

The Family Circle. WORK FOR ALL. The drops of rain are of various light. Are small themselves, but when all unite...

Hard Knots. The spot wouldn't come out. The more they rubbed it, the blacker it grew...

"I want it." "I want it." "You shan't have it." "I want it, and I will have it."

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THE WAY TO WELCOME HIM.—"Papa will soon be here," said mamma to her little three-year old boy...

A LITTLE GIRL'S LETTER.—The touching letter which follows is from a little girl to Mr. Moody. We can readily believe that the whole audience was moved to tears...

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THE PRAYER OF THE DESTITUTE.

"He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer."—Ps. vii. 1.

Give me a song, and I will sing it; give me an offering, I will bring it; give me Thyself, and I will take Thee.

My heart has failed; Master, fill me! My heart has failed; Master, fill me! My heart has failed; Master, fill me!

Jesus! to Thee I call! Jesus! to Thee I call! Jesus! to Thee I call!

Oh, come and fill the hungry with good things; For Thou hast all I need, O King of kings!

Selections.

A Family of Astronomers.

What an example and what instruction may be found in the long career of William Herschel, who passed a half a century in sounding the mysterious depths of the universe!

"God is not harsh, as we are to those who have injured us. We withdraw our hands and close our purse; but he is kind to the unthankful and the evil."

who, being an architect, built his home to accommodate his treasures, and at his death presented it to the city. There are many models of noted buildings, especially a set of eighteen temples and towers of Athens and Pompeii, not over fifteen inches in height, but said to be perfect representations.

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A PINT cup may not be ill-treated for not holding a quart. This is indeed a new measure of moral obligation. The man underrates your argument, project, or improvement, because he cannot contain it.

THE building of a railroad through the White Mountains has gone steadily forward during the recent freezing term, one thousand men being engaged. The road runs all along the steep hillsides, over the roughest kinds of rocks.

Obituaries.

DANIEL.—Sister Mary Daniel was born in South Carolina, 1822, moved to Florida with her parents when quite young, was married to Bro. Abram Daniel January 1857. Removed to Texas while it was a republic, professed religion while living in Rusk county, 1850, and joined the M. E. Church, South. She departed this life February 19, 1875.

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constitutionally timid and retiring, yet she was bold in the face of God and ever courageous to confess her Redeemer on all suitable occasions. Would God that all who profess to love our Lord Jesus Christ, would feel, like sister Daniel, live daily at his feet, committing all things to his care, and always be ready to witness a good confession!

CHIEF.—Died at her residence, in Collin county, Texas, Sister Margaret L. Chief, daughter of Bro. Granville and Sister Sarah Jones, May 7, 1875. Sister Chief was born in Jackson county, Texas, March 15, 1854. United with the M. E. Church, South, August 5, 1874.

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"POPULAR VICES."

Explanatory and Suggestive.

In our last week's issue, our correspondent, "Rutherford Biggs," under the above heading arraigned the bar rooms and gambling dens of our city in a style that caused no little disturbance among those who felt their "craft" in danger. He closed his article with the promise that further developments would appear in the present number. Since that time, influences have been brought to bear upon him which have caused him to retire from his engagement. In answer to questions which the absence of the promised expose might occasion we will state that whatever might have been the influences which have controlled our correspondent, the ADVOCATE can neither be alarmed by threats nor bought with money, and though the skirmisher we sent out retires from the field, we have other resources at command, and the war opened on these evils is not at an end. Our right, as a journalist, to assail the business in which any party is engaged, or to index him so plainly that the community, weary of the wrong his iniquitous business entails on old and young, can say to him "thou art the man!" is a prerogative we cannot yield. No belted knight who swore upon the cross to shield the innocent and to be the guardian of defenceless virtue was under a vow more solemn and binding than that which rests on every minister of the gospel to assail vice wherever he finds it, and to wrench the victim from the toils of its assailant, regardless of the name or social standing of those who do the wrong. A stronger obligation lies behind our vow. The business of these men is breaking the hearts of wives and mothers; it is debauching the morals of husbands and fathers who sneak from their homes on various pretexts to share the excitements or profits of these gilded vestibules of perdition; it is enticing young men from the paths of virtue, and not only wrecking the hopes of their early manhood, but transforming them into moral and social sores, festering in the midst of the society they might have adorned and as a man, a citizen, and a father, we cannot, and will not keep silent when those we hold dear are exposed to the wiles of these iniquities.

The fact that the proprietors of these institutions, with many who frequent their haunts, rank high in society, and can fill at pleasure the highest positions in municipal and State governments, might well startle into reflection every man who can cast a vote and arouse every thoughtful citizen who can utter a protest, by word or pen. If the law is powerless to protect the thoughtless or the weak against their wiles; if the secular press finds it to its interest to be silent; if sworn officers of the law forget their obligations and overlook the offender, and possibly share his plunder, the pulpit should speak out, and the religious press, unless recreant to its trust, cannot keep silent. The privilege of these men to throw around their business all the shields which society, in its blindness or corruption, may afford them, we will not now debate; but our right to draw aside that veil and point out the real character of their offense, even though its ghastly lineaments may shock those who share its profits, shall be yielded to no influence that can be brought to bear upon us.

As a minister, or even as a member of one branch of the Christian church, the precincts of drinking saloons or gambling rooms are to us forbidden ground. To enter their walls would cause us to forfeit the respect of those, who now bitterly resent the attack made

upon their business. Our only means of opening to public gaze these fountains of iniquity is to command, as we had done, the pen of one who has been familiar with their haunts. "Rutherford Biggs" has failed us, but we may find another; if we do not, it shall not be our fault. In the mean time we may say to all concerned, that the war we make on vice is not against the men who are engaged in it, but the evil itself. We hold them, their names, their position in society, the wealth they command as subordinate factors in the great, moral and social questions involved. We regard the wrongdoers as the most wretched victims of all those who suffer for their sins. Present profits may blind the moral issues at stake, but while destroying others, they are blighting themselves, and the seed they sow will be garnered in their own lives or the lives of their children who must breathe the moral air they are laboring to poison.

DANGEROUS DISEASE!

