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In this tender and censorial age girls should be careful how they exercise parental discretion. A Pittsburg girl has just been sent to the reformatory because she persisted in calling her father a crank.

Rumor has it that there is soon to be a "world's strike" of seafaring men, to affect the merchant marine service or all countries, but especially that of America, England, Australia and the China Seas. It is said that the members of the Sailors' and Firemen's Union, numbering more than 500,000, have agreed to strike the sea-going vessels above-mentioned sections, and to collect nearly a million of dollars with which to support the strike.

For years Amsterdam, Holland, has been the centre of the diamond-cutting trade, and the guild of these artisans is a powerful one. Owing to the increasing tendency of dealers to handle the uncut stones there has been a great falling off in the amount of work to be performed, and at present there are 7000 diamond cutters out of work. The proposition has been made to transfer the entire trade to London, where the bulk of the diamond cutting is done and where the owners of the larger portion of the diamond fields live.

Women are not doing so much killing among themselves as formerly. Recent statistics on the increase of crime show in comparative tables a remarkable decrease of suicides among American women. From 1852 to 1875 the chief causes of self-destruction given were, first, disappointment in love; second, religious frenzy, and third, disease, 60 per cent. of the total number of deaths resulting from acute heart-ache. The record for the last fifteen years shows a marked diminution from the first two causes and a corresponding proof of the mental and moral growth of the sex.

One thing which harasses Americans in England perhaps more than anything else, observes the *New York World*, is that they have so frequently to pay for something which should be supplied free and supplied freely. The performance at the theatres is a familiar illustration. The latest story of returning travelers, however, has to do with the lights in the underground railroad cars. The passenger can turn one on and read his paper if he puts a penny in the slot. If he grudges the penny he cannot have the illumination. The light is arranged in a deep box just back of the passenger's head. It is an electric light and will only illuminate the paper or book immediately in front of it and will only illuminate it for fifteen minutes. At the end of that time, if a second penny does not come in, the light goes out. In this way the radiant remains fixed, although obviously the passenger's pockets grow lighter all the time.

Germany is the only civilized country in the world wherein murderers are still beheaded with an axe or sword. Neither old Emperor William nor his predecessor, King Frederick William IV., could ever be induced to sign death-warrants, and hence capital punishment has become almost obsolete. The present Kaiser, however, shares none of the views entertained by his predecessor in this respect. Executions have become frequent and hardly a week passes by without the headman, Reindl, being called upon to exercise his profession either in Berlin or in the provinces. Just before last Christmas he was summoned to Erfurt to decapitate the two murderers of a forester. Only the prison chaplain, the Governor of the prison and the Mayor of the city, with the assessors, were present at the execution. The delinquents, having been blindfolded, knelt down in turn before the block and Herr Reindl severed each man's head from the body with a single blow of his broad-bladed axe.

The recent hanging at Fort Smith, Ark., of six men at a drop, has again called attention to the greatest criminal court of modern times. The United States Court for the Western district of Arkansas is located at that place, and to it belongs the distinction of being the foremost criminal court of the world to-day. In support of this claim it need only be said that during the past fifteen years sixty-nine men have been hanged after trial and conviction in this tribunal. Although the district is called the Western district of Arkansas, the jurisdiction of the court is in reality almost exclusively confined to the five civilized tribes of the Indian Territory, and it is among them the criminals are found which keep this court in session almost day and night the year round. Owing to the peculiar course of the nation's law makers in treating with these Indians as alien nations, the Territory has been a veritable refuge for the criminals and desperados from all the States of the West and Southwest. They have flocked within its borders in great numbers and in many localities have gained absolute control of affairs.

Poetry and Miscellany.

BARBARA.

Blithe was the youth that summer day,
As he smiled at the rite of earth,
And he poked his pick with a merry click,
And he whistled anon in mirth;
And the constant thought of his dear one's face
Seemed to illumine that ghostly place.

The gaunt earth envied the lover's joy
And she moved and closed on his head—
With no one high and with never a cry
The beautiful boy lay dead;
And the treasure he sought for his sweetheart
Crumbled and clung to his glorious hair.

Fifty years is a mighty space
In the human life for bread,
But to love and to Death 'tis merely a breath—
A dream that is quickly sped;
Fifty years and the fair had lay
Just as he fell that summer day.

At last came others in quest of gold,
And heaved in that mountain place,
And deep in the ground one time they found
The boy with the smiling face;
All unscathed by the pitiless air
He lay with his crown of golden hair.

They bore him up to the sun again,
And laid him beside the brook,
And the folks came down from the busy town
To wonder and prate and look;
And so, to a world that knew him not,
The boy came back to the old-time spot.

Old Barbara hobbled among the rest—
Wrinkled and bowed was she—
And she gave a cry as she fired a light:
"At last he is come to me!"
And she knelt by the side of the dead boy
There, and she kissed his lips and she stroked his hair.

"Thine eyes are sealed, O dearest one!
And better it is 'tis so—
Else thou mightest see how harsh with me
Death Life thou couldst not know;
Kinder Death has kept thee fair—
The sorrow of Life hath been my share!"

Barbara bowed her aged face,
And slept on the breast of her dead,
And the golden hair of her dear one there
Cared her snow-white head.
Oh, life is sweet with its touch of pain,
But sweeter the Death that joins those twain.
—Eugene Field.

THROUGH A KEYHOLE.

When the evening boat, quite crowded
With passengers, swept gracefully up to
the pier at Highbeach, one of the first to
cross the gangway was Mr. Willis Tracey,
youngest partner of the well-known
banking firm of Tracey, Stokes & Tracey.

He was a substantial-looking man of
five-and-thirty, with a fresh, healthy
complexion, clear, blue-gray eyes, and
light, anubus moustache. His whole
appearance was suggestive of good nature,
prosperity and content; but at the
present moment he betrayed a little
nervousness, as his eyes ran rapidly along
the long piazzas of the hotel, where people
were promenading and enjoying the
sea breeze and the sight of the bathers
on the beach.

Evidently his search was unsuccessful
until his attention was attracted by a
voice, which called out in shrill and juvenile
tones:

"Lor, ma, if there ain't old Tracey!
What's he doin' here, I wonder?"
Looking up, the gentleman thus prominently
presented to public notice lifted
his hat to two ladies, who were smiling
down upon him from the piazza, while a
snack party, in a Lord Fontenoy cap and
jacket, grinned a patronizing recognition.

