

spaces for "materialization," and says that they were all deceptions. In spirit she entered the "cabinets," and saw all the modes of making and unmaking spirits for public exhibition.

Some Spiritualists boast of the spread of Spiritualism; my object in this article is to show that it is more extensively known than a belief in Christ; and I make this assertion with irreverence, for I am a believer in Christ.

Woman's Department

Letter from Mrs. Sara A. Underwood. We are sure that our readers will be pleased to hear from Mrs. Sara A. Underwood for this reason we lay before them a part of a letter not intended for publication:

SILVERTON, Oregon, Aug. 17th, 1889. I hardly realized until I reached Oregon how far to the west of you "Westerners" was. I am delighted with the country, and surprised by it. The scenery on the Northern Pacific R. R. was more dreary and monotonous than I had anticipated.

In Astoria we found several old subscribers to the JOURNAL, among others Wm. Chauncey and wife. He was for eight years post-master there. They were very appreciative of its merits, and inquired about you both with much interest.

While in Portland Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, former editor of the West Coast, and the leading woman suffragist of the Pacific Coast, called on me, and I afterwards had another chat with her in her own house. Mr. Blackwell was at Mrs. Duniway's one day on his return east from addressing the constitutional conventions of the incoming States in behalf of putting a woman suffrage clause in the new constitution.

We hear many inquiries made and warm commendations of the JOURNAL by Pacific coast subscribers since we came here.

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There is another girl who does nothing but to make up the hair of the girls in the city, and who is very successful in her work.

I have been thinking of writing you for some time, but have been so busy that I have not had time to do so.

With the kind regards of all the family, I will endeavor to answer your letter as clearly and briefly as possible.

An item has been going the rounds of the press stating the sale of a vacant lot in Chicago at a price equal to \$8,000,000 per acre, exclusive of all improvements.

1. It will probably be a long time before the expense of maintaining a government can be paid for by the people.

This, however, is only incidental. The great benefit of the single tax to the wage-worker is that it would open up to him a never-failing opportunity to make a living for himself, to produce his own wages; thus rendering him independent of the kind offices of those great benefactors of mankind now known as the "employers of labor."

It seems hardly necessary to answer the last question, as, if the answers already given be accepted, the conclusion naturally follows that involuntary poverty would be greatly lessened if not entirely banished.

C. G. ABRAMSON, Parkersburg, W. Va.

A BEAUTIFUL APPARITION.

In the year 1856 I was pastor of the M. E. Church at Petersburg, Ill. I was in my 18th year, and of course, unmarried. In the vicinage of the church lived a young lady, the accomplished wife of a highly honored minister, with whom she is engaged in a constant work in the Chautauque movement.

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explore the situation. Close by was a log hut occupied by several woodmen. I called to them at the door. They swore like sailors because of the disturbance, but one of them more kind than the rest, told me to go east half a mile and I would reach the main road.

We took the blind road and followed it. On and on we went, but saw no main road. The way grew more difficult, and at last an overhanging limb obstructed entirely the passage of a top buggy. I got out, securely tied the horse, and went forward alone to prospect for the main road. With strange persistence I kept going until I entered through an open gap into a large field of corn.

Fixed to the spot with amazement, I followed the figure with my eye until it disappeared. I raised my face to the sky. A few bright rifts opened through the clouds. Then a strange sensation passed over me. The whole dome of the sky began to revolve as if controlled by powerful machinery.

"We are all right now; we will soon be on the open road." After a few moments she said: "Oh! I must have fallen asleep and dreamed, for certainly an angel borne on a beautiful white horse passed by and said: 'Be not affrighted, I will bring him back.' It was so dark and the time seemed so long and I thought you were lost."

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We arrived home in safety, but the impressions of that supernatural vision can never be effaced from the mind.—San Jose, Ill., correspondence of Globe-Democrat.

Professor James M. Baldwin, of Lake Forest University, is about to bring out through Holt & Co. a new "Handbook of Psychology." Concerning this book Professor Ormond, of Princeton, writes: "Professor Baldwin has pursued the study of psychology both in this country and Germany, where he enjoyed the personal instruction of Professor Wundt. He has also given special attention to the recent developments of psychology among the French, being thoroughly conversant with the work of such men as Taine, Ribot and Babierie.

