



Truth wears no mask, bows at no human shrine, seeks neither place nor applause: she only asks a hearing.

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EVOLUTION FROM BARTER

To Combination or "Trust."

GEO. H. JONES.

"All nature is but art, unknown to thee;
All change, dire form, which thou canst not see;
All disorder, harmony not understood;
All partial evil, universal good;
And spite of pride, in erring reason's spite
One truth is clear, whatever is, is right." — Pope.

and method of drawback. On the almost barren eastern shores of the New England States, the Pilgrim Fathers made their landing...

"In 1860 our wealth was valued at \$16,160,000,000. In 1880 it had increased 170 per cent. During that period a 1,000,000 producers were destroyed by war, and the two armies withdrawn from productive occupations...

"There is a uniformity in the working of Nature's laws, as to action and time, more accurate than any of man's mechanism; she expends her forces in treasuring up benefits to be let loose at some future day..."

Original discoveries and observations are often made by individuals nearly simultaneously, without communication or knowledge of each other. It is a psychologic law that ideas and discoveries shall come to light in this way through individuals of like taste...

an important factor. Thus the manufacturer and the merchant were evolved. Until recently, competition has been the life of trade, forcing activity into the inventive brain...

The defeat of the northern army at the battle of Bull Run, mourned and regretted as it was at that time by the North, proved in the end to have been a developing, educative force, resulting in the benefit, not only of the North, but the whole country...

"That old adage is as true now as ever, 'The nimble squirence is better than the slow shilling.'
The people are better served and at lower prices, as a general thing, when large capital is invested and manipulated by a sufficient number of interested individuals to make it strong and healthy...

pot any day, and need not leave it till you arrive in California. Without the combination of the several railroads you would purchase first a ticket to Albany...

"When steam railroads were first established the farmer came to the conclusion that in the future there would not be any profit for him in raising horses. Human foresight is not to be depended upon..."

"I have authentic information from one of the largest twine manufacturers in the country, who said March 23rd, 1888: 'As near as can be ascertained, I believe the consumption of binder's twine this year will reach 30,000 tons...'"

"The average merchant is not a success as a business man, nor is the average lawyer in matters of legal lore; nor the average doctor in matters of physic; nor the average minister in matters of divinity..."

"Pine knots were formerly used for illuminating purposes. Tallow dips and candles were used as substitutes until whale oil, lamp and wick, were adopted for that purpose. Gas came into use next, and then electricity for our cities, and petroleum oil for the masses..."

they could not see then that what they supposed to be an evil carried with it its own correction, and would ultimately result to their benefit.
Brains, capital and labor are essential to each other. After a man has accumulated a fortune, it is soon redistributed; it only remains his for a short time...

"As a result of all this the thrifty wage-laborer lives with his family in a better furnished house and sits at a more sumptuously furnished table than his employer did fifty years ago..."

The So-Called "Esotericism" of Ohmart and Butler.

The Meaning of the Word "Esoteric."—A Matter of Public Morality.

PROF. ELLIOTT COUES.

"The late Boston scandal is deplorable in more than one respect. I will speak freely of its moral aspects, but first will try, if possible, to save the word 'esoteric' from the grotesque perversion which it is likely to acquire in the public mind..."

"Esoteric" is a good classical word, taken into English directly from the Greek. It means simply "inner," "inward" or "interior," and hence "private," or "secret." It was much used, for example, by Plato and the Platonists, for the secret doctrine or teaching of that school of philosophy...

"To illustrate: the private plans and operations of a gang of counterfeiters, swindlers or burglars, are 'esoteric'; the intrigues of a set of politicians or diplomats are 'esoteric'; the arrangements for a deal on the stock-exchange, are 'esoteric'; so, also, the hidden meaning or real truth of a scriptural text, is 'esoteric'..."

"And so I might go on; but perhaps I have said enough to promptly rescue a very good word from a very bad perversion of its meaning. The Boston concern has no more exclusive right to be called 'esoteric' than anything else; it has no more monopoly of 'esotericism' than it has of 'swindling' or 'seduction.'"

twenty years of reflection have not led us to a different conclusion from the same premises.

"It may be confidently asserted that if there are no cases of demonstrable demoniacal possession in modern times, there are mental phenomena which the hypothesis of such possession better solves than any other.