It is sad to see the dreadful havoc disease is making in our unhappy world. On all sides we hear of fearful forms of which mankind suffer. And many of these diseases seem to baffle all medical skill. But still worse it is to know that, ever-and-again, some new and fearful type is making its appearance, and before any accurate means of combatting is discovered, hundreds and thousands of unfortunate sufferers are swept by the ruthless monster into the silent tomb. In the East we hear of the ancient leprosy sweeping its thousands and thousands, and in our own fair land we have yellow fever, cholera and many other fearful types, which like the "wind that bloweth where it listeth" come and go, and homes are desolated, hopes are destroyed, and thousands of hearts are draped in the dark mantles of sorrow and mourning. The young and beautiful maiden in the loveliness and bloom of early womanhood; the matron with all the noble virtues and attractions of beautiful maturity; the young man on the highway to fortune and fame; the father with his well earned fortune, who has toiled up to a good store and name, are all indiscriminately swept as with the besom of destruction, and the death-angel still stands with black wings stretched out threatening the unhappy survivors of the sorrowing earth. Oh, disease of death! when will thy relentless jaws be satisfied? But, while this is a dark, but only truthful picture, there is still another dreadful and malignant form which is now more fearful than those mentioned. This is a periodical type, and the work which it is doing and threatening to do, is appalling. And, although it seems to be confined to particular classes, it is fearful beyond measure. This disease might be called "The Sunday Malady," and is confined, or is peculiar at least, to a great number of Church members. It is more to be dreaded than all others, from the fact that it is so subtle and insidious in its attacks. And as the season is fast approaching when it prevails in its most fearful form, as a professional in its treatment we feel it important to put the people, and especially church-members, on their guard. The symptoms—though as we have said the disease is very insidious—are nevertheless unmistakable. The first is to be found in a gradual, but growing indifference to religious duty, which is very soon succeeded by a manifest loss of spiritual vitality. There comes on slowly, but surely, a spiritual morbidness of appetite, so there is little or no desire for anything like spiritual employment, and increasing and unconquerable craving for the worldly and sensual. This stage sometimes shows itself in various forms. The patient will find himself or herself overcome with a deep stupor, in so much that as the prayer-meeting evening or Sunday service approaches—without great caution—they will go into a state of moral insensibility, from which they will suffer intensely physically by way of sympathy: some from nerve-

ous headache, rheumatism and general restlessness. These affections are, in the advance stages of the disease, much to be dreaded; and towards Saturday reach fearful severity; and at from nine to two o'clock Sunday the crisis will be reached—and then, with good care, staying in and being quiet, generally the patient begins to improve; and Monday, by half-past seven o'clock, is much better and able to get to business with astonishing activity! The patient, if the disease is deeply seated, will suffer comparatively little during the succeeding week—except it may be a little from an occasional faint remonstrance of conscience—but generally conscience put pretty soundly to sleep in the early stage of this fearful disease. The patient will be at rest comparatively, however, till about Saturday evening or Sunday morning, when the attack is renewed with increased violence; and so on, till the patient, growing worse with each of these periodical attacks—if he cannot be prevailed upon to apply the remedies, which in most cases it is exceedingly difficult to do—gradually sinks to an untimely grave. The following has been found by experience and practice to be an infallible remedy: To recite reading of the Spiritual Guide Book, add two minutes of earnest prayer three times a day; 1 gr. of faith the size of a mustard seed, with regular attendance upon the ordinances of God's house; 4 oz. of determined perseverance; mix well and take regularly and frequently in heroic doses till all the symptoms are removed. If this course is pursued, the patient need have no fears whatever of relapse. P. S.—This disease generally rages in its most violent form during the summer months, and sometimes, but seldom, assumes an epidemic form.

BUSINESS ENGAGEMENTS.

We are told by the Blessed Book that the "heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." The deceptions practiced by mankind are numerous, and not only sinful but conducive to grievous results. Many little deeds that are done and many little words that are spoken, while they are not intended to deceive, prove the source from which great evils spring, and flow down the current of life until they become as powerful as the billows of a mighty ocean, and engulf many in the voyage from time to eternity. And among the wicked devices of men, scarcely any two words in the English language hide more sins and serve as much a shield to deception as "business engagements."

We are well aware that there are times when men of mercantile and professional pursuits are truly engaged from early morn till late at night. Of such we say nothing, but bid them God speed in everything that is just and right. But there are many who have business engagements "every night and Sunday too"—or least such is the excuse given when they leave home to "go down town," and too often down to profligacy and ruin. For while these business engagements are urgent and pressing in their demands, they are more frequently than otherwise or in other places seen through the bottom of the wine glass, and transacted over the gambling tables, or in the elegant apartments of the different city clubs, which are intended to be respectable private bar rooms and billiard saloons, but are in reality enticing entrances to youths and moral men to the more public dram-shops, gambling hells and sinks of seduction and ruin. How many confiding wives, innocent beings, indulgent fathers and mothers, are, while these lines are being written, in blissful ignorance of the whereabouts of husbands and sons who left home to meet business and professional engagements, and strange to say are transacting them in these evening retreats of debauchery and licentiousness of every hue and name.

How many times when leaving home with the parting kiss of an impassioned and almost idolatrous love upon the lips, has the promise been made to "come home early?" But in-

stead of complying with the promise, with feigned business engagements—lying under another name—the evening hours have been spent with some clever friend in the club rooms; with the "pretty waiter girls" of the Comique, Sultan's Divan, and Academy of Music, or in an evening drive and revel with that class, the bare mention of whom to the innocent creature of "your plighted troth," would pluck the rose from the forehead of an innocent love, and place a blister there.

How often do wives and children, and those who have claims upon you, forego many things and sometimes even actual necessities that the cravings of sensual appetites may be met and fully satisfied in these so-called business engagements? How often does she who has forsaken, if necessary, all others to cleave unto the husband of her love, frail and perhaps as delicate as the bud of summer days to the breath of frosty winter, wait and sad vigils keep over the little cherub which God has sent to strengthen the union of hearts, and prove a blessing to home, while under the pretence of business engagements the evening is spent in drunkenness and riotous living. Such acts are becoming too common, and as they are not prohibited by law, the frown of indignant and insulted virtue should banish all participants from decent society.

Surely the judgment of a righteous God will rest upon all such, and in the day when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, they will realize, but too late, that they have been "weighed in the balance and found wanting."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

NORTHERN METHODISTS have a propensity for agitating. The present question they are shaking up is that of the Presiding Eldership. Shall they be appointed by the bishops or be elected by the conferences. The tendency seems to indicate the adoption of the elective principle. This is but another token of the congregational drift of the Northern Methodist Church.

THE papers are commenting on the cost of Dr. John Hall's new church. It will hold only 2000 people, and yet it costs, \$1,400,000 or at the rate of \$700 per sitting. After allowing \$200,000 because of the high price of the ground there was enough expended to have put up 400 country churches at the rate of \$3,000 each. Such extravagance in church buildings is one of the sins of this age of Christianity.

It is claimed by the Northern Christian Advocate, published at Syracuse, N. Y., that it, the N. Y. Christian Advocate, and the Western Christian Advocate, are the only papers of the Church, North, that are paying expenses. The N. Y. Advocate has a subscription of fifty thousand, and yet its profits amount only to \$10,000 per annum. We commend these facts to those who think religious papers are money making institutions.

A PREACHER in Troy, New York, has formed the singular habit of spending pleasant afternoons in one of the most popular bar rooms of that place. It shows strange taste for a preacher, but they, like other people, are occasionally eccentric. It is a cool, pleasant place; and, as many of his members go there, it is possible he is trying to find out the attraction. He, of course, never drinks, and is said to be astonished at the number of his parishioners who drop in of pleasant afternoons "just to see what time of day it is, or to inquire after the residence of John Smith." "Merely this—and nothing more."

A NUMBER of religious papers are discussing the question whether one or two sermons are the most profitable to the congregation; and the general verdict among those interested in the matter is that one good sermon is all that a preacher ought to be expected to provide his congregation. Very likely, if the facts were known, one good sermon per Sabbath would prove too much for many of those who plead for this single dish for the Lord's Day. Not all of them come up to their own mark.

PASSING EVENTS.