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ONLY A STRAIN OF MUSIC.

Was only a strain of music The evening zephyrs bore From a choir of sweetest voices Through my open chamber door...

The Last Summer Resort Fad.

Time hangs heavy on the hands of the summer resorters at the various watering places. Bathing, driving, sailing, dining in turn grow monotonous, and fads are always in order for the entertainment of the company.

The latest of these has made its appearance at Long Branch, and seems to be the outcome, indirectly at least, of the Plunkett-Worthington scandal in New York, though its votaries profess to repudiate the influence of that notorious and disgusting matter.

For the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

Are They "With Us."

The following extract is taken from a sermon delivered by Dr. Talmage, at the Brooklyn Tabernacle on Sunday, April 14, 1895.

Many Vacant Pulpits.

A Boston paper calls attention to the fact that within a short distance of the city there are thirty important and wealthy churches that are destitute of pastors. Some of them have extended more than a dozen "calls" during the past year, but have been declined.

Obviously the clerical profession is not as attractive as it was in the early history of the country, or even thirty years ago. Still it is the only one that is not overcrowded.

At one time the position of a minister was much more secure than that of a member of any other profession. He believed and the people believed that he was "called" by God to preach the gospel, and he was settled over a church for life.

An Extraordinary Service.

In May last an extraordinary service was witnessed in the great Buddhist temple at Ikegami, Japan. It seems that nearly twenty years ago the United States ship "Albatross" was wrecked on the coast, and recently in the raising of the vessel the remains of many officers and sailors who were drowned were recovered.

A Spiritual Camp Meeting Near Chicago.

Upon reading the able editorial in a late number of the JOURNAL on the subject of camp meetings, the writer was forcibly struck with the query: Why don't we have a camp meeting somewhere in the vicinity of Chicago?

Supernatural Warnings.

The burning of the steamer Von Phul, in 1866, in which many lives and much property were lost, will doubtless be remembered by many readers of the GLOBE-DEMOCRAT.

The unsettled condition of things in the South at the close of and after the war were employment in an itinerant way to many gentlemen of the legal profession, among them to John McDougal (still living and one of the most prominent men of the present city), a member of a New Orleans law firm.

Spiritualism was attracting much attention at the time he left the city, and New Orleans was no exception. McDougal, though a skeptic on the subject, quite by accident attended the séance of a noted female medium of that day, shortly before his intended departure, and, to his surprise, was informed that the spirit of Judge Stahpoff Posey was then writing him a communication.

Mr. McDougal left the séance under the belief that the subject of a hoax by his friends. As the time for his departure drew nearer, however, he became more and more impressed, and finally had all the papers relating to the estate in question duplicated, and the duplicates he took with him, despatching the originals in the Chicago-Spring Bank. He started on the night of the 17th of July, and the first night out was awakened to the knowledge that the boat was on fire.

Those of his family—members of the ante-bellum Cleburn County, Miss.—aristocracy—who relate this story of him, are not Spiritualists, yet they believe in the genuineness of the spirit of the late Judge Stahpoff.

The Experiences of a Wisconsin Man

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

In the JOURNAL of Aug. 17th, I notice an article by W. Whitworth criticizing Giles B. Stebbins. I would like to say that my experience and observations are in accordance with those of Mr. Stebbins. My father came to Wisconsin with his family in 1838. At that time Wisconsin was very new, with but very few settlements, so I have seen the whole growth of the State to the present time.

At the above prices we worked hard, economized, and paid for land at \$1.25 per acre. Of course we had to work for some time before we could get any thing out of the country round about.

Now, instead of hauling our products to Milwaukee, we have markets in every little town (thanks to the railroad) and are getting twice the prices for our products right at home than we got in early days at Milwaukee.

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Ghostly Lights.

A Wabash engineer, who has been running upon the Ottumwa branch of this road, relates a very interesting incident which happened to him while, in the language of the railroad man, "on the north end."

One night last spring, as his engine was steaming through Iowa towards the Missouri border, the attention of the engineer was drawn to three large red, white and green lights that seemed to be about half mile to the right of them.

