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| heed this "oracle." Now, brethren, don't point out faults in the character of others ; that's not your office, you know ; rather sit calmly by and see every command of the decalogue violated. Of course, you | gone from our grasp forever. Let the shadows go. Take care of the substance, so that at the last day not even theshadow of an evil deed may give its testimony against us, when the account of our stewardship must be given. |
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| not, after this, attempt to exerany "authority over, or make |  |
| y demands upon, your flocks." them dance, take part in the | Prepared for the ADvocate. intervitional bible hessons |
| ng fairs, drink, etc. | by rem. моone. |
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| won't have reverential awe for and and that would be curciul, you | C.: Place-derusalem; Fulder-Darius Hys taspe, King of the Medo-Persian Empire Tatuai. Governor of syria and Palestine |


| captives returned seventy |  | consist of four battalions. Two |
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| years after the captivity, and the | thank-offering for the return from | battalions of each infantry and ar- |
| new temple was completed seventy | the captivity of sin. | tillery regiment are to be kept offi- |
| years after the destruction of the | 17. The heart that is a temple of | cered and manned in full; the |
| old one. It was completed in the | God expresses its gratitude in gifts | third will have its full complement |
| xth year of Darius. This shows | and offerings for deliver |  |
| was prompt to repair the evil | 18. Method in work, method | the fourth will have neither officers |
| that Gomates, the pagan idolater, | religious duties, and method | nor men in time of peace, but may |
| had done to the monotheistic | God's praise, are proper. | be brought into existence as Con- |
| ople. | 19. The passover foreshadows | gress may order. This will make |
| V. 16."And the children of Israel, | the shed blood of the Lamb of God, | the regiments consist of two full |
| e priests, and the Levites, and the | the forsaking the leaven of the |  |
|  |  | battalion, while the men for the |
| dication of this house of | of sin, and the eating of the bitter | third, and both officers and men |
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| ading not only those | 20. None but the pure can offer | battalions, to be filled up only for |
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$\qquad$from her publishing business. Oh,
no. But the ADvocate thinksday, follows hisens of the ripeninginting should be left to printers, far out into the undispelled dark
ness of the flecing night. He sees
were then, fired by one common
deep and patriotic impulse, could
have allowed twenty years to sli
by before they consecrated thei
temple complete to $G o d$. To com-

