the popular mind. Over every self-respecting minister who inclines to remonstrate against this wholesale slander upon his class is brandished the stinging cry, "why do the worthy ministers seek to screen the unworthy?"

Encouraged by this defense of his assertions, the originator of the calumny comes out in another article in which he parades a farcical heroism, with much vanity posing as a great reformer who is persecuted and threatened on every hand. This bid for popular sympathy savors more of something else than of the true reformer.

No one is persecuting Prof. Washington, no one is paying much attention to him, it is his unwarranted and unjust assertions that are being contradicted and resisted. When called upon to prove his words, he brings forward Bishop Payne who professes to agree with him. Upon the bare authority of the opinion of two men we are to admit such a libel upon the living and dead clergymen of the race?

Prof. Washington is not good authority because he has only local data. Bishop Payne is not final authority because he is out of joint with all his fellows and has fallen into a gloom concerning everything. Such a charge must be sustained by cold, hard facts. It has not been thirty years since this venerable prelate, atill full of hope and vigor, labored most heroically in the south. He signed the parchment that sent hundreds of the very men he speaks of to the people as pastors.

Now that he is practically out of the active ranks and out of touch with the throbbing life of his church, naturally the cooling blood of age cannot warm his heart to that brave and intrepid view that once made him so powerful.

But there is something wrong somewhere, there are many defects in the ministry. There is a decidedly strong dissatisfaction with the colored clergy that is becoming more and more generally manifested. There are many harrowing recollections that rise up in most of our minds and seem to corroborate any charge of incompetency or immorality that may be made against ministers. When some one says, "Oh, the Negro ministry is ignorant or corrupt," in our minds come memories of Elder A., who was ignorant as a boor, or Elder B., who was found to be corrupt and we say, "yes, that is true." But this reasoning is illogical, it is like the argument of the sinner who condemns religion because of the unfaithfulness he has detected in a few.

If we would really benefit the race, let us discriminate, let us point out the objectionable class so clearly and distinctly that all truly good persons may be able to unite in hunting them down.

Prof. Washington included exhorters and local preachers in his list. A bevy of half-bred preachers crowded into the pulpit and squatted around the desk quarreling for a chance to take the place of the pastor always indicate that the pastor is a weak and incompetent man.

The exhorters and local preachers of course are licensed with reference to local needs, ideals etc., and naturally are not required to show special training, this being true few or none of them are suitable persons to be leaders. Prof. Washington but states an apparent fact when he applies his remarks to this class. What is the lesson? Fewer of this tribe of parodies upon the high calling of the ministry. Some pastors permit these unordained men to sit in the pulpit and exercise priestly functions in public worship, all such pastors thereby demonstrate their unfitness for leadership. A few local preachers on a circuit and one or two in a station may be put to useful service if they be fit men and are properly led; but a snarling, whining, interfering pack of licensed creatures are an abomination. Go for them with shot and shell, but remember that these stay-at-home persons are not the ministry.

It is also true that within the ranks of the ministry there are numbers of unfit persons whose unfitness is notorious. Ministers who wear dirty, frizzled collars, greasy coats, battered bee-gums, and have yellow tobacco stained fangs are not fit leaders. Ministers who do not stay on their charges but run about other men's work meddling, lying, and doing worse are unfit for the ministry. Ministers who have two or more living wives; ministers who have lady pets, who persist in kissing weak minded sisters, taking hold of ladies arms when engaged in conversation, playing fallant to others than the wives of their becoms, all such are an abomination.

Young ministers who are ordained elders and do not thoroughly understand the prescribed course of study and yet were dishonest enough to accept ordination, are unfit mentally and morally. Ministers who drink whisky, whether enough to become intoxicated or not, are unfit, even if they are sly enough to hide it and condemn others who are weaker.

Ministers who can't lead a church into God's grace to the extent of spiritual power needed to keep the work under at least half pressure and gather in a soul now and then, are unfit. Thus we can define classes and discriminate between persons so clearly that the virtue of the worthy shines out brighter by the contrast and the ministry is unharmed. The ministry means the worthy, working, living part of the class and not the scoundrels.

As to the standard of refinement and education, limitations must be more narrow. The Afro-American already has more educated and refined ministers than can be taken care of properly. There are not one dozen churches that I know of which treat worthy ministers truly well. There are big eastern and western, and southern churches which force their pastors to live in houses unfit for gentlemen of taste and culture, and which force scholarly, refined men into social life far beneath them. While the pastor does wrong in accepting treatment that is unworthy him, yet a large part of the blame rests upon the people. Such churches may howl for more learned men, but they do not deserve them. Colored preachers are starved, and browbeaten on their charges, and thumped and hammered, and bluffed, and bulldozed at conference until it is a wonder that so many grand, good, unselfish, able men remain in the ranks as are there.

If reform is so much desired let it begin in attacks upon close-fisted, vulgar churches, and tyrannic conferences. If inducements are offered more worthy men will come in. Here in Michigan are a half dozen churches that don't pay married ministers \$300.00 per year and send up to conference every year complaining of their pastors and asking for abler men.

Who wants to serve such charges? Does Prof. Washington?

We stint our Bishops, starve our preachers, put our general officers upon half-pay and yet kick and scold them all. Was there ever such an ungrateful people as some of us seem to be?

Reform is needed, let it begin at the right point and be carried forward, else some fine day there will be a great collapse. M. HENDERSON. Detroit Dec. 6.—90.

A Deserted Husband's Mild Revenge.

Every day verifies the saying that truth is stranger than fiction. About seven years ago James Wray an Afro-American married a white woman of very comely form and feature. They lived quite happily until about a few weeks ago, James being a good cook and a bounteous provider. A white youth, not more than twenty, at this time sought the affections of Mrs. Wray so assiduously that he gained them. Last Friday night the couple eloped carrying with them all the household furniture. Mr. Wray would not have it so and last Saturday took out a writ of replevin for his goods. He almost stripped the house and left the unfortunate Mrs. Wray and her youthful lover to provide themselves with other means of comfort.

Gone Without His Keys.

Last week Tom Goodyear, an aged man, died in Palatka, Fla., and among his effects is an old cane on the handle of which are two leather straps to which are attached two keys—one large one and the other small. He had carried the cane during twenty-five years and never went without it. The small key he claimed would open the door of Heaven and the large one should he not obtain admission to the better land would afford him escape from the lower regions. But poor old Goodyear when his time had come went to that undiscovered country leaving his keys behind him and whether his fate be to dwell in the land of the blessed or to be cast out into utter darkness the doors will open wide for his reception without the aid of his keys.

"Young Man Go to Africa."

The Hon. John H. Smith, ex-minister to Liberia, having experienced life on the Dark Continent ought to be regarded as pretty good authority. He finds nothing there to repel the American "Negro" and with regard to emigrating there says: "For the Negro to despise and refuse to consider Africa his home is to despise and scorn the humble hut of his father. His parents were of Africa direct and thus the primary cause of the Negro being a possibility today hinges on his ancestry.

If Africa was good enough for our Saviour to pass his youth in it was evidently good enough for the Negro to pass both youth and age in. Yes, young man go to Africa."

Leaves a White Widow.

James H. Brooks of New London, Conn., last week attempted to commit suicide. He was tolerably well off, had graduated from a law college with honor and at the time of his attempt at suicide was book keeper in a leading store. He was married to a white girl and knowledge of her unworthiness and chagrin that he could not receive the consideration from white people that his talents and education merited led him to the rash act.

Hon. James Hill and J. J. Spellman are candidates for the office of Receiver of Public Money for the State of Mississippi.

THANKS TO TOWNSEND.

HE HOLDS OFFICE BUT IS NOT AFRAID TO SPEAK.

And Voices the True Attitude of the Afro-American Towards the Administration.

Special to THE PLAINDEALER

WASHINGTON D. C., Dec. 5.—Following close upon the reply of Ex-Gov. Kellogg to Auditor John R. Lynch, as given in THE PLAINDEALER, last week, Recorder of the General Land Office, James M. Townsend, who hails from the same city as President Harrison, comes out in support of what the ex-Governor has said. The controversy has created quite a breeze here among the office holding class but the general sentiment throughout the country seems to be that Recorder Townsend is "the stuff" and entitled to the thanks of all Afro-Americans, for his manly words. He is quoted as saying:

"It is true there is general dissatisfaction among the colored people. I am very sorry to see Mr. Lynch coming out with a denial of what Mr. Kellogg has charged. It is really too bad that every time some friend of the race speaks in unmistakable terms of the wrongs they have to bear, politically and otherwise, there rises up some cringing apologist for the conditions against which we complain. Mr. Lynch assumes, but he can't believe it, that because he, Douglass, Bruce, and I were given good offices the whole race thought their cup was filled, for it is not true. I am not ungrateful for the favors I have received at the hands of the Administration, and I believe President Harrison is a good man; and further, I do not think that when he appointed me to my position he expected that I should regard it as one of my duties to defend the wrong against the right if I knew it to be wrong. Mr. Lynch is greatly misrepresenting the race and he is not alone in this nefarious business, for the sake of an official kind. Now, it is a fact that no man of the race has received a position of any prominence, unless he was urged for the place by white men. There has been more than one colored man urged upon the Administration for prominent places by the united influence of almost every one of our prominent men, but for lack of indorsement of white men they were rejected. Now, I don't know that the President is wholly to blame for this—in fact, I am inclined to believe he is not. You see when he came into the executive chair he was as much acquainted as white men generally are with the purposes, the hopes, the aspirations, and the prominent men of the race, who stood for their people in individual states and communities. In dealing with my people, therefore, as a distinct portion of the citizenship of this country, he was forced to rely upon the council and advice of a triumvirate of colored men, who had come under his notice by reason of prominence they had attained as apologists and cringers. These men, unfortunately, were not of the right material, and do not and did not represent the race. By their denials and apologies they do the administration a wrong, for they have its confidence, in keeping from it the real facts in the matter. I believe that in two years hence the administration will be far more popular with the colored people than it is now, for doubtless many of its mistakes will be rectified in the very near future.

Students' Sports.

OSBERLIN, O., Dec. 8.—Elder Hammond conducted the services at Rust church last Sunday. Rev. Nunn will have charge of the church until a pastor can be appointed.

Out of 99 who united with the First Congregational church last Sunday the following were colored: A. W. Mitchell and daughter Dottie, Edith and Hattie Henderson, Harry Phillips, Richard Green, John Nell, Will Jarvis, Fannie Sims and Kittie Cooper.

The lecture last Wednesday evening at Rust church given by Perry Carter was highly entertaining. The speaker showed great wit, humor and pathos.

Mrs. Mary Chambers spent Thanksgiving in Cleveland, the guest of Rev. Shaw.

Skating, coasting and snow battles are the sports now engaged in by the students.

Great interest is being shown in the coming snow ball war to be waged between some of the ladies and gentlemen of the college and conservatory. Col. Kelley is drilling the young ladies in fitness of foot. M. L. M.

Before the Higher Courts.

CASOPOLIS, Dec. 8.—Albert Ontland died on the 5th inst. of lung fever. He was 42 years of age, an Afro-American of honor and good habits. He held the office of constable under our sheriff nearly two years and was to be summoned to court Tuesday, but without warning was summoned to the higher courts above.

Concert at A. M. E. church on the 12th proceeds to procure a library for the Sabbath school.

Elder Henderson of Detroit, lectures in the A. M. E. church on the 16th on Methodism.

Andrew Hostler's case is being tried today.

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OFF FOR HAYTI.

Glad to Return to His Post of Duty—Public Affairs on the Island.

Frederick Douglass, United States Minister-Resident and Consul-General to Hayti accompanied by his wife, left New York Saturday Dec. 5th, for Port-au-Prince in the Royal Dutch West Indian mail service steamer Prinz Mauritz. Mr. Douglass has been absent from his post for three months, and to a New York Tribune reporter he said:

"I am glad that I am returning to my post and shall remain at Hayti till President Harrison goes out, which I think will be about six years hence. Personally I like Hayti very much and also its people. With regard to their barbarism, I must say I have seen nothing of it myself. I have met few, but well-educated gentlemen there, and am looking forward to a pleasantly warm winter."

Of President Hyppolite Mr. Douglass said "The President is firmly seated and very popular, and I can see no danger of his government being upset. Legitimacy is in Jamaica, that refuge of all ex-Presidents of Hayti, and there I think he will remain.

With regard to the coffee crop, the prospects when I came away were never better.

