

Incidents Illustrative of Spirit Power.

(The Macon Telegraph and Messenger.) "I will tell you a curious story," said a Spiritualist to us the other night, after we had been discussing Spiritualism, and had related many peculiar exhibitions that had come under our personal observation.

in a large masculine hand. There was profound silence in the little group, and a feeling of terror and dread settled upon mother and daughters. None dared look over the shoulder of the writer, who at last, finishing, gave a sigh of relief and went directly upstairs to her chamber.

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"A gentleman of veracity told me that for three nights he dreamed that a man with a full red face appeared to him in his dreams, carrying a hammer which he held over his head in a menacing manner.

Without a mythical devil in the field of theology, the Lord would have been successful in his good intentions with man, and theologians left to seek other employment.

When philosophically considered, if sin was not essential in divine economy for human development, the foresight of an omniscient Being of infinite ability, would have prevented its existence.

The orthodox doctrine that sin is offensive to God, pardonable on petition, is tantamount on logical principles of deduction to a license for sinning; for no one need fear the consequences of transgression with remission promised in advance.

"I don't pretend to explain this phenomenon. I know that it did actually exist, and can be proven by more than one eye-witness now living.

"Let me tell you briefly another incident that happened under my own observation: "Somewhere back in the sixties the family of a sea captain, absent on a long cruise, lived in the town I speak of.

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ty of a thinking mind to be called upon to believe that God once made an ocular thunder and lightning display of himself on an Arabian mountain during the course of history, to reveal what should have been communicated to Adam on calling him from his hiding place in Eden.

The Easter Hope.

Whatever M. J. Savage says is well said; his utterances are strong, clear, hopeful and encouraging. He never strives for mere oratorical effect, but his wealth of soul, deep seriousness, poetic imagination and thorough candor make him eloquent without effort.

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I offer no argument that claims to be demonstrative. I simply want you to fasten your thought on the grand significance of this fact: that in the face of universal death, from the beginning, in all time, this wonderfully contradictory human race of ours says: "I will not believe it: life and not death is the reality. There is no death: what seems so is transition."

"I wish to emphasize the reality of this fact, and to hint its meaning, by pointing out the significance of the truth that this growth of hope that we set forth and celebrate year by year on our Easter morning seems to be native to the heart of man.

A Dying Quakeress and Her Children. (From the Manchester Courier.) A member of the Society of Friends, living at Settle, in Craven, had to take a journey to the borders of Scotland.

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"I should be ready to go if I could but see my children." She then closed her eyes, it was thought to reopen them no more; but after ten minutes of perfect stillness she looked up brightly and said, "I am ready now; I have been with my children" and then at once peacefully passed away.

The Future of Modern Spiritualism.

We judge the future of a man from what we see of his present life, and know of his past career. The boy is father to the man; and manhood has its noon of manly strength and pride of intellect, soon to be followed by the setting sun of an old age.

Manhood has ever been reluctant to recognize its inability to comprehend a whole truth. The perception that we call truth today, becomes strangely incomplete in the greater experience of to-morrow; yet every religion in the world has demanded of its votaries that they shall seek no further; and so that one fragmentary idea, that human conception of truth, is wrapped in priestly creed and bandaged in dogma, lest human reason shall gaze upon it so closely as to discern its imperfection.

Changes are incessant and perpetual, for manhood inquires and learns till the belief of the father stands in his son's superstition founded upon ignorance.

But the thinker stands with a truth in his soul that was not born of the old religion. He cherishes it as divine. If the old church will accept the new-born truth as born of lawful wedlock between human reason and the immortal soul, then that man affiliates with the old church and it is strengthened and broadened by the new truth; but if the new light be all dark to the old faith, then we have a new organization, another sect claiming its right to a share of the family inheritance.

So Universalism has sung its one song in an endless monotony that left no hour for another rhythm of celestial harmony.

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A VALUABLE NERVE TONIC. Dr. C. C. OLMSTEAD, Milwaukee, Wis., says: "I have used it in my practice ten years, and consider it a valuable nerve tonic."

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American mowers, horse-forks and hay-rakes are very extensively used in Saxony, being preferred to the home make because of their lightness.

