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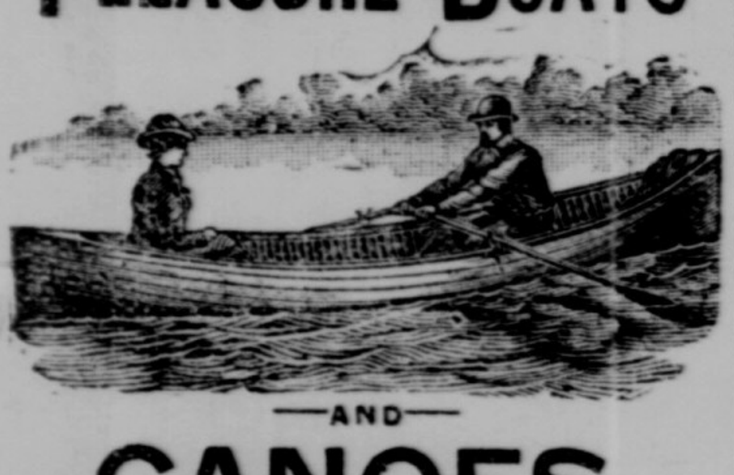
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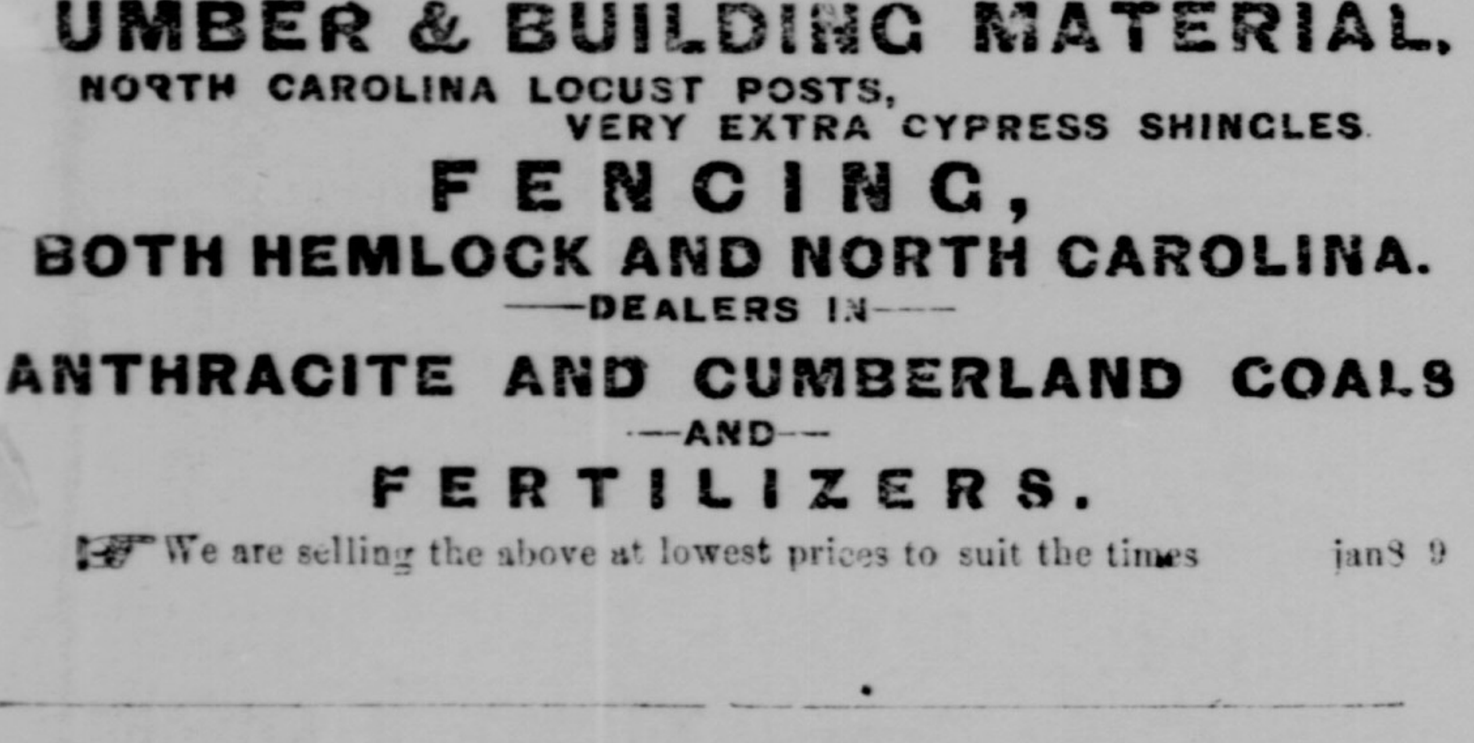
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CABLE SPARKS.

