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o both sides say we, then fight to heir mediumship. If Spiritualist would do this instead of the indis ot be long before our ranks would be less inviting to a line of fakis

## COMSTOCK AND PUBLIC

 MORALS.
## In another colume we give an

 one of his recent escapades.seems to us that if the "Society the Prevention of Vice" wants to accomplish the work they claim t they had better get a gentleman fo president, or else tell Comstack to
stay in the background. The action of the court officers in refussuch is the case, his days of useful-

## His methods are known, his abus-

 him into conflict will the authorifailure to disprove charges brought Lexow Investigating committe Miller may have been wrong, but such a person can understand. By calling him a liar in open court,when he was a court officer himself,

## Putting Incurables to Death.

 A new question has ariseamong philanthropists. Men an
women occuthing women occupying high and re sponsible positions in church and in
medical and educational professions are openly advocating the horrible
idea of giving a painless death t idea of giving a painless death to
those suffering excruciating agonies those suffering excruciating agonies
from incurable discase. A college
oresident from incurable disease. A college
president is quoted as afovring this
mode of aiding in the survival of the fittest.
What sane, sensible and humane
man should have the man should have the authority
responsibility of deciding when this murder. or suicide, shall be commitit
ted Will the power be abused? Perfitly sane power be abused
Pere some-
times sent to the arylum through
hatred or for gain. Nature hatred or for gain. Nature is al
ways right. Let nature have he
course. Nature never gives

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& \text { The suicide is the greatest and most } \\
& \text { abject of all cowards. Robert G. } \\
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$$ physical cowards many moral and and

as the resulide of that suggestion. Already, as the result of the agi-
tation of the proposition of chloro
forming the eged. the infirm and the hopelessly sick many of that
class have committed suicide. Humanity is governed by sug
gestions. The world is controlled by thought. Auto-suggestion is
stronger and more effective than
that from outside; still, the benefactor of the human race is he who can inspire men with the mos
courage. Instead of teaching me that they are weak, useless coward
and should be "Oslerized "" teach
tnem to be brave and self-reliant. tnem to be brave and self-reliant,
It is a small thing to die. Anybody
can die. But to live on and live
aright requires the highest courage If the soul of the suicide has
conscious existence after the death what excruciating agony it must
feel, more terrible than any earthly suffering; and then throughout the branded as the most abject coward 'Tis then a painful sense comes on Of something from his being's chain
Broke off- never to be linked again Death is just as natural and inevitable as birth. The laws of
nature are the laws of God. These laws execute themselves with un-
failing precision. They are failing precision. They are immuwill not study and obey the laws of sume, her pestilences extinguish her waters down.

## Whenever any animal, includit man, is suffering excruciat

## pair; to save and to bless, not to ful of others, lacking in self-confi- murder and to kill. They should dence, and asserts independence in murder and to kill. They should dence, and asserts independence in

 teach that the mind of man, in its inopportune moments. There isown place and by its own powers, much sickness and wasting of the own place and by its own powers, much sickness and wasting of the nature is carecan transcend and overcome recor- ful and watchful, always laborio
pain. Numerous cases are res reath never achieving anything great. Numerous cases aived death never auhieving anything great.
ded where men have receiver the second decan is ruled wounds and bravely fought on, The second decan is ruled by
Jupiter. The nature is kind, huoblivious to the fact.
How much better it would be to mane, with warm sympathie How much better it would be to mane, endure all things, to hope all things. There is, too, artistic faculty, incliendure all things, to hope all things, There is, too, artistic faculty, color.
to bear all things," and then, if the nation to form rather than to cone soul has a conscious existence after Speculations are fortunate. There the death of the body, how inspir- is gain by legacy, and success thr ing and consoling will he the memo- marriage.
ry of having lived a heroic life and The third decan is ruled by Mars. ry of having lived a heron a herote death and not having The nature is strong and forcible,
died a
been the most miserable coward capable of and desiring command, that ever slunk out of the earth, but frank, open and generous. To all such cases we should apply There are many journeys, with suclesson given by Job in the old will be inheritance and acquisition Testament. No matter if we have of property at the close of life. lost all earthly possessions, health There is an adventurous spirit. in-
and reputation, we still have a soul, clined to exploits and hazardous ers, that will live on and on forevr- a high hand, and is successful over more.