As he passed on, a faint blush suffused
his face. That lovely creature with the
golden locks and rose-and-lily complexion
who had so radiantly greeted him,
was Miss Juliette Bessamy, to whom he
designed that very evening to offer his
hand and heart.

The blush had not quite faded from
Mr. Tracey's face when he found himself
accompanied by two ladies who were just
descending the hotel steps to the beach. He
stopped and shook hands with them in a
cordial and unembarrassed manner.

In fact, the elder of the ladies was the
widow of his deceased uncle, and had
since his mother's death been living with
him and taking care of his household.

He had sent her to Highbeach about a
week prior, in a Lord Fontenoy cap and
jacket, with a first marriage, who was
there as companion to an invalid lady;
for Mrs. Tracey's husband had died in
solvent and left her poor.

It was Alice who now stood by her
mother's side, quiet and smiling, as she
gave him her hand.

"Why, Willis, this is a surprise!" Mrs.
Tracey said. "I received your note to-
day, and did not expect you until to-
morrow."

"Yes, I know that I said something
about being detained by business, but I
managed to get through in time for the
evening boat. I am glad to see you look-
ing so well. How are you enjoying your-
self here?" he inquired, as he held a
hand of each.

now dawned upon him that she was no
longer a mere school-girl, but a woman
grown, almost twenty years of age, in fact.
It was something of a surprise to Mr.
Tracey.

"She is not looking well," he thought,
"not as bright and rosy as she used to be.
I fear she is too much overtaken. I wish
I could persuade her to make her home
with her mother, in my house; but she
prefers to be independent, as she calls it. I
suppose she will marry soon. If I had
ever thought of her as a woman, and had
not met Juliette—"

And his thoughts went back to his
golden-haired love.

He was the last of the newly-arrived
to enter the clerk's office, and here was
met with the information that there was
not a vacant room to be had in the hotel,
or indeed in the whole place.

It was an unpleasant situation, and at
first seemed hopeless, but at length one
of the female employees came to the
rescue.

In the east wing, which was exclusively
devoted to the accommodation of "ladies
unaccompanied by gentlemen," was a
short passage-way opening upon a rear
piazza. This passage, being of little use,
had been shut in by a door and converted
into a linen-closet.

If the gentleman would be satisfied for
one night with a cot in this limited apart-
ment, he should be properly accommo-
dated on the morrow, when some of the
guests would be leaving.

Mr. Tracey was only too glad to secure
a sleeping-place of any kind, so the
arrangement was made, and with a mind
relieved, he retired to the beach and the
society of the ladies.

That was a blissful evening to Mr.
Willis Tracey. When he had paid some
proper attention to Mrs. Tracey and her
daughter, and attended them to the sup-
per table, he was at liberty to seek the
society of his charmer, the fair Juliette.

With her plump, white arm resting on
his, and her blue, languishing eyes ever
and anon glancing up into his own,
while her soft, low voice mingled with
the murmur of the ripples at their feet
they wandered away up the moonlit
beach, where other couples were also
strolling, and intent upon the same old
story.

Mr. Tracey, shy and inexperienced in
the ways of love, had carefully thought
over and fixed in his mind all that he had
to say. He had gotten as far as, "No
man's life is satisfying without the bless-
ing of some pure woman's love," when
he was interrupted by the unexpected
presence of Master Bessamy, who came
flying after them along the beach.

"Why, Rudolph! Where is mamma?
Why have you left her?" his sister in-
quired.

"Oh, I guess she's lookin' for me.
She wanted me to go to bed, just like a
baby, and I wouldn't. I'm goin' to stay
with you all."

"But, Dolphy, darling," said Juliette,
sweetly and persuasively, "you should
not have run away from mamma. She
will be very uneasy, and perhaps think
you are drowned."

"I don't care."
"But they will have the trouble of
getting the boats out to look for you,"
said Mr. Tracey gravely.

"Oh, my! what fun!"
"Won't you go back, my precious,
like a dear, good little boy, and let
mamma know that you are safe?"
"No, I won't. I'll stay here."

Mr. Tracey, though by no means a
cruelly-disposed man, could have seized
the little wretch and flung him into the
sea. As it was, there was no help for it.
He must wait for another opportunity for
concluding his love-story. And he won-
dered at Juliette's patience and sweet-
ness, and felt more than ever anxious to
secure for a life companion one whose
amiable disposition seemed a pledge of
future happiness.

After bidding his fair companion good-
night, he sauntered about a little until
his obliging linen dress could show
him to his closet—which she did, with
many warnings to keep quiet and not let
his presence in this part of the house
become known.

The place was more convenient than
he had expected, but he had scarcely
disposed himself for a night's rest when
he became conscious of voices on the
other side of the door against which his
cot was placed.

He tried not to hear, but the speakers
were close to the door, and the mention
of his own name attracted his attention.
"It was too provoking for anything!"
Mr. Tracey was on the very point of pro-
posing—the words were actually almost
upon his lips—when that aggravating
boy rushed in and spoiled it all. Really,
mamma, I could have boxed his ears
soundly."

Mr. Tracey started. Could that be his
Juliette's voice speaking in those high
and angry tones?

"I will send him away to-morrow with
his Aunt Louise," said Mrs. Bessamy, in
tones of vexation. "It is too bad that,
after all the trouble we have had in
bringing that man to the point, this un-
fortunate contretemps should have oc-
curred."

"I won't go home!" said Rudolph, de-
fiantly. "You doesn't send me, any-
how."

"Why not, you bad boy?" said his
sister.

"Cause I'll tell on you. I'll tell old
Tracey that you dye your hair and put
that red stuff on your cheeks and lips.
You giv me a dollar once not to tell any-
body, but I will now. And I'll hide
your front teeth like I did that time you
was going to the ball, and—"

"Hush, sir—hush, this instant!" said
his mother with an admonitory shake,
for the amiable youth set up a howl,
which was presently hushed by the
promise of a pop-gun and a velocipede.

When peace was restored, the voice of
Juliette again became audible.

"Mamma, I made a discovery this
evening. Alice Lee is in love with Mr.
Tracey, and he is actually too stupid to
perceive it."

"Fortunately for you, Juliette, I
have feared all along that he might fancy
that girl, and if you don't hurry up
matters she may yet etal a march on
you. By-the-by, that Tracey horse will
have to be remodeled and refurnished, I
suppose. It is all very handsomely fitted
up, but not in the latest style."