THE Crown Prince of Roumania has abandoned his proposed marriage to Mlle. Vacaresco.

INTENSE distress prevails among the poor in Buenos Ayres. Flour is selling at $28 a barrel.

THE strike of the railroad employes in Paris has collapsed, though some stations and workshops are still guarded by troops.

AT the next session of Parliament the British government will introduce a bill giving local government to Ireland.

A SPECIFIC duty of 11 cents a kilogramme (2.20 pounds) has been imposed on all lard imported into the republic of Peru.

THE steamer Empress, of India, at Victoria, B. C., from China, reports that the whole of southern China is in a state of turmoil.

THE scarcity of currency has caused extreme tension in monetary circles in Lisbon. The premium on a pound sterling is 15 per cent.

AT a conference of orthodox clericals in Moscow it was resolved to demand an active enforcement of the penal laws against the Stundists.

SIXTY-FIVE persons, cab owners, drivers, policemen and insurance inspectors, are on trial in Paris, on charges of conspiring to defraud insurance companies.

AT Reitenhau, Moravia, lightning struck a house in which a large wedding party were assembled, killing two persons outright and more or less injuring eighty others.

THE famous Coldstream Guards, the oldest corps in the British army except one, refused to obey orders because they were not given a day off after the extra duty during the visit of the Emperor of Germany. War office officials admitted the mutiny, and added that "unreasoning compliance with orders is no longer obtainable from men permeated with quasi-education."

THE coffee harvest of Guatemala for 1890 will reach 700,000 quintals, representing $16,000,000. In ten years the production has more than doubled, and the price realized has more than quadrupled. The European markets, however, will be largely supplied from the Brazilian harvest, which is 9,000,000 bags this year. The harvest was 4,200,000 bags a year ago.

A NUMBER of members of the Established Church in England raised the question as to the legality of the sculptured figures of the Saviour and of the Virgin Mary in the reredos or wall at the back of the altar of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, claiming that the figures are calculated "to encourage superstition and to suggest unlawful ideas of devotion." The Bishop of London held that the contention was not well grounded, and the case was carried into the courts. The English Court of Appeals has sustained the decision of the Bishop.

GUNS HIDDEN IN THE HAY.

Frisco Dealers in Firearms Doing a Big Business With Chili.

Notwithstanding the fate of the officers of the Robert and Minnie and the great care exercised by the customs officers, it has been learned that large quantities of arms and ammunition have been shipped to the Chilian insurgents, concealed in bales of hay. It has been discovered that three large truckfuls of cartridges were packed at the repacking establishment of E. T. Anthony, San Francisco, and shipped on the Hounslow, which sailed July 8 for Iquique. It is believed that much of the baled hay shipped on the Monts rratt, Redmus, Willamette and West Indian also concealed rifles and ammunition.

The leading dealers in firearms and cartridges say that sales in their lines have been large and numerous during the past few months, but they sold for cash, and it was not their business to inquire as to the uses to which the goods were to be put. The shippers of the hay cargoes on the several vessels claim that the hay was all purchased of leading dealers who delivered it in cargo lots on the wharves where the vessels were loading. It is estimated that at least eight hundred stands of arms, and 3,000,000 rounds of fixed ammunition have been shipped on the several vessels.

FOUR PERSONS DIED

From Fright Occasioned by a Conflagration at Newport News, Va.

At Newport News, Va., about 11.30 o'clock, fire broke out in a feed store on Lafayette avenue between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, and before its progress could be stayed the whole block, comprising 28 houses, was destroyed, the Washington hotel, a three-story brick building, being among the number.

Two ladies and two children died from fright.

MARKETS.

BALTIMORE—Flour—City Mills, super, $3.60 @3.75. Wheat—Southern Fultz, 96@96½ Corn—Southern White, 75@76c., Yellow, 74@75c. Oats—Southern and Pennsylvania 46@48c. Rye—Maryland and Pennsylvania 73@78c. Hay—Maryland and Pennsylvania $12.50@13.50. Straw—Wheat, $8.00@9.00. Butter—Eastern Creamery, 18@18½c., near-by receipt 12@13c. Cheese—Eastern Fancy Cream, 9½@10c., Western, 8@9½c. Eggs—16 @16½c. Tobacco, Leaf—Interior $1.00@1.50 Good Common, $4.00@5.00, Middling, $6.00 @8.00, Good to fine red, $9.00@11.00. Fancy, $12.00@13.00.

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CURIOUS FACTS.

A Kansas hog weighs 1253 pounds.

Most "sardines" are sprats and pilchards.

A Louisiana orange tree will yield 10,000 oranges.

A Norristown (Penn.) family owns forty-seven cats.

The United States declared war against Tripoli on June 10, 1801.