|  | Washingtos hetter. <br> From our regular correspondent.) Washington, December 14, 18:8 |  |
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|  |  | ary department, 17 ; quar- |
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|  | Of course all the talk here, at are reduced to eight, an |  |
|  | present, is about Mr. Blaine's great |  |
| fioor to ceiling, was crowded, as it ne |  |  |
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| stock is quoted at a discount, and three years. The bill |  |  |
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| trust himself to ext |  |  |
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| his custom in the House, where he accomplished as much by his ad coptautum style of speaking, as he did by the force of argument. The |  |  |
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ference should have
ion; what the assets failed toin the profile it returns to his gaze
But it leans to the westward, lead-
ing his foetof Israel." Solomon had offered
of the delay, we will interpolate proof that all Israel was represent-
of
here a portion of Persian history:
Cyrus, the son of Astyages, the last ..... the sin offering. Fee Leve. xvi,began to reign 550 B. C. (Rawlin- V. 18. "And they set the
son says ans and riged twenty- priest in their divisions, and the
one years. Cambyses, his son, (the Cevites in their courses, for
yeas; and he was succeeded by book of Moses." "As it is written
Gomates, the Magian-a usurper- in the book of Moses :" Moses de-
who personated smerdis, the fines the duties of each order of the
after a brief reign of only seven order, according to their families.
months, was overthrown by Dariuss, 5 , 19. And the chiddren of
the Persian King, at the time of the ci 1 tivity kept the passover on
ures devis:styles of oratory in the House andand v: 6 . He continued on the month." It is a singular fact that
throne thirty-six years, Nerxes, the previous part of this history is
his son (the Ahasuerus of Esther) written in the language of their
publishing interest. A publishing
agent, unensumbered, should haveour strength, in the mid-day of our
lives, we are even less than when
we beran the journeeen elected, and roquired to have
is work done wherever it can be
xecuted the cheapest and to thesun, they mour us in our power
while warning us of our utter in.best advantage. Himself, a book- significance. "he blazing, burningmates, a pagan idolator, heard
them, and issued a decree against
the further buidding of the temple.
But the reign of the pagan usurper
was brief. Pagan polytheism had
own household, but, by degrees, this sensational oratory, fuither
owing to the fiequency of legal than tolring Mr. Blaine and Mr.
defilements, the Levites killed the Thurman into more conspicuous
passover for all.reflected substance of all we are. Cyrus, the monotheist. And her
The little shadow trembles as we truth. crushed to the earth, rose
bend to watch it crouching at again under Darius, another mono-theist, who gave orders to resume
the building of the temple. Theof capt, which were come again out
required. This done, we wouldour feet. We spurn it and move
onward to the rest that comes tothe building of the temple. The
work then went on until it was
completed and dedicated. This dedi-
rehgüot tivthiogence.interest. This is, we think, thehave plied to the duties that en-
gage us. The sun moves onward
Jews builded, and they prospered
through the prophesying of Hagai,
the prophet, and Zehariah, theseparated themselves:" those who
had remained in the land, and had
become mixed up with the heathen.had as well be so understood. Fur-
thermore, our publishing intereststoo. He looks from his meridian
station down the western sky, and
ment of Cyrus, and Darius, and
Artaxerxes, King of Persia," For
ixteen years the work of buildin
thereto by the prophets. Hagga
and Zechariah, they resume and
complete the great work, and theyAt the beginning of the present
Israel.". "The feast of unleav- "ince I last wrote, the House century there were only six Jewish
ened bread:" the passover ;"seven has accomplished more solid work congregations in America. It isascribe, as was oroper, authority
frrst to the God of Irael; then t
cyrus, who issued the decree to reit. They are joyfula and ascribe to plomatic, and fortification bills ;
God all the praise therefor. They and the new army bille framedestimated now that there are at
least 300 congregations, and nearly
sideration; but. since it con con- A curious religious organization
of organization, it will meet with "The Hallelujah, or Salvation
The bill does not effect house
ant General of the army, but by $\begin{aligned} & \text { In France there are } 50,000 \text { par- } \\ & \text { the present taw those offices will } \\ & \text { expire with Gienerals which employ } 125,000 \text { priests }\end{aligned}$
enm and The young men now in prepara-Sheridan. The infantry regiments
are to be reduced from 25 to 18 ; as numerous the pristhow in the priests. nearly
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ocr postal cards.
Epusess, TEXAs, Dec.
cept these bonds," seid
the. "Ex
tle. "Aceept these bonds," says the
Washiveros, TExss, Dec. 23-
Just returned from Grand Lodge Just returned from Grand Lodge
at Houston. Had a very pleasant
seession. Houston is in darkness not a street lamp burning, at the
city's expense, as I was informed. The city fathers, 1 learn, have ar
babb, or pet, in the shape of a marit; so Houston remains in darkness. Raining all day. Crops mostly
gathered, and much of it in market. Good ordinary at 6 cents in our our
market. The future, what can it Shemas, Texas, Dec. $25 .-W \mathrm{~F}$
had the pleasure of haning
the festivities connected with Che restivitites connected wit Fried ${ }^{\text {Chip, }}$, alas
night. Under the management of ${ }^{\text {night. Whder the management }}$ Prof. Waldo and Dr. Jackson, was a perfect success, and many
hhaertsere made hapy by tokens
of love received. The singing was excellent, and the organist Mis which hhowed her fine taste and
musical ability. After the entertainment, good sister Cother made thanking God
Groesseck, Texas, Dec. 26.--Las
Sunday closed the first round on Sunday closed the first round on
the Groesbeck circuit. Sunday
night was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Find
great many warm hearted Chris great many warm hearted Chris
tians here. A good prospect for
building three churches building three churches; lumber
and bellon the ground for one, and
8150 . Look for a glorious time thit hear. Chal There is is a fine ine schoo
Bro. Burnett is engaged. $1 \begin{aligned} & \text { anch }\end{aligned}$
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and officical memberst of the church

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trict. Jons B. Destos.