"Indeed, mamma, I've no idea of
living in the Tracey house. I shall in
fact, after we are married, upon moving
into the new west end. I know it's ex-
pensive, but he can afford it, I'm sure.
And I must have a more stylish carriage."

than that with which the Tracey girls
were satisfied. Oh, trust me to have all
I want, and to enjoy myself, now that I
am going to marry a rich man! I owe it
to myself for giving up poor Fred. If
only Fred had Mr. Tracey's money—"

"Hush, Juliette! Positively you must
not talk in this way. Suppose Mr. Tracey
could hear you? What would he think?"
"He would be rather surprised, I sup-
pose," she answered, laughing. "But
don't be alarmed, mamma. I am not
silly enough ever to let him suspect that
I married him for money. But how late
it is! and I must really try to get a good
sleep; for, you know, I must look as
charming as possible, to-morrow."

Mr. Tracey indeed was surprised. So
surprised that long after all was still,
he lay in a half-dazed condition, which
gradually gave place to an emotion of in-
tense thankfulness at having escaped the
snare laid for him. He could have taken
Rudolph to his breast and hugged him
in real affection.

But his pure and beautiful ideal of
womanhood—was that destroyed for-
ever? Juliette—the Juliette of his fancy
had proven a myth; but there was Alice.
He knew Alice to be good and true.
And could it really be, as Juliette had
said, that Alice loved him?

Long before sunrise Mr. Tracey was
up and miles away on the beach, nerv-
ing himself to meet this new condition of
things.

The Highbeach gossips who had taken
an interest in his affair were surprised to
observe that on this evening not Miss
Bessamy, but Miss Lee was the compan-
ion of his moonlight stroll.

Some set him down as a flirt, while
others asserted, "on the best authority,"
that he had been discarded.

But what else could the Bessamys do,
after being informed by Master Rudolph
—who had peeped through the keyhole
of the linen-closet—that Mr. Tracey had
passed the night in that apartment?

Mr. Tracey is very friendly towards
Rudolph, to whom he considers himself
indebted for his sweet young wife, Alice.
—[Saturday Night.

A Bear Killed with a Marble.

Mr. Austin Moore, a mining engineer
of Scranton, Penn., was walking the rail-
road track a mile below Pleasant Valley,
at dusk, when he was startled by the
crack of a rifle and by the almost simul-
taneous appearance of a bear and two
dogs that came rolling and tumbling
down the steep bank to the railroad
track. The bear had been wounded.
The hunter who had fired the shot did
not appear on the scene. One of the
dogs got in front of the bear, and the
bear knocked it out of his way and broke
one of its legs. He also disabled the
other dog in short order. Mr. Moore,
naturally, had got out of the immediate
neighborhood.

NINE BLIND CHILDREN.

THE SINGULAR HISTORY OF AN OHIO FAMILY.

A Peculiar Affliction that Attracted the Attention of Physicians—Although Sightless, They Became Useful Citizens.

One Saturday evening a few weeks ago
at Moretown, in Ohio, "Blind Andrew
Twadiddle," as he was called, died sud-
denly in the pew of the church where he
was attending religious services. With
his death ended the history of a family
that has been peculiarly afflicted.

"The Blind Twaddles," as they were
known in the neighborhood, were one of
the most remarkable families of the State,
and perhaps of the United States, and
this was the last one left. Sixty or
seventy years ago this family attracted
almost universal attention from physicians
and scientific men generally throughout
the civilized world. The parents, who
have long since gone over to the major-
ity, had nothing out of the common to
distinguish them from their neighbors.

They were a simple, homely, healthy
couple, who had married and were seek-
ing to make themselves a home by farm-
ing.

But there was born to them a large
family of children, nine in all, and of
these the first seven were born entirely
blind and the last two had but partial
eyesight. Scientific men were utterly at
a loss to account for this phenomenon.
The father and mother had excellent eye-
sight, and the eyes of their children were
large, brown and bright, but sightless.

In all other respects they were bright, healthy
and intelligent children. The scientific
journals and newspapers of that day had
long accounts and various theories re-
garding this, but why it should have been
so is yet a mystery.

The State of Ohio, by a special act of
its Legislature, decided to the parents for
the support of their children a quarter of
a section, 100 acres, of the best of the ag-
ricultural lands of Eastern Ohio, and the
farm is known to this day as the "Blind
Twaddles Section." Upon this farm the
young men and women—there were seven
boys and two girls—grew up, in total
darkness, became useful citizens, married
and settled in the surrounding communi-
ties, and reared families in which no
trace of blindness is shown. They were
a fine-looking family; and when it is
considered that these people, who were
born blind and lived out their long and
useful lives in darkness, became success-
ful farmers, millers, distillers, etc., it
must be conceded that they were remark-
able in more senses than that of being
blind.

They were as able to go to any place
upon their farms or to surrounding farms
and perform all their necessary farm
work without attendance or "help," as if
they had had perfect eyesight. They cut
timber in the woods, made rails, built
fences, plowed their lands, sowed and
harvested their crops, ran their grist mill
and a distillery, worked oxen and horses,
and, in fact, learned all of that by in-
tuition which is supposed impossible for
people without sight. Many are the
queer stories recited by old residents of
Lee, London and Fox townships regard-
ing feats performed by this family. Their
lands were intersected by numerous deep
creeks, which were crossed by foot-logs,
and these people would go unhesitatingly
anywhere along these farm paths, cross-
ing the precarious foot bridges and un-
derstanding the most intricate ways un-
erringly.

They could name any tree in the
forests by feeling the bark, select the
best for any designed purpose and
"fell" them in the most convenient man-
ner for working. Out of such timber they
would make rails and build fences when
they desired, having them better and
straighter than many farmers with eyes.
They could take to pieces, repair and
place again in working order any kind of
machinery with which they were called
upon to be familiar, and two of them suc-
cessfully conducted a flouring mill for
the farmers of the vicinity for years.

But perhaps the most remarkable as
well as the best authenticated of their
acquirements was the power of telling the
colors of animals by touch. They were
all great lovers of horses, and by pling
their hands upon the coat of a horse they
would instantly tell its color, and by
feeling its head tell to what sex it be-
longed. They were excellent judges of
horns, and by a few slight touches here
and there, and hearing it walk or trot,
would pronounce an infallible opinion of
its merits.