We have only to add that so long as so eminent an alienist as Esquirol may be cited as an authority in favor of this hypothesis; so long as so eminent a materialistic pathologist as Sir Henry Maudslayi confesses that "the causes of insanity, as enumerated by authors, are so general and vague as to render it a very difficult matter to settle in the mind what they really are; so long as so eminent a scientific student of mental disorders as Dr. Forbes Winslow publicly confesses the same uncertainty by the very title of his work, 'Obscure Diseases of the Brain and Mind' (the thoughtful reader will observe that brain and mind are treated as distinct)—we shall not think it unscientific to entertain as a reasonable hypothesis the influence of evil spirits over men, nor think it necessary to abandon this hypothesis because of consistent dogmatic materialism and an inconsistent dogmatic agnosticism unite to demand of us the surrender, without assigning any reason for the demand.

Woman's Department.

CONDUCTED BY SARA A. UNDERWOOD

HARRIET HOSMER AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Reception tendered to the distinguished Sculptor, Harriet Hosmer, by the Chicago Woman's Club, on Thursday evening, April 11th, was a very enjoyable affair, judging from the animated talk and looks of the large assemblage present.

A few days previously, by special request of the ladies of the Physical Culture Class, she had given at the woman's club room an informal talk on "Dress," to an audience which filled every foot of standing room.

would embody the best of the modern based upon the Greek ideas. The French waist, which compressed the ribs and abnormally broadened the hips and shoulders, would have been as offensive to the Greeks as are the compressed and stunted feet of the Chinese to us.

She also disapproves of "bangs" which she calls "fringe," as being unbecoming to almost every style of face. Miss Hosmer will remain for a short time in this city where she is engaged on a work of art, and wishes to finish before leaving, and which she promises when finished to invite the ladies to inspect.

I was glad to note this name first on the list of the honorary vice-presidents of the National Woman's Suffrage Association; she well deserves this recognition from the woman suffragists of this country, for her noble pioneer work in their cause.

"Although very infirm in body," says the writer before quoted, "Mrs. Rose's face bears the stamp of noble and vigorous intellect; her features have strength and dignity, and her large dark eyes seem to have lost little of their fire."

Psychology as a Natural Science Applied to the Solution of Occult Psychic Phenomena. By C. G. Raue, M. D. Philadelphia: Porter & Coates.

THE HYPNOTIC TEST. A Novel Experiment Tried with Krulisch, the Alleged Murderer—A New Element in Detective Work.

William Krulisch, the boy charged with the murder of Gunther Wechsung, in New York, was subjected in the Tombs to an experiment that has been for the first time tried upon prisoners. Mystery continues to shroud the crime, and few but the police are convinced that the sad-faced, friendless lad is guilty.

It was a curious picture that was presented in the Tombs as the doctor, with the counsel for the prisoner and the reporters, entered there yesterday. The lad was unaware of their coming, and the prison official totally ignorant of the purpose of the meeting.

sation purposely drifted to the crime, and over and over again the scene was rehearsed by the boy in the sweetest of soprano voices. He described vividly how he had found his murdered friend, and at times grew excited in the narrative.

"Oh, I am very well," replied the boy. "But you don't seem to see well; do you see him?"

"Not now. I used to be," and then, without any warning, Dr. Hammond drew out a curiously-carved silver match-safe from his pocket and held up the object before the lad. The sunbeams came glancing in through the window bars, and the effect ordinarily on one looking steadfastly at the object held as it was would have been great.

"These men may be my friends, but they are not lawyers. I don't like what they are doing, because I don't understand it. I won't look at that thing until you tell me."

Dr. Hammond believes the boy had never been under the hypnotizing influence before or he would have succumbed, but many others do not concede as much.

The above is copied into the JOURNAL, not because it has any intrinsic value, but merely to show how a good thing can be brought into ridicule by the exploiting of aspiring reporters and doctors who want free advertising which their code does not prohibit.

BOOK REVIEWS.

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

LOVELL'S INTERNATIONAL SERIES. New York: Frank F. Lovell & Co. Price, from 30 to 50 cents a number.

This weekly series is becoming very popular and some of the best stories have appeared, with a promise of more.

New Books Received.

The Moral Ideal. A Historic Study. By Julia Wedgwood. London: Trubner & Co.

Annual Address of Frances E. Willard, President of National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

"Voices In The Air." An address delivered before the London Spiritual Alliance at the Inaugural Meeting in the Banqueting Hall, St. James, London, on May 5th, 1884. By "M. A. (Oxon)." London: Psychological Press Association. Price, 25 cents.