In Brownsville, Schuykill County, Pa., a large day, some senseless young men, in want of a laugh, soaked a lot of corn in whiskey and hung it to a rack in a barn.

A BAD SHOWING.

A Contrast by no Means Flattering.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal. For my text I present the annexed clipping from a late issue of the Christian World, one of the most prominent religious journals of Great Britain:

A QUESTION TO EMPLOYERS.

SIR—Will you kindly inform me why the Christianity of employers endures their own families, and never proceeds further? For example, I am in the employ of a professing Christian man, and although he takes two days a week holiday, it never seems to occur to him that it is just possible I should like to have a little change now and then.

POPULAR, JULY 26.

From my earliest recollections the truth of this showing has been impressed upon my notice, and to-day I feel it more pronounced than in earlier times, in exact proportion as the greed of money has taken more absorbing hold on the souls of men.

Being constrained to borrow three thousand dollars on a homestead worth eight thousand, when the legal rate of interest was six per cent., a leading church member kept back a sufficient amount of the principal set down in the bond to ensure the return of eight per cent., thus adding extortion against a man who was doing his duty.

In a certain county place I know of there is a wealthy farmer who is the leading member in the Methodist church, by, and superintendent of the Sabbath-school. Each week he listens to the typed sermon whose changeless song is the old orthodox story, that all that is needed is to lay each load of sin on the shoulders of Jesus Christ to sweep them all away, and the soul become washed as white as snow.

Per contra, in the city of Cleveland, at the head of one of the largest manufacturing establishments, is a Hungarian named Theodore Kundtz. Twelve years ago he was a simple workman, employed by the same firm. Now he employs some three hundred men, who are treated with the justice and kindly consideration of a brother among kindred.

Some idea of the Shah's traveling expenses may be formed when it is stated that a check for \$125,000 has been sent to the Shah's agent in the Persian march. This sum comprised expenditure for certain hotel accommodations, as well as for rail and other costs. The sum worshippers will have to pay the bill.

A curious scene was witnessed in Penn Yard, Westminister, England. A crow was seen up the corn which had fallen from the horses' mouths when a mouse appeared and proceeded to dispute with the sparrow his right to the dainty morsel. A fight ensued, which lasted for some minutes, and then the sparrow beat a retreat. The sparrow had evidently been injured in the tussle, and for a time he was unable to fly. At last the sparrow flew up, and a cabman finished the incident by killing the mouse with a whip.

Interesting Manifestations at a Mining Town.

The manifestations at our new mining town of "Foster" situated twenty miles southwest from Ottumwa on the C. & M. P. R. continue with unabated interest. The miners hold their circle two or three times a week, and the manifestations are quite wonderful. Mr. Phillips stated to me that one night one of the sitters was taken up bodily in his chair, and both placed on top of the table, around which they were sitting.

Mr. Phillips' daughter "Orra," who passed to spirit life in her eighteenth year. She has written many affectionate messages to her father, and has also given him some facts in regard to his business affairs which were unknown to him at the time, but which upon investigation proved to be true.

"DEAR PAPA"—The greatest objections to the philosophy are these: Why do we not receive information otherwise impossible to obtain? Why do we not interfere in behalf of meals? How can we see purely spiritual beings exert physical force? etc. The answer to all the above will be found in the fact that in order to communicate with you we are obliged to abandon our spiritual nature and assume your limited capabilities.

A Canton, Ohio, man undertook to eat twelve boiled eggs in fifteen minutes, and it took two doctors to bring him around again. Miss Oliver Schreiner of the "South African Farm," is a sister to Miss Schreiner who has made herself so conspicuous as a temperance advocate in South Africa.

Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

A roadstool three feet across and very beautifully colored was found in the woods above Martyn's Ferry recently. A supposed cat, killed with a stone by William Dennis in his yard at Drakesville, N. J., turned out to be a small red fox. A Steubenville, Ohio, man suggests that a day like Arbor Day be set apart annually for the destruction of the English sparrow.