Speckled trout come up in the water of some artesian wells in Nevada. The supposition is that they came from subterranean lakes.

"Are You a Christian?"

A tract was put into my hands in traveling, the other day, with this title. The tract distributor did not wait for an answer. Had he done so, I should have been obliged to reply, "In your sense of the word, probably not."

I remember that once, when studying at Divinity Hall in Cambridge, I happened to meet Octavius Frothingham at the wood-pile in the cellar; and we passed very rapidly, as students will, from the knotty wood to some other hard knots.

The trouble about calling one's self a Christian is, first, that it is a very vague word, used in a great variety of meanings.

The profoundest writers of the age have not missed this truth. Emerson said, twenty-five years ago: "Genius is always the enemy of genius by over-imitation. The English divines have Shaksperianized now for centuries."

It is inevitable, I suppose, that all our sects, in relaxing the severity of dogma, should pass through an intermediate period when the worship of Jesus stands in place of all other creeds.

"Shakspeare was not made by the study of Shakspeare," nor Jesus by the study of Jesus. He at least was not a Christian—in the sense of dependence on another—whenever else is. It is to be a Christian meant to get spiritual knowledge at first hand, as Jesus did; the name would be indeed worthless assuming.

The custom of decorating rooms by strung roses on furniture, bedding and floors is extending in Paris.

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Woman and the Household.

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NO MORE SEA.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. Clarkson, widow of the late Bishop of Nebraska, has been appointed conductor of the Child's Hospital, Omaha.

Miss Ida Kurtz, the deputy sheriff of Franklin county, Pa., took her second prisoner to the penitentiary at Philadelphia, recently.

Dr. Sarah J. McNutt of New York, has been received as an active member of the American Neurological Association.

Miss Helen Gladstone, daughter of the Premier, who has been for sometime mistress of the South Hall, at Newham, is engaged to be married to Professor James Stuart, lately elected to Parliament in place of the deceased Postmaster General Fawcett.

Sister Mary Frances Clare is the founder of the Sisters of Peace, in England, a new order of nuns intended to train girls for domestic service.

ONE WOMAN'S WORK.

The journals describe it in this way: Miss Mary F. Seymour, a well known stenographer and law-reporter of New York City, has been recently appointed Commissioner of Deeds for New Jersey by Governor Abbott of that State.

These extracts are from a letter in the Woman's Tribune, in answer to an appeal for a crusade against polygamy: "It is with infinite sorrow that I see earnest women wasting so much enthusiasm on intemperance, polygamy, prostitution—all outgrowths of woman's degradation—instead of utterly and completely repudiating the idea of her 'divinely ordained subjection' wherever they find it, whether in state or church, in codes or canons, in statutes or scriptures.

OUR LITTLE ONES AND THE NURSERY. (The Russell Publishing Co., Boston.) The stories and illustrations in this number are equal to those in previous ones and will please the young readers.

follows with great closeness. For her services in this line of work she receives a very fair salary, and she is also paid handsomely for her services in the interest of the Pennsylvania Railway. She does additional work for one other paper, and her income ranges close to one hundred dollars a week.

Magazines for May Received.

WIDE AWAKE. (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.) Wide Awake for May is a charming number, being filled with interesting stories, poems, pictures and jingles.

THE ECLECTIC. (E. R. Pelton, New York.) The May issue of this sterling magazine gives an excellent selection from the best articles in the late foreign magazines.

THE LIBRARY MAGAZINE. (John B. Alden, New York.) The contents of the May number shows some good, strong reading from able and popular writers.

CHAUTAQUA YOUNG FOLKS' JOURNAL. (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.) A monthly devoted to reading clubs, schools and homes.

THE VACCINATION INQUIRER. (E. W. Allen, London, Eng.) A health review and the organ of the London society for the abolition of Compulsory Vaccination.

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BOOK REVIEWS.

[All books noticed under this head, are for sale at, or can be ordered through, the office of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.]

PILOT FORTUNE. By Marian C. L. Reeves and Emily Bead. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. We have here an excellent story, original in the incidents and characters portrayed, and told in a manner that evinces much feeling and intelligent insight.