A resident of Fort Worth, Texas, claims to have a carnivorous cow.

A medical journal states that five clergymen live as long as eight workingmen.

A Sonoma County (Cal.) vineyardist has purchased 10,000 paper bags to cover the young vines and protect them from grasshoppers.

There is a colored girl in Baltimore who wants to remain black, and has gone to a hospital to be treated for a peculiar disease, by which her skin is turning white.

Generosity is a national trait of the Chilians, and the American tramps who drift into Santiago are reputed to make from $10 to $20 a day by begging at the doors of the wealthy.

A baby alligator, brought from Florida five years ago and liberated in a Lincoln (Me.) swamp, has grown to a monster that can eat a dog, so the noble Penobscot Indians say.

The first German court of justice has held a session in Heligoland. The calendar was a blank. The clerk registered the fact that the court met and adjourned and all was over.

One of the finest collection of stamps, numbering 100,000, in the world is owned by Dr. Legrand, of Neuilly, in France. The collection is kept under lock and key and is rarely seen by any one but its owner.

The largest ship canal in Europe is the great North Holland Canal, from Amsterdam to Helder, fifty-one miles; completed in 1825; 125 feet wide at water surface, thirty-one feet wide at bottom; depth twenty feet.

It is said that chocolate is used in the interior of South America for a currency, as are cocoanuts and eggs. Norway even now uses corn for coin. In India cakes of tea pass as currency, and in China pieces of silk.

A log raft composed of sixteen cribs, each sixty feet long, forty feet wide and nineteen feet deep, is presently to be towed from St. John, New Brunswick, to Brooklyn. The cribs are to be eighty feet apart, making the tow about 400 feet long.

A Burmese woman, who was alarmed by the long-continued absence of her husband, consulted a "charmer" as to the best means of securing his return. She was told to place a lighted candle on her bed and leave the house for at least half an hour. She placed the lighted candle under her mosquito curtain and went away, only to return to find her house and the adjoining ones in flames. The fire spread and 133 houses were destroyed.

A Baltimore freak is a frog of good size and a trifle light in color, but apparently not different from any other frog. The freakishness developed when his frogship was worried, when, instead of hopping off or giving utterance to the deep, sonorous note usually heard from frogs, he simply opened his mouth and cried. The frog is nothing if not human, and suggests both in tone and volume a bad, peevish child. The cry is not a single note, but several, and is continued even after the annoyance ceases.

Pensions for the Montezumas.

It is a curious fact that for 365 years the various Governments of Mexico, colonial, imperial and republican, have continued paying pensions to the heirs of Montezuma II. The family of the ancient royal race of the country seems to be in no danger of extinction, for each generation sees additions to the line. Many of the family live in Mexico, while there is a numerous section who reside in Spain, and there are among the Spanish branch many titled people. The Duke of Abrantes died last year and his pension will now have to be divided among his children by his first marriage, the Marquis of Sardoal, the Marquis of Puerto Seguro, the Count of Villaloa, the Marquis of Navamorcuendo and the Marchioness of Villa de la Torre. By a later marriage the Duke had several children who will also share in this pension.

In addition to this family there are other Spanish descendants of Montezuma II., the Marquis of Agila Furte, the Marquis Castellanos and the Count of Miraville. It is noted as a remarkable fact that during the 365 years there has only been one instance of a marriage uniting two branches of the descendants of the Aztec monarch, this being the union of Mr. Luos G. Sierra V. Horcasites with Miss Maria Delores Abadiano, which occurred on the 29th of November, 1890. As the years run on the multiplication of inheritors of the pensions renders the subdivision of the sums a matter of considerable calculation and the amounts become so small that often the legally authorized inheritors do not come forward to claim the amounts due them. It is known that for more than 500 years the genealogy of the royal line of Mexico has been carefully kept by the family and, as before said, for the last 365 years the matter has been attended to by the various governments of Mexico.—*St. Louis Republic.*

Too Many People in China.

How hard life becomes when a land is over-populated! There are more than a million souls in and about Amoy, China, alone. They are so crowded together that when you see them you forget they are human and imagine them ants or bees on a larger scale than usual. They have to live, and they do it in a way that would astonish a citizen of the great republic. Labor is a drug in the market. An expert joiner, carpenter or metalsmith receives twenty-five cents a day, $1.40 for a week or $5.25 a month. A laborer is glad to get fifteen cents a day or $3.50 a month. An old woman or a small boy receives $1 a month. But to live upon these rates demands infinite economy, and this prevails everywhere in China. At low tide the beach is crowded with men, women and children. They gather sea moss and convert it into gelatine, seaweed and change it into a nutritious food, sea worms and sea urchins and by slow cooking transmute these into mysterious stews and chowders. The driftwood thrown up by the sea is dried and utilized for fuel. Even the tiny animals which build little shell houses in the mud or under the rocks and bowlders are pried out one by one and served upon the dinner table. Two hundred scarcely fill a small cup and require four hours' hard work to gather, but they are in the market every day and sell for three or four cents a pound. The children are trained to pick up dead leaves, sticks and straws and put them aside to dry until usable as firewood. One child keeps a family supplied by working eight hours a day.—*Mail and Express.*

An Old Time Cruiser.