A good many years ago one of the
"Blind Twaddles" went to Carrollton on
some business. At that time a famous
hosey was kept there by James Patton,
yet a resident, and Twadiddle stopped and
quartered himself and horse at his tavern.
His presence at the hotel gave rise to a
discussion of his wonderful powers re-
garding horses, and it was agreed among
some of the parties to test it. The land-
lord had a splendid sorrel team, of which
the other was a good deal better than
the other. When Mr. Twadiddle, who was
riding a brown mare, called for his horse,
the stableman placed the trappings upon
one of the sorrels and led it forth. As
Twadiddle put his hand upon the animal's
neck preparatory to mounting, he stopped
and said: "You've made a mistake; this
is not my horse." The hostler apolo-
gized, and changing the bridle and sad-
dle, brought out the other of Mr. Patton's
sorrels. Twadiddle, perhaps suspecting a
joke, as he listened intently as the other
horse was led up, went forward, placed
his hand upon the horse's head and said
at once: "This is another sorrel horse,
a 'single footer,' and a much better one
than you showed me before. But please
bring out my brown horse, as I am in a
hurry to start home."

This story, as well as many others
equally remarkable as instances of the
wonderful intuition of these people, is
well vouched for. By the death of An-
drew the last of the family has vanished,
and the "Blind Twaddles Section" is now
occupied by people with eyes.—[New
York Star.

It very seldom happens that bees will
make their honey comb in the open air,
but such a case has been found in the
orange grove of W. L. Dolive, southeast
of Orlando, Fla., where a swarm of bees
have made a large piece of honey on the
limb of one of his orange trees.

THE FARM AND GARDEN.

HINTS TO DAIRYMEN.

The cheesy taste of butter is due to
the imperfect cleansing of the buttermilk.
This cannot be done completely
by the common method of churning,
in which the butter is gathered in lumps,
and is largely mingled with buttermilk.
All the working and washing which can
be done cannot get rid wholly of this
sour milk when it is so intimately closed
in the particles of butter. If the churn-
ing is stopped when the butter is in small
grains, and before the butter is in a com-
pact mass, and the buttermilk then drawn
off from the churn, and water poured in
and changed until it is no longer colored
by the buttermilk, and the butter is then
salted and mixed, so as to get rid of all
excess of water, above that which is
needed to keep it moist enough to dis-
solve the salt, which is about ten to
twelve per cent. of the weight of the
butter, there will be no cheesy taste.
Mixing milk is injurious to the yield of
butter. This is well known to milkmen
and butter-makers. If milk which has
been set for some time, and on which the
cream has partly risen, is stirred, the
cream never rises again fully, and there
is considerable loss of butter.—Orange
Judd Farmer.

There is probably no vegetable that is
so absolutely superb to the delicate appe-
tite of the epicure as the first delicious
cuttings of asparagus. Although a native
of Europe and Asia, it has become so
common in this country as to be al-
most naturalized in some places, having
found its way into the fields and some-
times being seen on beaches and marshy
places on the sea coast.

Most of our prominent growers prefer
to plant one-year-old roots, although
two-year and three-year are often used.
The asparagus bed should be five feet
wide and any desirable length, according
to the size of the family. It should be
well cultivated, two feet deep and well
manured. Three rows of plants will suf-
fice to each bed; the plants should stand
one foot apart in the row, and the rows
should be well covered four inches deep,
a good soil with a sandy bottom will be
found most suitable, as the plants do not
thrive well in a wet, stiff soil. As soon
as the tops are cut down in the fall cover
with a top dressing of coarse manure,
which may be forked early in the spring.
A partial cutting may be made the third
year, but it will add materially to the
vigor of the plants if no cut is made until
the fourth year. In locations away from
the seashore a topdressing will be found
beneficial. The asparagus is naturally a
marine plant, this being reason why
salt acts beneficially.—Green's Fruit
Grower.

PROVIDE FOR THE FRESH COWS.

The wise dairyman, says George E.
Newell in the *American Agriculturist*,
will make provision in advance for exi-
gencies that arise in the care and man-
agement of stock. He can employ a few
spare hours to no better advantage than
in preparing a few stalls for cows during
parturition. The too common custom of
leaving cows stanchioned up to the
moment of calving, and often so con-
fined through its throes, is as inhuman
as it is unwise. The females of all ani-
mals instinctively seek seclusion during
these trying periods, and that seclusion,
with care and comfort, should be freely
given them. Unless the dairy is a very
large one, it will not require more than
two or three stalls for the purpose indi-
cated. There is generally spare room
enough for these in the average stable,
but if not, erect them elsewhere in warm
quarters. Build an ordinary box-stall,
with bars opening on the stable. The
dimensions of the stall need be only suf-
ficient for the free movements of the
animal. Make the stalls snug and warm,
keep them dry, and well littered with
straw. The cow should be turned loose
in the stall a few days prior to parturi-
tion, and kept there till after the expul-
sion of the placenta. Isolation for a
longer period would be still better. Con-
sult the farm record, or memorandum
book, to see when the natural period of
gestation will expire, and keep careful
watch of the cow. She may calve before
or after her time; her symptoms and
appearance must govern in this regard.
New milk cows, in the severest weather
of our harsh Northern winters, can be
made even more profitable than in mid-
summer. They require warm quarters
and abundant food.—Early spring,
when the greater number of dairy cows
are coming in, stalls are indispensable,
not only for the comfort of cows, but to
insure their safe passage through this
trying ordeal. In these matters, the best
that man can do is to assist nature.
Cows that run down at calving time, and
are ill cared for and neglected, will be
profitless to their owners the rest of the
season.

SAVING THE PASTURES.

There are two times that by a little
carelessness pastures are often severely
injured. One is early in the spring,
when the grass is just starting to grow,
and the other in mid-summer, when the
weather is hot and dry.

If the stock is turned out in the spring
before the grass gets a good start the
stock derive but little, if any, benefit
from it; and the grass plants are often
seriously injured—so much so that the
small amount of feed secured will rarely
pay for the damage. The better plan to
avoid this is to keep the stock up and
feed on dry feed a little longer. A very
few days will make a considerable differ-
ence in the growth of the grass, and after
it gets a good start it will furnish a much
larger amount of feed than if it is fed
down close from the start.

During the first part of the growing
season the grass generally will furnish a
larger amount of feed than at any other.
As the weather becomes warmer, dry
weather usually sets in, and in conse-
quence the grass does not make as good
a growth, and a less supply of feed will
be furnished.