FLATLAND. A Romance of Many Dimensions. By A. Square, with illustrations by the author. Boston: Roberts Brothers. Chicago: Jansen, McClurg & Co. A capital book to set the reader to thinking, to find the hidden meaning intended to be conveyed; which is often pointed out with what Josh Billings would call "sarkasm."

One of the most marked women in New York is described as follows. The writer does not tell what is true, that Miss Morgan selected all the horses of the King of Italy, for many years, and is as good a judge of horses as of cattle.

MAN, HIS ORIGIN, NATURE AND DESTINY. By E. L. Dohoney of Texas. Pp. 371, 12mo. St. Louis: John Burns Publishing Company, 1883.

When the reader is informed that Dohoney "of Texas" has written this thick book because he has "long felt a desire to make a survey of human nature, taking the Bible as the beginning corner, and then running in accordance with God's laws, natural and revealed, to establish the field notes of man's being," he will understand his scientific attainments and the plan of his investigation.

"Chemistry will unfold the fact that light when confined in a certain condition, and condensed, will produce water; and that water thus formed, subjected to the vertical influence of light, will produce by its internal motion and further condensation, a gelatinous substance of the composition of the spifer, the motion of which indicates animal life.

EVOLUTION AND CHRISTIANITY, or an Answer to the Development of Modern Times. By Benjamin F. Tefft, D. D., LL. D. Boston: Lee & Shepard. Chicago: Jansen, McClurg & Co. Price, \$1.50.

As the plea of an erudite scholar in behalf of his creed, this work shows a vast amount of research by the author, and a remarkable ability to select and use the pertinent arguments of one writer to attack the demerits of the views of another.

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Mr. Garland is a Roman Catholic, the second to occupy the place of Attorney General of the United States.

R. W. Herbert, a Pittsburg editor, is being tried by an ecclesiastical court for attending a dog fight on a Sunday afternoon.

J. W. Mahony of London, Eng., dramatic reader, etc., has arrived in this country and may be addressed at 1506 North 7th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. E. L. Watson lectured last Sunday, morning and evening, at Martine's Hall, to the largest audiences that have occupied that place of resort for some time. Every available seat was occupied.

A very good story is told of Abraham Lincoln: At an early day he held an office in an Illinois town, which made it his duty to give a license to any person who came there to address the people, and no one was allowed to do so without this permit, given freely on evidence of good character.

"Though we recognize all days as equally holy in themselves," said Theodore Parker, "and recognize the duty of keeping every day blameless and holy, we yet learn from history and from observation that the custom of devoting one day in the week mainly to rest from common work, and to the various purposes of spiritual culture, has produced many happy results, and is still important to the greater part of mankind."

A few weeks ago a diamond dealer named Kennedy, from New York, stopped at the Palmer House for a few days and then went on to New Orleans. Upon his arrival at that city a package containing \$4,000 worth of uncut diamonds was found to be missing.

Mr. J. Clegg Wright of Philadelphia writes: "J. W. Mahony, of England, lecturer, debater and reciter of entire Shakespearian plays, gave one of his noted entertainments at the rooms of the First Association, South Spring Garden Street, on Thursday evening, May 7th. The performance consisted of the greater part of Shakespeare's sublime tragedy, 'Hamlet.'"

Last week we published a communication, from Mr. Coleman, giving an account of Mrs. E. L. Watson's Farewell Address in San Francisco. He sent the following addition thereto, but too late to appear last week: "The floral decorations of the rostrum on this occasion were many, elaborate, and varied, fifteen hundred roses alone being used, with multitudes of other flowers—all or nearly all being furnished by Mrs. Nowell, who with her two daughters also deftly and tastefully arranged the floral wealth of ornament so lavishly displayed."

Messrs. Jansen, McClurg & Co. will publish at an early day, "Camp-Fire Memorial-Day," and other poems by Mrs. Kate Brownlee Sherwood.

Miss Rosemond Dale Owen intends to lecture to America soon and will be open to lecture engagements after July 1st, at camp meetings, etc. She can be addressed at 142 East 18th Street, New York City.