Magazines for April not before mentioned.

The Home Maker. (New York.) An unusually interesting table of contents is presented to the readers for April. The notes, hints and suggestions will be of benefit to many.

The Kindergarten. Chicago. Mental Science Magazine, Chicago. Le Lotus, Paris. L'Aurore, Paris.

A Few of the Many Good Books for Sale at the Journal Office.

Orthodoxy versus Spiritualism is the appropriate title of a pamphlet containing an answer to Rev. T. De Witt Palmage's article on Modern Spiritualism, by Judge A. H. Dalley an able antagonist to Talmage. Price only five cents.

The History of Christianity is out in a new edition, price, \$1.50. The works of Henry Gibbon are classified in standard works and should be in the library of all thoughtful readers.

How to Magnetize by Victor Wilson is an able work published many years ago and reprinted simply because the public demanded it. Price, 25 cents.

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DISCUSSION.

Between E. V. Wilson, Spiritualist; AND Eld. T. M. Harris, Christian. SUBJECT DISCUSSED: Resolved, That the Bible, King James's version, sustain the Teachings, the Phases and the Phenomena of Modern Spiritism.

Voices from the People.

AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS

THOU KNOWEST.

HELEN M. COMSTOCK.

"May I be first to welcome her When she steps across the river."
Ab! gray-haired sire, thou knowest well Scarce aged on earth he last;
That frosty air is freezing rain; Shall come the joy-buds blissing.

Promotion of the Growth of Plants by Magnetism.

[From the Sphinx. Translated by "V."]

The editor of the Sphinx has requested me to give an account of my mode of procedure in the magnetizing of plants, in answer to the many questions put to him on the subject, elicited by the essay which appeared in the August number of this journal, and which I have now translated into English. I thought first to say that it was the interesting essay of Dr. Carl du Prel, relating to this matter, in the illustrated journal Ueber Land und Meer which first excited my attention and in some measure guided me in my experiments.

In Defense of Theosophy.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

Although Mr. News has very calmly and properly answered Prof. Buchanan's protechnic assault upon Theosophy and Theosophists, I would like to add a few remarks of my own. In the outset it may be well to state that no one has a higher appreciation than the Theosophists of the value of Prof. Buchanan's writings on the subject of psychometry. It was a lucky find for him, and his efforts and those of Prof. Denton, in the way of elaborating the new science ought to render their names illustrious for all time.

Spiritualism—What is it?

Under this caption the brave and gifted pen of "M. A. (Oxon.))" has some striking words, in a late number of Light, in discussing the position lately taken by Mr. A. E. Newton, reprinted in the JOURNAL from The North American Review.

A Spiritualist, first of all, is one who has proven for himself, or has accepted as proven on adequate evidence, the fact that death does not kill the spirit. But this is not the far-reaching belief of Mr. Newton, who points out, in discussing Spiritualism, of any sort worth the name, from religion and morals. For when a man becomes assured that he will live after his probation here he naturally seeks to know where and how; and equally naturally, he seeks to know how to reach that state, or having passed to that state, are qualified to give it. He finds that there is a broad agreement as to the essential points which most concern him, and he arrives at the conclusion that belief is little and life and conduct much. He learns that his character is his own production as it is his own property, and that each act of his daily life is a factor in its evolution.

On Lookout Mountain.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

I must add my contribution of news in regard to the celebration of the forty-first anniversary of Modern Spiritualism. For the first time in its illustrious history, Old Lookout entered the field as a participant on the day of general rejoicing and congratulation. The society came up from Chattanooga in the morning, and held services in the city in the afternoon. The Natural Bridge Springs Hotel was the scene of rendezvous. Prof. Fuller's decoration transformed the large parlor into an attractive centre for spirits to congregate. Before the services, a box of cigars was distributed to the members. Dr. Fuller opened the service of the afternoon with an invocation followed by an address on the mission and educational value of Spiritualism.

CRIME OF A MESMERIST.

Poisons His Wife in a Cold-Blooded Manner.