## Dallas, Texss, Dee. 24.-This is the coldest day of the season, and yet this city is is thronged with peo- ple. Not even the famous Foreple. Not even the tamous Fore- paugh Circus brought such a mul- titude as the coming Christmas.

tinues as if the multitude is impa-
tient to waste the surplus of their
goods, while the poor, sel-d theny







 ing manand and that they wey wer sese
together hast week. The living man has been arrested for the threat and
still the search goes on for the miss-

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 desirable little works in the bounds
of the Northwest Texas Conference. A Christmas tree on hand, Tues-
day night, 24th, for the Methodist
Sundav-school. Everything pros-










 disgusted, you turned on all the
steam and went flying into the
next town without any then next town without any train at
all." - w. s.
Cester City, Texas, Dec. 16.Cestre City, Tkxas, Dec. 16.-
I have just finished one round on
my work. Am very well pleased. I must say that my lot is cast
among a good people. While 1
labor under some disadvantages, there are some things to encourage
Some of our societies are in goo
workig working order. I think, with the
bbessings of God upon us, we will
have a prosperous yes, Some have a prosperous year. Some
farmers are ,reparing for a new
crop. A cold norther for some days past. A few cases of sicknes
in the country, though not fatal. think I can do something for the
Advocate soon.-J. S. TeNsELI.
Texana, Dec. 11.-We met at
Texana a warm reception and are Texana a warm reception and are
now comfortably domiciled in "our
own hired house"-the circuit beown hired house"-the circuit be
ing responsible for the "hire." The
people here are just and generous, and are Methodist-there is much
in that word "Methodist." Th
frst quaterly meeting is past, and
the stewards have paid more than the stewards have paid more than
one-fourth of the entire assessmen
for the preacher and presiding el
der. I doubt if St. Johns church will beat it. The good feeling has
not passed off yet.-M. A. BLAck. Texana, Dec. 11.-Bro. Killough
improving slowly. He is sufferis inproving slowiy. He is suffer
ing now from prostration. I donbt
his ability to rexume work inside
of a month. His sickness has been of a severe type. Hope the preach
ers and people of the Texana dis.
trict will give him the ers and people of the Texana dis-
trict will give him the benefit of
their patience, sympathy, and Kosse, Texas, Dec. 18.--Christ-
mas coming and all the little boys and girls anxious to see what Santa
Claus will bring the Claus will bring thein. Christmas eve is the time set for his royal ad
vent at Kosse. The good ladies
will her will have a supsper spread on that
vening for the benefit of the urch. If the Doctor and "Our
haw" will come up, the Doctorshall



Kosse, TEXAs, Dec. 18.- Foun-
dation laid for new Baptist church.
ienuine canine serenade this week.
It is hinted that some weddings
are on the tapis. A tramp jerks
are on the tapis. A tramp jerks
music on a concertina for the "mil-
lion." Holiday goods multem, with-
out the "in pareoo," on the market.



society's goods will have to be re-
moved.-W. L. AndREWs.
Jacksboro, TExAs, Dec. 14.-I
m on my work for the fourth year;
am on my work for the fourth year;
moving off very well. We expect
a Christman tree for the benefit of
our Sabbath-school. Weather very
our Sabbath-school. Weather very
cold, ice one-half inch thick this
morning. The town is quiet and
everything moving on quietly. We
are soon to have three hotels in
operation, which speakes well for operation, which speakes well for
the enterprise of a western town.
Will do all I can for the ADvo.
 Troure, Texas, December 17.-
Lectured here last night. A coun-
il of United Friends of ance was organized, eleven male
and all the ladics
Copesent joined. A.A.
W.S. F. Four band G. B. P. Pope,
place; hence temperance in this


Cesterville, Texas, December
13.-Centerville circuit has just
bought a parsonage, situated in the town of Centerville, a comfortable
residence, with ten acres of land
in cultivation. The Avvocats will na cultivation. The Advocate will
agree with us that this augurs well agree with us that this augurs well
for the enterprise and religious
growth of Centerville circuit. May
the Lord prosper His work abundthe Lord prosper His work abund-
antly.-J. M. Treitr.
Seguin, Texas, December 12.We have a m monthly missionary
prayer-meeting in this charge.
The idea came from J. of San Marcos station. Don't
know where he got it, but is a
good thing. Pleasant, meeting last googht. Warm and sultry weather.
Need rain.-W. J. Jover.
San Marcos, Texas, Dec. 17.-
Preached at Science Hall on SunPreached at Science Hall on Sun-
day. At this place there is a flour-
ishing school. Mr. Pile, ishing school. Mr. Pile, a member
of the Baptist Church, has charge
of the male, and Mrs. Andrews the
female department. Bro. Pile is
surerintendent of superintendent of an excellent
Sunday-school (union). This is an
excellent comen exanday-school (union). This is an
exellent community; have spent
several days among the people
have not heard one hard word spoken about a neighbor, nor one
word of fault-finding with the
school teachers.-W. H. KIILOUGII.

