A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Friday, Feb. 2.

Alderman J. A. Villeneve, M. P., was elected mayor of Montreal yesterday.

Mme. Millet, the peasant widow of the eminent French painter, died in Paris.

In the billiard match at Cincinnati last night Schaefer defeated Slosson by a score of 600 to 482.

Mississippi's legislature, after balloting for nine days, has as yet failed to choose Senator Walthall's successor.

At Emberg Church, Ia., four children of George Robinson died of diphtheria and were buried in one grave. Two others were buried a day or two ago.

Saturday, Feb. 3.

Long Island City, L. I., has no money with which to pay city employes.

Rev. A. C. A. Hall was yesterday consecrated Episcopal bishop of Vermont.

General Herzog, the founder of the Swiss Army organization, is dead. The cause of his death was influenza.

The national senate confirmed Enoch A. Higbee as collector of customs for the district of Great Egg Harbor, N. J., and B. M. Price for Perth Amboy, N. J.

Edwin D. Morgan was elected commodore of the New York Yacht club, Edward M. Brown vice commodore and Royal Phelps Carroll rear commodore.

Monday, Feb. 5.

John E. Brewster, a well known turfman, died in Chicago yesterday.

Kalamazoo, Mich., is invaded by tramps, who rob in broad daylight.

In a fight with two deputy sheriffs Evans and Morrell, the escaped California bandits, put the officers to flight.

The billiard match in Cincinnati Saturday night between Ives and Schaefer resulted in a victory for Ives by 600 to 434.

A dispatch from Rome to the London Standard says that the pope has decided that Mgr. Satolli will be among the new cardinals.

Father Caspaneto, the priest who led a force of 100 men against government troops in Mexico, was killed in a battle with a troop of cavalry. Ten of his followers were also killed.

Tuesday, Feb. 5.

California's midwinter fair will not close until July 31.

The United States supreme court has adjourned until March 5.

As a result of protests made by the powers against the execution of Christian prisoners in Crete the government has prohibited further executions.

Henry Hill, a 20-year-old colored man, was held for the grand jury in Philadelphia, charged with killing his mother by beating her with a broomstick.

Charles Goodrich, a demented young man of Kennebunkport, Me., who has been kept chained to a bedpost, amid filthy surroundings, will be sent to an asylum by the Anti-Cruelty society.

Wednesday, Feb. 7.

The Russian czarina is now seriously ill. The czar is recovering.

The Norwegian skating championship has been won by Halvorsen.

A party of seven men went sailing from Pensacola, Fla. The boat upsec, and five were drowned.

John Phillips was shot dead through a window while standing at his fireplace near Flemington, Fla.

Hon. A. J. McLaurin was chosen by the Mississippi legislature to succeed Senator Walthall, who recently resigned.

Vaillant, the French anarchist, made a will giving his body to a medical college. The officers, however, refused to accept it.

A bill to submit to the people a constitutional amendment dispensing with jury trials in cases of misdemeanor passed the Virginia senate.

Thursday, Feb. 8.

Democratic editors of New York have decided to form a state association.

Lucy Evans, aged 109 years, died at Independence, Mo. Her age is authenticated.

Revenue returns of the French government for January show a surplus of 20,000,000 francs.

The Agricultural building at the Chicago World's fair grounds was slightly damaged by an incendiary fire late yesterday afternoon.

At Clinton, Tenn., Fred Gerdinger was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for attempting to hold up a Knoxville and Ohio train. Will Smith, his confederate, was killed at the time.

New York detectives are looking for $12,000 worth of diamonds, which were mysteriously stolen from Miss Lavinia Niblo, a wealthy Baltimore belle, as she was leaving the French ball Tuesday morning.

STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Closing Quotations on the New York and Philadelphia Exchanges.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The share speculation on the Stock Exchange was stagnant during the greater part of the day, the dealings being entirely in the hands of the board traders, who are not inclined to operate very heavily on either ride of the market at this juncture. Closing bids:

Lehigh Valley	38¾	W., N.Y. & Pa.	2
Pennsylvania	49¼	Erie	13¼
Reading	29¾	D., L. & W.	163½
St. Paul	58¼	West Shore	103
Lehigh Nav.	53¾	N. Y. Central	100¾
N. Y. & N. E.	11½	Lake Erie & W.	14½
New Jersey Cen.	114¾	Del. & Hudson	136