## SECOND LESSON IN ASTROLOGY



The first decan is ruled by the
Sun. The nature is patient, suffers
affliction, privation, affiction, privation, restraint, im-
prisonment. The life is long,
There is a disposition to the stucy of analytical and mechanical science
both theoretical and practical. The mind is secretive and the life retired.
The second decan is artistic and literary, loves philosophy and belles-
letters. The disposition is kind, genial, vivacious, full of pleasant
allusions, bright dialogue. There
is fortupe in acquiring property, and is fortune in acquiring property, and
the pursuits are artistic There
will be long voyage. There is
familiarity with the stage and artistic world. There is, too, a falling
off in family fortunes, and domestic disputes
The third decan is ruled by Mer-
cury. The mind is quick and alert, cury. The mind is quick and alert,
apt in sciences and dextrous arts, inclined to literature. The individ-
ual is loquacious and restless.
There is great versatility in accompThere is great versatility in accomp-
lishment and much business. Po-
sition and honor are gained by the
personal merit and property is ac-
quired. There is a tendency to personal merit and property is ac-
quired. There is a tendency to
study medicine and hygiene. The
person is particular in matters of person is particular in matters of
diet and clothing. There will be
many changes of residence. Can You Spell?
$\qquad$ Of fifty school teachers. including
several county superintendents, not
one was able to spell correctly the elf-imposition and self-deception ing, sieve, seize, siege, cylinder, suc-
agonies, beyond (or God Almighty)
ance, nature
mercifully permits it to die. Death thus becomes a great and beneficial blessing, but it is beyond the to determine when the death penalshall be pronounced
The instinctive desire to destroy the weak, the defenseless and the is as old as humanity. It is con-
trary to the enlightened and benetrary to the enlightened and benevolent spirit of this age. It is op-
posed to the fundamental principles of Christianity. It is in direct
antithesis to the teachings of the
Master. The proposition that the old, weak, feeble and suffering should be Oslerized and exterminated is advocated only by a
cold, heartless, soulless, science and scientist.
In order to eradicate
In order to eradicate the sup-
posedly incurable diseases we must begin at prenatal influence and eduthe force of proper suggestion The mind controls, or should con-
$\qquad$ he supreme powers exercise tha overcome any hereditary tout an dency or disease his imitators have done great injury ignorant, gullible, suggestions to the ignorant, gu
the public.
Something
Something should be done, quickly
hat murderous the suicidal mania huced. Whoever kills people, on derer. It should bed, is a murIl benefactories of the race to bring and hope, not cownspire courage

## Grow the Spiritual Life

There is nothing going to be addGod.Power in the misty future All the life you will ever have thruout all the eternities of time is inpansion by yourself of that life, by more and more conscious realization is needed. The same living force that one may waste in careless im. pulses and reckless, thotless, idle, and inharmonious conduct, when intelligently directed in harmonious channels of industrious endeavor besurpasseth understanding. Thus
sure blessed the ensmalling or expansion of your The former is the death-in-life, out of which the latter can alone lead tality. Recollect, that when you are unclothed of the physical body, your
life will still be the character that you have grown, while manifesting You cannot have a spiritual life
Ye flesh body. until you have unfolded it, ary
more than the rose bush can have more than the rose bush can have
a rose wout growing it. If you have cultivated nothing but the crude and discordant root of being, ust the same as when you
nhabited the flesh body. If.
you do not like that dark realm of disease, disaster and death, you
alone must outgrow it, and until you outgrow it by refining and
spiritualizing your thots, desires and actions, you will have to live in it,
whether it be in the flesh body or To many, after the death of the
physical body, to those who have lived only in passions and appetites,
the grave is then to the conscious-
ness as the prison cell to the prisness as the prison cell to the pris-
oner. The undeveloped spirit is
imprisoned in his own ignorance,
and his coming into the light will
depend upon the progress he makes
 poses of growth. Beware of the
penitentiary of your own spirit!-
$\qquad$
Let gratitude ever and alway
Be uppermost in our hearts,
For we reap in the fields of those Who bravely have played their Let all our work be for freedom Of soul and mind and sex.
Help the weak and sinful and care Help the burdened and sore per
plexed.

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and horrible suicide to enhavce the

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## and his recent work. <br> <br> The writer has just returned from

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## seekers of divine approbation

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gress.
"The conflict of the ages has be
the conflict between the receive religion and the tendencylof civiliz
tion. The saviors of the world, and all have suffered at the bloody hands of religion." The true marwhose temerity in opposing the allacies of creed and dogma have death at the hands orture, and even ignoramus. Europe during the Dark Ages was a huge diseased teria of infection, and the pers cuted savants the white corpuscles of the intellectual blood whose minds endeavored to stay the current of infection, and establish the progress. $\qquad$ useless. They are the incarnatio tablished by ignorance, perpetuat by fear: the true martyrs of the world, the true saviors of mankind, the persecuted savants of all age whose motto "R has been Trut right and humanity." These me gibbet more sacred than the the the word ostracised a title of hono greatness, and Investigation and toleran