The largest vessel on record in the old times was one built by Ptolemy Philopater, King of Egypt. She is said to have been 420 feet long, fifty-six feet broad, seventy-two feet high from the keel to the top of the prow, and eighty feet to the top of the poop. She had four helms of sixty feet; her largest oars were fifty-six feet long, with leaden handles, so as to be more easily worked; she had twelve prows, two sterns and seven rostra or beaks. On both poop and prow she had figures of men and animals that were fully eighteen feet high. She had 4000 rowers, 400 cabin boys or servants, 2820 marines to do duty on deck, besides being provided with immense stores of arms and provisions.—*Picayune.*

REV. DR. TALMAGE.

The Eminent Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "Opportunities for Christians." (Preached at Madison, Wis.)

TEXT: "*Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*"—Esther iv., 14.

Esther the Beautiful was the wife of Ahasuerus the Abominable. The time had come for her to present a petition to her infamous husband in behalf of the Israelitish nation, to which she had once belonged. She was afraid to undertake the work lest she should lose her own life; but her uncle, Mordecai, who had brought her up, encouraged her with the suggestion that probably she had been raised up of God for that peculiar mission. "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther had her God-appointed work; you and I have ours. It is my business to tell you what style of people we ought to be in order that we may meet the demand of the age in which God has cast our lot. If you have come expecting to hear abstractions discussed or dry technicalities of religion glorified, you have come to the wrong place; but if you really would like to know what this age has a right to expect of you as Christian men and women, then I am ready in the Lord's name to look you in the face.

When two armies have rushed into battle the officers of either army do not want philosophical discussions about the chemical properties of human blood or the nature of gunpowder. They want some one to man the batteries and swab out the guns. And now, when all the forces of light and darkness, of heaven and hell, have plunged into the fight, it is no time to give ourselves to the definitions and formulas and technicalities and conventionalities of religion. What we want is practical, earnest, concentrated, enthusiastic and triumphant help. What we need in the East you in Wisconsin need.

In the first place, in order to meet the special demand of this age, you need to be an unmistakably aggressive Christian. Of half and half Christians we do not want any more. The church of Jesus Christ will be better without ten thousand of them. They are the chief obstacle to the church's advancement. I am speaking of another kind of Christian. All the appliances for your becoming an earnest Christian are at your hand, and there is a straight path for you into the broad daylight of God's forgiveness. You may have come here to-day the bondsmen of the world, and yet before you go out of these doors you may become the princes of the Lord God Almighty. You know what excitement there is in this country when a foreign prince comes to our shores. Why? Because it is expected that some day he will sit upon a throne. But what is all that honor compared with the honor to which God calls you—to be sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty; yea, to be queens and kings unto God! "They shall reign with Him forever and forever."

But, my friends, you need not be aggressive Christians, and not like those persons who spend their lives in hugging their Christian graces and wondering why they do not make any progress. How much robustness of health would a man have if he hid himself in a dark closet? A great deal of piety of the day is too exclusive. It hides itself. It needs more fresh air, more outdoor exercise. There are many Christians who are giving their entire life to self examination. They are feeling their pulses to see what is the condition of their spiritual health. How long would a man have robust physical health if he kept all the days and weeks and months and years of his life feeling his pulse instead of going out into active, earnest, everyday work?

I was once amid the wonderful, bewitching cactus growths of North Carolina. I never was more bewildered with the beauty of flowers, and yet when I would take up one of these cactuses and pull the leaves apart, the beauty was all gone. You could hardly tell that it had ever been a flower. And there are a great many Christian people in this day just pulling apart their Christian experiences to see what there is in them, and there is nothing attractive left. This style of self examination is a damage instead of an advantage to their Christian character. I remember when I was a boy I used to have a small piece in the garden that I called my own, and I planted corn there, and every few days I would pull it up to see how fast it was growing. Now, there are a great many Christian people in this day whose self examination merely amounts to the pulling up of that which they only yesterday or the day before planted.

Oh, my friends! if you want to have a stalwart Christian character, plant it right out of doors in the great field of Christian usefulness, and though storms may come upon it, and though the hot sun of trial may try to consume it, it will thrive until it becomes a great tree, in which the fowls of heaven may have their habitation. I have no patience with these flowerpot Christians. They keep themselves under shelter, and all their Christian experience in a small, exclusive circle, when they ought to plant it in the great garden of the Lord, so that the whole atmosphere could be aromatic with their Christian usefulness. What we want in the church of God is more brawn of piety.