General Markets.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—Flour weak; winter superfine, $2@3.10; winter superfine, extras, $2.25@2.50; No. 2 winter family, $2.90@3.25; Pennsylvania roller straight, $2.90@3.10; western winter, clear, $2.75@3. Wheat weak, lower, with 63c. bid and 63¾c. asked for February. Corn dull, steady, with 41¾c. bid and 42 asked for February. Oats quiet, steady, with 35¾c. bid and 36¼c. asked for February. Beef dull; family, $12@14; extra mess, $8. Pork steady; new mess, $14@14.25; extra prime, $13@15; family, $15@15.50; short clear, $15@17. Lard easy; western steam, $7.75@7.80; February, $7.75, nominal; May, $7.63 bid; refined quiet. Butter steady; western dairy, 13@17c.; do. creamery, 18@24c.; do. factory, 12@16c.; Elgins, 27c.; New York dairy, 16@20c.; do. creamery, 17@22c.; Pennsylvania creamery prints, fancy, 28c.; do. choice, 26@27c.; do. fair to good, 21@24c.; prints jobbing at 29@32c. Cheese steady; New York large, 9@11½c.; fancy, small, 10½@12¾c.; part skims, 6@10c.; full skims, 2@3c. Eggs quiet; ice house, $2.25@2.75 per case; western, fresh, 14@15c. per dozen; southern, 14@15c.

Live Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Beeves dull at a decline ranging from 10c. to 25c. per 100 pounds; very choice natives, $4.90; good to strictly prime, $4.60@4.80; inferior to fair, $3.50@4; oxen, $2.62½@3.30; bulls, $2.40@2.85; dry cows, $1.40@2.75. Veals, poor to prime, 5@7¾c. per pound; few choice, 8c. Sheep and lambs lower; poor to prime; $2.12½@3.50 per 100 pounds; lambs, inferior to choice, $3.50@4.85. Hogs weak at $5.75@6 per 100 pounds.

EAST LIBERTY, Pa., Feb. 7.—Cattle dull; prime to extra, $4.50@4.75; fair to good, $4@4.25; common, $3.25@3.50; fat cows and heifers $2@3; bulls, $2@3; bologna cows, $5 to $12; fresh cows, $20 to $40. Hogs slow; all grades $5.25@5.50. Sheep very dull; prime, $3.40@3.60; fair to good, $2.50@3.20; common, $1@2; lambs, $2.50@2.45; veal calves, $4.50@6; heavy and thin, $2@2.50.

Seasons For Marriage.

With regard to the seasons for celebrating marriage the church was formerly very strict. The parish register for St. Mary's Beverly contains the following entry under date Nov. 25, 1641:

When Advent comes, do thou refraine
Till Hillary set ye free again.
Next Septuagesima saith thee nay,
But when Low Sunday comes thou may.
Yet at Rogation thou must tarrie
Till Trinitie shall bid thee marry.

The above appears to have been a popular verse to inscribe in registers, for, with slight variations, it is to be met with in several parishes. Philomath's almanac for the year 1674 contains similar rules in prose:

TIMES PROHIBITING MARRIAGE THIS YEAR.

Marriage comes in on the 13th of January, and at Septuagesima Sunday it is out again until Low Sunday, at which time it comes in again and goes not out till Rogation Sunday. Then it is forbidden until Trinity Sunday, from whence it is unforbidden till Advent Sunday, but then it goes out and comes not in again till the 13th of January next following.

—Westminster Review.

Indeed.

The word indeed was his fad, and the young woman got tired of hearing it. One evening he began a story.

"I have," he said, "a very clever friend indeed"——

"In Deed?" she interrupted questioningly.

"Yes, indeed," he reiterated innocently.

"In Deed?" she repeated.

"Yes."

"I beg your pardon," she said; "where is Deed?" And then he tumbled indeed.—Detroit Free Press.

TIMELY ANNIVERSARIES.

Some Current Selections From History's Broad Page.

February 11.

641—Heraclius, noted emperor of Constantinople; died.

1502—Elizabeth Plantagenet of York, whose marriage with Henry VII reconciled the claims of York and Lancaster, died.

1650—Rene Descartes, French philosopher ranking with Lord Bacon as an original thinker, died; born 1596.

1735—Daniel Boone, the famous Kentucky pioneer and fighter, born in Bucks county, Pa.; died in Missouri 1820.

1812—Alexander Hamilton Stephens, celebrated American statesman, vice president of the Confederacy, born near Crawfordsville, Ga.; died 1883.