Under the new arrangement whereby *The Century* is issued in this country on the first of the month and copyrighted here, copyright protection is also secured in Great Britain by issue there a day or two in advance,—a great advantage to contributors, since their articles are now protected in both countries.

It appears from the *Tribune* of this city, that a small company of people assembled last Sunday in the house of Mr. Wilson, No. 77 Le Moyne Avenue, to place themselves under the influence of Mr. Meyers, faith-healer. The leader read the ninth chapter of St. John, the story of Christ giving sight to the blind man.

The Progress of Thought.

The following article from *The Christian Register*, the able weekly exponent of the cultivated thought of the Unitarian churches of our country at large and of Boston and Eastern Massachusetts in particular, is very significant of the hold that the teachings of Spiritualism have taken on mind in that communion.

THE RISEN JESUS.

Once more, the Easter chimes carry us to the tomb of Jesus. To us as to the heart-stricken Mary, the impulsive Peter and the loving John, the question comes, What do we find there? Are we seeking the living among the dead? Is the tomb sealed for us, or has the stone been rolled away?

Much depends upon the attitude of mind and heart with which we approach the tomb and that atmosphere of tradition in which it is enveloped. What if we go in the spirit of the doubting Thomas, asking the finger-marks of proof at every step of the way? And yet Thomas must not be withheld. Let there be no reproach for the doubter. The path of skepticism which leads to the tomb of Jesus must be trodden as fearlessly as the high-road of unchallenged faith.

Nor does it avail to urge the authority of the Church and its traditions, as is done by Roman Catholicism. The mere fact of the continuity of tradition, either oral or written, does not establish the fact on which it is founded.

What effort is necessary, then, to supply some basis for belief to the doubting Thomas? In the first place, it is necessary to show that this experience of Jesus was not exceptional, that immortality is not in any sense the gift of Jesus, but inherent in the very constitution

of the human soul itself. It is necessary, also, to show that the resurrection after death and the reappearance to humanity may be as universal as the fact of immortality. While Protestantism concedes the natural immortality of the soul, its influence has rather been against regarding the reappearance of Jesus to his disciples as anything but an exceptional fact.

We have learned at least that there is a science of mind. We have discovered how little we know of its limitations and of the unusual conditions under which it may operate. Until we know more, this much must be conceded: that the story of the reappearance of Jesus to his disciples cannot be dogmatically and imperiously denied.

General News.

The wool clip of Oregon will this year reach 11,000,000 pounds. The ship State of Maine recently made the distance across the Pacific in twenty days, the fastest time on record. The first steamship to cross the Atlantic was the Savannah. She sailed from New York for Liverpool March 29th, 1819.

Minister Lowell will leave England in June. A portrait of ex-Secretary Lincoln is being painted for the War Department. Mlle. Corlin, who won the prize at the late beauty-show in Paris, is twenty years of age.

had expired. Kossuth has a poor opinion of Gladstone as a Premier. He thinks the greatest two men in the world to-day are Bismarck and the Emperor of Japan—the latter because of the wonderful progress his country has made in the last few years.

Funk & Wagnalls, New York, have in press and will soon issue the following works: "Historical Lights," by C. E. Little; "Apostolic Life," by Joseph Parker; "Sunrise on the Soul," by Hugh Smith Carpenter; "D. D., 'Elijah, the Reformer,'" by Geo. Lansing Taylor, D. D., and "The Coming of the Lord," by J. C. Rankin, D. D.

"Ingersoll's Interviews on Talmage," by R. G. Ingersoll. A work containing six interviews with Ingersoll on six sermons delivered by T. De Witt Talmage, to which is added a Talmagian Catechism.

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SPIRITUALIST CONVENTION. There will be a Spiritualists Convention at Benton Harbor, Michigan, Saturday and Sunday, June 6th and 7th, 1885. The Spiritualists of Oregon (and all others who may feel an interest in the spiritual movement in this State) will hold a Spiritualist Camp Meeting at New Era, Clackamas County, Oregon, beginning Thursday, June 18th, and ending the 22nd.

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For the Religio-Philosophical Journal, "Over There."

BY JOS. FARNSWORTH.