The century plant is wonderfully suggestive and wonderfully beautiful, but I never look at it without thinking of its parsimony. It lets whole generations go by before it puts forth one blossom; so I have really more heartfelt admiration when I see the dewy tears in the blue eyes of the violets, for they come every spring. My Christian friends, time is going by so rapidly that we cannot afford to be idle. A recent statistician says that human life now has an average of only thirty-two years. From these thirty-two years you must subtract all the time you take for sleep and the taking of food and recreation; that will leave you about sixteen years. From those sixteen years you must subtract all the time you are necessarily engaged in the earning of a livelihood; that will leave you about eight years. From those eight years you must take all the days and weeks and months—all the length of time that is passed in childhood and sickness, leaving you about one year in which to work for God. Oh, my soul, wake up! How darest thou sleep in harvest time and with so few hours in which to reap? So that I state it as a simple fact that all the time that the vast majority of you will have for the exclusive service of God will be less than one year!

"But," says some man, "I liberally support the Gospel, and the church is open and the Gospel preached; all the spiritual advantages are spread before men, and if they want to be saved let them come and be saved; I have discharged all my responsibility." Ah! is that the Master's spirit? Is there not an old Book somewhere that commands us to go out into the highways and hedges and compel the people to come in? What would have become of you and me if Christ had not come down off the hills of heaven, and if He had not come through the door of the Bethlehem caravansary, and if He had not with the crushed hand of the crucifixion knocked at the iron gate of the sepulcher of our spiritual death, crying, "Lazarus come forth!"

Oh, my Christian friends, this is no time for inertia, when all the forces of darkness seem to be in full blast; when steam printing presses are publishing infidel tracts; when express railroad trains are carrying messengers of sin; when fast clippers are laden with opium and rum; when the night air of our cities is polluted with the laughter that breaks up from the ten thousand saloons of dissipation and abandonment; when the fires of the second death already are kindled in the cheeks of some who only a little while ago were incorrupt. Never since the curse fell upon the earth has there been a time when it was such an unwise, such a cruel, such an awful thing for the church to sleep! The great audiences are not gathered in the Christian churches; the great audiences are gathered in temples of sin—tears of unutterable woe their baptism, the blood of crushed hearts the awful wine of their sacrament, blasphemies their litany, and the groans of the lost world the organ dirge of their worship.

Again, if you want to be qualified to meet the duties which this age demands of you, you must on the one hand avoid reckless iconoclasm, and on the other hand not stick too much to things because they are old. The air is full of new plans, new projects, new theories of government, new theologies, and I am amazed to see how so many Christians want only novelty in order to recommend a thing to their confidence; and so they vacillate and swing to and fro, and they are useless and they are unhappy. New plans—secular, ethical, philosophical, religious, cisatlantic, transatlantic. Ah, my brother, do not adopt a thing merely because it is new. Try it by the realities of a judgment day.

But, on the other hand, do not adhere to anything merely because it is old. There is not a single enterprise of the church or the world but has sometimes been scoffed at. There was a time when men derided even Bible societies; and when a few young men met near a haystack in Massachusetts and organized the first missionary society ever organized in this country, there went laughter and ridicule all around the Christian church. They said the undertaking was preposterous.

And so also the work of Jesus Christ was assailed. People cried out, "Whoever heard of such theories of ethics and government? Whoever noticed such a style of preaching as Jesus has?" Ezekiel had talked of mysterious wings and wheels. Here came a man from Capernaum and Gennesaret, and He drew His illustrations from the lakes, from the sand, from the ravine, from the lilies, from the cornstalks. How the Pharisees scoffed! How Herod derided! How Caiphas hissed! And this Jesus they plucked by the beard, and they spat in His face, and they called Him "this fellow!" All the great enterprises in and out of the church have at times been scoffed at, and there have been a great multitude who have thought that the chariot of God's truth would fall to pieces if it once got out of the old rut.

And so there are those who have no patience with anything like improvement in church architecture or with anything like good, hearty, earnest church singing, and they deride any form of religious discussion which goes down walking among everyday men rather than that which makes an excursion on rhetorical stilts. Oh, that the Church of God would wake up to an adaptability of work! We must admit the simple fact that the churches of Jesus Christ in this day do not reach the great masses. There are fifty thousand people in Edinburgh who never hear the Gospel. There are one million people in London who never hear the Gospel. There are at least three hundred thousand souls in the city of Brooklyn who come not under the immediate ministrations of Christ's truth, and the Church of God in this day, instead of being a place full of living epistles, read and known of all men, is more like a "dead letter" postoffice.