And let me say right here that there is an erroneous idea abroad that all coffee in Hayti grows wild in the bush. To a great extent this is a mistake, for there are large and carefully cultivated coffee plantations throughout the republic, but in the back lands no doubt it is now growing in a wild state. Log wood is again being very largely exported. The wood is better than that got from any other source and commands a higher price. The chief port of exportation both for this dye-wood and for lignum-vitae is Cape Haytien."

Is there truth in the rumors of a dispute between Hayti and its neighboring republic, Santo Domingo? asked the reporter.

"Not the least," was the reply. "Why, Santo Domingo was certainly no enemy to Hyppolite. It is generally supposed to have quietly aided him, and certainly there is the best feeling between the two Governments, at least there was when I came away."

Minister Douglass was looking the picture of health, but he was glad to get out of the cold wind and will be a happier man, as he said himself, when the ship rounds Cape Hatteras.

PLANS FOR THE LEAGUE.

The Presidents Call Should be Promptly Responded to.

MILWAUKEE Wis. Dec. 7.—A meeting of the League is called for Tuesday night by President Burgett who desires a full attendance as there is business of importance to be transacted regarding the National League. The interest now being taken by the present officer promises great success in the future. The president has plans which should create new interest among the members and it is hoped that all will support him in his efforts. All communications should be addressed to J. H. Thompson, Secretary of the League, Kirby House, or 810 Wells Street. The president's address is A. J. Burgett, 705 Grand Avenue.

Mr. H. Vaughn who has been employed at the Plankinton House has been appointed janitor of Davidson's Opera House at a good salary.

We rejoice at every new opening for our people and believe there would be more if we were more aggressive in our struggle for recognition. Nothing desirable will be obtained unless we strive for it.

Mr. William Watson who has been employed so long on the St Paul railroad is now on the private car of the Lake Shore and Western road.

Mr. J. H. Day has left the St Paul road and is now attending the Spencerian Business College.

The Batsou concert was an even balance on expenses.

The ladies cleared \$5.70 Thanksgiving day.

The ladies of the Sunday School are preparing for a Christmas eve entertainment for the children of St Mark's church.

Mr. Geo. Brown is employed on the St Paul road.

Mr. L. Hughes has returned from Beloit, with the invalid whom he attends. The young man is improving.

Mrs. E. Blackwell who has been quite ill is recovering.

Mr. Wm. Owens is indisposed.

The general speaking meeting at St Mark's church last Sunday was unusually interesting.

I am glad to say the first subscriber whom I saw last Monday paid me for a years subscription. Others whom I have not seen will please prepare to do likewise as I said before promises wont pay the company.

The ladies of St Mark's church have been presented with a desirable collection of dishes for their entertainments. A very welcome gift.

The usual amount of suffering and poverty which attends the winter is prevalent in our city and there is much need for missionary work. It should commend itself especially to those who wish to do the Master's work and we hope the ladies who generally lead in good works will be seconded by all who have something to give. S. B. B.

GOV. TILLMAN'S APPEAL.

DOEE HE REALLY MEAN IT? IT'S QUESTIONABLE.

He Urges Giving Afro-Americans a Fair Chance After Admitting They Have Grievances.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 4.—Governor-elect B. C. Tillman, who was elected on the reform ticket composed of the Farmers' Alliance and other Democrats who wanted a change of government, was inaugurated today in front of the state house in the presence of a large crowd.

In his inaugural address he referred with pleasure to the National victory of the Democratic party, and in regard to the election in his own state said:

In our own state of South Carolina, the triumph of Democracy and white supremacy over mongrelism and anarchy, of civilization over barbarism, has been most complete; and it is gratifying to note the fact that this was attended by a political phenomenon which was a surprise to all of us; our colored fellow-citizens absolutely refused to be led to the polls by their bosses.

The opportunity of having their votes freely cast and honestly counted, which, it has been said, is denied Negroes, caused scarcely a ripple of excitement, and the consequence is that today there is less prejudice and more kindly feeling between the white men and the black men in South Carolina than has existed in any time since 1868.

When it is clearly shown that a majority of our colored voters are no longer imbued with Republican ideas, the vexed Negro problem will be solved and the fear of the return of Negro domination will haunt us no more. Cannot I appeal to the magnanimity of the dominant race? Cannot I pledge in your behalf that we white men of South Carolina stand ready and willing to listen kindly to all reasonable complaints to grant all just rights and safe privileges to these colored people—that they shall have equal protection under the law and a guarantee of fair treatment at our hands?

That the colored people have grievances it is idle to deny. That the memory of wrongs and insults heaped by the whites upon the blacks during eight years' rule has provoked retaliation and often injustice is true. It was natural and inevitable. But we owe it to ourselves as a Christian people, we owe it to the good name of our state, that these things should be stopped.

We have absolute control of the state government and we intend to retain it. The intelligent exercise of the right of suffrage, at once the high privilege and most sacred duty of the citizen, is as yet beyond the capacity of the vast majority of colored men. We deny that "all men are created equal." It is not true now, and it was not when Jefferson wrote it. But we cannot deny that it is our duty as the governing power in South Carolina to assure to every individual, black and white, the "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

With all the machinery of the law in our hands, with every department of the government—executive, legislative and judicial—held by white men; with white juries, white solicitors, white sheriffs, it is simply infamous that resort should be had to lynch law, and that prisoners should be murdered because the people have grown weary of the law's delay and of its inefficient administration.

Negroes have nearly always been the victims, and the confession is a blot on our civilization. Let us see to it that the finger of scorn be no more pointed at our state by reason of this deplorable condition of affairs. Let punishment for crime, by whomsoever committed, be prompt and impartial, and with the removal of the cause the effect will disappear. And as a last desperate remedy, to be used only when others fail, grant to the executive the power of absolute removal of any sheriff who fails to prevent any such act of violence in his county after the law has taken control of a prisoner.

I have thought it wise to speak in emphatic terms on this subject, because every Carolinian worthy the name must long to see the time when law shall assert its sway, when our people will not be divided into hostile political camps.

Tillman's Barbarous Citizens.

Henry Johnson, accused of assaulting Mrs. Walters of Central S. C., last week was lynched. The next day, finding him still alive, the mob collected a pile of brush and placing the dying man upon it, set fire to it and watched the horrible scene until victim and brush were both reduced to ashes.

After Twenty-nine Years.

St Mary's Society, a Catholic organization of Philadelphia, was received into the I. C. B. U. at the last monthly meeting of the Archdiocesan Union of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union. The organization, which has been in existence twenty-nine years was only recently discovered by the Union, and the delegates were very cordially received by the president, Mr. Edward A. Murphy. In the election of officers for the ensuing year, J. T. Maxwell of St. Mary's Society was placed upon the executive committee.

The author of "An Appeal to Pharaoh" is Mr. Carlisle McKinley, an editorial writer on the Charleston S. C. News and Courier.

To Correspondents: Don't Be Late.

We cannot insure the publication of correspondence which reaches us later than Tuesday. A number of our correspondents should pay attention to the hints below. Don't blame us if your letters are not published.—[Editor.]

All matter for publication must reach us by Tuesday noon to insure insertion in the following issue.

Write your notes on one side of paper only and on separate paper from letters on business.

Personal jokes are not wanted.

Do not write matter for publication and business orders upon the same sheet of paper.

Want of space will not permit of extended notices of entertainments, parties, receptions, etc. Send us the news. Make your letters short and readable.

Make your letters and communications as short as possible.

Sign your FULL NAME, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. No matter if you have been corresponding for years, always sign your own name.

Be brief, on time, and do not say Mr. "So and So" is sick when he only has the finger-ache!

Correspondents will please remember that advertisements, lists of wedding presents, lengthy obituary notices, speeches, resolutions, poetry and inquiries for relatives must be paid for. Our advertising rates will be sent you on application.

Agents, Attention!

Our agents are required to make returns and remittances for the papers of the preceding month not later than the tenth of each month—and no papers will be sent to any agent who fails to comply with the above.

No papers will be sold on credit unless the agent chooses to pay for them and run the risk of collection.

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Becoming Popular.

Ypsilanti, Mich., Dec. 9.—Madam Preston of Detroit, the accomplished elocutionist gave a few of her choice selections to a very poor house, Monday eve. A notice had been given that she would appear in a lecture and consequently the people who as a rule, care nothing for lectures, remained at home. But those who attended were highly pleased with her rendition of selections from popular authors. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Lillian, who presided at the organ. The ladies of the church gave a sociable at Samaritan Hall after the entertainment.

Mr. Fred A. Merchant, our young orator made himself quite popular in Detroit in his recent speech at Bethel.

The Organ club of M. M. B. A., gave an entertainment and social at their hall Tuesday evening. A fine time was enjoyed by all present.

Rev. Moss and wife of Lima, O., are the guests of their daughter Mrs. T. S. Roadman. He filled the A. M. E. pulpit Sunoay A. M.

Rev. W. L. Brown, formerly of Grand Rapids was in the city last Monday, as we learn on his way to Washington. He was accompanied by Rev. Jno. M. Henderson, of Detroit.

Colds are prevalent at present. F. J. J.

Doing Good Work.

EAST SAGINAW, Dec. 9.—On receipt of an order from the bishop to celebrate the first Sabbath of each month with the sacrament of the Lord's supper we were obliged to postpone our missionary exercises until next Sabbath for which we have a very fine program arranged.

The missionary society is rapidly improving and all seem to feel a deep interest in the work and as Saginaw has some who are endowed with noble talents we are glad to see them manifest it in this way. Miss Florence Butler has a very fine selection for the occasion together with Miss Blidie Vetter who is never behind, not only these but a great many others might be mentioned if time and space would allow.

We wish to have it understood that there was a mistake concerning the church property instead of being William Woods and Henry Brown the committee are Rev. C. L. Hill, Sterling Brown and Abraham Reed, but as mistakes are very liable we hope this will be overlooked.

On last Monday evening Wm. J. Woods entertained a number of friends in honor of Mrs. Caine and daughter of Frankfort, Ky. The evening was very enjoyably spent as Mrs. Caine has a great many friends in Saginaw who were pleased to meet her on such a pleasant occasion.

Wm. Coats and daughter who have been visiting the Rev. Hill and wife for the past will return to Bay City tomorrow accompanied by her husband the Rev. J. P. Coats.

Last Wednesday evening the friends of Rev. Hill tendered him a surprise, though the number was small they wish to return their sincere thanks to all who took an active part.

Mrs. Richardson of St. Charles is in the city and being entertained by Mrs. Arthur Hammond.

Messrs. Benjamin Stegal and Wesley Christopher, two of Saginaw's most promising young men are among the creditable waiters at the new club house.

Mr. Henry Brown who has been suffering for the past four weeks with an abscess has recovered so as to be out again.

The Masonic lodge has in sight a fine hall for their meeting place and intend reorganizing it. Being about a year since they have had a place to hold their meetings they think they have found a desirable place at last.

Mr. A. Hammond assisted by A. Butler have removed their tonorial parlors to 416

Tu-cola street which is nicely fitted up and a credit to them.

Mrs. Meyers has returned from Windsor, having been summoned to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. P. G. Hill.

HEXBIETTA.

At an entertainment given this week, Miss Fannie Anderson lost both her muff and veil. It is not unusual in the hurry of leaving a party for mistakes to be made in some of the smaller articles of dress and they are generally soon rectified by an exchange mutually agreeable to the parties concerned, but the person who carried off Miss Anderson's muff left a thing in its stead, and up to this time has shown no desire to restore the one taken to its owner.

Mr. Albert Byrd continues very ill.

Mrs. Theodore Finney whose health has been poor for some time is seriously ill now. Her illness is deeply regretted by hosts of friends and the wish is universally expressed that she who has endeared herself to so many by her genial hospitality and kindness may speedily recover.

FROM MANY SOURCES.

The harvest in France is the best in ten years.

New York city spends over \$2,000,000 a year for flowers.

The question of abolishing luncheon is being agitated in England.

A New York man has a tooth of George Washington in a glass case.

A 12-year-old girl is said to have seen the Virgin Mary in an Austrian forest.

A drop-a-nickle-in-the-slot contrivance threatens to make the bootblack superfluous.

A Madrid dispatch says that the government is in very gloomy financial straits and that the proposed high tariff is not so much a measure of protection as to raise revenue.

German East Africa is to have the advantage of cheap postage. The government has appointed agencies called "Kaiserlich-deutsche Post-Agenturen" at Zanzibar, Bagamoyo and Dar-es-Salaam.

There is really but one place in the world where violins are made extensively. That place is Markneukirchen, with its surrounding villages. There are altogether about fifteen thousand people living there who do nothing else but make violins.

In Moscow may be seen in the streets any day a beggar who was a few years ago one of the richest men in the city. His father left him \$7,500,000, but he gambled it all away. He cared literally for nothing but gambling, and if he had the money again he would lose it once more the same way.