Breadstuffs in Europe are very low... Changes are going on in Japan. A proclamation has been issued creating a deliberative body to be composed of Senators appointed by the Mikado; also a body to adjust and administer the judicial system. The consideration of an elective house is reserved for the present... Red Cloud and other Indians have made known at Washington their wants and wishes. They are not backward in telling their wrongs and in asking supplies... The loss by the fires in Eastern Pennsylvania are over \$1,000,000... Spring wheat in Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota and Dakota, is reported to be unusually encouraging... Reuben A. Springer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, proposes on certain conditions to give that city \$125,000 towards the erection of a music hall... Hon. Jesse D. Bright, who was expelled from the United States Senate in 1862 on account of disloyalty, died in Baltimore recently, aged 63... French doctors have pronounced against high-heeled boots for ladies, because they hurt the spine and reduce the size of the calf. They recommend low heels and very high soles... Rev. Mr. Lathrop, of Boston, asserts that the most inveterate tobacco-chewers of that city are to be found among its ladies... The Mobile Register states that owing to the feeling excited by the action of Pullman in requiring all the conductors to admit colored men, a new company which will not infringe upon the Pullman patent, to be known as the "Lucas Sleeping Car Company," will soon have two cars on the Georgia Central Railroad... The New York World says that the steamers that sailed May 16th, carried 2299 passengers, and that 4000 travelers to Europe went out that week... Thiers, ex-President of France, has consented to become a candidate for the new French Senate... The oil producers of Pennsylvania have made a combination with railroad men for the purpose of raising the price of petroleum... Boston has appropriated \$30,000 for the celebration of the centennial of the battle of Bunker's Hill... Plantations are making rapid progress in India, there being in Bengal and Assam in 1873, 70,000 acres in cultivation, and about 15,000 acres were added last year... The city of Danville, Illinois, after long discussion, has granted license to liquor dealers at the rate of \$6000 each... The grasshopper alarm continues in Kansas and Western Missouri. It is reported in Colorado that all the early sowed grain has been destroyed by them... The laborers of the cement quarries near Kingston, New York, have struck for higher wages. One thousand men are idle. It is expected that the strikers will compel a suspension of labor at other points about Kingston... Thirty-seven soldiers captured 170 miners on their way to the Black Hills. The miners were armed, but did not resist... The President ordered all departments to close for the decoration of the Federal graves at Arlington... The Black Hill Indians in their talk with Delano showed little disposition to move into the Indian Territory. Spotted Tail wanted to know if that Territory was so delightful a country why the white men did not go there instead of coming to the Black Hills. Right sharp for poor Lo... A man at Georgetown, Kentucky, was entangled a short time since in a water wheel of a mill which was revolving at a rate of 80 revolutions per minute. He was insensible when rescued, and reports his sensations: At first he was terribly frightened, expecting instant death, but his perception was perfectly clear. Then he grew dizzy, and felt like he was rising higher in the air; next he felt as though in a dream with a dim sense that he was traveling to the moon at a terrible speed. Then he remembered no more. A calculation proved that he must have been carried the distance of thirteen miles in about eight minutes... The

average life of Massachusetts farmers is 65 1/2 years, and of the outdoor mechanic 52 1/2 years... It is calculated that Paul Boynton's life-saving dress has diminished sea-dangers at least fifty per cent... In Arkansas there are 160 colored justices of the peace; 95 constables; 29 sheriffs and county clerks, assessors and surveyors; one militia field officer, and 11 company officers... A highway robber mulcted a lady on 18th street, New York, and in less than forty-eight hours he had been arrested, tried, and sentenced to an eighteen year term in Sing-Sing... Mr. J. N. Parker, brother-in-law of Gen. Butler, has been appointed postmaster at New Orleans... A colored man demanded of a San Francisco Board of Education that his children be admitted to the public schools.

BRO. GEO. W. GRAVES, writing from Peoria, Texas, says: "God is still blessing us, and the influence is spreading. Last Saturday we commenced a meeting at New Hope, continuing five days. There were six or eight conversions, and four accessions to the church. Those only who know the condition of the church for the last two years, can appreciate how we have been blessed. Though in the midst of the wheat harvest, the congregations were unusually large, and the attention and good order unequalled. Men who never took an interest before, and others that had neglected their religious duties for years, were reached. A deep and profound impression has been produced. At times the congregation refused to be dismissed—penitents refused to leave till they found peace. The church was wrought up to a state of rapture; and religion has become the theme of conversation among all classes. The end is not yet. We look forward with hope to the bright prospects on Peoria circuit. To God we give all the glory!"

BRO. F. L. ALLEN writes from Bastrop, Texas, June 7: "Truly the Lord has been good to us in Bastrop. We closed our meetings here yesterday after eighteen days' service, which resulted in fifteen accessions to the church; all converts. This meeting commenced with our district conference. The brethren were all present but three—doing good service, for which we feel under many obligations. Bro. Renick, of the C. P. Church came to my assistance after our brethren left, for which we return him our kindest regards. For several days I have had no ministerial help; but God has been present to own and bless. The meeting closed with fine religious feeling, and we think the work has just begun. "Pray for the prosperity of Zion." Although there was quite an emotional interest, no one went crazy—almost fainted—or took brain fever. So, you see, we do not come under the proposed law of the News."

Waco Female College.

The commencement exercises will take place Sunday, 20th inst. Sermon—by Rev. S. A. King, of Waco. Examination of classes—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 21st, 22d and 23d. Tuesday at half past eight p. m.—Addresses by Rev. M. H. Wells, the outgoing, and Rev. Sam P. Wright, the incoming, president. Response—by Col. W. A. Fort, President Board of Trustees. Wednesday at half past eight p. m.—Concert, conducted by Rev. E. R. Bancus, professor of music. M. H. WELLS, President of Faculty.

SOMEBODY has proposed that a million of dollars be raised to found a college for poor students. We don't like it. Better raise the million of dollars to enable poor students to go through the course of study in institutions already in operation. It will do rich men's sons a vast amount of good to come in contact with the rugged resolution of a poor man's son, as—with threadbare coat and thorough lessons—he sends the sons of the rich to the foot.

AGENTS will bear in mind that June ends the second quarter of 1875, and will please favor us with as close collections as the stringent times will permit.

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GENERAL TRAVELING AGENT, REV. WM. MCK. GILLUM.

NOTICE.—We have engaged, as a general traveling agent, the services of Rev. Wm. McK. Gillum. All contracts he may make will be recognized and carried out by us.

A NOBLE OFFER.

A gentleman well known for his interest in the religious and educational movements of our State, authorizes us to announce that he will be one of one hundred persons who will give one thousand dollars each to endow our University at Georgetown; the money to be paid by the 1st of January, 1876, or later if the delay be agreed upon by parties concerned.

With its present large resources, its central location, its able faculty, the large and growing field from whence it will derive its patronage, the South-western University at Georgetown only needs this aid to place it on that plane of usefulness to which it stands pledged.

Present we are desirous to withhold the name of the gentleman making the proposition. He will meet his pledge. Parties responding to the call can send their names in person or by their pastors to Rev. F. A. Mood, D. D., Georgetown; Rev. W. G. Veal, Agent of the University, or the editor of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

THE oath taken by a Cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church, when he assumes the obligations of that high office, requires that he "will be faithful and obedient to St Peter; the Holy Apostolic Roman Church; and our most Holy Lord, the Pope and his successors;" that he will "resist unto blood all persons who shall attempt anything against them."