A Paris correspondent gives particulars of a remarkable case which occurred in the south of France. Some months ago the wife of an extensive and wealthy wine grower was found dead in her bed. On the table was a note in which she stated that she had taken poison from remorse, having deceived her husband, who was one of the most exemplary of husbands and best of men. The affair created quite a sensation at the time, as the supposed suicide, who left three small children, had enjoyed the reputation of a good wife and mother, living happily with her family. A jury of prominent persons, however, was called upon to investigate, and returned a formal verdict of suicide without insane. For a while the bereaved husband appeared to grieve bitterly, but in the course of a few months he consoled himself by becoming engaged to a rich young widow. The marriage arrangements were completed and the happy day was but a week off, when the intended bridegroom was arrested on the charge of murdering his first wife. His accuser was the nurse of his children. According to her own deposition, on the evening of the catastrophe she had occasion to enter the room occupied by the deceased, upon opening the door she was surprised to find her employer in the act of mesmerizing his wife, a method which he frequently employed to put her to sleep. Quietly closing the door she remained on the outside, and presently heard the husband uttering the happy day was but a week off, when the intended bridegroom was arrested on the charge of murdering his first wife.

A Minneapolis Man Wanders Away on His Wedding Day and Lands in Michigan.

A curious case of mental aberration has come to light at Minneapolis, Minn. About a month ago James Vickers, a bookkeeper in a local commission occupied the mistress of a happy day was but a week off, when the intended bridegroom was arrested on the charge of murdering his first wife. His accuser was the nurse of his children. According to her own deposition, on the evening of the catastrophe she had occasion to enter the room occupied by the deceased, upon opening the door she was surprised to find her employer in the act of mesmerizing his wife, a method which he frequently employed to put her to sleep. Quietly closing the door she remained on the outside, and presently heard the husband uttering the happy day was but a week off, when the intended bridegroom was arrested on the charge of murdering his first wife.

Theosophy is not Hinduism.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

A Boston correspondent of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL is laboring under a vain attempt to saddle upon members of the Theosophical Society a charge that they are not independent investigators, but a set of "cadaverous" Hindus. In this connection, he has made statements in his last letter which, though utterly absurd, cannot be passed over without notice. The gentleman declares that my former reply to his charge that the Theosophical Society is a Hindu sect "is a little more than a naked denial of the Hinduism of the Theosophical Society." I stated that the object and aim and nearest approach of the Theosophical Society to a creed is formulated in the first declared object of the association, which is to form "the nucleus of a universal brotherhood of humanity." I do not know how I can state this fact in plainer English. I know little about Hinduism, but if the basis of that faith is this noble principle, then I am a Hindu. But the root idea of Christianity as taught by Jesus, as well as the foundation of every living or dead religion, is based upon the same principle of love among men.

Man's Spiritual Double.

In an article by G. C. Wittig, on "General Ernest von Fugel as a Spiritualist," in a recent number of Esoteric Studies, it is to be found a highly interesting account of a Finnish sorcerer who possessed the extraordinary faculty of entrancing himself and sending his double out into the world long distances, and conducts himself in that state like a real man; who in one instance actually poisoned the wedding ring of the wife of a certain Swedish noble, representing the husband—who had been skeptical on the possible feats of magic—with the ring, as a proof positive that he had been to Stockholm, and seen his wife in the kitchen scaling fish, for which purpose she had had to get up and only got it back again on the return of the bishop, who had gone all the way to Finland to ascertain the truth of the many wonderful accounts in circulation about the magicians of Finland. The strangest part of the narrative is what the bishop's wife says when she was looking at a dead man in the face. Thinking the man was destitute, and perhaps sick, I went to the chest of drawers for some alms, but when I turned round to give it to him, the man had disappeared, and my ring too."

Superstitions of Statesmen.

Nothing can induce Senator Voorhees to ride in a street car drawn by a white horse. Senator Call will bury or burn a pair of socks one or both of which he has put on wrong side out. In the case of Harris, of Tennessee, it is doubtful as to a course of action he decides it by spitting at a mark. Senator Joe Blackburn not only takes the white horse, but also one having a white spot on it or one white foot. Sherman will not extend his left hand in greeting or receive one extended to him—a familiar habit with politicians. Representative Kenned, of Ohio, wears a voodoo charm which he obtained from an old negro in the swamps of Louisiana. Representative Hendricks, of Kansas, wears a charm of Missouri, meets a beggar in the street before he has spent any money he invariably gives to the mendicant. Senator Edmunds regards it as unlucky if the first person he meets on emerging from his house is a woman, and will return for a fresh start. Representative Allen, of Mississippi, the funny man of the house, is never without the traditional rabbit's foot which he killed in the dark of the moon in a grave yard.