1815—British warsloop Favorita arrived at New York with the treaty of Ghent, concluded Dec. 24, 1814; it was ratified by congress on the 17th and 18th.

1838—De Witt Clinton, statesman and governor of New York, also projector of the Erie canal, died in Albany; born 1769.

1809—Steamer Nellie Stevens burned on Red river, Arkansas; 63 deaths.

1887—Prince Louis Lucien Bonaparte, due de Wagram, son of Lucien and nephew of Napoleon I, died; born 1813.

February 12.

1542—Catherine Howard, fifth wife of Henry VIII, was beheaded.

1554—Lady Jane Grey was beheaded; born 1537.

1746—Thaddeus Kosciusko, Polish patriot, American soldier and French citizen, born near Novogendet, Lithuania; died 1817.

1791—Peter Cooper, the American philanthropist, born in New York city; died there 1883.

1809—Charles Robert Darwin, the naturalist, born in Shrewsbury, England. Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

1847—The West Indies mail steamer Tweed wrecked off Yucatan; 72 lives lost.

1851—Gold discovered in Australia.

1860—General Sir William Napier, historian of the peninsular war, died at London; born 1786.

1871—Alice Cary, author, died.

1886—Horatio Seymour, statesman, died in Utica, N. Y.; born 1810.

1884—Thomas Chenery, editor of the London Times, died in London; born 1827.

1891—Admiral David Dixon Porter, distinguished Union commander of the civil war, died in Washington; born 1813.

February 13.



ISAAC HULL.

1613—Samuel Butler, author of "Hudibras," born at Strensham; died in London 1680.

1692—Massacre of the Macdonalds of Glencoe, Scotland, by the perfidy of the Scotch government.

1728—Cotton Mather, famous in the witchcraft raid, died at Boston; born there 1663.

1806—David Dudley Field, jurist, born in Haddam, Conn.

1843—Commodore Isaac Hull, American naval hero, commander of the famous Constitution, died at Philadelphia; born in Derby, Conn., 1773.

1809—American mail steamer Herrmann wrecked on the coast of Japan; 200 deaths.

1881—Fernando Wood, New York city politician, died in Washington city; born in Philadelphia 1812.

1883—Richard Wagner, the composer of "Lohengrin," the "Niebelungen Trilogy" and other remarkable dramas, died at Venice; born in Leipsic 1813.

1886—Very Rev. Principal Tulloch, an eloquent and learned divine of the Church of Scotland and an eminent writer on theology, died at Torquay; born 1820.

1891—Alex A. H. Stuart, Whig statesman, in cabinet of Fillmore, died at Staunton, Va.; born in 1807.

February 14.



417—Pope Innocent I died; elected 402.

1400—Richard II, deposed king of England, murdered; born 1366; king 1377.

1633—The Duke de Tallard, French general, born; died 1728.

1779—Captain James Cook, the pioneer navigator of the Pacific, killed by the natives of Owyhee (Hawaii).

1780—Sir William Blackstone, GEN. HANCOCK. author of "Commentaries on the Laws of England," died; born 1723.

1824—General Winfield Scott Hancock, the brilliant commander of the Second Army Corps, born in Montgomery county, Pa.; died at Governor's Island, New York harbor, Feb. 9, 1886.

1828—Edmund About, French author, born; died Jan. 17, 1885.

1830—Oregon formally admitted as a state.

1887—Philip Bourke Marston, poet and writer, died; born 1851.

1891—General William Tecumseh Sherman died in New York city; born at Lancaster, O., 1884.

February 15.

1564—Galileo Galilei, the noted astronomer, born; died in 1642.

1657—Ferdinand II, emperor of Germany, died.

1710—Louis XV of France born; died 1774.

1744—John Hadley, inventor of sextant, died.

1808—John Augustus Sutter, noted California pioneer, born in Kandern, Baden; shipwrecked and left in California July 2, 1839; died in Washington 1880.

1846—Otto von Kotzebue, explorer, died at Ruel Russia.

1847—Don Palafoxi-Melzi, renowned defender of Sargossa in 1808-9, died at Madrid; born 1780.

1865—Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman, distinguished English prelate of the Roman Catholic church, died in London; born in Spain 1802.

1885—Dr. Leopold Damrosch, the eminent orchestra leader, died in New York city; born in 1832.

1888—Mount Vernon, Ills., nearly destroyed by a tornado; 39 killed, 125 injured.