A mutiny arose lately on a steamer which was on the way to Yakutsk with Siberian exiles. Two of the prisoners had been cruelly horsewhipped for some offense, real or imaginary. The other convicts, thinking the punishment inhuman, threw themselves upon the escort, disarmed them and bound them hand and foot. The commander they horsewhipped. They then landed and let the steamer drift. When the vessel was noticed and the troops set at liberty the governor of Yakutsk had the fugitives pursued. Two of them were shot and five retaken.

THE GIRL WE LIKE.

There is a type of a girl that everybody likes. Nobody can tell exactly why, but after you have met her you turn away to some other woman and say: "Don't you like Miss Grosvenor?" Now the reason you like her is a subtle one; without knowing all about her you feel just the sort of girl she is.

She is the girl who is not "too bright and good" to be able to find pleasure and joy all over the world.

She is the girl who appreciates the fact that she cannot always have the first choice of everything in the world.

She is the girl who is not aggressive and does not find joy in inciting aggressive people.

She is the girl who has tact enough not to say the very thing that will cause the skeleton in her friend's closet to rattle his bones.

She is the girl who, whether it is warm or cold, clear or cloudy, finds no fault with the weather.

She is the girl who, when you invite her any place, compliments you by looking her best.

She is the girl who is sweet and womanly to look at and listen to and who doesn't strike you as a poor imitation of a demi-mondaine.

She is the girl who makes this world a pleasant place because she is so pleasant herself.

And, by the by, isn't she the girl who makes you feel she likes you, and therefore, you like her?

WIRES OF THE WORLD.

Tasmania has 2,600 miles of telegraph wires.

South Africa has a credit of 4,319 miles of wires.

Persea claims, in partnership with European wires, about 6,124 miles.

Great Britain has 190,000 miles of metal line, and in one year sent out 64,000,000 messages.

Canada has 53,500 miles of wire, and did a business in one year of 4,027,581 dispatches.

Italy has 19,500 miles, and has made an annual record of about 7,000,000 electric messages.

France has 220,800 miles of wire, on which in one year were transmitted 30,050,000 dispatches.

Russia has spun out 170,500 miles, and in one year gave the operators 10,280,780 message to dispatch.

New Zealand has strung itself with 11,374 miles of metal cord, and dispatched 1,435,394 messages in one year.

St. Helena, the island prison of the great Corsican, has 13 miles of the universal wire cob-webbing its rocks.

WINGED MISSILES.

Ten ordinary eggs will weigh a pound. Railroad statistics show that no one car on a train is safer than another.

A New York dude is going to have an illuminated shirt front. A French artist is constructing the concern.

The Austrian minister of public instruction requests masters of public schools to cultivate a taste for athletics among their boys.

A snuff-box containing three gold rings was unearthed in the excavation for an annex to the Niles works at Hamilton, Ohio.

A doctor says women have more chances of life in their favor previous to 50 years of age than men have, but fewer afterward.

A grain of musk will scent a room for twenty years, and at the end of that time will not show that it has diminished in the least.

It is calculated that nine-tenths of the reading time of most men, and that of a large proportion of women, is given to newspapers.

Two of the albums sent to the international exhibition of postage stamps at Vienna were insured for £2,500 and £1,000 respectively.

Half a dozen New York ladies are said to earn a handsome living by holding conversation classes and giving private lessons in that art.

Married persons live longer than single ones, and as a rule the tall ones have a better chance for length of days than those of short stature.

Currency is reported as being so scarce in parts of Bolivia that citizens are cutting the notes into pieces and passing these as fractional currency.

The desert of Sahara is to give up its desolate character. Artesian wells have been sunk and inexhaustible veins of water have been struck.

Near-sightedness is becoming alarmingly prevalent in France. Among the older boys in the different colleges more than 40 per cent are near-sighted.

The average duration of life is greater in Norway than in any other country in Europe. This is attributed to the uniform cool temperature of the climate.

King William has some idea of material progress as well as of political advancement. He thinks of introducing American cars on the railroads of the empire.

Iron collars for heavy work horses are coming into use. They weigh less than seven pounds, and the advantage of their use is said to be immunity from sore necks.

Two fig trees in California are thirty feet high and bear 1,000 pounds of fruit each year. The man who owns them very naturally thinks there is money in the fig business.

Brazil is larger than the United States, but in the whole twenty states which make up the republic there are not as many people as we have in New York and Pennsylvania.

An organization modeled after the American Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle has been organized in Great Britain, under the name of the National Home Reading Union.

The floating island in Sadawga Lake, in Whittingham, Vt., contains over 100 acres, and it actually floats on top of the water. It is not attached to the main land on any part of the lake.

The fashion for men to wear wedding rings is greatly on the increase in England. Heretofore the English have professed to consider it an affectation. Perhaps the English were right.

French surveyors have discovered northwest of Suez the bed of an ancient canal running for miles in the direction of the Red Sea, which it seems to have connected with the Mediterranean.

Six brothers named Withers at Louisville, Ky., are said to be over six feet six inches each in height, and their average weight is 191 pounds. Their mother is living at the age of eighty-nine years.

People born in the winter time are likely to endure easily very cold weather, and those who come into the world in the summer time hate snow and frost, but take readily to sunshine and hot days.

The vampire plague makes stock-raising in the Brazilian provinces of Matto-Grosso and Entre-Rios almost impossible. As many as twenty of the winged bloodsuckers often attack a single cow in a night.

The Baltimore American says: "Chill is having a warm time learning how to be a republic. What an age this is for overturning monarchies and setting up republics. The world is advancing all the time."

It is stated that a hotel has been built in Hamburg entirely of compressed wood as hard as iron, and rendered absolutely proof against both fire and the attacks of insects by subjection to certain chemical processes.

It was in Italy, after Flanders, that the manufacture of tapestry attained the highest position during the sixteenth century. Ferrara appears to have been the most ancient and most important manufactory in Italy.

The effeminate hirsute habit is growing in New York among the men. A barber there says this year more men than ever before have adopted the habit of parting their hair in the middle. After all it is only a matter of taste.

Graphite has been discovered near Santo Espiritu, Cuba, and the owners of the mine intend to commence work immediately in connection with some American capitalists, as the mineral, which is as good as that of Siberia, can be advantageously disposed of in the United States.

"Tumbler-weed" has caused a blockade in a portion of Pendleton, Oregon. The weeds are full of "tumblers," and well nigh impassable. Recently a farm-horse team and wagon became stalled in a mass of weeds while descending a hill, and the vehicle was extricated with great difficulty.

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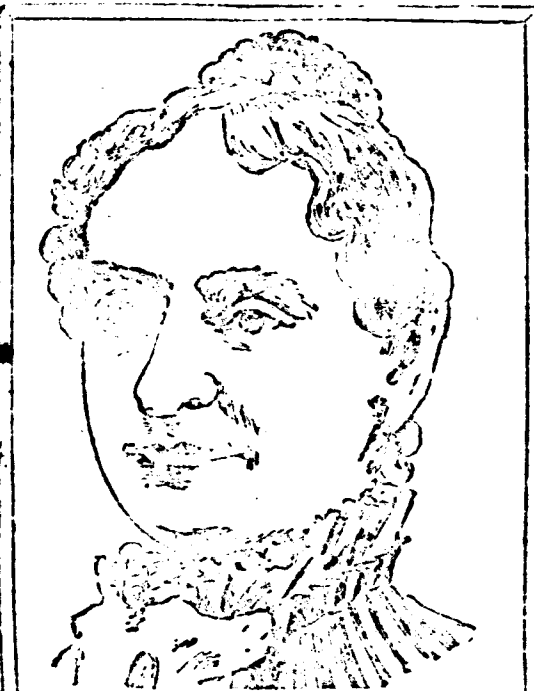
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Goethe states that he one day saw the exact counterpart of himself coming toward him.

Pope saw an arm apparently come through the wall, and made inquiries after its owner.

Byron often received visits from a specter but he knew it to be a creation of the imagination.

Dr. Johnson heard his mother call his name in a clear voice, though she was at the time in another city.

Baron Emanuel Swedenborg believed that he had the privilege of interviewing persons in the spirit world.

Loyola, lying wounded during the siege of Pampeluna, saw the Virgin, who encouraged him to prosecute his mission.

Descartes was followed by an invisible person, whose voice he heard urging him to continue his researches after truth.

Sir Joshua Reynolds, thought the lambs were trees, and the men and women bushes agitated by the breeze.

Havallac, while chanting the "Miserere" and "De Profundis," fondly believed that the sounds he emitted were of the nature and had the full effect of a trumpet.

Oliver Cromwell, lying senseless on his couch saw the curtains open and a gigantic woman appear, who told him he would become the greatest man in England.

Ben Johnson spent the watches of the night an interested spectator of a crowd of Tartars, Turks, and Roman Catholics, who rose up and fought round his arm-chair till sunrise.

Bostok, the physiologist, saw figures and faces, and there was one human face constantly before him for twenty-four hours, the features and head-gear as distinct as those of a living person.

Benvenuto Cellini, imprisoned at Rome, resolved to free himself by self-destruction, but was deterred by the apparition of a young woman of wondrous beauty, whose reproaches turned him from his purpose.

Napoleon once called attention to a star he believed he saw shining in his room and said: "It has never deserted me. I see it on every great occurrence urging me onward; it is an unfailing omen of success."

SCRAPS OF INFORMATION.

In 200 years the population of the world doubled itself.

Sugar was unknown to the ancient Greeks and Romans even as a medicine.

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The people of the United States consume, it is said, 1,000,000,000 bottles of pickles annually.

The falls of Niagara carry down 10,000,000 cubic feet of water per minute, equal to about 3,000,000 horse-power.

In every teaspoonful of blood there are about 15,000,000 red corpuscles, but only 50,000,000 white ones.

Silk from paper-pulp is made smooth and brilliant, has about the same elasticity as ordinary silk and is about two-thirds as strong.

Who has chickens first begin to move in the egg, just before hatching, the mother sings to them a few, croaking song, never heard at any other time.

Sheet iron is rolled so thin at the Pittsburgh Iron Mills that 12,000 sheets are required to make a single line in thickness. Light sheets as readily through one of these sheets as it does through ordinary tissue paper.

Some of the seas which the telescope reveals on the planet Mars have quite suddenly become crescent by straight lines so straight and parallel that some astronomers have thought them to be bridges constructed upon an enormous scale by highly-civilized beings.

POST-ELECTION ITEMS.

The new Governor of Massachusetts is 33.

The recorder of Jasper county, Missouri, is 21 years old.

Gov-elect Boyd of Nebraska is a theatrical manager.

Sherman Hoar, Congressman-elect from Massachusetts, is 30.

A resident of Colerain township, Pennsylvania, claims that he has been turned out of house and home by his wife for failing to vote as he had promised her.

The aristocracy of Charleston, S. C., ex-Gov-elect Thimma, the alliance Democrat. They declined to invite him to the annual ball given by their club.

Congressman Sanford of New York admits that his election expenses amount to \$4,700. This will leave him a net income of \$283 for his two years' service in Congress besides the glory.

Miss Annie E. Baxter, the Democratic candidate for county clerk at Carthage, Mo., was elected by a majority of 600. The miners in all the camps sang "Annie Looey" all day and ran over each other to vote for their popular young candidate.

John A. Willis, whom the Farmers' alliance nearly elected Governor of Kansas, is thus described: He dresses in store clothes, wears a slouch hat and woollen shirt and his boots are strangers to blacking and brush. He makes a favorable impression on the stump and is never at a loss for something to say.

CORONETS OF NOBILITY.

French Counts have nine equal pearls in their coronets. The British Baron is entitled to a coronet of four big pearls. The English Viscount has a coronet of seven pearls of equal size. The Earl's coronet shows five small pearls and four strawberry leaves. The English Marquis is entitled to three strawberry leaves and two pearls.