Read at one of the annual meetings of the Farnsworth Family. They tell us of a heavenly land Beyond the starry sky, Whose heights in fadless verdure stand 'Mid ether pure and zephyrs bland...

The Wizard Edison.

Harvesting Electrical Thoughts to Practical Work. W. A. Croffitt in the New York World: I found Mr. Edison last week in his laboratory on Avenue B, and asked him what was the newest thought that he had harnessed to matter...

Spirits in a Photograph Gallery.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Knowing the interest that is taken in the progress of Spiritualism throughout the country, I thought a few lines from the capital would be of interest to the many readers of the JOURNAL...

D. Madson, in remitting his subscription, says: The RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL is a weekly messenger that I do not want to discontinue...

Catholic Mediums and Spirits.

BY THOS. HARDING.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Mediums, like other people, must be brought down to a level before they can stand as living perpendiculars. Jesus was a philosopher...

Amongst the letters I have recently received from Spiritualists and mediums, are some from Roman Catholics. One Catholic lady writes in a letter dated Oct. 1st, and requests that my name shall not be divulged...

Most mediums, particularly if they have had but a limited experience, seem to need prudent counsel rather than encouragement, and from passages in this letter, which I have not repeated, I judged that such would not be out of place...

DEAR MADAM, I would like to know, if you please, whether there is such a person as 'Caroline Lord,' and if there is, whether she writes to me in good faith. The last of her communications, in particular, was written in such terms of flattery and bombast...

Mediums are brought into trouble (and their Spiritualism into disgrace) by permitting themselves to be carried away by extravagant controls. They should never permit violence to be done to their own mind...

The Existence of God.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: For a long time I thought nothing could cause me to question the being of God. Atheism seemed to me the climax of absurdity...

Attraction and Repulsion.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

Early in my examinations into the truths of Spiritualism (which dates thirty-seven years back) the coterie to whom I was attached were made sensible of the existence, power and universality of the above named influences...

One Sunday afternoon a number of our acquaintances by chance met at a spiritual friend's house. Some of the company, buoyant, spirited young men, allowed their conversation to border on trifling and levity...

Who this invisible friend was, I never knew, but it is unnecessary to say I felt the force of his remarks and the justice of his reproof. I find the truth of his caution applicable to all mediums, private or public...

Suddenly the table commenced tipping again and the name Augustus M. was given, the name of a once dissolute young man of this place. He had lost his inherited patrimony in low gambling, horse racing and cockfighting...

In our experiments on the danger of gross surroundings we only found the world is not worse than we find it. Alas, how little effort is made in the early tuition of children to establish within them by precept and example an inflexible moral standard...

The Home Circle.

Your offer to devote a department in your paper to the Home Circle, I hope will meet with a ready response. Many, like myself, I presume, are seeking for truth and light in the home circle, whose circumstances, location, or family cares, preclude the frequent attendance at a distance from home...

A near relative of Benjamin F. Butler, who keeps a 30-cent store at New Haven, Ct., and lives in an elegant house on Sylvan Avenue, is greatly annoyed by mysterious spirit manifestations in one of his bedrooms...

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Railway Etiquette.

Timely and Important Rules of Conduct for the Benefit of Those Who Don't Know How to Behave Themselves in a Sleeper or Dining Car.

BY HILL NYE.

Many people have traveled all their lives and yet do not know how to behave themselves when on the road. For the benefit and guidance of such, these few, crisp, plain, horse sense rules of etiquette have been framed...

In traveling by rail, on foot, turn to the right on discovering an approaching train. If you wish the train to turn out, give two loud toots and get in between the rails so that you will not miss up the right of way...

On retiring at night on board the train, do not leave your teeth in the ice water tank. If every one should do so, it would occasion great confusion in case of wreck...

If you have been reared in extreme poverty and your mother supported you until you grew up and married so that your wife could support you...

If you are prone to drop to sleep and breathe with a low, death rattle, like the chirping of a beetle, it would be a good plan to tie up your head in a feather bed and then insert the whole thing, in the linen closet, or if you cannot secure that, you might stick it out of the window and get it knocked off against a tunnel...