February 16.

95—Alleged date of the martyrdom of Onesimus, ward and companion of St. Paul.

1279—Alphonso III of Portugal died.

1497—Philip Melanchthon, reformer, born; died 1560.

1516—Gaspard de Coligny, admiral of France and Protestant leader, born; killed in the St. Bartholomew massacre 1572.

1726—Baron Trenck, famous for his prison experience and escapes, born; guillotined in Paris July 25, 1794.

1812—Henry Wilson, statesman and vice president, born in Farmington, N. H.; died 1875.

1826—Lindley Murray, grammarian, died near York, England; born in Pennsylvania 1745.

1857—Elisha Kent Kane, arctic explorer, died in Havana; born 1820.

1862—Fort Donelson surrendered.

1887—The queen's jubilee: fiftieth anniversary of Victoria's reign celebrated.

February 17.

1519—Francis, duke of Guise, leader of French Catholics against Huguenots, etc., born; murdered 1563.

1673—Jean Baptiste Poquelin Moliere, French writer, died; born 1622.

1840—Frightful fire alarm panic in the Dunlop Street theater, Glasgow; in a rush to the street 38 persons of the audience were crushed to death and a number injured.

1856—Heinrich Heine, German poet and satirist, died; born 1800.

1860—American bark Lima lost off the coast of France with 101 souls—all on board.

1876—Horace Bushnel, Congregational clergyman and theological writer, died in Hartford; born in Litchfield county, Conn., 1802.

1880—James Lenox, noted philanthropist, died in New York city; born there 1800.

1880—Desperate attempt to kill the czar; mine exploded under the winter palace at the dinner hour; 10 soldiers of the guard killed and 48 injured.

1888—Alfred Smith Barnes, extensive text book publisher in New York city, died there; born in New Haven 1817.

1893—Rear Admiral Augustus Ludlow Case, U. S. N., died in Washington; born 1813.

Kaiser and Monsignor.

In connection with the gift of the grand cross of the Order of the Crown by the Emperor William to Mgr. della Volpe, the grand master of the household of the pope, it was remarked in the Italian papers that by so doing the emperor showed a remarkable spirit of forgiveness. On the kaiser's first visit to the pope he let his helmet fall. Mgr. della Volpe immediately stooped to pick it up. At the same moment the emperor stooped also, and their heads came in violent contact, putting the gravity of all present to a severe test. It required the utmost presence of mind on the part of Mgr. della Volpe to refrain from putting his hand to his damaged pate, but he has not hesitated since to proclaim the emperor the most hard headed monarch in Christendom.—London Globe.

Women Hair Cutters.

I am not an authority on barbers, so I can't say whether women would be an improvement in that trade or not. But I do think that women would make admirable hair cutters, especially for children. Show me a mother who was ever satisfied with the work of a male barber when the head of her offspring was concerned. She has her soul full of poetry about that darling head, but if she ever conveyed any of it to the barber—generally a phlegmatic Teuton—I am not aware of it. His idea of scissors is th t they were made to cut with, and cut he does until stopped by the indignant parent. Now, a woman hair cutter would understand these delicate points much better and could, I think, drum up a large and lucrative juvenile trade.—Polly Pry in New York Recorder.

THE PUZZLER

No. 10.—Riddle.

I was a writer when I lived
On this terrestrial ball.
I wrote of good and wicked men,
Of men both great and small.

I wrote to make the wicked good,
For goodness was my theme.
Yet good men are by me so vexed
They're tempted to blaspheme.

Full many (when I am in hand)
My works have well enjoyed.
But, ah me, when I am on foot
They're terribly annoyed!

I make the upright walk awry,
I gladness turn to grief.
With swelling pride I even to you
'Mong ills I am a chief.

No. 11.—Reversals.

Reading backward the words in his spelling book, our Tommy found some strange changes of meaning, of which the following are specimens: 1. A one masted vessel became some pools of water. 2. A kind of worm was transformed into a corporate town. 3. A snare was made half a score. 4. A sticky substance was transformed into a quadruped. 5. An apartment was turned into a marsh. 6. A low cart was made a measure. 7. A bar of wood was changed into an untruthful person.

No. 12.—A Dissection.

O O O O O O O O O

Dissect a certain fish, and you will find that he swallowed a toothed garden tool; a baked mixture of sugar, flour, eggs, etc.; a machine for winding silk; a Spanish coin; a vegetable resembling the onion; ground corn; an electrical fish; "the principal timber of a ship;" a small stream of water; part of a hay wagon, and a "large pond." Name the fish, and also the articles.