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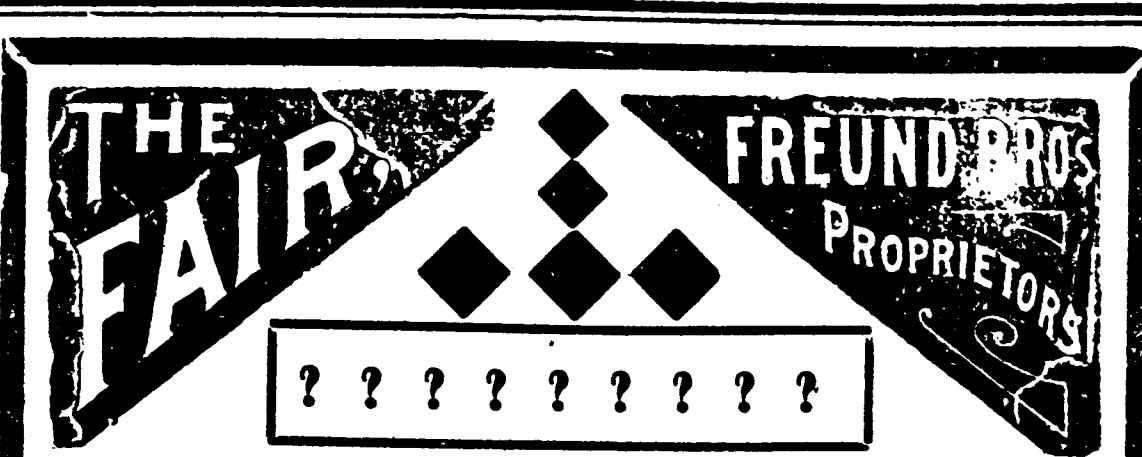
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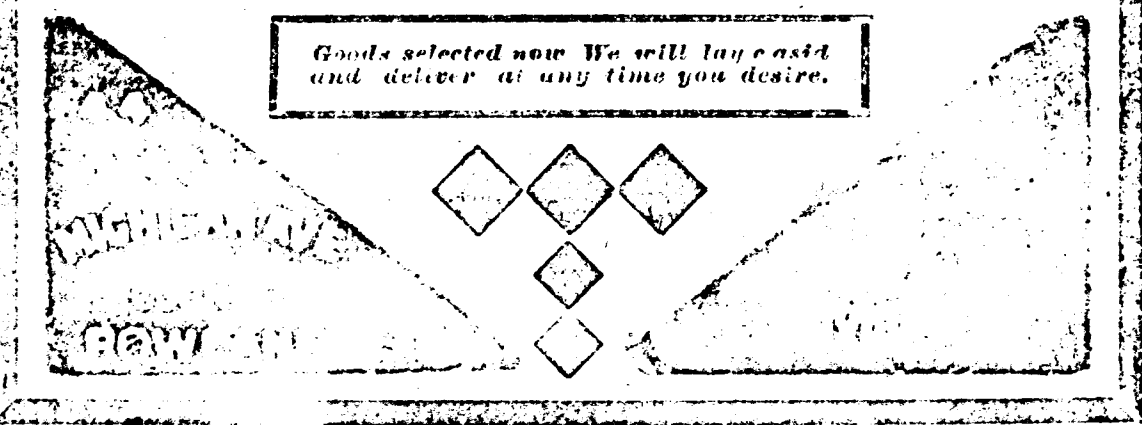
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DETROIT, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, '06.

T. THOS. FORTUNE has a three page article on the Afro-American in *The Arena* for December.

SO LONG as there are avenues of labor closed to the Afro-American, there is work for Afro-American leagues to do.

THE PLAINDEALER would certainly like to see a more united effort on the part of its contemporaries to make the Afro-American League a success.

AMONG THE incomprehensible paradoxes that one meets is an honest man advocating dishonest measures. *America* published at Chicago in the interest of clean politics criticises President HARRISON for urging the passage of an election bill.

MR. TERENCE POWDERLY has taken a great fall in the confidence of the American people. At one time he was regarded as one of the most able and conservative leaders of labor. Now his position is that of a demagogue, and this has never been made more clear than in his speech at the National Farmer's Alliance denouncing labor saving machinery.

IF THE Afro-American National Farmers Alliance which is also meeting at Ocala, Fla., decides to support the principles of the white organization after the way they have been treated, and the principles the whites are endorsing, no condemnation or censure can be too severe to be heaped upon them. One thing is certainly to their credit that they did not hesitate, after the whites had passed a resolution urging Congress not to pass a Federal election law, to pass one urging its immediate passage.

IF THE citizens of this county are to judge the incoming Democratic county and city officials by the Democratic Board of Canvassers they had better look to their money. Such an open barefaced steal was never before perpetrated in the state. The assurance and cheek with which these men voted themselves pay for work never done is only equaled by other high handed outrages committed by the same board. The Supreme Court should expedite its decision on cumulative voting law and let these fellows so generous to themselves, adjourn as quickly as possible.

LIKE ALL public men ex-Senator BRUCE has his critics. Many of them are timorous fellows who are at variance with the world and all in it. One censure aimed at Mr. BRUCE is that he represents Mississippi while he is not a bonafide resident. What matters it to those outside of Mississippi whether he is or not? It seems he is doing much for the state and for his race in it. He is doing much more than those who make considerable noise accompanied by no deeds. He has recently purchased another plantation, nor does he rest on the mere profit that will accrue to him. He seeks to improve the condition of his tenants by building them comfortable houses and furnishing them with a church and a school house. The good this school will accomplish will live long after Mr. BRUCE has gone to join his fathers. Would that more of our representatives with money and power to act would go and do likewise.

RECENTLY there appeared in THE PLAINDEALER an article by a prominent divine criticising the head of the National Afro-American League because of the general apathy in the organization. The *Age* in an article replying thereto argues that if the fault lay in the selection of its officers, the Ohio, Michigan and Indiana delegates were responsible for it, and Mr. FORTUNE, who undoubtedly wrote the article, seems to imply that each individual of these delegates was influenced by sinister motives while he himself had no personal ambitions to conserve. THE PLAINDEALER presumes that the Ohio and Indiana delegates can answer for themselves, but it certainly can assure MR. FORTUNE that each and every individual of the Michigan delegation was influenced by as high and worthy motives to insure the best results to the Afro-American as the possibly could be.

That much of the apathy that exists can be attributed to the members of the executive committee may be true enough, but that blame cannot attach to the members from Ohio, Nebraska, Michigan, New York, Arkansas or Wisconsin, for as the result of their earnest labors State Leagues were organized. In Wisconsin and Michigan, and partly so in Indiana and

Ohio, the right of the citizen has since been clearly defined and this too without any appeal for aid outside of the state. That the State League in Michigan is doing nothing particularly at the present time, may be because the heads of the National organization has not seen fit to institute any special line of work of great interest to arouse it, but let the emergency arise and Michigan will not lag behind New York or any other state. If MR. FORTUNE would include the members of the executive committee in the States that have organized, and those who have already won preliminary skirmishes among those who are responsible for the apathy, he must also include the President and himself, for neither MR. PRICE nor MR. FORTUNE have done a whit more, and they are salaried officers, to ensure the success of the League and put it on a paying basis than the members of the executive committee in the states named.

A CALMER view of the last election will show that the defeat of the Republican party was due not so much to any apparent gain in the strength of the Democratic party or opposition to the McKinley bill as to the agitation among the farmers in the Western states who have organized to redress apparent or real grievances and to force through their organizations certain economic principles. At the meetings that have been held of their assemblies before and after election there has been no attack upon the tariff save that before the passage of the recent bill they complained that they were not sufficiently protected. The McKinley bill has done much to relieve them on that score. Their principle grievance against the country has been a contraction of the currency, due not so much to the government as to the National banks, which has made money scarce and interest high. Their remedies for this grievance and the relief of their distress are inflation of the currency and government loans, based on good security. So far as the volume of currency is concerned it has been increasing ever since the Congress passed the last silver law, at the rate of four and a half millions per month and treasury notes based on this bill are rapidly finding their way into the commercial life of our country. This gradual expansion of the currency which is far preferable to a sudden inflation, will rob the F. M. B. A. of one great grievance and before 1892 rolls around many of them will be found again in the ranks of the most progressive party in the country, despite the fact that there are in it leaders opposed to its great principles and pledges. So far as government loans are concerned in the Argentine Confederation after a short period of apparent success it has brought financial disaster upon the country, and the introduction of such a system, without a careful study into the causes that made it a failure there at the present time, would be injudicious. The McKinley tariff bill when it is thoroughly understood will show to the farmer that he has more abundant opportunities in making his farm a success in that he will endeavor to raise other products beside wheat, corn etc., and this with the gradual expansion of the currency will be found sufficient to overcome his grievance and bring him back into line again.

EVERY Afro-American recognizes that he labors under conditions that are hindrances to his progress and often humiliating to his manhood. These conditions have been verified by many as having resulted from causes arising in the Afro-American himself and they have prescribed for them according. There are also a number of men within the ranks of the race who have set themselves up as alchemists. They find the philosopher's stone, that will turn to golden opportunities all the disadvantages under which he labors, in political disintegration. Called in other words independence in political action. The white press, too, has been very generous in its advice as to our dividing and very caustic in its criticism because we do not. To help the matter along the press of both races has dubbed Republican Afro-Americans, slaves or hide-bound and knuckle-drum fellows.

It is not our purpose in this article to discuss the merit or demerits of dividing politically. The question has been exhausted in argument and the theory has been put into practice with failure as the result by many earnest men. We wish to call attention to the fact that as a body the Afro-American is not the only set of political slaves in the United States. There is a set of slaves in this country whose submission is more abject and whose condition of servitude is better established and more complete than any state into which the Afro-American has fallen since enfranchisement. What set of men do the bidding of another so completely as the Democrats of the North do for the bourbon South. These same bourbons have been pampered petty tyrants over Northern Democrats long before the war and are today. Every measure that the bourbons have advocated has been approved by their subjects North and every measure they have opposed, it has been likewise. These Northern "hide-bound" Democratic second-

ed and espoused the "fugitive slave act." They were zealous in over-riding the Missouri compromise. They were faithful in declaring the war a failure and in fighting against its legitimate results such as giving manhood and citizenship to the freedmen and pensions to the soldiers. They opposed reconstruction and are today opposing a free and fair vote. The Afro-American does criticise its party but the Northern Democrats never kick against any measure the bourbon proposes. Now let the white press turn its attention to another set of slaves to party.

SECRET ORDER NOTES.

The Chicago Conservator says that the order of Grand United Odd Fellows has more than 2,000 subordinate lodges, 112,000 members, 100 councils, 400 households 75 patriarchies and property valuation estimated at \$1,000,000.

The "Colored Alliance" which held the first session of its convention in Ocala, Fla., last week, at the same time the white Farmer's Alliance was in session has a membership of 1,200,000 of which 750,000 are legal voters. During the session they passed resolutions condemning the action of the white alliance in passing a resolution in opposition to the Federal election bill and also protesting against the passage of the Conger Land bill, on the ground that it deprived 75,000 of their race now employed in the production of cotton seed oil, of their wages.

SPORTING NOTES.

A writer in the New York Star regards Dixon, Godfrey and Jackson as three of the greatest fighters that ever lived.

Charley Turner, middle-weight of Stockton, Cal., has decided to accept the offer of the Twin City Athletic club of Minneapolis to fight the "Black Pearl" for a \$1,000 purse.

Dixon who won the title of Champion of England by defeating Nunc Wallace in London, has signed articles to fight 25 rounds with four-ounce gloves with Cal. McCarthy of Jersey City, before the Puritan Athletic club of Long Island city on February 5. The club guarantees a purse of \$4,000 of which the loser will receive only \$300. O'Rourke for Dixon and Joe Early for McCarthy made a bet of \$2,000 on the outside.

ABOUT PERSONS AND THINGS.

Thomas W. Johnson, of Cincinnati who was recently injured in a railroad accident has received from the company \$1000 in full payment for his injuries.

Charles Hutchinson, of Oyster Bay, Long Island, recently guessed the exact weight of a monster hog and won the animal which weighed exactly 568 pounds.

Henry Brown of Indianapolis while walling up a cistern last week, was crushed to death by a bucket full of bricks which fell from the hands of his associate H. C. Turner who was lowering bricks from the top of the cistern.

The trustees of the "Colored Orphan Asylum" of Cincinnati, resolved Thursday night to begin immediately to raise funds for building the much needed new home. The sum of \$1700 a part of the Hannah Cooper bequest was received.

Mrs. Fred Douglass gave an interesting lecture on Egypt to the pupils of the Colored High School, week before last. The lecture was illustrated by views copied from photographs procured while Mr. and Mrs. Douglass were abroad. The views were prepared by Robert Harris, Charles Stewart, and Frank R. Stewart pupils of the School.

Finished Her Course.

GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 8.—Miss Eva Aray of Dalton, Mich., the only Afro-American attendant of the Grand Rapids Conservatory of Music completed her course Dec. 5th. She is the leading pianist of the Caledonia Choral Union of over 125 members, which meets Saturday Dec. 13th, to arrange for the grand concert to be given at Grand Rapids on January 8.