## Georektown, Texas, Dec. 20-- Our road from Round Rock to this

place is now running regularly
twice a day. Our town is improv-
ing rapidly. The saw and hammer
make most of our music. Those
who contemplate locating here on who contemplate locating here on
a choice lot, had better hurry up.
New church at Round Rock nearly completed; will be a handsome
building and the first one in the
place.-G. W. GRAVEs.
Denton, TexAs, Dec. 19.-I de-
ire to inform the sire to inform the readers of the
TEXAs CarIstian Advocate that we have built a parsonage at Den-
ton, and the preacher and his
family are quietly and comfortably domiciled. Who can excel this?
Only been on my work eleven Ony been on my work eleven
days and living in a parsonage that
has heen built since I reached my
work

## Deuraging. My health is rapidly mproving.-J. D. Whrehead.

Elber, Burlesson Co., Texas,
Dec. 19, 1878-Arrived here yes-
erday forenoon. Resisted the

## is cxas Christian Adrocat

Buser, Dec.16.-On Friday, the
15th inst, the cars commenced to
run in earnest, carrying freight to
Georgetown. A cold rain and an
intense norther prevailing. Ar-
rived in Burnet Sunda, the 18th
inst. I preached at night to an
orderly congregation. Business
and trade brisk. The colored
man, who broke jail at George.
town last week, was arrested
and brought into Burnet tast night
with the horse he had stolen.-H.
W. South.

Blanco Cirv, Dec. 16.-Another
horse-thief was lodged in jail in horse-thief was lodged in jail in
this place last night. His name is
Lumpkin. A man by the name
of Burgess, on the Perdernales, had
ins oumpkin. A man by the name
of Burgess, on the Perdernales, had
his corn and cotton burned a few
nights ago by incendiaries. The

| Meridian, Dec. 16.-At 8 o'clock last night, our town was besieged by a large force of men, armed and determined, who over-powered the jailer and guards, forced their way into the prisoners, shooting and killing Tom and Mart Horrell, who were charged with Vaughn's murder, as accomplices. They were strangers, and left immediately, without troubling four other prisoners, or otherwise troubling the town. Surely this portion of our county is in a sad and deplorable state of upheval, yet the truth ob-tains-" bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days." The murder of the upright man, Vaughn, has caused six other deaths ; Smith and Stull, innocent men, as is here believed, have fallen, while Bowen, Williams and Dixon, the three murderers who assassinated Crabtree, are still at large Adios.-Jofi. $\qquad$ <br> San Marcos, Dec. 16.-About a week ago a boy about seventeen years of age called at Mr. Callison's, on Onion creek, and borrowed a rope to stake his horse, saying he was camped near the house. That night Mr. Burch, stopping in the same neigbborhood, lost a horse. Immediately Mr. Burch persued, and first found his horse and another one which had been captured by men further up the creek. Those having the horses escaped, but were soon captured at the house of John Brown, Esq. One of them was the boy who borrowed the rope. They are strangers. Mr. Brown was preparing to take them Kılover. |
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Inconsistencies.
The frailties of human nature
to are sulch that many and great al-
to lowances should be made for the







 great. Hear them when they are
going to an annual conference how going to an annual conference how
boastingly they say "I have no
ax to grind. I am in the hands of ax to grind. and fully prepared to
the Bishop, and
trust God. tions and others of a like character
indicate that they believe the Ii ihop and conference are men of
God and under Divine guidance, and the results of their delibera-
tions and the appointments made
will be for the general good of the will be for the general good of the
church and the salvation of souls.
But, alas! when their appointBut, alas! when their appoint-
ments are not in accord with their ments are not in accord with their
wishes, all is wrong, and their faith
is gone, and to the astonishment


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the case of w. g. veal.
munications respecting the case o W. G. Veal, of the Northwest Texas
Conference, who is charged with attempt against the virtue of a married lady and a member of the
church. As the official organ of the church we have confined all allusions to the case to the ofitial
announcements of the names of the committee, and a correction of an
error as to the president of the committee, whi
ular press.
The church has taken prompt action by the appointment of at
committee, who we believe will do their duty faithfully, not learned whether the time for
the investigation has been fixed or not. As we are confident that the
investigation will be thorough and impartial, we have deemed it best to exclude all discussio
case from our columns.