No. 13.—Word Squares.

1. A boy's name; lazy; to applaud; retained.

2. A girl's name; a stone of changeable colors; a rough file; a mountain range in Europe.

No. 14.—A Question of Letters.

Aa-Bb-Cc-Dd-Ff-Gg-Hh-Ii-Jj-Kk-Ll-Mm-Nn-Oo-Pp-Qq-Rr-Ss-Tt-Uu-Vv-Ww-Xx-Yy-Zz.

Pray, men of letters, look this over
And tell me if you can discover
The one essential it will need
That letter perfect it may read.
So when you find what isn't found
Speak it and listen to the sound.
You'll hear what Irish people all
Their landlords very often call.

No. 15.—A Kind of Timepiece.



No. 16.—A State Puzzle.

One letter from each of the following, combined in the order given, will form the name of a state, every male inhabitant of which, between the ages of 16 and 60, is said to have fought during the Revolution:

1. The state that changed its name in 1664.

2. The first state formed by the "northwest territory."

3. The state named first by the Spaniards, then by the English navigator, finally retaining its original title.

4. The state passing successively through the hands of the Swedes, Dutch and English.

5. The state colonized by freed English prisoners.

6. The state of which Massachusetts had control, although the French and English held large claims.

7. The state founded on a moral principle.

8. The state founded by Jesuits and fur traders.

9. The state that first instituted public schools.

10. The "Lake State."

11. The state discovered on Easter Sunday.—Examiner.

No. 17.—Transpositions.

L NNGRIWBO—A poet of the nineteenth century.

2. NIODSE—A scientist.

3. AENTDSO—A statesman.

4. ELSATYN—A traveler.

5. HGVRN—An actor.

What One Letter Will Do.

B makes the road broad, turns the ear to bear and Tom into a tomb.

C makes lime clime, hanged changed, a lever clever and transports a lover into clover.

D turns a bear to beard, a crow to crowd and makes anger danger.

F turns lower regions into flower regions.

G changes a son to song and makes one gone.

H changes eight to height.

K makes now know and eyed keyed.

L transforms a pear into a pearl.

N turns a line into linen, a crow into crown and makes one none.

P metamorphoses lumber into plumber.

S turns even seven, leaves above and word sword, a pear to spear, makes slaughter of laughter and curiously changes having a hoe to shaving a shoe.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 1.—Double Acrostic: Primals, Charles Kingsley; finals, Peter Paul Rubens. Cross words: 1. Crisp. 2. Handsome. 3. Anent. 4. Rapture. 5. Lemur. 6. Envelop. 7. Sofa. 8. Kiang-su. 9. Instill. 10. Neither. 11. Gnu. 12. Sahib. 13. Lathe. 14. Effusion. 15. Yumas.

No. 2.—Pictorial Rebus: When the horse is stolen, the stable door is shut.

No. 3.—Arithmetical: 13 hours 20 minutes. 7 and 13.

No. 4.—Curtailment: Pines—pine.

No. 5.—Connected Word Squares: I—1. Major. 2. Agama. 3. Jambs. 4. Ombre. 5. Raised. II—1. Ruler. 2. Usage. 3. Large. 4. Egged. 5. Reels. III—1. Discs. 2. Ickle. 3. Skein. 4. Clips. 5. Sense. IV—1. Scuds. 2. Comic. 3. Umbra. 4. Direr. 5. Scare.

No. 6.—Proverb Making: Too many cooks spoil the broth.

No. 7.—Metagram: Butter, gutter, cutter, mutter.

No. 8.—Floral Anagrams: 1. Heartsease. 2. Stephanotis. 3. Clematis. 4. Heather. 5. Primrose. 6. Anemone. 7. Heliotrope. 8. Sunflower.

No. 9.—Buried Names of Fruits: 1. Pear. 2. Plum. 3. Mango. 4. Apple. 5. Lemon.

A Kick From Boston Boys.

The boys in the city proper are finding fault because in picking out streets on which coasting will be allowed this winter the aldermen did not pick out more streets that are tipped up at one end. This is on the dead level, like nearly all the streets named in the published list. All men who have been boys once like to see boys coasting. Any bitter old cynic who complains against this sport was always a bitter old cynic and was never a boy himself. At the same time boys should not coast where they endanger their own safety or the safety of others.—Boston Globe.