Thomas A. Hendricks in the Spirit World.

Dr. Thompson, a state senator of Indiana, tells a remarkable story of Spiritualism. He had been consulted by Mrs. Oliver P. Morton on matters of which no one knew save a son. The senator was the family physician of ex-Senator Morton and he also served in a similar capacity for Vice-President Hendricks. Still thinking about that matter over which Mrs. Morton had consulted him, Dr. Thompson called to see a patient, and while seated by her bedside he was asked by a strange lady if he would not like to see some slate writing. Out of curiosity he consented, and a slate was brought beneath a table. He distinctly heard a pencil scratching. To his intense astonishment, when brought to light, these words were legibly written: "Give my hearty consent to the matters concerning which my wife consulted you (signature). Oliver P. Morton." This made the doctor anxious for further information and the medium said: "There is some one else here wanting to talk with you." In answer to questions the doctor was informed that there is no politics in the other world, and when he asked, "Who is it?" he received the written answer, "Thomas A. Hendricks." Dr. Thompson then asked, "How are you and Mr. Morton getting along?" to which the answer was returned: "Splendidly; everything is harmony here."—Press, Cleveland, Ohio.

Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

The monastery of Melk, in Austria, has just celebrated the 800th anniversary of its foundation. In consequence of the ever-increasing military burdens the number of emigrants from Italy last year was nearly three hundred thousand. Four Russian officers have made a wager that they can ride on horseback from St. Petersburg to Paris in forty-five days. They will start in May. A wealthy New York lady has made a bequest of \$50,000 to the Salmagundi Club, the interest of which is to be used for relieving needy American artists. A full-grown coon invaded the playgrounds of the school at Ocean View, Cape May County, New Jersey, a few days ago. It was shot by one of the pupils. Sam Jones says that San Francisco and hell are not ten feet apart, and that there is more Sunday wickedness in that city than in any other four on the earth combined. At a revival meeting in Calhoun, Ky. a sheriff who became converted confessed that thirteen years ago he stole \$1,000 from the county. He has made restitution. Samuel Jones, a colored farmer near Middletown, Del., runs a school house exclusively for his own children. The eldest son teaches a dozen of his younger brothers and sisters. A Londoner with more leisure than brains has counted the number of words which daily pass a certain point on the Strand, and he finds they average over 12,000 daily. A correspondent writes that this has been a disastrous financial season for Florida, and that great efforts are being made to secure good drainage and drainage for Jacksonville. Three Michigan women, whose birthdays come on the 29th of May, have agreed to fast for two days together for thirty-one years, though no two of them live in the same town. Maine has a tramp law which gives every gent of the high road sixty days in jail if arrested in a sober condition. If he is drunk the sentence can only be made for thirty. For one year the prison convicts of New York State have remained idle because their work was supposed to interfere with the trades. The whole state now howls for their re-employment. Up to ninety years ago every shoe was fastened with a buckle, and no man had the least idea that the time would ever come when he would have to fasten his shoes to a hard knot in a shoestring. Hosea Ham, of Corinth, Maine, has an iron pot which was brought to this country by the Indians. It was used as a cooking pot in some of the campaigns of Miles Standish, against the Indians. At Lord Londonderry's sale of pedigree Clydesdale Shetland ponies and trained cobs and ponies, the highest bid was for a pair of horses, a pony only thirty-seven inches in height realized forty-one guineas. The old-fashioned "sugar party" has fallen into decline in a complaint heard in the maple sugar season. There isn't so much fun in preparing a mixture of white and maple sugar as there was in "sugaring off" the genuine article. The gold mine on Douglas Island, Oregon, recently bought by an English syndicate for \$200,000, has been diamond drilled throughout, and it is said there is gold enough shown to keep 1,000 men busy every day for 100 years taking out the gold bearing quartz. The auditor's office in Walla Walla was invaded the other day by a man bringing in 897 gopher scalps, representing a contract for the same. The gophers are not too insignificant it would look as though they were the most profitable crop in a Washington Territory farmer could raise. Do I believe in evolution? Yes, certainly. It is true, and it has come to stay. But evolution is not the link of the chain, it is only the intermediate link of the chain. It is the power which has developed itself, but it is not the power itself. There is a greater than evolution. I will not bow down to it. I have respect for the first commandment.