In order to keep the stock growing
something else must be supplied. In
many cases the wheat and oat stubble

fields, and the meadows after the crops
have been taken off, can be used, but
the same influence that cut down the
pastures will keep these from furnishing
as much grass as they would under much
more favorable conditions. Hence the
better plan is to prepare ahead, so as to
be ready in an emergency, or rather if
needed to supply something else. This
can be done by arranging, when
planning out the spring crop, to plant a
patch of corn or sorgham on purpose to
cut off and feed at this time. If it is
not needed it can be cut up and bestowed
to feed during the winter; but in a ma-
jority of cases, if stock is kept in a good
condition more or less of it will be needed
before the season is over, and in addition
to keeping the stock in a better condi-
tion, it will aid materially to preserve
the pastures from being killed out. If
eaten down close while the weather is
hot and dry many of the grass-plants are
killed outright, when by leaving them
have a better opportunity to grow they
will live through.—*Prairie Farmer*.

CHOKING IN ANIMALS.

Many animals, particularly when quite
hungry, will bolt their meal or roots
without the necessary mastication and the
result is, that if a large quantity is
thus disposed of, the mass lodges in the
gullet in its passage to the stomach and
the animal suffers considerable pain un-
til the obstruction is removed. Sliced
roots, unless cut very fine, are more
liable to cause choking than when whole;
in the former case the animal is able to
pass into the gullet a piece sufficiently
large to obstruct the passage, while
where the roots have to be cut by the
teeth there is little danger of large
pieces being bitten off. Chopped grain,
particularly barley and bran, is liable to
choke an animal if an attempt is made to
take large mouthfuls.

The general symptoms of choking are
manifested by pronounced uneasiness.
The animal works its jaws, opening the
mouth frequently in the vain attempt to
swallow the obstruction which is causing
so little pain. The breath is drawn
with difficulty and the stomach some-
times appears to be distended, not owing,
however, as it is generally supposed, to
air that has been swallowed, but to gas
that has been formed through chemical
changes occurring to the food in the
stomach. If the obstruction is situated
in the upper part of the gullet the head
is held low and extended, with the nose
and neck straightened to their full length
forward. The eyes appear glaring and
bloodshot and show evidences of great
pain. An examination will reveal the loca-
tion of the cause of the trouble, but care
should be taken not to confound the
natural unevenness of the throat at its
junction to the head with the obstruc-
tion. When situated as above it can usually
be removed by the hand; a balling iron
or its substitute, a big plow clevis, or
first having been put in the mouth to
keep the jaws apart and admit of the
passage of the hand.

Another form in which the obstruc-
tion is found in about midway between
the head and chest; the swelling in this
case being usually very pronounced upon
the left side of the animals neck. The
symptoms are not so severe as in the



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LODGE'S ELECTION BILL

If a fair expression of the popular will is the end to be sought after, there can be no serious objection to the bill introduced into the House of representatives by Henry Cabot Lodge to regulate the election of members of Congress. It is modeled on the Massachusetts modification of the Australian ballot reform, a law which has recently given complete satisfaction in that commonwealth, and appears to be as absolutely impartial as human ingenuity can make it.

The fourth section of article first of the Constitution is too plain for argument. It reads as follows: The times, places and manner of holding elections for senators and representatives shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by law make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing senators.

Approved Senator Stanford's Plan. WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Washington branch of the Federation of Labor last night, after discussing Senator Stanford's resolution providing for loans to the people by the government at a very low rate of interest, unanimously adopted a resolution approving Senator Stanford's proposition.

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Arrested. Barton Anderson, colored, was arrested and taken before Mayor Strother last Friday, charged with breaking into Mr. V. S. Morgan's smoke-house, a few weeks since, with intent to steal. The Justice, after hearing the evidence, committed him to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Sale of Marble Quarries. Mr. G. D. H. Killinger, who resides about three miles Southeast of town on Staley's Creek, has sold his marble quarries to Mr. Caracristi, of Richmond, Va., and in a few days Mr. C. will have a force of hands at work to quarry the marble, which is of variegated shades.

reignty involved in Mr. Lodge's bill. The intention is plainly to secure fair and honest representation in Congress and it must be apparent to those who are profiting by the present unfair methods that no self-respecting people will submit to such inequalities, and the sooner this is clearly understood the better for the nation, South as well as North. Honest congressional elections will be the entering wedge to honest politics of all kinds, as the contrast between fairness and unfairness is sure to result in the triumph of the former.

It is a rather significant record as stated in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, that "in seven Democratic states of the Southwest the Democratic state treasurer has defaulted within a few years, to-wit: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee." The financial administration of Republican states during that time has been in excellent contrast to this sad showing.

The Republicans in Congress should lose no time in frauding and passing a good tariff law. They are committed to it, and the people will not be satisfied until the pledge is redeemed. A sensible law will greatly strengthen the Republican party.

A State convention will be held in Richmond on the third Tuesday in April to take into consideration the political, educational, moral and financial condition of the colored people.

The New York Herald says: "The woods are full of would-be governors. Well, if they're no better than Hill, it is hoped that they will stay there. Baltimore American."

Hon. Wm. E. CRAIG, of Staunton, has been confirmed by the Senate as United States Attorney for this (the western) district of Virginia.

Rhode Island Republicans. PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 13.—The Republican State Convention to-day unanimously nominated the following candidates for state offices: For governor, Herbert W. Ladd, of Providence; lieutenant governor, Daniel G. Littlefield, of Pawtucket; secretary of state, Samuel W. Cross, of Westerly; general treasurer, Samuel Clark, of Lincoln; attorney general, Horatio Rogers, of Pawtucket. These gentlemen are at present state officers, with the exception of the attorney general, the Democratic candidate, Hon. Ziba O. Slocum, having been elected last year over General Rogers.

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Card of Thanks. Mr. Jas. S. Pierson, in addition to former gifts, sent on Christmas, nearly 200 Christmas cards, and a few days since sent 49 large pictures, oleographs really mounted for framing, with gilt moulding for frames, 127 bound books, 1 foot ball, 2 base balls, 2 sets dominoes, 2 checker boards and men. The committee passed the following:

Resolved, That the Superintendent be, and is hereby directed to communicate to Mr. Jas. S. Pierson, of 150 Nassau St., New York City, the pleasure of the Board in receiving, in behalf of the unfortunate inmates of this institution under their charge, his thoughtful and timely contribution to their pleasure through his splendid gift of books, pictures, etc. It is such motives and broad disinterested charity that tends to make the world better, and all men kind, and it is but fit that our records shall perpetuate, as far as may be possible, this noble and generous action of a stranger.