Kate Field's Experiment.

Miss Kate Field tells the following instructive story: "When last in Europe, I imported American satin, determined to practice what I preach—a performance of such difficulty apparently as rarely to be attempted. I went so far as to prevail upon Worth to make up this material, though it is against his rules to expend his taste on foreign fabrics. The result was a beautiful costume, yet it well nigh required a surgical operation to make some women believe that the satin was American. 'Is it possible?' 'I'd no idea such good looking satin could be made in this country.' 'Does it wear?' 'Are you quite sure it is pure silk?' These were the usual exclamations and questions. Bless their ignorant souls, women don't realize that European black silk has been deteriorating so rapidly as greatly to help successful production in the United States. Our manufacturers take a foreign silk, find out its weaknesses and improve upon it, while women buy the imported article complacently, believing they show peculiar taste and acumen."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VI, FIRST QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, FEB. 11.

Text of the Lesson, Gen. xvii, 1-9—Memory Verses, 7, 8—Golden Text, Gen. xv, 6—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

1. "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before Me and be thou perfect." It is now 24 years since Abram entered the land of Canaan (see chapter xii, 4), during which time Lot left him and went to dwell in Sodom, while Abram removed his tent and altar to Hebron (xiii, 12, 18). At this time the Lord appeared and renewed the covenant. We next see Abram rescuing Lot and his goods from the four kings, and being blessed by Melchizedec he gives him tithes and is enabled to refuse the goods of Sodom. In chapter xv the Lord comes to him again, and we have for the first time fear not, shield, reward, believe, righteousness and other words. Then follows another story of human wisdom and weakness, and a blank of 13 years (compare xvi, 16, and xvii, 1), after which in this lesson Jehovah appears again, but with a new name—God Almighty, or El Shaddai. Almighty, or Shaddai, signifies the all sufficient one and is suggestive of bountiful, self sacrificing love pouring itself out for others. Jehovah virtually said to Abram, You have again listened to human wisdom, wandered from Me and failed, now return and walk before Me sincerely, uprightly (see margin), for I am the powerful, all sufficient one—El Shaddai—and in Me alone you will find all your need.

2. "And I will make my covenant between Me and thee and will multiply thee exceedingly." Thirteen times do we find the word "covenant" in this chapter and once in xv, 18, making a full twice seven, God's perfect number. Nine times He says "My covenant," emphasizing the fact that it is all of Him. He is the author and finisher of it, and it cannot fail. The time will surely come when, notwithstanding all their wanderings, He will yet give them repentance and remission of sins and will perform the truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham which He has sworn from the days of old (Acts v, 31; Zech. xii, 10; xiii, 1; Mic. vii, 20).

3. "And Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying." This position is suggestive of weakness, unworthiness, nothingness, on the part of Abram, but of worship and adoration toward God. When Jesus appeared to John on Patmos, John fell at his feet as dead. So also Daniel, when he saw the glory of the Lord, fell on the ground, with his face toward the ground (Rev. i, 17; Dan. x). Isaiah said, "Woe is me, for I am undone," and Job said, "I abhor myself" (Isa. vi, 5; Job xlii, 6). A sight of the Lord and His beauty and holiness delivers us from saying or thinking anything more about ourselves and enables us to glory only in the Lord.

4. "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations." The details of the covenant are more fully unfolded with every new statement of it. First, God would make of him a great nation, then they should be as numerous as the dust of the earth, then as the stars of heaven, then they would be of the substance, but now he is to be a multitude of nations (see margin). Whatever fulfillment of this there was in the descendants of Ishmael and of the six sons of Keturah (Gen. xxv) is less a fulfillment to be manifested in the coming ages. We do well to hold fast the promise and wait with expectation. He will do exceeding abundantly above all our thinking.

5. "Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham, for a father of many nations have I made thee." Some of the scholars may not know that the part of the name which signifies "father" is the first two letters Ab. The addition to his name is most suggestive. The new consonant added is H, which is the principal letter in God's great name—Jehovah (J H V H),—so that it appears as if God breathed Himself into Abram. The only place the name Almighty is found in the New Testament outside of Revelation is in connection with the promise, "I will dwell in them and walk in them," and is conditioned upon complete separation from all unbelief and uncleanness (II Cor. vi, 16-18).