Mr. L. T. Cumbo of Spokane Falls is visiting Grand Rapids the guest of Messrs. D. W. Buckner and J. C. Craig. Mr. Cumbo is a former resident of the Rapids who removed west some time ago to gain fame and fortune and his friends have conspired together to make his visit home a pleasant memory to him when he again returns to the wild and woolly west.

James H. Hurst, a drover, aged 63 years, an Englishman by birth, secured a license today to marry Angeline Johnson. This is the first mixed marriage license issued in this county since the license law went into effect. Hurst has a family of grown children and considerable property.

Dec. 10.—The Hurst Johnson wedding festivities were interrupted just as the Rev. J. W. Givens had begun the ceremony by a voice from without protesting against the marriage of Miss Johnson to a white man. The intruder proved to be James Russell another suitor for the favor of the bride. He used his influence with the bride and though the feast was spread and the guests assembled the wedding was declared off for that time. Hurst did not give up, however, and the next day he and Miss Johnson visited the office of Justice Hydon where the ceremony was peacefully performed.

Remember the Poor.

"Donation day" was a gratifying success to the ladies of the "Willing Workers" last week Thursday.

From many unexpected sources substantial gifts were received and coming just before the first severe spell of weather were even more welcome than usual. Another donation day may not occur soon but charitable friends should not forget that the smallest gift is at all times acceptable to these ladies, who are striving to bring comfort to cheerless and desolate homes.

Messrs. V. and A. Meyer & Co. of New Orleans believe they will be able to pay dollar for dollar, although their liabilities are estimated at \$1,750,000.

THE LACK OF CHARITY.

The Anglo-Saxon's Christmas Not of the Heaven Born Kind.

Last Sunday evening at Bethel church, the Rev. John M. Henderson preached an able and practical sermon touching on the irregularities that prejudice produces. After speaking of the Anglo-Saxon, viewing the Afro-American in somewhat the same light that the Pharisee and the High Priest did the citizen who fell among robbers, he drew a few striking pictures of its effect on the life and development of the Afro-American. First, that the aspiring, ambitious Afro-American cannot measure arms with those who represent the best thought, or are capable of the truest refinement. He cannot enter at par with the average American, the avenues of successful life, and measure by contact his superior qualities or be able to discern his disabilities. Of the great concerns of life that move men to labor and to wait, he gains no knowledge by the usual mode of the close friction of intellects. His communion with ideals other than those developed in the race in the few years at its disposal, is confined to his application to the books.

This lack of charity on the part of the Anglo-Saxon which is contrary to all christian teaching is hurtful in two ways. It clothes doubt, in despondency, in one case and makes egotistical monstrosities in the other.

A man starting in life finding so many obstacles in his way not peculiar to other men, unless doubly nerved, falters. On the other hand, a graduate from college going home and finding none among his necessary associates to equal him, thinks his equipment complete and rests on supposed laurels he never possessed.

That is why men of inferior parts grow to be professors, or become literary botchers and if those who know better fail to fall down and worship their attainments, they complain that the world cannot appreciate their worth.

Had it not been the long standing policy of THE PLAINDEALER not to publish sermons, because of the flood that might come upon it in consequence, this sermon would appear in full in these columns.

A Free Social.

ANN ARBOR, Dec. 8.—Mrs. H. Waldron gave a 7 o'clock dinner Monday. Covers were laid for eight.

Mrs. "Vic" Blackburn is sick with the quinsy.

On Friday night the Willing Workers gave a free social at the A. M. E. church. The readings and recitations were by the older members. Elder Cotman opened by reading "Noah Carpenters," then he was followed by Mesdames Graves, Cotman, Robinson, Cox and Mr. Crump. Miss Sarah Johnson gave a recitation entitled "Which." Music was interspersed. There were not many out.

The Misses Ward of Ypsilanti made a pleasant visit in the city, the guests of Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Topp of Chicago was in the city Friday and visited until Saturday, the guest of Miss Ora Green.

Elder Pope of Battle Creek stopped off here for a few hours on Friday and made some remarks at the social Friday night. The presiding elder Rev. Henderson lectures at the A. M. E. church on Tuesday night. Mrs. Hester Washington spent Thanksgiving in Detroit visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. John Davis sang a solo at the social on Friday night.

Mr. George Cox is no better. Mrs. Cox was a little better but is still confined to bed. LOTTIE.

Public Installation.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 8.—Mr. Harvey Robins died of consumption at his father's house Wednesday, Dec. 3 and was buried from the A. M. E. church Wednesday, Dec. 3. The deceased was 31 years of age and leaves several relatives to mourn his death.

Miss Melvina Bennett has been quite sick.

Levy Walden visited his parents and friends in Niles and Cassopolis last week.

Mr. Lucas left for his home in Grand Rapids last week.

Mr. Calvin Hackley, en route east passed through the city last week.

Mr. William Hill was struck by a stone aimed at some one else last week.

Miss E. Bates is very sick.

Misses Myrtle Toles of Bronson and Annie Toliver of Salline are the guests of Miss Effie Hedgebeth.

Mr. L. Cumbo of Spokane Falls is visiting his mother and sister here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolston of Centerville, are the guests of Mrs. Ben Bolden.

Mr. Mit Volin will spend Christmas at Lansing with his parents.

People who cannot come to church sober should not come at all.

Mrs. James Simmons returned from St. Paul Monday where she has been visiting.

Mrs. Day an old resident died Monday leaving a large family.

The public installation of Masonic officers will occur on the 23rd of December. The program prepared is varied and interesting. H.

Merry Sleigh Bells.

AMHERSTBURG, Ont., Dec. 8.—It is cheerful to hear the sleigh bells again.

A good many of our sailors have returned since our last letter and there are some yet to come.

Miss Lottie Holbert has returned home from Windsor where she has been for the past few weeks. We are sorry to say that she is on the sick list but is improving.

Next Monday a Sunday school concert will be given in the Baptist church.

The Church Aid society of the Baptist church will give an old folk's jubilee on the 23rd of the month.

The Jackson family formerly of Kalamazoo sang in the A. M. E. church two nights last week to crowded houses both nights. S. W.

A VARIETY OF THINGS.

The Twenty-eighth Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation will be celebrated by citizens of Alexandria, Va., on Thursday Jan. 1st. The Hon. John M. Langston will deliver the oration the subject of which will be "What is Freedom to the American Citizen." Mr. Magnus L. Robinson is chairman. THE PLAINDEALER returns thanks for a kind invitation to attend.

Mrs. John Patterson of Brazil, Indiana, enjoys a hearty laugh and recently she indulged so freely in laughter that she ruptured the optic nerve and was stricken blind. A dear price to pay for her mirthful propensities which may serve as a note of warning to some Detroiters who indulge in a merry good laugh at all times. Hearty laughter has driven away many a fit of the blues but when it becomes a question between suffering from the blues or a total eclipse of vision, most of us would prefer the little blue devil.

A Successful Reception.

Through an inadvertency which THE PLAINDEALER deprecates the successful reception given by Mrs. J. D. Carter in honor of her fifty-fifth birthday was not mentioned last week. It was a society event that did Mrs. Carter proud. The doors of their palatial residence was thrown open from seven until nine and from the time announced a continual stream of friends came and went wishing her many more such happy occasions. The older ones recalling reminiscences of other days the younger ones congratulating her on her success. Mrs. Carter assisted by Mrs. J. L. Martin received in the parlors. She was dressed in white satin without the trailing veil and flowers that attend the new-made bride, yet she seemed as happy and greeted each comer with a smile. Mr. Carter held a levee with a number of the older gentlemen in his office. A number of handsome and useful presents came from friends. After viewing these each guest was invited below where awaited him a tempting and substantial supper. THE PLAINDEALER trusts that all who attended the reception will be as well prepared for their declining years as Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carter.

The Best Journal.

BRANTFORD Ont., Dec. 7.—The weather on last Sabbath was very chilly and cold, yet both services were well attended. The Sabbath school is progressing very nicely, the Rev. G. R. Blount was called to Guelph to hold quarterly meeting in that city.

Mrs. Blount is ill at present but all hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. Charles W. Struthers has left for parts unknown.

Mr. Harry F. Logan who has been traveling with an Uncle Tom's Cabin troop has returned home.

Mrs. Hannah Stewart, arrested for being drunk and disorderly, 60 days in prison.

Mr. Alfred Brown, who has been very sick for two weeks is able to begin work again.

Mr. William H. Brown is working again after a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Catharine Jones is home after being away a week nursing.

I wonder how it is that there is not more Canadian cities heard from through THE PLAINDEALER. The colored population of our Dominion should feel greatly interested in the affairs of one another and by so doing we will become a greater race in time. That is the only way we can ever accomplish anything, by unity.

Miss Annie McComas who has been very sick is recovering.

Miss Addie Walker is visiting friends in Preston.

Every colored citizen should read THE PLAINDEALER. It is the most interesting Afro-American Journal in America.

C. W. F. S.

(Write upon one side of paper only.—Ed.)

Coming Events

BATTLE CREEK, Dec. 9.—Coming events cast their shadows before them. The Daughters of Magnolia Tabernacle and Knights of Tabor will give a grand entertainment at Centennial hall Wednesday evening Dec. 17th, at which time Sir Edward Payne of Chicago, V. G. M. and D. G. M. of the state of Illinois and jurisdiction will be present and deliver an address on the order of Tabor. The six knights and daughters will give a drill in full regalia after which a supper will be served. The public are cordially invited to attend.

A concert was given Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church by the Sabbath school. The program was well arranged and finely rendered, after which several short speeches were made by friends of the school. Mr. G. M. Bailey gave some encouraging remarks to the school.

The Rev. G. D. Smith of Sandusky, O., will conduct revival meetings at the Shiloh Baptist church. The ordination of deacon will take place next Sunday evening.

The Misses Anna Toliver and Mariah Toler made a flying visit to Grand Rapids last week.

Mrs. George Dailey is recovering from a severe spell of sickness. B. S.

Mr. R. W. Jeffrey, returned from a trip to the north woods last week with the Gilman hunting party.

Mr. John Ferris, a peripatetic Afro-American is now in jail at St. Louis for a swindling bus ness men of the city by means of a begging book which was fraudulently endorsed with the name of the secretary of the orphan's home.

John Brown post of the G. A. R. elected new officers last week and are getting in fine trim for the encampment next August.

Mr. Birnie Chappee who fell through the opening of a trap door at his home some time ago has returned to his desk and duties.

Edward Starks spent Sunday in the city. "Ed" does not forget the home folks although he is getting to be somewhat of a fixture up at Flint.

The meeting of the League was not very largely attended last week at the Second Baptist church, but those in attendance were enthusiastic for a season of profitable work.

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MERE MENTION.

Go to the Ramsey lecture Monday night. Rev. A. T. Mentor of Guelph, Ont. is in the city.

Mrs. M. J. Ashton, of Beaubien street, has gone to Alpena for the winter.

It is the duty of every member of Bethel church to attend the Ramsey lecture.

Miss Ella Gregory and Miss Lizzie Eaton are visiting their parents at Puce Ontario.

The annual election of officers of the Mt. Pavan Lodge will occur next Tuesday evening.

Miss L. Tegall, of Saginaw, is in the city for a few weeks, visiting Mrs. Thomas of Antoine street.

Mrs. Joseph Wells, of Brewster street, was quite seriously ill this week, with a touch of diphtheria.

Mrs. Delaney is very ill with pleuropneumonia at the residence of her daughter 586 Lincoln avenue.

Mr. Edwin Settles and Miss Francis L. Armstrong were joined in marriage a few days ago by the Rev. Alexander.

Mr. Stephen Phillips, who moved to this city from Kalamazoo a short time ago, is railroading between this city and Marquette.

The Song Service which was to be given by the choir of Bethel Church next Sunday evening has been postponed for a few weeks.

Mrs. Dean Phillips, of Kalamazoo, is expected in the city this week. She will be the guest of Miss Elenora Owens, of Catherine street.

Mrs. Robinson, of Pittsburg, who has been in the city some time left for her home Tuesday she will spend a few days in Cleveland.

Mr. Hunton, of Minneapolis, on his return from Chatham, remained in the city for a short time last week leaving for Chicago Saturday.

The Fifth annual session of the Right Worthy Supreme Council of the Independent Order of Jerusalem will meet in this city January 1.

The Christmas entertainment of Bethel Church will be held Friday evening December 6th, and Christmas night at the Baptist Church.

The Knights of Pythias are endeavoring to organize a branch called the Code Calanthers. A meeting will be held next Wednesday evening.

Mr. Robert Smith and Miss Matilda Jordan were married a few days ago. Rev. Alexander, pastor of Calhoun street church performed the ceremony.