"But," say the people, "the world is going to be converted. You must be patient. The kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of Christ." Never, unless the church of Jesus Christ puts on more speed and energy. Instead of the church converting the world, the world is converting the church. Here is a great fortress. How shall it be taken? An army comes and sits around about it, cuts off the supplies and says, "Now we will just wait until from exhaustion and starvation they will have to give up." Weeks and months, and perhaps a year, pass along, and finally the fortress surrenders through that starvation and exhaustion. But, my friends, the fortresses of sin are never to be taken in that way. If they are taken for God it will be by storm. You will have to bring up the great siege guns of the Gospel to the very wall, and wheel the flying artillery into line, and when the armed infantry of heaven shall confront the battlements you will have to give the quick command: "Forward! Charge!"

Ah, my friends, there is work for you to do and for me to do in order to achieve this grand accomplishment! Here is a pulpit, and a clergyman preaches in it. Your pulpit is the bank. Your pulpit is the store. Your pulpit is the editorial chair. Your pulpit is the anvil. Your pulpit is the house scaffolding. Your pulpit is the mechanic's shop. I may stand in this place and, through cowardice or through self seeking, may keep back the word I ought to utter; while you, with sleeve rolled up and brow besweated with toil, may utter the word that will jar the foundation of heaven with the shout of a great victory. Oh, that to-day this whole audience might feel that the Lord Almighty is putting upon them the hands of ordination. Every one, go forth and preach this Gospel. You have as much right to preach as I have, or as any man has. Only find out the pulpit where God will have you preach, and there preach.

Hedley Vicars was a wicked man in the English army. The grace of God came to him. He became an earnest and eminent Christian. They scoffed at him and said, "You are a hypocrite; you are as bad as ever you were." Still he kept his faith in Christ, and after awhile, finding that they could not turn him aside by calling him a hypocrite, they said to him, "Oh, you are nothing but a fanatic." That did not disturb him. He went on performing his Christian duty until he had formed all his troop into a Bible class, and the whole encampment was shaken with the presence of God. So Havelock went into the heathen temple in India while the English army was there, and put a candle into the hand of each of the heathen gods that stood around in the heathen temple, and by the light of those candles, held up by the idols, General Havelock preached righteousness, temperance and judgment to come. And who will say, on earth or in heaven, that Havelock had not the right to preach?

In the minister's house where I prepared for college there was a man who worked, by the name of Peter Croy. He could neither read nor write, but he was a man of God. Often theologians would stop in the house—grave theologians—and at family prayers Peter Croy would be called upon to lead, and all those wise men sat around, wonderstruck at his religious efficiency. When he prayed he reached up and seemed to take hold of the very throne of the Almighty, and he talked with God till the very heavens were bowed down into the sitting-room. Oh, if I were dying I would rather have plain Peter Croy stand by my bedside and commend my immortal spirit to God than some heartless ecclesiastic arrayed in costly canonicals. Go preach this Gospel. You say you are not licensed. In the name of the Lord Almighty, this morning I license you. Go preach this Gospel—preach it in the Sabbath-schools, in the prayer-meetings, in the highways, in the hedges. Woe be unto you if you preach it not.

I remark, again, that in order to be qualified to meet your duty in this particular age you want unbounded faith in the triumph of the truth and the overthrow of wickedness. How dare the Christian church ever get discouraged? Have you not the Lord Almighty on our side? How long did it take God to slay the hosts of Sennacherib or burn Sodom or shake down Jericho? How long will it take God, when He once arises in His strength to overthrow all the forces of iniquity? Between this time and that there may be long seasons of darkness—the chariot wheels of God's Gospel may seem to drag heavily, but here is the promise, and yonder is the throne; and when Omniscience has lost its eyesight and Omnipotence falls back impotent and Jehovah is driven from His throne, then the church of Jesus Christ can afford to be despondent, but never until then. Despots may plan and armies may march, and the congresses of the nation may seem to think they are adjusting all the affairs of the world, but the mighty men of the earth are only the dust of the chariot wheels of God's providence.

I think that before the sun of this century shall set, the last tyranny may fall, and with a splendor of demonstration that shall be the astonishment of the universe God will set forth the brightness and pomp and glory and perpetuity of His eternal government. Out of the starry flags and emblazoned insignia of this world God will make a path for His own triumph, and returning from universal conquest He will sit down, the grandest, strongest, highest throne of earth His footstool.

Then shall all nations' song ascend,
To Thee, our Ruler, Father, Friend,
Till heaven's high arch resound again
With "Peace on earth, good will to men."