6. "And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee." The new feature here is the last clause concerning kings. Inasmuch as all in Christ are children of Abraham, and all in Christ are kings and priests unto God and shall reign on the earth, we shall certainly see a fulfillment in the coming kingdom (Gal. iii, 29; Rev. v, 9, 10; Luke xix, 17). As to fruitfulness, some of the last clause concerning Jesus are concerning the much fruit that glorifies God and how we may bear it (see John xv), and the secret of it is even in this lesson, our emptiness, and God is us the all sufficient one. Read also Rom. vii, 4.

7. "And I will establish My covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee." The everlasting covenant is mentioned again in verse 19 in connection with Isaac, the promised seed, type of Christ, the true seed, who is also a son of Abraham (Gal. iii, 16; Math. i, 1), and son of David, in and through whom all the promises shall be literally fulfilled and all mysteries made clear as noonday.

8. "And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God." As to the breadth of the land see chapter xv, 18, and notice that it reaches to the Euphrates. That it shall be theirs forever, although they have as yet been longer out of it than in it, the prophets abundantly testify. Among the plainest statements are Ezek. xxxvii, 21, 22; Amos ix, 15; Jer. xxxi, 38-40, and listen to these wonderful words of Jer. xxxii, 41, "I will plant them in this land assuredly with My whole heart and with My whole soul." Whoever can doubt that it shall be so is surely worthy of the name of infidel.

9. "And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep My covenant, therefore, thou and thy seed after thee in their generations." Then follows an account of that which they were to keep, even the rite of circumcision, as a token of the covenant. The bow in the cloud did not make the covenant with Noah any more sure, but was the visible token that there was such a covenant. Circumcision did not make Abraham more righteous (Rom. iv, 11) nor the covenant more sure, but was the outward sign that all such were included in the covenant which was before established. Its true significance is seen in Deut. xxx, 6; Jer. iv, 4; Col. ii, 11; Gal. vi, 15.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Broadcloth took its name from its unusual width.

The Matabeles, it is said, always slay their prisoners.

Formerly the small letter "i" was written without a dot.

The coal cargo of the Scotch ship Ada Iredale, which was abandoned at sea, burned for a year.

Ireland has 156,000 houses of one room each, 357,000 of two to four rooms and 304,000 of five or more.

A man of about 80, who has shaved regularly during his lifetime, sacrifices to the razor about 35 feet of hair.

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American stoves are meeting with a large demand in Amsterdam, Holland.

Of the present population of the United States more than 16,000,000 are immigrants.

Byron's poems have been refused admittance to the Turkish empire by the state censorship.

Many of the big hotels erected for the accommodation of visitors to the World's fair are being turned into flats.

"As you walk the streets, as you go into the shops, watch for sad faces," advised the Salvation Army speaker.

There is more religion in a loaf of bread to a hungry man than in a carload of religious literature.—Baltimore World.

In 86 state prisons in this country solitary confinement is used as a punishment, and in 20 the prisoner is handcuffed to the wall.

In times of scarcity the South African natives sometimes rob the nests of the termites, and as much as five bushels of grain have been taken from a single nest.

Aluminium can be successfully used for engraving in place of stone or steel plates. The only stone used for lithographing is found at Sohlenhofen, Bavaria.

"Where can you find any polished English in New York?" asked the man from Boston. "On the brass signs," promptly replied the man from New York.

The Egyptian inscriptions show great numbers of war chariots, each containing two men—one to drive, the other an archer—but no cavalry was employed on the field.

At Lucknow, India, where 30 years ago so many Europeans were murdered during the sepoy rebellion, 32,000 children, all of Hindoo and Mohammedan parentage, recently marched in a Sunday school procession.

There is a club in Berlin called the Giants, every member of which is 6 feet tall. Vienna has a Lazy club, no member of which does anything for a living, and London a Baldheaded club, where nothing but polished skulls are seen.

William Penn's grave is in the churchyard of the little meeting house at Jordans, in Buckinghamshire, England, and Quakers hold a service there annually in memory of the founder of Pennsylvania.

A button of supposedly great age, bearing in the center the initials "G. W.," and around them the motto "Long Live the President," is a recent find at Matters Station, Md., by J. P. Wises. Encircling the edge are the names of the 13 original states.

A schoolteacher who had been telling the story of David ended with, "And all this happened over 3,000 years ago." A little cherub, its blue eyes opening wide with wonder, said, after a moment's thought, "Oh, dear, sir, what a memory you have got!"

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