Ladies and gentlemen should guard against traveling by rail while in a besotted state of intoxication. In the dining car, while eating, do not comb your moustache with your fork...

If your desert is very hot and you do not discover it until you have buried the rafters out of the roof of your mouth, do not utter a wild yell of agony and spill your coffee all over a total stranger...

The female of this same mammal goes into the ladies' department and remains there till starvation drives her out. Then the real ladies have about thirty cents upon them which to dress.

In traveling, do not take along a lot of old clothes that you know you will never wear. Never walk through a car staring everybody out of countenance, like a Jim Crow detective hunting for the James boys...

Curing Gen. Grant.

The Many Cranks and Other Well-Disposed Persons that Have Annoyed the Sick Man's Family.

During the stress of anxiety when Gen. Grant's death was a matter of hourly expectancy, neither his physicians, the family, nor the reporters paid attention to the cranks who infested the neighborhood of his residence, seeking admission, or who sent letters by the score in the vain hope that some reply would be given...

The most persistent of the volunteers were alleged miracle-workers, who desired to lay their hands on the General. Not one of the applicants for a trial got so near the patient as the inside of the front doorway, where their errands were heard by one of the sons, usually Fred, who unconsciously shut the door...

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A. E. N. writes: I am enjoying immensely the intellectual report you spread for your readers weekly, fresh, crisp, spicy, prepared with the utmost skill, and very temptingly arranged.

Horses can now be supplied with artificial tails of the most beautiful quality. The largest tail factory is at Bridgeport, Conn.

of white flowers, placed by angel hands over Mrs. Lord's head while she was speaking, the word 'Charity' in blue violets forming the centre of the arch. She likewise saw the ascended brother of the ladies, in whose favor we had gathered, standing near Mrs. Lord, as though pronouncing a benediction upon her for her unceasing kindness...

Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

The annual income of Amherst College is \$70,000. Mrs. Lord's widow has seven children and \$8,000,000. Mice, it is said, are more afraid of women than of men. A new seedless grape has just come into notice in France. The average duration of life in Russia is only twenty-six years. Halfstones, weighing nearly twelve ounces, fell at Corsicana, Tex., last week. The free lunches in New York saloons are said to cost \$11,800,000 annually. In Jamaica coffins are often brought to the house before the sick person is dead. Garfield's statue, to be set up in San Francisco, has just been cast at Nuremberg. China, it is said, will reorganize her military system, as Japan has already done. A Paris publisher is said to have the skull of Richelieu carefully preserved in a velvet case. A harpoon of the pattern made over forty years ago was taken from a whale captured near Coes Bay recently. Nebraska was once a slave territory, the first official census taken in 1854 showing a return of thirteen slaves. A complete German translation of the Babylonian Talmud (the first accomplished) is to be published shortly at Innsbruck. Jay Gould has appointed a woman as freight agent at Castleton, Ind., on the Detroit and Indianapolis division of the Wabash Railroad. During the recent Franco-Chinese difficulty the latter country was for the first time in her long history compelled to borrow money from foreign sources. There are published in Honolulu four English daily newspapers, four English, three native, one Chinese and one Portuguese weeklies, and three English and one native monthlies. Several hundred polo ponies have been sent to the Soudan, the English Government believing them to be the best and hardiest chargers to be found for work there and the rough treatment they will get. Sacramento, Cal., is afflicted with an invasion of bugs of all sorts and sizes. The electric light at night are a center of attraction for the pests, and it is no infrequent occurrence, it is said, for the light to be put out by the numbers of insects that fall into the globes. A farmer's wife in Indiana who runs the vegetable garden of half an acre, not only keeps a large table bountifully supplied, but sold last year more than \$100 worth of vegetables to the town folks a few miles away. This half acre was of more profit than any four acres which the husband cultivated. Crocodile mummies have been found in the subterranean chambers of the Labyrinth, a great edifice built by ancient Egyptian Kings. The sacred crocodiles, great reptiles, were attached to the temple of Sebaste, the crocodile god. They were exceedingly tame and wore earrings. The Labyrinth seems to have been their seculcher. A young lamb with only two feet, and these its front ones, is among the stock owned by a resident of Lower Alloway Creek, N. J., where it is attracting no little attention. The animal goes about with its mother, however, with seemingly little difficulty. When ready for locomotion it rises on its feet and journeys along with the rest of the flock. There is no record of the distance from shore at which divers have gone down in the Atlantic Ocean. They can go down to certain depths at any part of the ocean. As long ago as 1850 E. P. Harrington, of Westfield, N. Y., went down 170 feet and recovered the iron safe of the steamer Atlantic, sunk in Lake Erie the year before. He was dressed in a common diver's suit, and remained down eleven minutes. A recent French invention enables men to descend over 800 feet. The famous 'Codex Argenteus' the four gospels translated by Bishop Ulfilas, is preserved in the University of Upsala. It is written on 182 leaves of parchment in letters of silver on a ground of faded purple. It is kept in a glass case and under lock and key. It dates back to the second half of the fourth century, and besides being of value to the religious world, it gives the secular world all the knowledge it now possesses of the early Gothic, the parent of all Germanic tongues. The Fenian raid that aroused considerable public curiosity through the columns of the newspapers two years ago is still at New Haven, Conn., in a wooden building on the bank of Mill River. It is about thirty feet long, cigar shaped, burns petroleum for fuel, and can make excellent speed under water. It is said to have cost \$15,000. No one is allowed to see it except those in whose charge it is, and they refuse to talk about it. The building has no side windows and the door is strongly barred. An Erie composer known to the craft as 'Father Quinn,' who once held a case on the London Times, where he set the first 'case' of that journal's account of Queen Victoria's coronation ceremonies, has, in a long life, set, it is estimated, type enough to weigh ninety-four tons, which this old man has a lifted, piece by piece, in the specified time. In setting type the average distance the hand travels is eighteen inches. Consequently his hand has traveled 97,727 miles, or within a few hundred feet of being four times the circumference of the earth. A London paper makes mention of a cat which would recognize his master's footsteps after a three months' absence, and come out to meet him in the hall, with tail erect, and purring all over as if to the very verge of howling. Another one comes up every morning between 6 and 7 o'clock to walk his master, sits on the bed, and very gently feels first one eyelid and then the other with his paw. When an eye opens, and not till then, the cat sets up a long purr, like the prayer of a fire-worshiper to the rising sun. Cornstalks are never stacked or taken into account in some parts of the country. In a few places yet the corn itself is never husked or harvested, but left standing, while cattle and hogs are turned into the fields in winter to help themselves. In Virginia 10 per cent of the crop, or nearly 3,000,000 bushels, was left in the field over winter last year; in Tennessee, 5 per cent, or 3,238,000 bushels; Kentucky and Ohio had each nearly 6,000,000 bushels, while Illinois left 17,118,000 bushels unharvested. Thrifty Kansas left 23 per cent of her crop, or 21,906,000 bushels, ungathered, while in the whole United States 119,811,000 bushels were left to the mercy of winter weather under this primitive form of husbandry. At a recent meeting of the Philadelphia College of Physicians there was exhibited a collection of dried snake poisons. They were contained in a score or more of small bottles, and were the venoms secured from rattlesnakes, moccasins, copperheads, cobras, daboias and other varieties, and are today as virulent poisons as when first drawn from the fangs of the living reptiles. Colored drawings were also shown representing the action of these deadly fluids on the systems of pigeons. An exhibition was also given of the sphynograph, or pulse-writer, the arm of a colored water being utilized. The delicate instrument faithfully recorded the pulsations of the subject on a smoke-blackened sheet of mica. Eighteen years ago, while in good health, which has since fallen from Joseph Lilly, a wealthy farmer of Douglas County, Missouri, was laid in bed, and has since remained under the hypochondriacal delusion that should he get out of his bed he would die. During all this time neither ridicule nor entreaty could prevail upon him to leave the bed for a single moment. Before the development of this single idiosyncrasy he was very active and ambitious to succeed in life. He still conducts his farming while lying in bed, his wife seeing to the execution of the orders, and he has twice in the last year in the peril of being burned alive, did not shake his delusion in his delusion. He spends his time in conversing with friends and in reading the papers.