S. R. SAYERS, DANIEL TRIGG, S. W. DICKINSON, Committee.

The County Fair.

This is an affecting and vivid story of domestic joy and sorrow, of home life and rural scenes. It is founded on the popular play of the same name, in which Neil Burgess, who is also the author of the story, has achieved the dramatic success of the season.

The story is a faithful reproduction of the drama in the form of an extremely captivating romance, with the same unique characters, the same graphic scenes, but with the narrative more artistically rounded, and completed than was possible in the brief limits of a dramatic representation. This touching story effectively demonstrates that it is possible to produce a novel which is at once wholesome and interesting in every part, without the introduction of an impure thought or suggestion.

Street & Smith, 31 Rose St., New York, are the publishers, and the story, the price of which is 25 cents, is in No. 33 of "The Select Series." All orders for the above named book, or for the New York Weekly, received at this office.

Circuit and County Courts.

Circuit and county courts are in session this week. On account of Judge Kelley being sick, his court was not commenced until Tuesday morning. All litigated cases in the circuit court were laid over until the next term, chancery cases will only be considered during this term. So far but little business has been done in the county court.

Lost

On Monday, 17th inst., on the road leading up Staley's Creek, an old leather purse, with double clasps, which contained two \$10.00 gold pieces, one \$5.00 bill and a small quantity of change, not over \$1.00. I will give a liberal reward to the finder if returned to me.

GEO. W. HUTTON. SUGAR GROVE, VA., March 17, 1890.

Mr. Albert Millinger spent several days on Flat Ridge last week, surveying.

Two fine deposits of iron were discovered last week.

Misses Susie and Sallie Newman, of Middle Valley, visited the Rev. Halsey Fry.

Rev. W. N. Britton closed his school at Warf Hill Friday, after a successful term. "Billy" always gets there."

At a series of meetings recently, the preacher asked a fellow if he did not want to make preparations for a better world. The fellow replied that this world was good enough for him. The preacher then asked if he did not know that he would be brought up in judgment. He said he "expected" that he'd all be dead "fore" that time.

A. M. Moore, of Ivanhoe, removed to the house formerly occupied by Mr. Hall.

W. H. Whisman has been appointed postmaster at Sugar Grove, and J. T. Calhoun at Rye Valley.

Geo. W. Hutton, of Hutton Branch, was visiting relatives here a few days since.

A good list of subscribers to the News has been received during the past week.

J. T. James, formerly of this neighborhood, is visiting his father W. P. James. S.S.

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NORFOLK & WESTERN R.R. TIME TABLE IN EFFECT FEB. 9, 1890. Trains leave Marion: EASTWARD. No. 2, No. 4, No. 10. 1:37 A. M., 8:18 A. M., 9:00 P. M.

NEW RIVER DIVISION—Leave Radford 9:25 a. m. and 12:10 p. m. Daily Pocahontas. CHIPPEE CREEK BRANCH—Leave Pulaski 8:15 a. m. and 3:00 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

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Mr. R. D. Haller, a former Marion boy, but now of Richmond, is visiting relatives and friends in this place.

Mrs. F. G. Davis, who lives about ten miles East town, is, we regret to learn, very ill with Pneumonia fever.

The Guy Brothers improve every year; they have one of the best shows on the road now.—Hoosick Falls N. Y., Leader.

Ladies, go to Messrs. Venable & Co. and see the prettiest and largest line of dress goods, etc., ever offered here.

Miss Sue Fell, who has been spending the winter in Memphis, Tenn., with relatives, returned home last evening.

We call your attention to the advertisement of W. P. Kimball, grower and importer of hardy cactus, Douglas, Wyoming.

Mr. M. D. Killinger, son of Esq. A. P. Killinger, of this place, who resides in Knoxville, Tenn., is visiting his old home.

We are requested to state that the Mt. Carmel sub-Alliance will meet at Mt. Carmel on the second Saturday in April at 2 p. m.

Hon. J. Early Moore, one of the live citizens of Pulaski City, was seen circulating among his old friends of Marion last Monday.

Sheriff I. R. Harkrader, Dr. Wm. Farmer, J. B. Barrett, Judges Holbrook and Bolling, of Wytheville, were in town Monday.

A great many people in Marion seemed to think they knew a good thing when they saw it by sucking to the fire-coals Sunday.

Messrs. C. F. Thomas, Roll, O. head and Robt. Davis started to Eastern Va. last Tuesday, taking with them a lot of fine horses to sell.

Sunday was a cold day, and the wind was also a little frisky, making the temperance men's noses look as if they had been in training.

Mr. Wm. J. Dickey's youngest son will be 1 year old on the 14th March, 1891. We hope that he and his parents may live long and be happy.

The specialties introduced by the Guy Bros. Minstrels compare favorably with anything seen in that line in this city for a long time.—Burlington Free Press.

Dr. M. P. Watson, of Plasterburg, paid us a pleasant call yesterday. The Dr. is in excellent health, and has changed but little in appearance since he lived in Marion.

The Venable foot bridge, which led across the river near the foundry, is out of place again, caused by the freshet of Tuesday night. Johnnie had better get a canoe hereafter.

Craghead & Wright are receiving new goods, and will sell them low as the lowest, and take all kinds of produce at the highest cash prices. Look out for their advertisement next week.

It is rumored that the Cripple Creek extension of the Norfolk and Western railroad will be put under contract for construction from Ivanhoe Furnace to Speedwell within a few weeks.

F. W. Craig, Esq., formerly of this place, now of Roanoke, was visiting friends and relatives here last Sunday and Monday. Mr. Craig is now a member of the real estate firm of O. D. Derr & Co.

Messrs. E. H. Copenhaver, B. F. Buchanan and Jno. S. Copenhaver on last Tuesday, bought the land of Jas. H. Gilmore, for which they paid \$3,000. This property lies south of and adjoining the town.

If any one refuses to answer the questions of census enumerators he is subject to a heavy fine. This also includes ladies who are asked about their ages. It is rather hard lines, perhaps, but it is necessary.

Particular attention is called to the advertisement of J. H. Musselwhite, watchmaker and jeweler, in this week's issue. John is a good workman and his charges are reasonable.

The most ingenious and simple device for cleaning lamp chimneys we have ever seen, is now for sale at Dickinson's Drug Store. We have tried it and it does the work nicely and well, and we advise our friends to call and get one to clean the genuine "Pearl Top" lamp chimneys, also sold at the same place.