I preach this sermon because I want to encourage all Christian workers in every possible department. Hosts of the living God, march on! march on! His spirit will bless you. His shield will defend you. His sword will strike for you. March on! march on! The last despotism will fall, and paganism will burn its idols, and Mohammedanism will give up its false prophet and the great walls of superstition will come down in thunder and wreck at the long, loud blast of the Gospel trumpet. March on! March on! The besiegement will soon be ended. Only a few more steps on the long way; only a few more sturdy blows; only a few more battle cries, then God will put the laurel upon your brow, and from the living fountains of heaven will bathe off the sweat and the heat and the dust of the conflict.

March on! March on! For you the time for work will soon be past, and amid the outflashings of the judgment throne and the trumpeting of resurrection angels and the upheaving of a world of graves and the hosanna of the saved and the groaning of the lost, we shall be rewarded for our faithfulness or punished for our stupidity. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting, and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and amen.

A Woman's Impressions of the United States Senate.

I have heard a United States Senator speak, and for bad elocution, for wretched pronunciation, for a clear and compact ignorance of English as she should be spoke, he is to be commended. I had never been in the Senate before. I pictured it as an imposing body, where men thought out great deeds, spoke in a way worth hearing and were altogether a credit to the people who had sent them there. Instead I found a lot of gaunt, disheveled-looking creatures, with the cuspidors outnumbering them by ten or twelve, who sat with their feet on their desks and slept while the other man talked. They didn't seem to me to represent anything but a second-rate bar-room, and I don't care what their politics are, the Senators of the United States, always excepting Mr. Evarts, are a disgrace to the nation at large. I am told they have a bathroom in the Senate. Most of the members looked as if they needed it. A number of them wore wigs and the rest of them didn't know how to comb their hair properly. Now, the House of Lords is stupid—ineffably, undeniably and positively stupid, but it looks dignified and impresses the people, and that is a great deal more than getting up and calling men liars and poltroons about the Force bill.

I am sorry I have seen the Senate; it is another illusion gone and I shall feel no interest in the future for the four votes that I control. I looked for the female lobbyist, and in vain, but if I had anything up before the Senate and wanted it to pass I would set up a first-class grog shop as near the Capitol as possible. I would have two English barmaids to manage it and I would get my bill through. One Senator, who didn't sleep quite so calmy as the others, had on a brilliant blue tie and could be distinguished by that for quite a distance. It was about the only thing that I noticed that was calculated to attract attention.—"*Bab," in Terre Haute Express.*

Tact.

Some men have tact in different degrees; while others are wanting in it altogether. It is the outcome of intellectual and of temperamental qualifications, and implies the possession of clear perceptions, quick imaginations and delicate sensibilities. It is these that give the tactful person his subtle intuition of another's mental processes and modes of feeling, and in the same moment show exactly the right method of action.—*New York Ledger.*

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Popping the Question.

Don't be too sudden about it. Many a girl has said "no" when she meant "yes," simply because the lover didn't choose the right time, and pop the question gently.

Take a dark night for it. Have the blinds closed, the curtains down, and lamp turned most out. Sit near enough to her so you can hook your little finger into hers.

Wait until the conversation begins to flag, and then quietly remark,—

"Susie, I wan't to ask you something"

She will fidget about a little and probably answer,—

"Yes?"

After a pause you can add,—

"Susie, my actions must have shown —that is, you must have seen—I mean, you must be aware that —"

Pause for awhile, but keep your little finger firmly locked. She may cough and try to turn the subject off by asking you how you like the sermon, but she does it to encourage you. After a pause you can continue,—

"I was thinking as I was coming up the street to-night, that before I went away I would ask you—that is, I would broach the subject nearest my—I mean I would know my—"

Stop again and give her hand a gentle squeeze. She may make a move to get away or she may not. In either case it augurs well for you. Wait five minutes and then go on.

"The past year has been a very happy one to me, but I hope that future years will be still happier. However, that depends entirely on you. I am here to-night to know—that is, to ask you—I am here to-night to hear from your lips the one sweet—"

Wait again. It isn't best to be too rash about such things. Give her plenty of time to recover composure, and then put your hand on your heart and continue,—

"Yes, I thought as I was coming here to-night how happy I'd been, and I said to myself that if I only knew you would consent to be my—that is, I said if I only knew—if I was only certain that my heart had not deceived me, and you were ready to share—"

Hold on—there's no hurry about it. Give the wind a chance to sob and moan outside among the trees. This will make her lonesome, and call up all the love in her heart. When she begins to cough and grow restless you can go on.

"Before I met you this world was a desert to me. I didn't take any pleasure in life, and it didn't matter whether the sun shone or not. But what a change in one short year. It is for you to say whether my nature shall be a prairie of happiness or one long and never-ending pathway of thistles. Speak, dearest Susie, and say—and say that—"

Give her five minutes more by the clock and then add,—

"That you—you will be—that is, that you will—be mine?"

She will heave a sigh, look up at the clock and then around the room, and then as she slides her head over your vest pocket she will whisper,—

"Henry—I will."