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WRECKERS.—There used to be a class of people who lived on the coast of England, called "wreckers." In the dark, stormy nights many richly laden ships were dashed to pieces upon the rocks, and these wreckers would seize as much of the goods as they could for their own, and selling them for a large price, they often became quite wealthy.

Now, children it is a terrible thing to wreck ships and destroy human lives; but it is much more terrible to wreck human souls. Can you mention any soul-wreckers? "Yes," says a bright looking boy, "an infidel is one." Very true. I hope Sabbath-school boys will not grow up infidels.

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Curators' Meeting.

A meeting of the Board of Curators of the Texas University, will convene in Georgetown July 17th. It is absolutely necessary that a meeting should then be held, and a full Board is desired.

San Augustine Dist. Conference. The San Augustine District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will be held at St. Augustine, commencing on Thursday, August 4th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Quarterly Meeting Appointments. WACO DIST.—THIRD ROUND. Mt. Vernon, at Hammond, June 26, 27.

WEATHERFORD DIST.—THIRD ROUND. Caddo Grove, at Caddo Grove, June 13.

COMANCHE DIST.—THIRD ROUND. Ft. Mason and Llanos, at Bluffton, June 29.

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That letter, among other startling revelations, contained a very straight-forward announcement of a seeming very deliberate conviction that of the "many called" to the "work and office of the ministry," my name had never been mentioned.

Now for some reminiscences; and a showing of indebtedness to that occasion. I count myself honored and happy in the acquaintance of Father Sneed.

seasons should stop. Rain seems to be a great relief, in fact it seems to drive the bug from the stalk to the earth. Oats at present look very well, and if the chinch-bug does not trouble it, there will be a tolerable good crop gathered.

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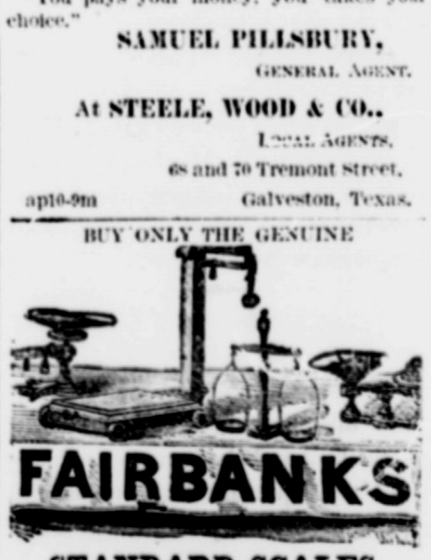
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The Sunday-School.

A WORD TO THE BOYS.—But, boys, what shall I say to you? I hear that you think yourselves too old to go to Sunday-school, now that you are getting on to fifteen or more. Well, there's something in that! Of course you do not want to learn the same elementary things as when you were quite children; you almost feel your whiskers coming through, and therefore you are conscious of becoming young men; and therefore do not want to be treated like babies! I say again, there is something in that! But I do not think there is very much. I think many boys make great donkeys of themselves by trying to be men before they are so. I have smiled at them myself, and wondered how they could be so absurd. Their little stick-up collars, and other silly mimeries of older folks, make them look like manikins, and not at all like men; they might have made first-class boys, but as men they are very third-rate indeed. Caesar thought he would rather be first man in a village than second in Rome; and I think I would rather be first among boys than be the last joint in the tail of the hobbde-noys, who are neither men nor boys. A word to the wise is sufficient.—Spurgeon.

PREPARING THE LESSON.—Ralph Wells says in regard to the method of preparing the lesson: "I sit down and think for hours over the lesson, to think out what it means. When I think I am always singing, 'in psalms and spiritual songs'"

When all thy mercies, O my God, My rising soul surveys, Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love and praise. How can you teach the lesson without thinking it over till it burns in your soul? Will you find some great burning Scripture thought to arouse your heart, you cannot use the teaching of another person. David tried on Saul's armor, but could not wear it. Better take the weapon God has given, if nothing but a pebble-stone from the brook. "The Lord who delivered me out of the power of the lion and the bear, will deliver me from the hand of Goliath also." When the fire burns in my own heart, and I can see the skeleton of the lesson rise before me, the work is more than half done.

HUNT THEM UP.—A bit of experience related in the convention, by a mission school delegate, relative to the means best adapted "To secure children from the unevangelized masses," is entitled to careful consideration. He said: "Our school had gone down to a membership of only 35. A committee was appointed to work it up, but did nothing. The superintendent, with a heart full of the love of God, two Sabbaths ago, instead of going to church went from house to house in that neighborhood and urged their parents to bring their children to school, and the result was that in two weeks the school increased from 35 to 90 members. This is the kind of work needed."

Omnibus.

HASTE and rashness are storms and tempests; breaking and wrecking business; but nimbleness is a full, fair wind, blowing it with speed to the haven.

FOLLY begets folly, and when a man has taken up a false and untenable position, he usually manages to cure an error in judgment by an error of temper.

GREAT souls attract sorrows, as mountains do storms. But the thunder clouds break upon them, and they thus form a shelter for the plains around.

THE Young Men's Christian Associations have been holding an international convention at Richmond.

THE following thoughts are culled from the unpublished works of the late Augustin Cochon, who was Prefect of Versailles during the Commune: To use reason against Christianity is to forget that Christianity has enlightened reason. Religion is above governments or revolutions. The latter are no more capable of destroying it than the former of saving it. In politics as in religion we often come to the credo through the confessor.

DYING EMPTY-HANDED.—Alexander the Great, being upon his deathbed, commanded that when he was carried forth to his grave his hands should not be wrapped, as was usual, in cerecloth, but should be left outside the bier, that all men might see them, and might see that they were empty.—Archbishop Trench.

SINCE the knowledge imparted by the Spirit respecting what is in God is as eternal and unchanging as the Spirit of God Himself, the conviction thus obtained, that "God is love," becomes also the deepest and most reliable truth of our existence.—Schleier.

Household.

DRIED BEEF.—I will tell you how some of my friends keep it—by burying it in oats.

YEAST CAKES.—These are made by stirring corn-meal into fresh well risen yeast, and working it up into a loaf, cut off thin slices, put them where they will dry; if near the fire, don't let them get too hot. To use any yeast cakes, I soak them in a little warm water until soft and stir them right up with the flour.

To drive rats away, fill the rat-holes with new slacked lime, repeat it a second time if necessary. It effects them in such a manner that they soon leave, very seldom requiring a repetition of the dose.

KEY WEST DUMPLINGS.—These are also made up same as for cream tartar biscuit, but are boiled in the sauce; take as much sugar as you think will be needed to make sauce; put it in a tin or earthen pan that you can set in the oven, make up the dumplings, have the sauce boiling when they are put in; drop them in, cover with a tin plate or any cover that may be handy, boil them half an hour; the sauce need not be made near as sweet as you wish it for the table, as it will boil away; take up the dumpling with a skimmer, then flavor the sauce as you wish. These are very nice.