The Ladies of the Excelsior Circle will give an Apron Social, at the Second Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, Dec. 16th. Admission 10 cents, Oyster Stew free. 392

The young people who contemplate giving the cantata of "Queen Esther" shortly for St. Matthews church, are rehearsing twice each week in the mission rooms.

Mrs. Weems, widow of the late James W. Weems, will receive her endowment money from the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias about the latter part of this month.

Ebenezer church, which is being remodeled, is nearing completion, and presents a very attractive appearance. The ladies contemplate holding a fair during Christmas week.

Mr. Walter Caveller, of Cincinnati and Mr. Ziller Crosby, of Oberlin, returned home last Monday after being in the city a few days, visiting Mr. Theo. Crosby of Benton street.

Mrs. F. E. Preston, assisted by her daughter, Miss Lillie, gave a reading at Ebenezer church last Thursday evening to a large audience. The selections were excellent and well received.

Mrs. H. C. Clark entertained at tea Mrs. Robinson of Pittsburg and Madame F. E. Preston and daughter Friday evening. Friday being Mrs. Clark's regular reception day many friends availed themselves of the opportunity to call upon Mrs. Robinson who is visiting her for a few days.

It is expected of course that every member of Bethel church will be in his place promptly at 7.30 o'clock Monday evening to hear the Rev. Dr. Ramsey of the Central church and it is desired that many others friendly to the church will lend their presence and money to make this first lecture of the series a success.

The Afro American League Club meets next Tuesday evening at the Second Baptist Church when the committee will report on a permanent place of meeting that shall be open at all times to members. It is contemplated to have a reading room and other attractions in connection with the permanent quarters. All members are expected to be present.

Prof. B. Z. Straker delivered an address last Wednesday evening, before the Cooley Law Association of this city, on "How to Study the Constitution." The members of the association, who are mostly young lawyers recently admitted to the bar, were highly pleased with the address, which was an every particular a scholarly one.

Glances Here and There.

THESE are the days that try men's souls to say nothing of women—the dear creatures. The national problem now is to make the slender pocket-book compass the desire of the generous heart and few there are who solve it. All the world these days goes out on a shopping expedition price what they would like to give their dear "four hundred" and then after counting their slender horde buy what they can afford which is another thing. And yet vexatious as most of us find our futile endeavors to make a lean pocket-book bear token of the full measure of our affections there is after all some satisfaction in the endeavor. In this season of good wishes there can be no more unfortunate individual than he who has no happy little secret, the successful denouncement of which he looks forward to on Christmas morning, or whose lean hungry soul gives, if at all, grudgingly, and only then to those from whom he hopes to receive. To such the Glander's Christmas offering is the wish that the needs of some unfortunate may so work on his crusty heart as to enable him to learn the real blessedness of giving.

ALTHOUGH the winter has been very crisp the past few days, there were many people unprepared for it. Not near as well as they might have been, when every one knows that winter means something in this latitude. In going through streets, the thinly clad, or those without overcoats, can be seen shivering at the blasts that greet them. If one could visit their homes, and many of them have a wife and tender little ones depending on them, he would find the same lack of preparation there. The home is so sacred that the Glander will not enter it to criticize except in this general way. It does seem however, that the experiences of one year should be remembered the next to the extent of a little economy.

MEN should learn that one dollar or even one half is better earned through poor pay, than a day lost in loafing or looking for something better or less arduous. These two little matters heeded would put an end to much suffering.

PROPOS of this caution to frugality and economy, it is gratifying to see the number of Afro-Americans who are engaged in driving wagons, laying natural gas pipes, digging sewers and cleaning the streets; not that the Glander does not wish them better situations or more remunerative pay, but it is so much better than loafing and waiting for something better to "turn up." All work is honorable and the man who drives the garbage wagon is entitled to as much credit for an earnest endeavor to support himself and family, as the man better fitted in life or more lucky, who has a more pleasant situation. A thousand times better is he than the man who loaf and spends his wife's hard earnings in some saloon.

In Honor of Her Friend.
Mrs. Thomas Garrison received friends in honor of Mrs. Robinson of Pittsburg, last Monday evening at her residence on Division street. Owing to preparations for the holidays and the attending festivities many of the guests were late in arriving but the charm of perfect hospitality was so potent that they were equally late in leaving and the night was far spent when the last one bade the affable hostess "good night." Merriment reigned everywhere and groups in the different rooms vied with each other in the cheerful zest with which they seconded their hostess' cordiality. The viands served was an added attraction and the whole affair replete with enjoyment.

Take Due Notice.
The fifth annual session of the Right Worthy Supreme Council of the Independent Order of the United Brothers and Sisters of Jerusalem of the State of Michigan will be held at 2 o'clock p. m. Thursday January 1st 1891 at Room 15 Hilsendegen Block, Detroit, for the election of officers and transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting. H. C. Clark supreme councilor, S. H. Harris supreme secretary.
A grand musical entertainment and oyster supper will be given under the auspices of True Principle Council No. 1 of I. O. U. B. and S. of J. and a public installation of supreme officers in the evening. Admission 15 cents. 394

Found Dead.
Mr. Oliver H. Peters, a young man was found dead in his room at the Crawford house in Windsor last Wednesday morning. He was an employee of the house, and on retiring in the evening, there being no stove in his room, which was cold, he improvised one out of an old kettle, using charcoal for fuel. To the effect of the gas which filled the room the physicians attribute the cause of his death. His parents are said to be living but their whereabouts are unknown.

Dr. Ramsey's Lecture.
The Rev. W. W. Ramsey D. D., pastor of Central Methodist church, will deliver a lecture on "Character Building" at Bethel A. M. E. church, Monday evening, Dec. 15th. This is the first of what it is hoped will prove an interesting series of lectures to be delivered during the winter by prominent and able lecturers. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Admission, 25c. 393

Custer's Last Charge.
"Custer's Last Battle" continues in full popularity and is still regarded as one of the greatest sights of this city. Don't miss it. Admission 25 cents. 11

New Year Entertainment.
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The American Hebrew says that in 1840 there were only 8,000 Jews in Palestine. This number had increased in 1893 to 22,000. There are now estimated to be 75,000 Jews in the Holy Land. Notwithstanding this tremendous growth in the Jewish population there has been a notable decrease of begging in foreign lands for the support of the Jews in Palestine. This is due to the fact that the bulk of the immigrants are able to support themselves by productive labor.

The Rev. William A. Rice, recently appointed one of the secretaries of the American Tract society in the benevolent department, is a young man who has been pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church at Syracuse, N. Y. The Presbytery at Syracuse, at a meeting last week to dissolve his pastoral relations with his church, passed resolutions recognizing his "fidelity and wide success" in the church, and declaring his eminent fitness for his new duties.

Two handsome windows have been placed in the chancel of Stratford-on-Avon church where Shakespeare is buried. They have been erected at a cost of £500 in accordance with the will of the late Miss Bromley, and represent the seven acts of mercy illustrated from female lives in the old Testament, and the eight beatitudes from the same in the new Testament.

During the months of October and November the Methodist laity are to vote on the question whether women shall be admitted to the general conference of the legislative body of the church. Elections for that purpose will be held in every meeting-house. They will be by ballot and members of 21 years and over may vote.

The Rev. Thomas Craven of the Methodist Episcopal church, who has been for nearly twenty years a devoted missionary in India, has recently given 1,000 Dakota acres, valued at about \$200, to Bishop Trobena for use at his discretion. Mr. Craven, who has been visiting America for his health, returned to India next month.

A wealthy Greek, Demetrius Tzani-Shippi, has given 2,000,000 francs for the erection of a Greek church in Paris. Hitherto the 1,000 or more Hellenes living in the French capital were compelled to worship in the Russian chapel.

Bishop Potter of New York may claim the title of a working man. Last year he preached 214 times, besides consecrating churches, holding confirmations, and performing other episcopal duties.

A Congregational journal states that the growth of that denomination in the United States is slightly above the growth of population. The latter is 2.7 per cent and the former 2.7 per cent.

Mr. Moody will preach in the Clarendon Street Baptist church, Boston, during the month of January, while the pastor, the Rev. Dr. A. J. Gordon, is delivering a course of lectures before the students of the Moody Training school in Chicago.

The St. Louis conference of the German Methodist Episcopal church has decided to abandon the church college at Galena, Ill., and at Pleasant, Iowa, and combine and remove them to Des Moines.

The Rev. M. C. Ayers of Newton Highlands, who has been for the last two and a half years on the editorial staff of the Boston Advertiser, has been appointed editor-in-chief of that paper.

The First Presbyterian church in Beirut, Syria, which has been organized for more than forty years is now self-sustaining, and has called a native pastor, the Rev. Yusuf Bahi.

Over 10,000 Catholics of Manitoba have asked the dominion government to disallow the act passed by the Manitoba legislature abolishing separate schools.

Salaries of pastors in Germany are very low. It is proposed to give a minimum of \$500 a year. At present many are as low as \$200.

Miss Catherine Stoll, superintendent of Bethany Peacocks' home in Hamburg, is in America, giving all to the movement here.

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CHAPTER XVI.—CONTINUED.

"I was just getting to that," replied Evans, smiling. "Of course, Walston's one desire now was to find out something about the inhabitants of this island. If they were savages, perhaps he might make some bargain with them; if they were shipwrecked sailors, they might possess the tools he lacked, and would not refuse him their aid in putting the boat in a sea-worthy condition."

"A diligent search was consequently begun at once, though I must say it was conducted very prudently. After exploring the forests on the east shore of the lake, we made our way slowly to its southern extremity, but no human being was visible, no report of fire-arms reverberated through this part of the island."

"This was due to the fact that not one of us ever ventured far from the French Cave, and that strict orders not to fire a single shot had been issued," remarked Brian.

"Nevertheless, you were finally discovered," responded Evans. "Indeed, how could it be otherwise? It was on the night of November 23d and 24th that one of Walston's band first approached the cave by the south shore of the lake, and as ill luck would have it, he saw a light apparently shining through the walls of the cliff—the light of your lantern shining for a moment through the half-open door. On the following day, Walston himself started out in this direction, and for nearly the whole of that afternoon he remained hidden in the bushes a few yards from the river—"

"We knew it!" cried Brian.

"You knew it?"

"Yes, for we found the fragments of a pipe which Kate identified as belonging to Walston."

"She was right," responded Evans. "Walston lost it during his excursion, and the fact seemed to annoy him greatly on his return. But the existence of the little colony was now known to him. In fact while he was crouching among the reeds he had seen the majority of you moving about on the west bank of the river, and you were mere lads, whom seven stalwart men could easily put out of the way! Walston returned to tell his companions what he had seen, and from a conversation I overheard between Brant and himself, I learned his villainous intentions regarding the French Cave—"

"The monsters!" cried Kate. "Would they show these children no mercy?"

"No, Kate; no more mercy than they showed the captain and passengers of the 'Severn.' Monsters they are, indeed, and they are completely under the control of the worst scoundrel of the whole lot, this Walston, who, I trust, will not escape the punishment he so richly deserves!"

"But you have succeeded in getting away from them at last, thank God!" cried Kate.

"Yes; I took advantage of a half day's absence on the part of Walston and some of the others, who left me in the custody of Forbes and Rock. It seemed a favorable moment for escape. It was about ten o'clock in the morning when I darted into the forest. Forbes and Rock discovered my flight almost immediately, and started in pursuit. They were armed with guns, but I had nothing but my knife to defend myself with."

The chase lasted all day. But by cutting across the woods I finally succeeded in reaching the south end of the lake, and from the conversation I had overheard, I knew that you were established on the banks of a stream that flowed in a westerly direction.

"I never ran so fast in my life, nor so long. Think of it! I have traveled over thirty miles to-day. The rascals could run as fast as I could, and their bullets flew even more swiftly. They whistled by my ears more than once to-day. You must remember that I knew their secret, and might denounce them if I succeeded in making my escape, so they must recapture me at any cost. If they had not had fire-arms, I would have made a stand, and waited for them knife in hand. I would either have killed them, or they would have killed me, for I much preferred death to again falling into the hands of those rascals."

"I hoped that night would put an end to their pursuit, but such was not the case. They still kept close at my heels. The storm, too, rendered my flight more difficult, for when the flashes of lightning came, the villains could see me making my way through the rushes that border the lake. At last, I got within about a hundred yards of the river. If I could only succeed in placing that between me and my pursuers, I should be as good as saved. They surely would not venture to cross it, knowing that they were in the immediate neighborhood of the French Cave."

"I ran with all my might, and had almost reached the left bank of the stream when another flash of lightning illumined the scene. Almost simultaneously a shot resounded—"

"The one we heard, I suppose," said Donovan.