Plants Protected by Their Juices.

Where a drop of the juice of sorrel, garlic, saxifrage, or nasturtium is put upon the tegument of a snail, the animal manifests pain and exudes abundance of its mucous secretion; yet it is not thus affected by a drop of water. When snails avoid plants marked by such juices, we have a right to regard the plants as defended by a chemical armor. The offensive substance may also be important to the nutrition of the plant, but that is not the question we are dealing with here. Many plants are evidently lacking in this means of defence, for, of some plants, all the animals experimented upon have been found to prefer fresh to dead parts. Others are never touched by them, whether living or dead. Hence we may conceive that an infinite variety may exist in the degrees of chemical armoring between total absence of protection and complete protection.

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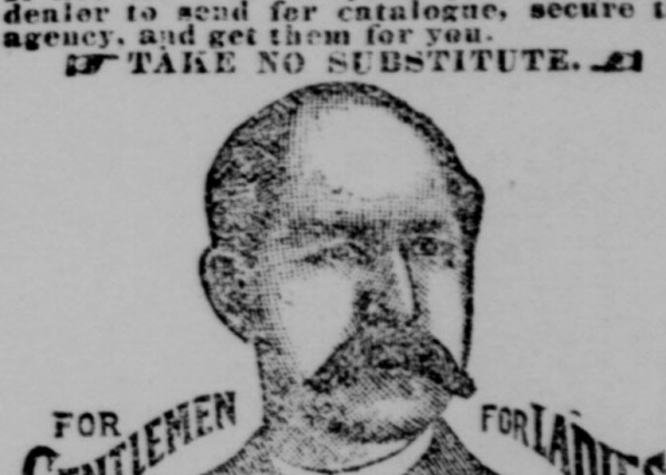
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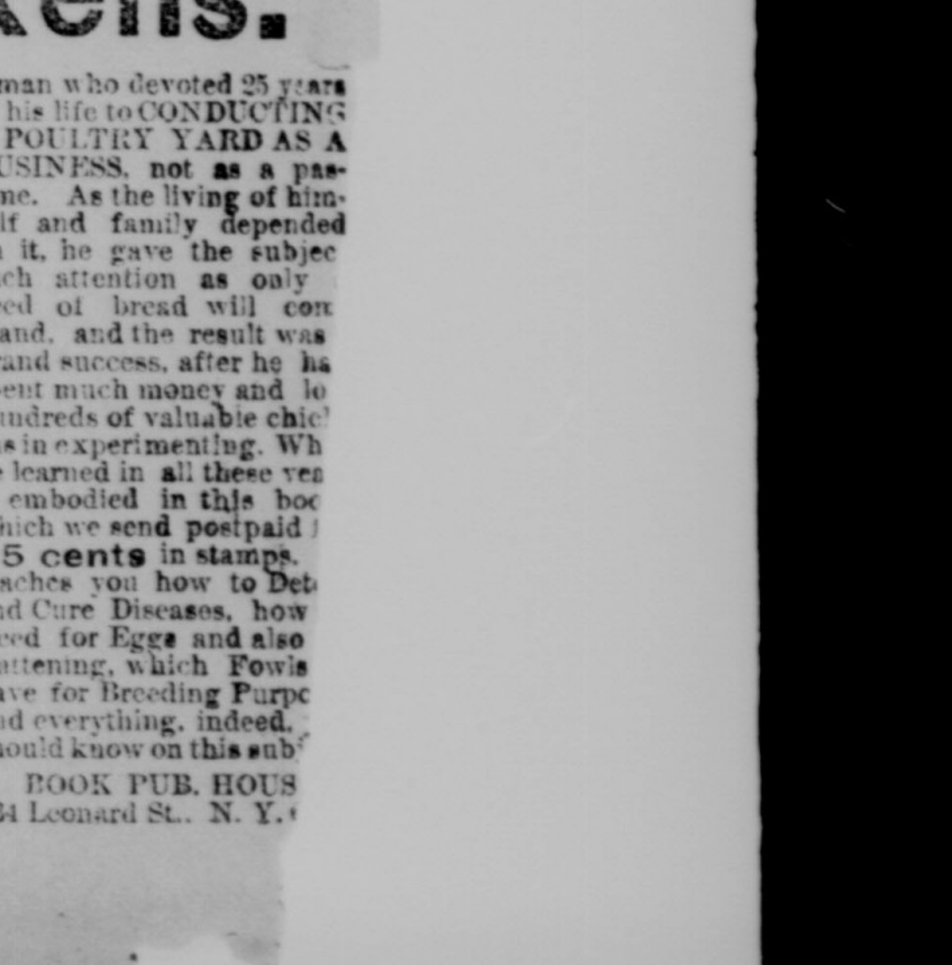
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