GARGLE FOR SORE THROAT.—Dr. F. A. Burrall, of New York, says that for two years he has had experience in practice in the use of the following gargle, which is especially serviceable when used early in sore throat, when it seems, sometimes, to abort the attack: R. Brome chloralum; Glycerine, aa p. ss; Tricocci cacti qs. M. Two teaspoonful in a goblet of water used as a gargle every half hour.

BAKED BEANS.—Many people do not understand how to have nice baked beans. Bake the beans all day, and if convenient let them stay in over night, baking full twenty-four hours, and our word for it, they will come out in the morning and with a flavor that will make your mouth water to taste of them. We sometimes see persons who only have moderate liking for baked beans, who invariably bake them three or four hours, and that is why they do not like them any better. A day and night is none too much time to bake them, having parboiled them only until the skins will crack when the air comes to them.

Farm and Garden.

PROF. MILES, of the Michigan Agricultural College, says: "The results of our experiments in pig feeding show conclusively that animals, when properly fed, give a much better result for the feed consumed during the first few months of their lives than they do after they reach maturity."

COST OF INSECTS.—The American Naturalist says at least five hundred million dollars' worth of the products of the country are annually lost through the depredations of insects; and that one-tenth of this could be saved with a proper knowledge of the habits of injurious insects.

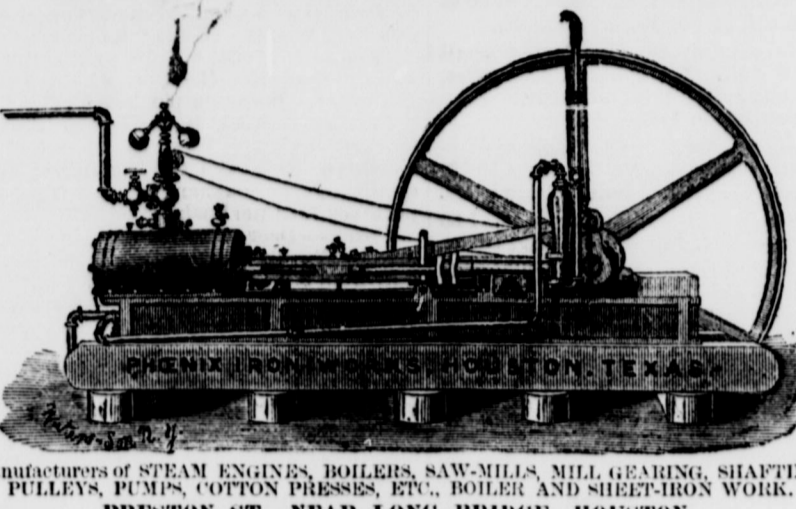
NEARLY all plants are propagated by slips of vigorous growth set in sand which is kept saturated with water. Any one with a common flower-pot saucer filled with sand can successfully root any variety which they wish to increase. All soft-wooded plants, as fuchsias, geraniums, cacti, etc., root in from seven to ten days. Roses, camellias, azaleas, etc., require three or four weeks.

FEED FOR FOWLS.—Oats are 80c., and wheat screenings \$1 per bushel; which is cheapest for summer feed for laying fowls?

GUANO NOT AN EXCREMENT.—The long-received opinion that guano is the deposit of myriads of sea-birds, accumulating through long ages, is rendered untenable by the recent investigations of Dr. Habel. After treating the guano with an acid, microscopical and chemical examination revealed that the insoluble residue was composed of fossil sponges and other marine animals and plants precisely similar in constitution to such as still exist in those seas. The fact that the anchors of ships in the neighborhood of the guano islands often bring up guano from the bottom of the ocean is quite in opposition to the prevalent belief. Dr. Habel, therefore, considers that the deposits of guano must be the result of the accumulation of fossil plants and animals, whose organic matter has been transformed into a nitrogenous substance, the mineral portion remaining intact.

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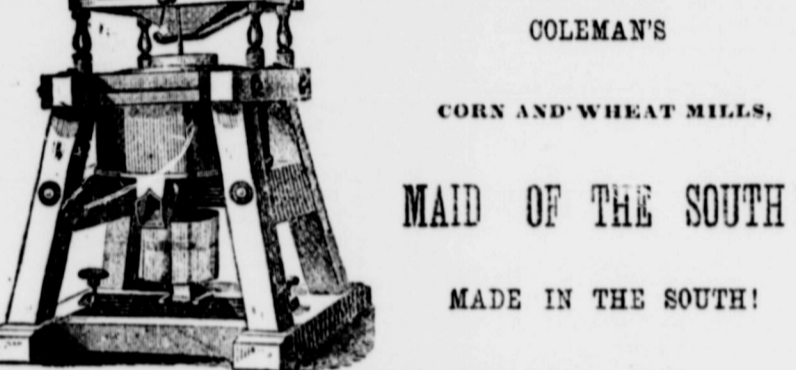


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GALVESTON, TEXAS, JUNE 5, '75

ISAAC G. JOHN, EDITOR.

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SOMETHING ABOUT THE HOT GOSSIPERS.

Such is the caption of an article which appears in the columns of a one day old paper, published in this city and called the *Transcript*. The article is an unwarranted attack upon Mr. Moody, the great revivalist. The writer endeavors to leave the impression that he knows whereof he speaks, but some people are incredulous enough to think that the writer of the article says everything else more than his prayers, and affirms many things which he does not know. But we will only say that such attacks are a waste of material, and we might add of brains, but the article does not show that any such force was used in its production. Such flings at and sneering ridicule of this man of God will make but little impression—especially since the *writer* is as well, if not better, known here, than he knows Mr. Moody.

DOWN THE COAST.

A preacher delights to open new fields. Last Sunday we held a quarterly meeting on Lower Caney, some seventy miles down the coast from Galveston. One day's fast travel led us over the same ground along which we passed more than a quarter of a century ago, when with saddle-bags, well packed we started out as a Methodist preacher. With one sermon to begin with, another partly made, and several texts on hand which we had been trying to "analyze," we then began our itinerant course; and now after trying that life with its burdens and trials for nearly half of the time allotted to human life, we felt that were the alternative again to confront us, our horse would be saddled and the same ride would be made. We would gladly recall many a word and act in our past life, but there is not a shadow of regret linked with that decision which placed us when but a boy in the ranks of the Methodist itinerancy. Twenty-eight miles brought us to San Luis Pass. When we crossed to the island on our first visit, a large hotel building met the view, and many people had not abandoned the hope that the "Gulf City" would be located here. But the waters of the gulf have washed away the foundation of the hotel, and its owners have removed it to the peninsula, while the sands of more than half of San Luis Island have been deposited on the west end of Galveston Island. Mr. Follet, who has resided here "from the first," recognized the "boy preacher" of other days and gave him a kindly welcome. Fifteen miles brought us to Velasco. The beach from San Luis to Old Caney we found lined with an immense amount of drift-wood. It would supply the stoves of Galveston and Houston for many months. Many farmers along the coast get rails and building material from this supply, as well as firewood. A vast quantity of sea-weed was coming in. It is an excellent fertilizer, and tons of it might be secured. We saw on our trip but two island farmers availing themselves of the valuable article. It has in it not only a large quantity of phosphorus, but is filled with minute shells full of life, which soon decay as we had reason to know when our road led us to the windward of it. Its scent when rotting is very unpleasant.