"Unquestionably. A bullet grazed my shoulder. I gave a spring forward, and landed in the river. A few quick strokes, and I was on the other side concealed in some bushes, while Rock and Forbes, who had reached the opposite bank, were discussing the situation. 'Do you think you hit him?' asked one. 'I am sure of it,' was the reply. 'Then he must have gone to the bottom.' 'Undoubtedly; he is surely dead this time.' 'A good riddance, say I!' And the pair departed."

"A few minutes afterward, as I crawled out of the bushes, I heard a dog barking, and shouted for help. The door of the cave opened, and now," added Evans, pointing toward the lake, "now, my boys we must rid your island of those rascals."

And he uttered the words with such energy that all sprung up, ready to follow him.

It now became necessary to give Evans a brief account of the events of the past twenty months, relate the circumstances attending the "Slough's" departure from New Zealand, and her long voyage across the Pacific, and describe the founding of the little colony and the comparatively safe and comfortable life led by its members prior to the arrival of Walston and his accomplices.

"And you say that no ship has come within sight of the island for twenty months?" asked Evans.

"We certainly have not seen any," replied Brian.

"Have you set up any signals?"

"Yes. We erected a flag-pole on the highest part of the cliff, but we took it down about six weeks ago, for fear that it might attract Walston's attention."

"And you did right, my lads. Still, the scoundrel has discovered the truth now, and we must be on our guard day and night."

"What a pity it is that we have to deal with such wretches instead of with honest men whom we would have been glad to aid! Our little colony would only have been the stronger for their coming, but now a hard struggle is before us, and who knows what the result may be?"

"God, who has protected you up to the present, my dear children, will not desert you now," said Kate. "He has sent this brave man to your aid, and with his help—"

"Evans! Hurrah for Evans!" shouted the young colonists, as with one voice.

"You may rely upon me, my lads," said the mate; "and as I can rely upon you, I promise you that the struggle shall be a bitter one before we yield."

"And yet it might be averted if Walston would consent to leave the island," remarked Gordon.

"What do you mean?" inquired Brian.

"I mean that he and his companions would certainly have left the island some time ago, if they had been able to use their boat. Is this not so, Mr. Evans?"

"Certainly."

"Well, if we should enter into an agreement to furnish them with the tools of which they are so greatly in need, perhaps they would consent to leave the island. I know that the idea of entering into negotiations with men of such a stamp is exceedingly distasteful, but if by doing so we could get rid of them and prevent an attack that may cost us dear— Well, Mr. Evans, what do you think of it?"

Evans had been listening attentively, for Gordon's suggestion indicated a practical mind and a character capable of facing any situation calmly.

"I agree with you fully, Master Gordon, in being ready to resort to any means that will rid us of the presence of these malefactors," he said, at last; "but you cannot place the slightest confidence in Walston. Even if you enter into negotiations with him, he will be none the less likely to make an attack upon the French Cave in the hope of securing possession of all your property. He may even imagine that you have saved some money from the wreck. Don't flatter yourself that these wretches will not try to do you an injury merely because you are willing to do them a service. There is no such thing as gratitude in their souls! Besides, it is not only tools that they need, but ammunition. They have enough left to make an attack upon you—that is only too certain; but they will be desirous of replenishing their supply before they start for other shores. They will ask you for it; they will even demand it. Are you willing to comply with their request?"

"No, certainly not," replied Gordon.

"In that event, they will certainly try to secure what they want by force. You will merely have deferred the struggle which will thus ensue under conditions much less favorable to you."

"You are right," replied Gordon. "The best thing for us to do is to keep on the defensive and wait."

"Yes; I have more than one reason for thinking it advisable to wait. Walston, you know, cannot leave the island except in his boat."

"Certainly not," replied Brian.

"Now this boat can be repaired, as I know perfectly well, and if Walston has abandoned the idea, it is for want of tools; but if you should furnish him with the necessary tools, he would leave without troubling himself about us, even if he should be grateful enough to refrain from sacking the French Cave."

"And what if he did?" cried Service.

"If he did, how should we manage to follow his escape when the 'Severn's' boat was no longer here?" retorted Evans.

"What are you depending upon this boat to take us from the island?" asked Gordon.

"Most assuredly, Master Gordon."

"To cross the Pacific and take us back to New Zealand?" added Donovan.

"To cross the Pacific?" repeated Evans.

"No, my lads, but to reach a much nearer sea-port, where you will soon find an opportunity to return to your native land."

"Do you really mean that? How can you hope to make a voyage of several hundred miles safely in such a frail craft?" asked Baxter.

"A voyage of several hundred miles!" replied Evans. "Nothing of the kind. The distance does not exceed thirty."

"Isn't it the ocean that surrounds the island?" asked Donovan.

"On the west, yes," replied Evans; "but on the south, north, and east there are easily navigable channels and straits which can be easily traversed in sixty hours."

"So we were not mistaken in thinking that there was land near us?" exclaimed Gordon.

"Certainly not. Where do you suppose you are, my boys?"

"Upon one of the isolated islands of the Pacific Ocean."

"Up an island, yes, but not upon an isolated island. On the contrary, you may rest assured that it belongs to one of the numerous archipelagos that line the coast of South America. But though you have bestowed names upon the capes, bays, and streams of your island, you haven't yet told me what you call the island itself."

"Chairman Island. We named it for our school."

"Chairman Island," replied Evans. "Well, it has two names, then, for it is already known as Hanover Island."

After this conversation, and after Evans had promised to point out the exact location of Hanover Island on the atlas the next day, they all retired, save Moko and Gordon, who watched while the others slept, and the night passed quietly and peacefully.

CHAPTER XVII.

THE STRAIT OF MAGELLAN—THE COUNTRIES AND ISLANDS THAT BORDER IT—PLANS FOR THE FUTURE—FORCE OR STRATEGY? ROCK AND FORBES—THE IMPOSTORS—A HOSPITABLE RECEPTION—JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT—THE SHOT FIRED BY EVANS—KATE'S INTERVENTION.

A channel about three hundred and eighty miles long, running from east to west, and extending from the Cape de la Virgine on the Atlantic Coast, to the Cape of Los Pilares on the Pacific—shaded by mountains that rise to a thousand feet above the level of the sea, with numerous bays affording the shelter of harbors, rich in streams where water can easily renew their supplies of water, bordered with forests in which game abounds, and offering to either eastern or western-bound ships a route much shorter than that via the Strait of Lemaire, which separates Staten Land from Terra del Fuego, and less tempestuous than that of Cape Horn—such is the Strait of Magellan discovered by the illustrious Portuguese navigator of that name in the year 1520.

The Spaniards, who were the only persons that visited these regions for half a century afterward, founded the town of Port Famine on Brunswick Peninsula. The Spaniards were followed by the English under Drake, Cavendish, Chedley, and Hawkins; then came the Hollanders under Weert, Cort, and Noort, as well as Lemaire and Schoulen, who discovered the strait of that name in 1610. At last, between the years of 1693 and 1713, came the French under DeGueunes, Beucheseau, Gouin, and Frezier, and subsequently the celebrated navigators Anson, Cook, Byron, Bougainville, and others.

The Strait of Magellan consequently became quite a popular thoroughfare from ocean to ocean, especially with steamships, which being comparatively unaffected by head winds and adverse currents, could traverse it under much more favorable conditions.

While Patagonia, the southernmost political division of South America, King William's Land and Brunswick Peninsula form the northern boundary of the strait, it is bordered on the south by the archipelago made up of Terra del Fuego, Desolation Land, Clarence, Gordon, Navarin, Wollaston, Stewart, and other less important islands, including the group known as the Hermites, the last of which is nothing more nor less than the last peak of the Andes Mountains, better known as Cape Horn.

To the east the Strait of Magellan forms an immense bay, lying between the Cape de la Virgine on the main-land, and Cape del Espiritu Santo on one of the largest islands composing Terra del Fuego, but in the western part large and small islands, archipelagos, straits, channels, and bays mingle in the greatest confusion, and its waters finally empty into the Pacific through a narrow channel lying between the promontory of Los Pilares and the southern end of the large island known as Queen Adelaide's Island. Above this point one finds a series of capriciously grouped islands extending from Lord Nelson's Strait to the Chonos and Chiloe Islands on the Chilean coast.

"And now," added Evans, when, on the following day—the 23th of November—he pointed out this region to the boys on a map in Stieler's Atlas, "do you see this land just west of the Strait of Magellan, and separated from Cambridge Island on the south, and the islands of Madre de Dios and Chatham on the north by a comparatively narrow channel? Well, this island situated in the fifty-eighth degree, is Hanover Island—the island to which you have bestowed the name of Chairman Island—and upon which you have been living more than twenty months."

"What! can it be that we are separated from Chili only by an arm of the sea?" exclaimed Gordon.

"Yes, my boy; but the islands that lie between Hanover Island and the main land are uninhabited; and even if you should succeed in reaching the main-land, you would be obliged to travel several hundred miles to reach any of the towns of Chili or of the Argentine Republic. And what fatigue and privations you would have to undergo! and perils as well for the Indians that rove over the pampas are far from hospitable. I think, therefore, that it has been all for the best that you did not abandon your island; but with God's help I trust we shall now soon be able to leave it altogether."

As the straits and channels that surrounded Hanover Island were only fifteen or twenty miles wide in some places, Moko could easily have crossed them in his yawl in good weather; and the lads, when they made their excursions to the northern and eastern coast, had failed to discern the neighboring islands only because the land was extremely low. As for the white speck seen in the distance, this was doubtless one of the snow-capped peaks of the Andes and the red light the glare from one of the active volcanoes of that region. Besides, a careful examination of the map convinced Brian that chance had directed their excursions in every case to that part of the coast furthest from the neighboring islands, though it is probable that Donovan would have discerned the southern coast of Chatham Island on the occasion of his trip to Severn Beach had it not been for the heavy fog that prevailed at the time.

But in case Brian and his comrades should succeed in securing possession of the "Severn's" long-boat, and in repairing it, what route would Evans think it advisable to follow? Gordon put this question to the mate, who promptly replied—

"Southward, by all means. With favorable winds it is true that our boat might take us safely to some port on the coast of Chili, where we should be kindly received; but that is an exceedingly rugged coast, while the straits and channels of this archipelago are comparatively safe."

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It is said that ex-Gov. Sprague of Rhode Island will sell Canonet and go to Europe for the winter, as his health has suffered greatly from his son's death.

Maudie Banks, daughter of Gen. N. P. Banks, who is winning favor in New England as an actress, broke the middle finger of her right hand while fencing on the stage at Bath, Maine.

A Dresden paper states that Mr. Edison recently sent a check for \$1,000 to the authorities of the hospital in that city, where his daughter was taken care of last summer during her illness.

The German Emperor says that but for the attitude of Russia in keeping a large portion of her army on the eastern border the disarmament of the European powers would be possible.

Countess Phalen, to whom Count Herbert Bismarck is engaged to be married, will inherit a very large fortune from her father, Count Pahlen, who is proprietor of an immense estate near Mittau.

Johann Hirsch, an unsophisticated German living near Fairfield, Iowa, fell in with "green-goods men" while on a visit to New York and traded \$500 in good currency of the republic for a small box of sawdust.

The Chinese general, Tsheng-K-Tong, who is well-known in Parisian society and as an author, has published a new book in French, "Le roman de l'Homme Jaune; Mœurs Chinoises," which is said to be an imitation of the methods and moral tone of modern French novelists.

The salvation army in Berlin has found a new and unique recruit in the Baroness Margarethe von Lillenkreutz. She is beautiful and only 33 years old. She is the daughter of a Swedish Knight and the widow of a Swedish captain. Before her conversion to the principles of the army she led a gay life in St. Petersburg, Stockholm, and Berlin society.

One of the shortest names in the country is possessed by Mr. Ye, who is secretary of the Korean legation at Washington. Mr. Ye has just been made happy by the arrival at his home of a little daughter, and the child has been christened Washon Ye, which in English means Washington. This child is the first born of the Korean nationality in this country.

Cole Younger, the eminent highwayman, is said to be enjoying himself as a life convict in the penitentiary at Stillwater, Minn. It is alleged that the warden permits him to go fishing when he feels like fishing and to make excursions around the town when he feels that way. Other prisoners are also said to have extraordinary privileges and one of these privileged prisoners is charged with stealing \$500 worth of brass in the prison and selling it in town. Prison life in the West is not as confining as it might be or perhaps it ought to be.

VERY MUCH MIXED.

Sixty-three per cent of all Italians are unable to read and write.

The young men of Berlin have been seized with a football fever.

A California man has started the business of raising half-breed buffalo.