—D. D. BELDEN. The public laboratory of Paris attached to the police department has been found to be a nest of corruption. It has been found that the police have accepted to accept great sums from tradesmen accused of adulterating their goods, even having established a system of blackmail based on threats of exposing adulteration. The number of salmon caught this year in the Yellowstone, between Portland and the falls, is less than in any year before. The water is very low and the fish, which have been coming up the river in great numbers, have not been able to get over the falls. Hence the river fairly swarms with them. The consideration for which Bombay Hook, near Wilmington, Del., was transferred by its original owner to an Indian chief was two barrels of rum, two shotguns and four handfuls of powder. The land is worth now about \$300,000. Quite appropriately, the sign manual of the Indian chief was a goose. The philatelists may seem, like the conies, a feeble folk, but they are to have their postage stamps on one also. A postage stamp exhibition is to be opened in Amsterdam, a feature of which—rather the liveliest feature, one would fancy—is to be a display of pictures of costumes of postoffice officials and employes all over the world. A new substance called kelgum has been invented as a substitute for rubber. The name comes from the first syllable of the inventor (Henry Kellogg, of New Haven) and the word which represents his invention. It is reported that this kelgum is waterproof and will not harden or crack, and is especially adapted for textile fabrics. It is produced by removing the mucilaginous matter from vegetable oils so that a gummy residuum is left. The other day a turkey buzzard alighted in the yard of Judge W. T. Jones, in Albany, Ga. A turkey gobbler which was strutting about and putting on considerable style at the time presented its appearance and proceeded to expel the intruder. There was a sharp skirmish and a fight to the death. The gobbler finished the combat by jumping on the buzzard's back, reaching to its head and picking out its brains. It then strutted majestically off, apparently well pleased with its victory. A short time ago a negro underwent a surgical operation after which he became necessary to put several small portions of skin over the wound. The skin was taken from two white persons, and as the wound began to heal the color of these pieces of skin began to change, and when the cure was completed had assumed the ebony color of the negro's body. In order to find out whether the black skin could in the same manner be changed into fair, a small portion of the skin of a negro was sewn over a wound in a white man's arm. Presently the dark patch began to grow pale, and at the end of fourteen weeks had become so light that it could no longer be distinguished from the natural skin. A little child about four years old, wearing skirts, was lost in the West End, Washington, and two boys, after making inquiries, took him to the station house. Here an officer, after endeavoring to obtain from the little one some clue which would direct his homeward, handed him a pencil and a piece of paper, and asked him what matter over which Mrs. Morton had consulted him, Dr. Thompson called to see a patient, and while seated by her bedside he was asked by a strange lady if he would not like to see some slate writing. Out of curiosity he consented, and a slate was brought beneath a table. He distinctly heard a pencil scratching. To his intense astonishment, when brought to light, these words were legibly written: "Give my hearty consent to the matters concerning which my wife consulted you (signature). Oliver P. Morton." This made the doctor anxious for further information and the medium said: "There is some one else here wanting to talk with you." In answer to questions the doctor was informed that there is no politics in the other world, and when he asked, "Who is it?" he received the written answer, "Thomas A. Hendricks." Dr. Thompson then asked, "How are you and Mr. Morton getting along?" to which the answer was returned: "Splendidly; everything is harmony here."—Press, Cleveland, Ohio. One little creature can do a great deal of mischief. The Colonel (Cal.) says there is no doubt but that a squirrel is responsible for a break in the Hamilton levee and a consequent loss of 50,000 acres of wheat, which became submerged.

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In Madisonville, Ky., the authorities have passed an ordinance forbidding brass bands from marching "for a purpose of learning new pieces of music within 300 feet of a dwelling house."

Senator Vance, who lately had one of his eyes removed, is now in danger of losing the sight of the remaining one.

President Arthur's son Alan hopes to receive an appointment as secretary to one of the foreign legations. He is now in Paris.

Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop is lecturing in the East in opposition to Kate's views on prohibition.

Mme. Pelonard, who was Lord Sackville's cook, is now in charge of the White House cuisine, and one of her old associates manages the Presidential laundry.

Dr. McGlynn, who is now earning a somewhat precarious living by lecturing, is not in good health. He expects to go to Europe for a cure, and to land on the coast of France on his way to study the land question and secure rest and change.

"Ericksen Bismarck and Pope Leo XIII.," says Mr. Blowitz, the celebrated correspondent, "are the only men—I have seen nearly all the great personages of the time—who have not disappointed me, but have even surpassed my expectations."

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