At Quintana, an appointment was waiting for us, and though weary with a long stage ride, it was filled. The Brazos here flows into the gulf, a deep broad stream, affording along its banks anchorage* for a fleet of vessels. Many yet hope to see a city built at this point. If the bar were deepened and capital concentrated here, the hope might be realized.

Bro. Arnold had come twenty-five miles with a buggy to convey us to our appointment. When people want preaching, the preacher should go gladly.

Friday morning in company with our guide—Bro. Nicholson—and Bro. Phair and wife, we continued "down the beach." Ten miles brought us to San Bernard where last year the local preachers carried on a revival which led near a score to the cross. Jones' Creek, where was fought the first battle between the white man and the Indians for the Texas lands, enters the Bernard river near its mouth. Gulf Prairie, which is the name applied to the coast lying between the Brazos and Caney, appeared to be about eight or ten miles wide. It is intersected by a number of lakes, and is the only point which interrupts inland water communication between Galveston and the Rio Grande. This point of twenty-five miles might be opened through this chain of lakes at a cost of about \$20,000 per mile and would be a vast benefit to the farmers in this section, and would bring a large trade direct to the "Island City." Preparations are being made to clear out Oyster Creek, the Bernard and Caney, and when the rich bottom lands along these rivers are developed, prompt and ample transportation will be a necessity.

We reached Bro. Arnold's late in the afternoon. He has a delightful home on the Lower Caney, about a mile from the gulf. We saw in his field excellent corn and sea island cotton, while his cabbage and other vegetables showed how generous was the soil he cultivated. Formerly, Caney emptied into the gulf, but a canal about a mile long now connects it with Matagorda bay, and the mouth on the gulf is filled up. The trade here turns westward to Indianola.

We had an excellent meeting. The congregation on Sunday was the largest ever seen on Caney at this point. Eight accessions and conversions encouraged the preachers to continue Monday night. On Monday at eleven A. M., by appointment, we preached at San Bernard. Here we met Bro. Williamson, of Columbia and Brazoria station, who had come down to open services in a new church just built on Gulf Prairie. Bro. Morse of East Texas will be glad to hear of this, as he has friends and relations at this point. Bro. Williamson was delighted with the hospitality of the people, and much encouraged by the increasing interest manifested by the people on religion. He is enabled to meet the calls made upon him. Bro. S. H. Brown, of Matagorda mission, in whose work our meeting was held on Caney, has found an open field outside his work large enough for another circuit. With the aid of Bros. Savage and Arnold, two efficient local preachers, he is endeavoring to meet all the demands on his very liberal supply of zeal and capacity for work. We expect to have a good report from the coast work at conference. Tuesday morning we again took stage at Velasco, and by ten o'clock met our good friend Follet at the east end of Velasco peninsula. On his porch were a large quantity of water-melons ready for market, and on that bright day, the 1st of June, we tested the flavor of one of them and found it delightful. We ferried over to San Luis Island, and as the wind washed the waves into our skiff, landed and walked across to the main channel, and then, safely on a swift drive of five hours on as fine a beach as can be found on the gulf or Atlantic shore, brought us to our island home; and after home greetings—in ten minutes were seated at our desk getting out "copy" for the printer, refreshed both in body and mind by our trip down the coast and the labors of the first quarterly meeting ever held at this new appointment on Lower Caney.

The *Sunday Transcript* made its first appearance in Galveston on the 30th ult. Its appearance is creditable typographically, and we wish its publishers, McKenna & Dibrell, success in their new enterprise.

The Galveston police broke up one gambling house in this city the past week—leaving twenty others, perhaps, in full blast!

POPULAR VICIES.

A First-Class Bar-Room—Billiards—Gambling—St. Faro.

SECOND ARTICLE.

In our pleasant ramble through the suburbs of our bright little "isle of the sea" last week, reader, we stumbled, if you remember, upon a form of vice which, although appearing at first sight comparatively harmless, we felt bound, upon examination, to characterize as damning in the extreme. Let us be charitable in our conclusions, and try to believe that those who have helped to give life and encouragement to such an evil have done so only through ignorance of the damnation they were fostering; and let us hope, now that its dark side has been pointed out, that the christian's patronage will no longer be extended to such questionable traffic.

Let us wander to-night further into the heart of this great city, and closely view the more inviting temptations with which youth is beset on every hand.

These streets are more crowded than those we have left behind. The busy hum of activity lingers here far into the night. Do you see yon magnificent building? how defiantly it looks up into the very face of heaven; how majestically its walls rear their crested heads, towering far above the surrounding structures like Gulliver among the Pigmies. Might not this be the home of an emperor? or one of the gorgeous palaces of a Doge of Venice transplanted to our own soil and century. Surely it is inviting; let us enter. Those mirrors are magnificent, but my own figure reflected in them affrights me, and makes me call up Satan's soliloquy—

"Whichever way I fly is hell—myself am hell." for I can turn nowhere without seeing my own shadow, and the badge of shame seems to have fallen like a curse upon the reflection. This is, I at once perceive,

A FIRST-CLASS BAR-ROOM, and it is furnished with all the allurement that art can invent or money purchase. The walls are richly frescoed, and here and there adorned with rare paintings—in fact no pain has been spared to surround temptation with every symbol of beauty that will make the room attractive and enticing. Everything seems to have imprinted upon it in characters of fire the seductive legend: "It is more comfortable here than at home." Behind the bar stand three or four young men of good appearance—affable, polite and accommodating. With a most seductive smile, they ask what each one desires to be served to, filling the demand of each with all the grace of an Antony offering Cleopatra a goblet containing in the inviting Falernian a pearl of fabulous price. Who are the many who stand at this pretentious altar doing homage to the ruddy god Bacchus? Yonder youth, whose cheeks burn with the glow of but sixteen summers, is a young clerk who is starting out on his first "spree," and is doing his utmost to acquire a taste for whisky, because forsooth he deems it a *manly* vice; and here is the merchant, the doctor, the lawyer, the politician, the blackleg, the thief—all huddled together in one unhealthy mass offering up promiscuous libations to the bearded genius of drunkenness. But there are apparently other attractions in this palace of infamy. Do you not hear those peels of merriment in the adjoining hall? Laughter free and hearty—to which the clinking of the social glass gives a harsh sound, like a benediction that loses its essence in the echoes of a curse. Here is where the devotees of that attractive game called

Billiards meet and while away odd hours. A game, reader, surrounded by such insidious forms of vice that virtue should shrink from it as from a pestilence, lest the association contaminate and make what was once so fair, a blot that "will not out." The game of billiards is the first phase of gamb-

ling. The love of chance here receives its first encouragement. The egotism of skill urges us on from one risk to another. At first it is only "who shall pay for the game," then "the drinks" are added, or the cigars—and at last, to make it more interesting, a money stake is joined in issue, and so the future gambler receives his first encouragement in the vaunted purity of a billiard hall. Here it is that night after night we may meet the "hail-fellow-well-met" who is always ready to imbibe freely and to go among the other forms of sin. The blackleg here looks for his victim, and here also the tired *roue* and homeless and threadbare representative of better days wait for the midnight hour, and too often for the break of the day they so much fear. It is as vain to expect that virginity will remain pure in a brothel as to hope that youth or manhood may escape contamination in the shadow of such evils. Let us turn from this scene, for my heart is sick and trembles at the very contemplation of the attractiveness of vice. Let us go out into the free air again: out into the night that will hide from us the sight of humanity seeking its own destruction—where, if our fellow-men wear the many-colored livery of shame, we may at least not know it. But no! there are apparently more dead-falls in this very place. This is, then, the very

TEMPLE AND THRONE OF SIN.

where she revels and holds her court. Whither does this well-garnished staircase lead? Let us see. Ah! this is

THE GAMBLER'S HOME.