A one-legged sparrow—the other having been probably lost in a trap—hops regularly for its meals every day to the house of John L. Fulton, in West Chester, Pa. Thomas W. Sweeney, of Reading, Pa., has the pistols with which Judge Terry and Senator Broderick fought a duel. They are French, 34-caliber, with hair triggers. A man named William J. Haines, 102 years old has just been converted, and has joined a Methodist church in St. Louis. He says he was never sick a day in his life. He was an orderly on General Jackson's staff in the war of 1812.

The winners of the Cobden club silver medals just awarded for proficiency in political economy at Samuel Crook, Williams College, Massachusetts, Walter Sibbald Adie, the London international college, Isleworth. "They would never hear of it in New York. They would never stop laughing at me." This was what Edison said when he heard that he had been made a citizen of his native land. He was an ordinary General Jackson's staff in the war of 1812.

A remnant of the Seneca tribe of Indians still lingers in Warren County, Pennsylvania, bearing fish, etc., for a living. The tribe, all told, sparingly about 1,000 members, and has been divided that marriage among blood relations has become almost a necessity. Farmer O'Brien, of Venango County, Pennsylvania, heard his pigs making a great racket and looked into the pig pen to see what was the matter, he discovered a five-foot black snake. He gave it a blow on the head, and pigs then pitched in and assisted him in killing it.

A local brass band plays all day long in a room at the Edison laboratory, in West Orange, N. J., for a phonograph, and large numbers of duplicate cylinders containing the melody are made and shipped to the Paris exhibition. The manufacture and shipment of 300,000 cylinders, and has been estimated that marriage among blood relations has become almost a necessity. Her Majesty's Theatre, one of the homes of Italian opera in London, has been turned into a spectacular resort. The immense auditorium is transformed into an open market place of Queen Elizabeth's time, the upper stories being converted into old English houses, with latticed windows. Great throngs are expected to visit this new attraction.

At a meeting of German Roman Catholics held at Neustadt in the Palatinate recently Herr Lieber, a Catholic deputy, referred to Giordano Bruno as an ass and a pig, and said that the recent Bruno festival was a disgrace to the German nation. The Pope was cheered, but the German Emperor and the Prince Regent of Bavaria were passed over in silence. Some idea of the Shah's traveling expenses may be formed when it is stated that a check for \$125,000 has been sent to the Shah's agent in the Persian march.

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A few days ago Amos Carpenter, who resides near the line between Clay and Clinton Counties, Missouri, was out in the woods two miles from home when he was bitten by a timber rattlesnake on the leg near the ankle. He at once wiped the blood off with a leaf, and took a big chew of tobacco from his mouth and bound it on the bitten place with a strip of bark. After reaching home he soaked it in "herb" and suffered no ill-effects other than swelling at the bitten place. The snake was dead and was nearly four feet long, with eleven rattles. A man at Covington, Pa., who is fending a ty-pound snapping turtle, was aroused early mornings ago by the noise of a scuffle in his repairing there, he found the turtle hanging nose of a 300-pound bear. Bruin was near the fence, endeavoring to get over, but his efforts were interfered with by the turtle. Eventually the bear reached the next yard, but the man followed and shot him dead. The turtle all the time retained his nose out. Then it crawled away, carrying the piece of flesh in its mouth.

Mrs. Lamadrid's one cent coffee stands for the poor of New York are a good success so far as the good they do goes. She gives excellent food for the money, and is making it do this by doing her own marketing and enabling the best bargains with the least expense. The stands, which are six feet between two and three thousand dollars a year. Mrs. Lamadrid says that so far her greatest trouble has been with the men in charge of the stands, who, following the devices of Wall Street, water the stock for the sake of selling more coffee and soup.

A writer of the Scots Observer, the poet Henley's paper, has the following about the Pope: Leo XIII. is a small, old man, so low in stature that a man of the ordinary height kneeling at his feet is aware of the pontiff's head bent not far above his own. The fatherly hands are so slender that the rings which many monarchs sent him for the jubilee will not hold on his fingers except over mittens. He is reputed in all his ways, extremely vehement in speech. His culture is probably no more than that of the Pope's chief accomplishment is his scholarly Latin, which gives to his prose unvarying dignity, and sells the absence of ideas in his verse. His reputation for diplomatic ability doubtless implies something of the subtlety of the chess player.