## $i$ waringe:

The deplorable affray last week, which startled the good citizens of
our city, in which young The C Ayers was dangerously wounded
with a kinfe and an excellent family filled with grief, is another warning respecting the evil which
whisky entails on society. One o these parties is the proprietor of
the splendid bar at which the the splendid bar at which the
liquor was bought which frenzied friendly terms, and the quarre began in sport. Now, one lies
mangled on his bed, and possibly may lose his life. The other, when
sober hours have come, bitterly laments the deed for which he must
answer before the courts. No home is safe while the saloon
spreads its bewildering snares before steps of old and young. There
are thousands of mothers in our land who live in dread lest their by the bloody form or dead body panions from the drunken brawl. The number of those who are
"under vows" in Cotholic countries is simply immense. In France
there are 200,000 , not including the $\$ 5,000$ regular pastors who are
in reciept of pay from the State.
Of these 200,000 only a little over
30,000 are mea, and of them only 2418 are engaged in "purely re-
ligious" duties. About 40,000 of
the women are engaged in teach-
ing. the rest being deytel ing. the rest being devoted to
"purely religious "duties in nun-
nerics. Nearly 30,000 establish. ments are required to accoumo-
date this immense number of
devotees, all but about 200 of devotees, all but about 200 of
which are "authorized," which
means subsidized by the" State. For Home and Foreign Missions Stanes received last year, 8551,365
State the same objects the
OF. the
Presbyterians raised last year, 8712 . Presbyterians raised last year, 8712 .
161 i5. But alas, against both
Churches is written the ominous
word, "decrease."