Here the embezzler learns his first lesson, and here the thief makes his first step toward the rank thralldom of a prison cell! How attractively furnished! How brilliantly these lights burn, and how brightly-hued are these carpets—weaved on the looms of famed Brussels! How easily the feet glide over the soft velvety mass, and what a deference is shown us even by that ebony son of Ethiop, who is ready to provide us with all the modern improvements of vice, that we may with becoming comfort sink into the dark abyss of damnation! How solicitous is this Cerberus for our welfare! "Will we drink or smoke? Take a chair; make yourselves at home, gentlemen." Indeed, but 'tis a well appointed room, and the personages attached to the establishment are quite as elegant as the other garnishments. Look at that gentleman (?) yonder with the long beard, and the bright blue eye! How polished and neat are his clothes, and what a costly diamond glares upon his shirt front. One almost feels inclined to bet him something, his smile is so winning and his manners so polished and pleasant. But his mouth is cruel, and there is an invidious leer in his eye which I did not at first detect. The people about call him "Colonel." Has he really been a brave officer fighting for home and his native land? or is he only so commissioned in the army of Sin, among whose soldiers he wears every semblance of command? How variegated is the motley mass about the board that are quietly offering up their sacrifices at this altar of

ST. FARO.

This is a rich lawyer. "I know him, Horatio." He throws his money down with all the carelessness of an Astor. Little he reckes whether he wins or loses. He is here merely to satisfy the cravings of his corrupt soul. The demon of gaming has him in his grip, and he means to hold him in his power till Death robs him of the prize. Yonder lean man with the hungry, eager eyes, is a poor laborer who comes up here night after night, and loses his hard-earned savings, while his wife and babes are hungry at home. He forgets them and their God-instituted claim upon him in the draughts of whisky with which he is plied, and when he is penniless, goes again to work and back again to this den with his earnings in the hope that he may, by some lucky stroke, retrieve his former losses. And so on through the entire assemblage. This young

man is gaming, not with his own money, but with funds entrusted to him by his employer, and every wager is a heavy one—for it is the gold of honor that he is frittering away! As each card is played, an oath is registered—and as one after another leaves his seat he utters a curse against his tempters which the recording angel, I am afraid, always enters against him as well. Poor dupes! why will you dedicate the wages which you earn so nobly to the support of these idle ministers of hell? Why will you abandon yourselves so wholly to the fascination of a vice which will destroy you utterly—morally as well as physically? When all your money has been dissipated you will be looked upon by these *friends*, whose company you prefer to that of mother, father, sister and wife, as of no more value than the peel of the orange whose juice has been all enjoyed. Free yourself from this thralldom and be a man, doing a man's duty, and scorning the glittering insinuations of such bright possibilities as crowd themselves into the history of card-playing. It is not what is called "luck" that you are battling with, but duplicity, dishonesty and all the cunning subdivisions of thievery to which roguery attributes the characteristic of "smartness."

In our next, reader, we shall touch upon the conditions of society which seemingly endorse the motto: "Honestam quam seclera successus fecit," which translated means: "Success makes some crimes honorable." The respectability and prominence which men, who profess themselves openly to be of the lowest stamp, have obtained in our midst is an influence to evil which merits some recognition at our hands.

RUTHERBY BIGGS.
(To be Continued.)

NEWS ITEMS.

WASHINGTON.—On the 26th ult., the Sioux Indians visited the President who made them a speech. He did not wish them to leave their homes without their consent, but wished to point out the advantages of entering into an agreement which he would propose through the Interior Department. He spoke of the difficulty of keeping white men away from the Black Hills, and told them the difficulty would increase every year.

TEXAS.—Indians have again visited the Sabinal country, stealing horses.... Gov. Coke has again laid before the President the importance of adequate protection on our frontier, and if he fails to secure it, is prepared to protect our frontier interests against the Mexican invaders.... Advice from the Rio Grande under date of May 31st state that cattle have recently been crossed by raiders into Mexico, below Brownsville. Gen. Cortina still refuses to obey orders and go to Mexico. A vessel is lying off the mouth of the Rio Grande to transport stock, stolen from Texas, to Cuba. Capt. McNelly on the 31st ult., was at Corpus Christi conferring with General Steele.

MISCELLANEOUS.—It was asserted that the newspaper postage law decreases the revenue fifty per cent.... A vinegar establishment with complete distillery apparatus has been seized in St. Louis. They are discharging gaugers and arresting traders everywhere.... On the 26th ult., while some men at Columbus, Ohio, were working on the roof of the Central Ohio Lunatic Asylum, the scaffold gave way, and three men were killed instantly, and three fatally injured.... Two steamboats and two empty barges, were burned at Pittsburg the 27th; loss \$120,000.... An explosion in Dow's drug store, Boston, caused a wall to fall. Two persons were taken out dead, three are fatally hurt, and eleven were sent to the hospital. Adjoining houses shattered. A street car and vehicles thrown on one side, and a horse and buggy found underneath the ruins. Cause unknown.... On the 28th of May, the French Catholic Church, at South Holyoke, Mass., was set on fire by a candle on the altar igniting the drapery. Most of those in the body of the church escaped, but of those in the gallery many

perished. In the rush to the door the people fell on each other, and choked up the doorway with their bodies, seven or eight feet deep. The efforts of the crowd on the outside to rescue their friends increased the confusion. Many women were held by force as they endeavored to rush into the flames to save their children. From the mass of bodies a young woman was rescued after two dead bodies were taken from above her. The firemen and others had their clothes burned from them in their effort to save sufferers. One jumped from the highest window on the front steps and escaped with only a broken arm. A man with two children in his arms jumped from a window and escaped. A man who lost his wife and daughter has become insane.... On the 28th of May a little girl named Mabel H. Young, in Boston, after the Sunday-school anniversary services at Warren Avenue Baptist Church, in company with her aunt, disappeared. Search was made and the child was found in the tower with her skull crushed and in a dying state. A strip of board covered with blood was found. The nose of the child was crushed, her face mangled and the brains oozing from her skull. The sexton named Piper, was seen climbing from the window to the ground. Several little girls have stated that he has at various times sought to entice them into the church. He has been arrested and confessed he was not in his right mind on Sunday, but maintains his innocence.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The Court of Common Pleas in Dublin has decided unanimously that the late John Mitchell was disqualified to serve in Parliament and that Mr. Moon is entitled to the seat.... At eight o'clock on the morning of the 28th, London telegrams announced that Paul Boynton in his life saving dress had progressed seven miles in a direct line from the French coast, making directly for the English shore. May 29, at 2:30 in the morning he landed at Folkestone, England, showing but slight signs of distress. It is estimated that in crossing the currents and tides of the channel, Boynton paddled thirty-four miles.... The *Post* thinks Russia and England will come to a friendly arrangement in the Central Asian question.... An unsigned letter in the *Times* says the war alarm was caused by the official complaint of Germany that France was arming for an early resumption of the war. The German minister at Vienna said the war was delayed by German long suffering. The Czar telegraphed emperor entreating delay, followed by his visit with its pacific result.