## HOW SHALL I EAT?

## A <br> As I have stated in

and is no much a questio a seven weeks trip thru In the auspices of the Indinna Spiri-
ualist Association. It is my wist to thus acknowledge the many kind nesses received at the hands of the citizens of that favored stat
to say that never have I been
cordially received anywhere.
cordially received anywhere.
In all sixteen or seventeen cities where visited, and the work was constant and arduous, but because
of the many pleasant features was filled with pleasure; the State As-
sociation has been well officered sociation has been well officered
since its inception and is doing a splendid work for the cause, and bids fair to become one of the ac-
tive leaders in the spiritual movement. During the forty-six day ment. During the forty-six days part in sixty-one meetings, deliver ing fifty-five lectures himself.
Among the towns visited w Among the towns visited were
Rochester, Peru, Muncie, Anderson Rochester, Peru, Muncie, Anderson,
Elwood, Sheridan, Evansville Chandler, Boonville, Seymour, Martinsville, Indianapolis, Wabash
South Bend and other pointsSouth Bend and other points-
some of the towns being visite some of the towns being visited
twice enroute. Ateach one of thes places much interest was manifest, in Anderson and Evansville the
Spiritualists are the possessors of beautiful temples, practically fre of indebtedness, in fact the Ander
son temple has long since been unsort temple has long since been und
encumbered and the Evansvill church is so nearly so that th amount is but a mere bagatelle.
In most of the towns visited there In most of the towns visited there
are good societies. In Boonville a
new society was organized, and at new society was organized, and
Muncie and Seymour a mass me ing was held, both of which were
splendid success. At the mas splendid success. At the m
meetings at Muncie, Brother Will Nicum and Lizzie Harlow, also
Anna Throndsen were present Anna Throndsen were

Bible "to curse and detest the error earth." Back to his village the blind, ostracised. Galileo, now a man
of seventy seasons journeyed. After
wscmork was to end,

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& \text { curity his work was to end, a } \\
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## reason been persecuted. Ostra-

 because mankind failed toen theirs, principles they advocated. With of the dying Servetus, with Florthe moral Zealot of the time. -who suffered because of non-con-
## of the day. We have briefly outlined the his- tory of the development and earlier

 life of the religious system which has been accepted by all the divisions of the European branch of theAryan race - the Christian religion.

## True history is netther a panegyrist

out bias or blame. It leaves the

## and weigh in the

## call them the Dark Ages. We have found the prevalency of religio <br> \section*{wholly due to the rise of Christiant}

## zens of Rome during the period

## decheciation of philosophical the

and the unsettled condition of the
did most excellent work. Brothe
Nicum is profoundly, logical propositions and earnestness shows
all over his face and manner. Miss all over his face and manner. Miss
Harlow is one of our stars and suc-
ceeded in cementing more closely the feelings of affection she had aroused in the hearts of the Indiana
people toward herself. They look

## pleasant anticipation. Mrs. Thrond

 sen also has won a warm place in Throndsen and the writer did theentire work. The Seymour people were most kind toward both wo ers and President Schram and Se
retary Mong were loyally receive by the Spiritualists and unbelievers
alike. At Indianapolis, the alke. At Indianapolis, the Pro-
gressive society is doing good work

- Brother Allen, the president be--Brother Allen, the president be-
ing the right man in the right place.
At Martinsyill was comparatively new to many,
but good meetings resulted. At this point Mrs. Throndsen was the test medium. Here lives Bro. J. F.
Carney, one time a Universalist minister of power and prominence
in Muncie. Brother Carney became ciety and is now openly advocating
Spiritualism. By the way, societies, and camps needing a good, er would do well to urge Mr. Carney
to attend their meetings. His ad-
dress is Martinsville, Ind. He will deliver good goods, well seasoned ment.
A number of calls came to the writer from other points in the state of time allotted to the wprk on this trip to visit them all; to these one not be overlooked when next the
call to Indiana is answered, and this
will be soon will society. At Rochester there is any other purpose than spiritual Space forbids mentioning in de-
tail all the peetans. good people met. I look back upexperience and my thanks go out to those w
kindness.


## Ancient Foot Race.

## The oldest annual foot race in the

 country, that for the "red hose" atCarnwath, Scotland, was run recentits maintainance is one of the pro-
it its maintainance is one of the provisions of the charter under which
the Somervilles held the barony of

## The original religion of the Jap

Read This Splendid Fact.
 elf. The departed, although in heir are thought to be leading in much the same state as that to which they have been accustomed
while on earth. We ave ancestral shrines where we peak with our departed over the
liar. think we believe in death, but all the while this thought-to-be death s nothing else than a new life in this present-world of ours. led in supernatural way. (Rather, spir-
itual way, we should say.) The itual way, we should say.) The
essential self of the departed is ever resent, though not always visible." This is straightforward spiritism nd, in confirmation of the same ing the soldiers in Tokio, turned his eyes heavenward and addressed the dead-the so-called dead-soldiers thanking them for their loyalty to
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