Mr. J. H. Carrico, of Holston Mills, formerly U. S. Commissioner for this county, has been appointed and commissioned a special deputy marshal for this county by Marshal Jno. G. Watts.

Mr. Henry B. Haller, of this place, has a petrified frog, which was taken out of a solid lump of coal by his uncle J. F. Haller.

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At the residence of T. J. Wilmore, on West Main Street, March 19th, 1890, by Rev. T. F. McFaden, of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Thomas H. Rider, of this place, and Miss Martha Steen, of Washington county. We congratulate you, Tom, in being so fortunate in your selection. May you both live long, be happy and prosperous.

At the residence of the bride's father, Jas. H. Folden, Esq., in this place, on Wednesday, March 19, 1890, Mr. Andrew Folden, of Pulaski county, and Miss Frankie Folden, Rev. G. A. Maiden, of the Methodist church, officiating.

Just as we go to press we learn that Maj. G. S. Smith has been appointed postmaster of Marion.

Mr. Jos. M. Davenport, a former student of Marion High School, but now engaged in the lumber business at Chatham Hill, was in town Monday. Joe is an enterprising young man, and we wish him much success.

We call attention to our clubbing offer made in another column. The Southern Home-Seeker's Guide and our paper will be sent one year for only \$1.25, or we will have the Home-Seeker's Guide sent to our old subscribers who are already receiving our paper, for 50 cts. With the Guide each subscriber gets an option for one building lot free of charge.

This publication comes to us with the endorsement of Hon. John T. Patrick, Commissioner of Immigration for the Southern States. The editor of the Southern Home-Seeker's Guide—Prof. Levi S. Packard, is a New York gentleman, and for years a leading educator in that State. He has east his lot with the Southern people and is now doing all he can to build up this Southland of ours by inducing men of means to come South and develop some of the many idle resources by putting their money and experience into mines, water-powers, farms and building lots. The Southern Home-Seeker's Guide should be in the hands of every live, progressive Southerner.

DEATH IN CHILHOWIE.

Miss Ellen Harris Dies from That Dread Disease Consumption.

Miss Ellen M., daughter of Mr. J. A. Harris, 2 1/2 miles north of Marion, died on the night of the 13th inst., in the 29th year of her age, from consumption. Miss Ellen was a true christian lady, and a member of the M. E. Church, South. She lived up to her profession, and when death came she was ready to meet it. She was highly respected in her neighborhood and by all who knew her.

She leaves a kind and affectionate father and step-mother, one sister, and a brother who left for the far west only a few days before her demise, and another brother who was also absent at the time of her death, to mourn their loss. Her funeral services were held on Saturday at 11 a. m. by Rev. G. A. Maiden, of this place, and her remains conveyed to Ebenezer church cemetery, followed by a large number of relatives and friends, where she was laid to rest until the resurrection morn. We extend our sympathies to bereaved family.

Mysterious Actions of a Young Man.

A well dressed young man, by the name of F. W. Peters, came to this place on the 18th Nov. last, and engaged board at Mrs. D. F. Carrier's. He is from Boston, Mass., his age is about 25 years. He brought with him a quantity of nice, good clothing, and a great many books, mostly of a religious kind. He seemed to be very religious and kept himself in his room almost constantly, reading and writing. He is well educated, very polite and respectful to every one he knows. He attended church and Sunday-school regularly, and several times while at Mrs. Carrier's he would fast. The last time he commenced fasting on the 23rd day of February, which continued for 17 days and 3 hours, after which he began to take nourishment and exercise. Last Saturday evening his actions seemed to be quite strange, but he retired to his room about 9 o'clock, and remained there until about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, when he quietly left his room and succeeded in getting out of the house and went off two miles North of town and entered a cave in the dark and cold, where he remained until about 4 p. m. Sunday, when he came out and went to J. H. Copenhaver's house near by. Mr. Copenhaver made his whereabouts known immediately and several persons went over from town and came back with Mr. Peters to his boarding house. On Sunday night he was taken to the Asylum, where he will receive every necessary comfort and attention. Mr. Peters, we understand, is now doing very well, and no doubt will be himself again soon.

A Petrified Frog.

Mr. Henry B. Haller, of this place, has a petrified frog, which was taken out of a solid lump of coal by his uncle J. F. Haller.

Look Out, Moonshiners.

Mr. J. H. Carrico, of Holston Mills, formerly U. S. Commissioner for this county, has been appointed and commissioned a special deputy marshal for this county by Marshal Jno. G. Watts.

Marion to Boom.

A NEW RAILROAD ENTERPRISE.

The Staley's Creek Manganese and Iron Company to Build a Railroad.—A Big Thing for Smyth County.

By an act of the General Assembly Va., the Staley's Creek Manganese and Iron Company was incorporated a d approved May 21, 1887.

The gentlemen composing the Company named in the charter are: Jno. M. Preston, Minter, Jackson, D. D. Hull, Jno. S. Apperson, A. C. Cummings, Walter Preston and Thomas E. Gardner.

The charter provides that they may add to their Company such other persons as they may associate with them. They are empowered to mine manganese, iron ore, steel and other metals; to locate furnaces, mills and other necessary works, and to locate and to construct any railroad not exceeding fifteen miles in length from their lands or works, to any point on the Norfolk and Western railroad in Smyth or Washington counties. The capital stock of said Company shall not be less than \$500,000 and may be increased to any amount not over \$500,000.00. The Company may receive subscriptions to the stock payable at any time and place, and to be made payable in money or real estate at such valuations as may be agreed upon between the directors and subscribers. No stockholder shall be in anywise responsible for the debts of the Company for a larger sum than the amount of any unpaid balance due to said Company for stock subscribed for by the stockholder.

Amendatory acts to the charter were passed and approved at the last session (1889-90) which are of interest, but as we have not seen them we cannot now publish them.

In conformity with the requirements of the charter, the Company met in Abingdon on the 22nd day of February and proceeded to organize.

Dr. Jno. S. Apperson was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, and has been instructed to obtain rights of way for a railroad to lead from the head waters of Staley's Creek to the Norfolk and Western railroad at Marion. The length of the proposed railroad will be about seven miles on water grade the whole way, and if extended over the mountain to the Cripple Creek extension, it will run through Slomp's Creek Gap or another gap north of Slomp's, either of which the road can be made without a heavy grade. The whole length of the road will not be more than fifteen miles if taken to White Rock Furnace, and if built west of that point, the line will be much shorter.