BELGIUM.—On the 25th of May, the Senate unanimously adopted a vote of confidence in the government with respect to its conduct in the correspondence with Germany. The ministry has given notice that it will introduce a bill providing for the punishment of offences similar to that of Dachesne.

GERMANY.—On the 25th of May, the Upper House of the Prussian Diet passed a bill suppressing convents and relative to the administration of church property.... The government forbids processions in favor of the Pope's jubilee.

FRANCE.—On the 26th ult., the Committee of Thirty was completed with twenty members of all sections of the Left, four supporters of M. Wallon and six deputies of the Right. De la Vergne is President, and La Boulaye and Le Royer are Vice-Presidents.

AUSTRIA.—The bearer of an anonymous letter offering a million florins for the assassination of Bis marck was arrested in Vienna May 26.

SPAIN.—On the 28th, the Spanish admiral was killed and four officers wounded by the Carlist battery at M'Rico.

ASIA MINOR.—In the beginning of May, a series of earthquake shocks occurred in the Province of Borussia. Six hundred houses were destroyed, 161 lives lost and 187 injured. Later advices state that 25,000 persons perished in the earthquakes in Asia Minor.

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The Sunday-School.

THE great length of Sabbath-school sessions may be one of the causes for want of interest and enthusiasm in the teaching more frequently than the superintendent and officers suspect.

I do not care what the subject is, I believe that the child can always be made to love the subject in which he is instructed, and that the fault always lies with the teacher if the child is not delighted with his instruction.

EARL SHAFTESBURY recently said that "if ever England was to be permeated with the knowledge of the Word of God it would be, as far as he could now see, through the instrumentality of Sunday-schools."

WHEN TO CHANGE SUPERINTENDENTS.—It is no credit to a Sunday-school to change superintendents frequently. When a good officer is in place, it is best to keep him there.

Omnibus.

We account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy.—Sir Isaac Newton.

APOSTASY begins with little: it is called drawing back, not running back; beware of "an evil heart of unbelief."

NOT infrequently the drunkard becomes a drunkard himself. Sometimes he escapes, and his children fall into the pit.

"I CAN hardly realize that I shall awake in heaven to enjoy one day of perfect rest," was the dying sentence of a poor overworked woman.

AFTER a tongue has once got the knack of lying it is not to be imagined how impossible, almost, it is to reclaim it.

"How is it," said Bishop Wilberforce to one of his Roman Catholic servant girls, "that you can feel so kindly toward me when you believe that I shall certainly be lost?"

A WRITER says: "Whosoever" is written on the outside of the door of mercy, and "Whatsoever" on the inside.

TO CURE HOARSENESS.—When he voice is lost, as is sometimes the case, from the effects of cold, a simple, pleasant remedy is furnished by beating up the white of one egg.

ADVERTISE IN THE ADVOCATE.

Farm and Garden.

FARMERS, mechanics, merchants, men in every pursuit, will always remain poor as long as they allow others to do their thinking.

HARROW old pastures with a sharp-toothed, heavy harrow, scatter some fresh seed and 200 lbs. of fine bone flour per acre over them.

SLOW pay is an incentive to slow and poor work. Prompt pay, with a certainty of it as soon as it is earned, prompts and stimulates good and faithful work.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the department of agriculture from Van Buren, Iowa, that he is running a small farm of forty acres.

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Household.

CREAM of tartar rubbed upon soiled white kid gloves cleanses them well.

A SOLUTION of cyanide of potassium is the poison to kill insects of any kind.

MIXTURE of oil and ink is a good thing to clean kid boots with; the first softens and the latter blackens them.

A SIMPLE remedy for removing freckles is a pint of sour milk and a small quantity of horse-radish.

To remove old paint, cover with wash of 3 parts quick stone lime, sacked in water to which one part of pearlash is added.

Two ounces of common tobacco boiled in a gallon of water is used by the Chatham street dealers for removing old clothes.

PAPERING and painting are best done in cold weather, especially the latter, for the wood absorbs the oil of paint much more than in warm weather.

AN ocean color can be given to new pine floors and tables by washing them in a solution of copperas dissolved in strong lye.

CURE FOR TOOTHACHE.—It is said that drops prepared as follows will cure the worst toothache ever known.

FOR SCARLATINA.—Dr. Cathell advocates the external application of fluid extract of belladonna to the throats of patients with scarlatina.

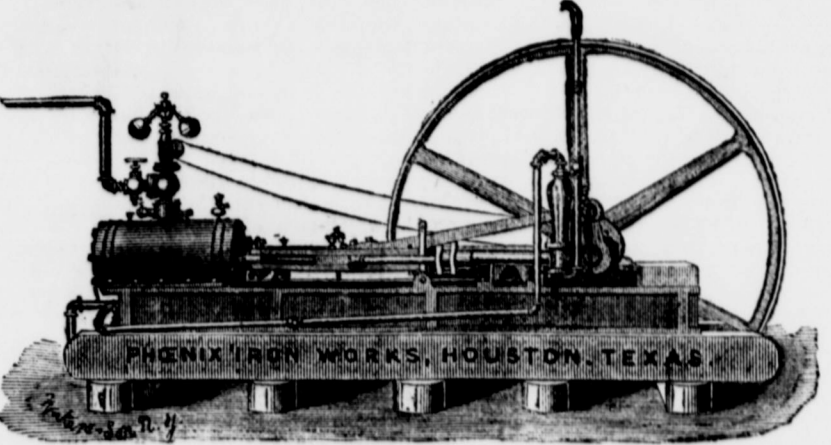
HEADACHES.—In the Medical and Surgical Reporter we note the following formula for sick headaches.

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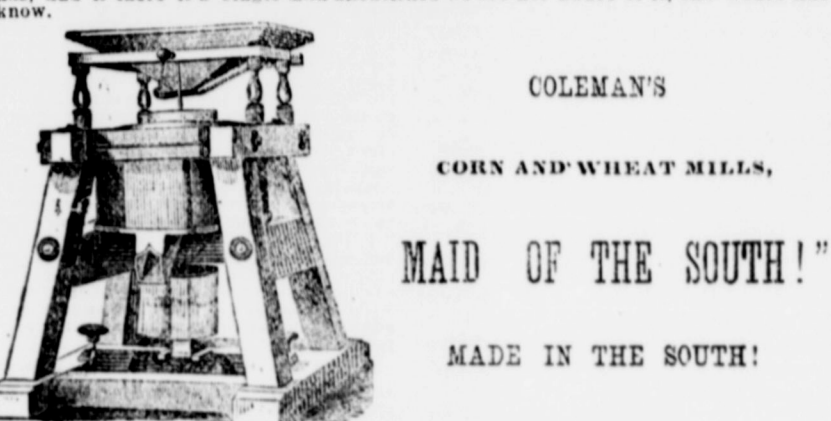
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