There was one portion of the in-
dictment of the senbers shen dietment of the gamblers' vocation
made the the Neus of the sth ult.
which Which awakened a feeling of di
appointment. Here it is:
 of justioce and reform fall upon
this loud and growing shame. If
the erich and well.too. moust find
vent for pent-up passions in the. vent for pent-up passions in the ex-
citements of the card-table, let
them seek their club-rooms and private quarters for such indul-
gences; but let the young and un-
wary wary, the hard-working mechanic
and needy artisan be protected
against the temptations which, in their unguarded moments, so
handily and invitingly meet them. We would not weaken in the
slightest degree this appeal in behalf of the laboring classes.
The evils which gambling entails on the poor man's family are
terrible. The hardly won carn terrible. The hardly won earn-
ings of the laborer, which so often pass on Saturday night into
the clutches of the gambler repre sent the bread and meat, the fuel and clothing, sorely needed by that
poor man's wife and children. "If poor man's wife and children. "If
my husband would bring home his wages on Saturday night instead
of gambling and drinking away of gambling and drinking away
the last dollar, I would not have to call on you for help," were the
words with which a heart-broken wife and mother accompanied her
appeal for help, addressed to one she thought would pity and relieve her. She represents housands of
families in the cities and towns of borer gild the palaces of vice. Close the gambling hells of our State,
and before a month would pass there would be a change in thou-
sands of households, which would feel as though the air of heaven
were floating through their abodes. The greed of the gambler fills many a poor $m$
misery of hell.
We rejoice that the Nars has
found a voice in behaif of and hearts made desolate by this
vice. We regret that it silenced its artillery instead of turning it on
another form of this evil not less damaging to human happiness
than that which it assailed. "Clubrooms and private quarters," where
the rich and well-to-do find vent the rich and well-to-do find vent
for their pent-up passion in the excitements of the card-table," are
doing as much to foster this vice as
as the gambling saloons which boldly spread their snares under the gas-
light. The one stalks boldly and men and boys who are lured
within reach of within reach of their bewildering
influence may possibly be seen influence may possibly be seen
and warned by their friends. The other creeps into hidden haunts
and offers its victims concealment which will shield them from the
efforts of paternal solicitude or the voice of public censure while they
gratify their appetite for play. Th gratify their appetite for play. The
one opens its solicitations to men who are hardened in vice or made
desperate by misfortune. The other uated victim so that loving eyes
may not mark his peril or faithful voices warn him as he makes hi easy descent to the portals of per
dition. There are "club-rooms o private quarters in Galveston, and doubtless in other points in
our State, busily engaged in this training young men in the craft of
the blackleg. Men who would risk their reputation amid the
throng which gathers nightly around the faro-table can gratify their passion for gaming at the would affect their credit at the bank, or produce an explosion in
the domestic circle. Within less than four blocks from where we are
now writing we are informed, on good authority, there are two
of these institutions busy in thi ellish work The ghsy in this light can be seen through the winlow blinds long after the town hours of midnight. There well $\begin{aligned} & \\ & \text { table the sports meet at the card } \text { father has taught him; and wel } \\ & \text { scions of families who } \text { assured that none in that com- }\end{aligned}$
to which their sons are plunging
There is many a father whose hear would grow cold with dread coul these rooms and note the part hi sibly he is already alarmed. Hos The whisper of suspicion has son. last reached his ear, and he has recoiled as though he had suddenly liscovered his child blindly stumThat son's employer is his father's friend. The fears of that friend have been aroused, and he is at
last convinced that his interests are unsafe in the hands of a young
man who visits the card table and ecklessly risks his salary on games of chance. The first warning that
fell on the father's ear was the complaint from his friend respecting believe its truth. Affection blinds his vision. He inquires of those but they never see that boy in that throng of gamblers. He is to sharp for that. If that father could
climb the stairs which lead to the upper room of a house on Tremont,
between Postoffice and Church, it is possible he might find terrible confirmation of the warning from
his friend. It is said one of these
is located there, where the rich and passions in the excitement of the card table." The proprietors of heir own "cappers." That is, as make up the game and if they do percentage to pay for rent and ther expenses of the place. I
thein the game their nings swell their profits. They may lose occasionally, but it is
their rule to win in the long run. The limits of the game are left to
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troke of flattery. The stern rality of the "governor"-hi father-and the timid fears of his
mother at the bare mention the card table, appear weak and insipid as he actually finds himself
amid such attractive surroundings. Then there is a subtle charm in
the secrecy which is gathered the secrecy which is gathered
around these stolen delights. Soon some one says in a careless way
"We were making up a little game. Won't you join us?" How can he refuse the courteous invitation? Abashed in such presence, he i
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group, and the first step on the for, and to add interest to the play, descending plane is taken. One of and nothing more, it is agreed that rom Tremontand Postoffice streets, as to who shall pay their cost. In can be reached by three different
ightly . Were a man to enter stronger appears. At last the might the same door, people victim feels the venomous fangs. darkness grow suspicious. Deeds of Were it money only he had lost, the other such resort can be reached gain that money a wound is inflicted rom an alley. By ascendingan iron
tair-case to the third floor hair-case to the third floor of pace will be reached where select The fangs of this serpent for gold parties, without fear of exposure, soul and murder it for the same reparsions in the "poker room" of a war
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arsely clad laborer, who stakes his weekly wages at the faro-table, also covers the club-room where and uncensured by the public eye an win or lose their thousands.
The lines are deepening in tha father's brow, and the white hairs coming on with a swifter step than
those of Time, tell of the burden hose of Time, tell of the burden
that is bending his form and breaking his heart. His eyes can no longer doubt the ruin of his son;
but he has never traced up the haunts where that ruin has been late hour from ledger or desk his o that boy, for whose happiness
e would pay down gladly the wealth purchased by years of toil;
and he little dreams that in that pper room, reached by a private entrance from the pavement over
which he daily walks, are the sham bles in which the soul of his son
is being slaughtered. Could the roofs of those buildings be lifted every night iy some mysterious
power and the eyes of the mothers Galveston look down on faces flushed with wine, and eyes burn-
ing with the gamesters' frenzy, there would be a revelation which would turn the daylight of hope and joy of many into the dreary
darkness of despair. Is there no sa.eguard by which parents can against such insidious assaults? Is there no finger that will point out to these sons the doom that $\sin$ ?
may be merely the elegantly ap pointed private apartments of some
gentleman whose position in societ forbids the suspicion that he is A brave man will recoil whexion. A brave man will recoil when he
feels on his person the cold creep of a snake. When vice glides into society with the silence of the ser-
pent and fastens its fangs without warning on the unsuspecting vic-
tim, our dread deepens into shuddering disgust. We respect the tiger who announces his approach with a growl, though we know he comes
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than experience, by arts of such silken stealthiness that no alarm is awakened. He invites the youth to his room and makes him feel at
home, winds into his affection with cigars and wine, and then, of course, cards find their place on
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When the Apvocate opened wa asked, "What do you expect to accomplish? These evils are so strongly entrenched that no effort he gambling hells now in operasoon appear in new localities and forms equally destructive to public morals." We replied, that
if we could do nothing more, we would persist until we had converged public sentiment on these igantic evils so that men of high scial position would not dare give them the influence of their pres. ence; we would arouse the public to the dereliction of its servants
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Now it wheels into the line and anlimbering its artillery, psurs ho shot into the gambling hells of our city. We welcome the arrival of this auxiliary in the field, and trust that after opening the conflic with so much spirit, it will not re tire until the triumph of moralit is complete. We hail it with special delight as a token of the
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