By building this road it would run through and very near to the richest and largest veins of iron and manganese ores in Virginia, or probably in the whole South, and would be of vast importance to the people of the section through which it passes, as well as to the citizens of the county and of Marion.

Dr. Apperson is an energetic, business man, and will very soon visit all the land owners along the proposed route, for the purpose of securing rights of way, which, we trust, he will do without having any damages to pay to any one, as it would increase the value of their lands, and the benefits resulting from the improvement would more than satisfy for damages. If the rights of way can be secured without damages, there will be no trouble about the road being built very soon. Just as soon as the rights of way are secured, a corps of engineers will be employed to survey and locate the route.

Therefore we hope soon to see the trains running from the South side of the county to Marion. This enterprise will also be of great benefit to mechanics and laborers who will be employed to make the road, for which fair wages will be paid them. A force of hands have already been employed and are developing ores in many places, and are finding them in large quantities, which are of the very finest grades.

So let us have the railroad!

Married

At the residence of T. J. Wilmore, on West Main Street, March 19th, 1890, by Rev. T. F. McFaden, of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Thomas H. Rider, of this place, and Miss Martha Steen, of Washington county. We congratulate you, Tom, in being so fortunate in your selection. May you both live long, be happy and prosperous.

At the residence of the bride's father, Jas. H. Folden, Esq., in this place, on Wednesday, March 19, 1890, Mr. Andrew Folden, of Pulaski county, and Miss Frankie Folden, Rev. G. A. Maiden, of the Methodist church, officiating.

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ALLIANCE MEN MEET.

Report of Committee on State Exchange.

The Committee appointed by the State Alliance to formulate a plan for an Exchange met at Richmond, Va., January 21st, 1890.

The following members were present: Maj. Mann Page, Chairman; Maj. Geo. Chrisman, Rockingham; T. Y. Allen, Mecklenburg; Capt. R. C. Williams, Smyth; Julian M. Ruffin, Hanover; A. R. Venable, Jr., vice R. T. Barnes.

On motion, Julian M. Ruffin, was elected Secretary of the Committee.

After a full and careful examination of the plans of exchange of the States of North and South Carolina and Georgia, the Committee considered them too cumbersome and expensive for our people, requiring the minimum of \$50,000 to put them into operation. Therefore we recommend a State Exchange on the following plan:

1st. That each sub-Alliance be required to contribute quarterly a sum equal to ten cents for every male member, said amount to be collected and forwarded by the Secretary of the sub-Alliance to the Secretary of the State Alliance, to be paid by him to the Treasurer of the State Alliance, to be held as a special fund to defray the necessary expenses of the Exchange, and the same shall be paid out as the Executive Committee may direct.

2nd. That said Exchange shall be managed and controlled by the Executive Committee of the State Alliance, which shall be composed of five members.

3rd. That it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to elect a competent Business Agent for the Exchange, locate his place of business, prescribe such rules as are necessary to carry out the operations of the Exchange, fix his salary, and defray all the expenses of said Exchange out of the funds raised for this purpose.

4th. That said Executive Committee shall require a satisfactory endorsed bond by a Guarantee Co., of said Business Agent for the faithful performance of his duties, and full security for all funds, produce and commodities in his hands, and also for the protection of both buyer and seller and all purchases made by him.

5th. That said Agent may be removed for cause at any time by the Executive Committee.

6th. That no sub-Alliance shall be entitled to the privileges of this Business Exchange until their quarterly dues shall have been paid to Exchange Fund, and all orders must come under seal of Sub and County Alliance.

7th. That it shall be the duty of the State Secretary promptly to inform the Business Agent of the payment of dues by each sub-Alliance to this fund.

The Secretary of the State Alliance is hereby directed to send a copy of this plan to the Secretary of every County and sub-Alliance for their consideration.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR MARCH 23.

Lesson Text: "Christ Forgiving Sin," Luke v., 17-20-Golden Text: "Luke v., 21-Commentary."

17. "And it came to pass on a certain day as he was teaching... Jesus in a house in Capernaum, the house filled with people, and such a crowd about the door that no one could come near..."

18. "And he beheld, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy..."

19. "And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee..."

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21. "Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"

22. "Jesus perceived their thoughts (R. V., readings) and said unto them: 'What reason have ye in your hearts?'"

23. "Whether is easier to say, 'Thy sins are forgiven thee,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk?'"

24. "The Son of Man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, as he seeth from above..."

25. "And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house..."

26. "Amazed-glorified God-filled with fear-we have seen strange things to-day..."

27. "The Word of the Son of Man, God manifest in the flesh, did it. He forgave his sins, he healed his body..."

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RELIGIOUS READING.

"I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

High, my soul, thou canst not murmur, Thou hast such a gracious friend; In His heart of love He planeth All thy path from end to end...

Hold His hand, 'twas pierced to save thee. Let Him draw thee to His side; Put thy head upon His bosom; Now in His arms be care content...

Like a river ever onward Flows into an ocean calm, Lit up with a golden sun— Echoing with an evening psalm—

THE TRUE CHRISTIAN. No man ought to think he hath found peace when nothing troubles him, nor that he is a holy person because he prays with great sweetness and comfort...

HALF MEASURES. A bridge which is a foot too short, falls to reach across the chasm. A race may be lost by a length as well as by a mile...

A Russian Wolf in New York. I was chatting to a couple of acquaintances at the entrance to a hotel on Fifth avenue, below Twenty-third street...

LEADING CHILDREN TO PRAY. One of the most delightful offices of a mother is that of leading the minds of her little children up to God, as a Father...

He Eats Lamp Chimneys. A man walked into a queensware house in Asheville recently, and purchased a lamp chimney...

A Lebanon (Penn.) young woman, on her first visit to Lancaster, had a painful adventure. She thought a window was open...

An inventor of Belfast, Ireland, has made a pneumatic tire for bicycles that is claimed to destroy all vibration...

Children Enjoy The pleasant flavor, gentle action and soothing effects of Syrup of Figs, when in need of a laxative...

That Tired Feeling Has never been more prevalent and more prostrating than now. The winter has been mild and unhealthful...

That Tired Feeling Let this truth, God's service cheerful, leave our whole spiritual life. It will soon change our whole system of duties into privileges...

A Lonesome Little King. The King of Anam, now under the protectorate of France, is a boy nine years old, Thank-Tai by name...

Planting Trees Upside Down. It is sometimes said that the branches of very old trees are, properly speaking, roots...

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