One hundred and thirteen places in the United States are called after Mad Anthony Wayne.

An orchardist at St. Helena, Cal., has obtained a profit of more than 1,000 from one acre of apple trees this season.

Of the twenty-six barons who signed Magna Charta all but three had to "make their mark," being unable to write.

A pair of bantam chickens were sold at the London Crystal palace for \$500, which was almost twice their weight in gold.

Pensions are paid by the government to the widows of three presidents, eighteen generals, one colonel and two rear admirals.

From Jan. 1 to Sept. 15, 1890, sixty-two children, forty-six boys and sixteen girls, from 7 to 14 years of age, committed suicide in Berlin.

The largest check on record was recently drawn by the Great Indian Peninsula Railway company on the London and County bank for \$6,500,000.

A man being prosecuted by one of his brothers and defended by another on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon is the latest legal novelty from the West.

At 3 years of age, we love our mothers; at 9, our fathers; at 10, holidays; at 16, dress; at 20, our sweet hearts; at 25, our wives; at 40, our children; at 60, ourselves.

A new fashion in Paris puts metal boxes on the tombs in all the cemeteries, into which friends of the deceased can drop their cards through the slit at the top.

Fashionable entertainments have been enormously extravagant in London this season. Several have cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The flowers for a bachelor party cost \$15,000.

The highest church spire in the world has just been completed. It is that of the cathedral at Olm, Wurtemberg, and is 530 feet high. The top of the cross on the dome of St. Peter's, Rome, is 448 feet above the pavement.

In the most flourishing period of Rome, under Vespasian, about 70 A. D., it had a population of 1,300,000; in 335 A. D. it had 800,000; in 1377, only 17,000; under Leh X., 40,000; in 1537, about 23,000; in 1871 it rose to 244,000; in 1881, 300,000, and in 1889 more than 410,000.

THE SAME THING.

Must go down—Pills.
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An elevated politician—Hill.
Multum in parvo—Sausages.
Means a long bill—Woodcock.
Good all-round sport—Marbles.
Ready maid.—The up-stairs girl.
Men of many plans—Architects.
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A point in real estate—Hunter's.
A stock that ought to rise—U. P.
Armed at all points—Porcupines.
A "bear" existence—Some brokers.
A left-handed affair—The wedding ring.
The King's highway—Under den Linden.
Special offers—Matrimonial propositions.

Church News-

Bethel A. M. E.—Corner of Hastings and Napoleon streets. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m.—Rev. John M. Henderson, pastor.

Ebenezer A. M. E.—Calhoun street, near Beaubien. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m.—Rev. J. H. Alexander, pastor.

Wesleyan A. M. E.—Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. Rev. N. N. Pharis, pastor.

Second Baptist.—Croghan street, near Beaubien. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m.—Rev. E. H. McDonald, pastor.

St. Matthew's Episcopal.—Corner Antoine and Elizabeth streets. Sunday services: Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 10:30 a. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. Evening Prayer and Sermon, 4 p. m. C. H. Thompson, D. D., rector.

St. John's Episcopal.—Columbia street, near Rivard. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School immediately after morning service.—Rev. Auger, pastor.

(Brief items of news will be welcome from other pastors or laymen.)

St. Mark's A. M. E. church New York city just closed a very successful fair having realized about \$350.

The Baptist church at Washington, D. C., of which the Rev. G. W. Lee is pastor is being improved to the amount of \$15,000.

The Rev. W. A. Meredith of Gallipolis, O., has accepted a call to assume the pastorate of the Shiloh Baptist church 303 Columbia street east.

The Rev. A. H. Lewis, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist church, Portsmouth, Va., died last week. Deceased was well known throughout that state.

The Rev. R. F. Wayman dedicated a new A. M. E. church at Ellicott City, Md., Sunday before last. Rev. Wayman had tried to secure a bishop but failing in this was forced to officiate himself.

The Rev. J. W. Davis, an ex-presiding elder of the A. M. E. Zion church, died recently at Southport, N. C. Rev. Davis was an indefatigable worker and will be greatly missed by the congregation.

Bishop Lane presided over the Mississippi conference of Afro-American Methodists at Gloster last week. One hundred and twenty preachers answered to the roll call and all made satisfactory reports.

The Rev. E. H. McDonald of the Second Baptist church read a paper at the Baptist ministers' meeting Monday morning on "Scriptural Therapeutics in which he held that there is no healing without resorting to the remedies God has given to man.

The African branch of the M. E. church of the Little Rock district opened its annual conference at Searcy, Ark., last Friday. The reports made were very encouraging; \$161 was collected for educational purposes and the other departments did equally as well.

The spirit of church extension and improvement is abroad in the churches of the District of Columbia. The Rev. D. G. Hill of Ebenezer church is endeavoring to raise about \$4,000 to beautify his church and the Rev. W. H. Brooks is putting \$20,000 on the Nineteenth Street church.

The Washington correspondent to the Christian Recorder asks what we are doing with regard to the great Methodist university movement? He justly thinks that the African Methodist Episcopal church should be recognized in this national university, and that they should manifest their interest in this grand movement in a substantial manner.

A preacher of Atlanta, Ga., recently worked the African scheme to his advantage. He preached at Camp Stevens, in Spalding county, and said that all who would meet him at a specified place Dec. 1 would be furnished transportation to Africa where they would receive 200 acres of land and a mule, and got \$20 from the credulous crowd.

The Rev. George W. H. Reed, formerly pastor of Bethel church, Chicago, lately pastor of an independent church which he organized himself has been forced on account of failing health to resign. He has since donned the livery of a Pullman car porter and will hereafter illustrate the beauty of patience and the other shining virtues in the trying experience of life upon the road.

Bethesda Baptist church, Chicago, which has been without a pastor since the resignation of the Rev. Burch has been managing its own financial affairs and prospering nicely. They have made a five thousand dollar loan, paid off all their debts and have taken a new start. At a recent rally nearly \$600 was raised and the trustees under the lead of Mr. T. Cooper are pushing things.

A contention which has been carried on for three years in the Equity court of Philadelphia between the stewards and trustees of Bethel A. M. E. church of that city has been decided in favor of the former. The trustees protest was against the disposition of funds by the stewards without reporting the same to them, but the decision of the court was that the church had a right to vest the stewards with this power.

The Rev. J. S. Chadwick, D. D., delivered an illustrated lecture on "The New South" before a large audience in the Simpson M. E. church, Brooklyn, N. Y., last Thursday evening. He spoke of the advancement the Afro-American was making in all branches of learning and of the work accomplished in this line by the M. E. church since it started in 1838, there being 9,000 scholars in the schools controlled by it.

Several benevolent members of the white Baptist church of Hamilton, Ont., met with the members of the Macomb street Baptist church of that city at a called meeting last Tuesday to consider means to pay off the \$650 mortgage now resting on the church. The older members did not want to see the church sold and asked the assistance of other Baptists who are desirous of having the church gain a firm financial basis.

The Rev. James Johnson, M. D., a missionary who has labored for the past sixteen years in Jamaica starts shortly for Central Africa. His wife and Mr. Hunt, a native convert will return to Jamaica and carry on the work there. The object of his life has been to prepare Afro-American missionaries for Africa and he has succeeded

ed in getting eight workers who will go with him. His visit to this country is to secure funds to meet the expenses of these men and of the \$8,000 desired he has already obtained \$4,000.

STUDY CHAIR.
(Contributed.)

The Bible is the sacred store house of divine wisdom.

The "cambric needle" idea of the "Camel Story" has long since become obsolete yet it is apparent that great wealth is apt to produce indifference to religious duty.

The secret of the christian life can only be spiritually discerned.

The knowledge which is obtained from books is never so convincing as the knowledge which is gained by practical experience. Experience is our best teacher.

The world is full of truncated men whose occasional flashes of genius impress us that they were formed for a higher destiny than they will ever attain. Their habits of life have impaired their natural capacity and will prevent the full development of their character.

Plain regards ideas as veritable beings, and not wisely when we consider their far reaching influence.

The better conscience we have, the more readily we acknowledge the supremacy of a higher law.

A child should be trained in christian principles from the beginning. Formation is always an easier task than reformation.

To understand the true significance and power of words we must refer to their origin.

That physician is best able to cure the disease who knows its seat and nature. Accurate diagnosis is often as important as skilled treatment.

ODD ITEMS.

The probable value of all the diamonds in the world, according to a recent estimate, is about \$1,000,000,000.

About two hundred letters are mislaid or miscarried every day because of the identity of the name of the state of Washington and of the national capital.

Private Dalzell estimates that the soldiers annually and unnecessarily waste \$25,000,000 in fees to pension agents, the preparation of vouchers, postage, etc.

A farmer of Chico, Cal., has trained cats to catch gophers and protects his grass fields by this means. He considers his felinae worth \$20 apiece for this purpose.

The "Seven Ages of Man" were depicted by Japanese artists long before they became famous in Shakespearean recitations in this country and perhaps before Shakespeare was born.

A new hymn book compiled by an English Catholic priest and just published by the bishop of Birmingham is the first Catholic hymn book that has included Cardinal Newman's "Lead, Kindly Light."

A reporter in Denver went to sixty-three different men, all intelligent citizens, before he found one to tell him the meaning of the word "ergo." He has now started out with "mbid" and has already accosted fifty-four men without getting a satisfactory answer.

A bicyclist was riding his wheel through a portion of France, when up came a storm of rain. The storm struck him just as he started to coast down a nicely graded hill some five miles long. He proceeded on his journey and all the way down that hill it rained on his hind wheel, while the front wheel ran along in the dry.

Herman Zeitung, now in London, expresses a desire to be nailed up in a box and shipped to New York. He has traveled considerably that way and likes it. He once made the journey between Vienna and Paris in a trunk and has just completed the trip between Berlin and London, also in a trunk. By this method of traveling you escape the porter.

In New York it is estimated, according to the output, that the annual consumption is fifteen whole pies for each man, woman and child within the city. There are twenty establishments that bake pies exclusively. Of these one company turns out 8,500 pies a day, or 2,640,500 pies a year, not counting Sundays, and another averages 7,000 a day, or 2,191,000 a year.

RAILWAY NOTES.

The new station of the Pennsylvania railroad at Jersey City will be the widest in the world.

A French railway charges for the privilege of going to the platform with friends to see them off.

The Busk-Ivanhoe tunnel through the Saugache range will be 9,350 feet long, and will cost about \$1,000,000.

Mail car No. 14, belonging to the Illinois Central railroad, has the reputation among the employes of being haunted.

The ratio of passengers killed to passengers carried is, in England and on the continent, less than one half the proportion of America.

It is planned to connect Washington and Paris by a railroad running through Alaska, across Behring straits by bridge and thence through Asia and Europe.

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I wish to make a plain statement of a case that was of great interest to me and others. I am a molder by trade and work in Detroit. About one year ago I found my body breaking out with ulcers, with a large and angry looking one on the lower part of my bowels. I placed myself under the care of several good doctors, but none of them seemed able to cure me, especially the large ulcer, which continued getting worse all the time. To my questions as to what it was they would say it was blood poisoning from the metal I was working in. But one said it was a rose cancer and he would have to cut it out. About this time, at the suggestion of a fellow workman, I called on Dr. Nauvan, 247 Randolph street. After an examination and a few questions he said he would cure me in about a month. I thought he was mistaken, but told him to go ahead, and, strange as it may seem, just twenty-one days from the time he commenced my cancer was cured. But the doctor said it was not a cancer, and I am satisfied he was right, for I am now as healthy as I ever was, and will be pleased to tell any one what I think of the doctor's Mexican Blood Alterative that has done so much for me.

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Those who desire the presence of Mr. Horr at Farmers' Institutes, etc., are invited to communicate promptly with The Tribune.

Young Men who wish to Succeed.

Many a man feels the lack of early direction of his energies and early inculcation of the maxims which promote the formation of character, and success in after life. Every such man would gladly see the young men of to-day better guided in youth than he was. The Tribune has planned the following series of valuable articles, which will appear in this paper only.

What shall I Do? By S. S. Packard, President of Packard's Business College.

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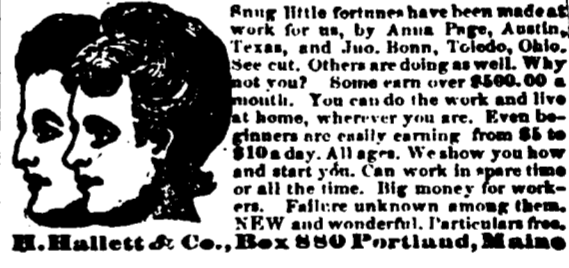
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