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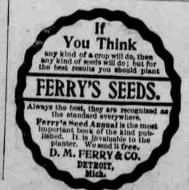
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Show That the Moment of Final Disso-

Although neither a physician nor a clergyman I wish to corroborate the views of the physicians contradicting Rev. Dr. Epworth under the heading. "What Is Death?" in your Sunday issue. As a Federal soldier, May 31, 1862, I was one of those who fought against the surprise of General Johnston, at the time commander of the Confederate army, at Fair Oaks. The surprise was made at noontime, while our boys were eating lunch. I remem-Elder Goodman—Well, Johnny, did you have a good time Thanksgiving?

Johnny—A good time? Well I should think I did. Ma had to sit up with me for the next three hights.—Hoston Courier. our boys were eating lunch. I remem-ber one soldier being struck in a vital part and killed while leaning upright part and killed while leaning upright against a tree in the act of carrying a flapjack to his mouth, remaining after death in precisely the same position. When I saw him standing there I mistook him for a live man, especially as took him for a live man, especially as he seemed to me intent only on eating his flapjack, but the illusion was discould when touching him because as

pelled when touching him, because as an officer I wanted him to join his comon my lungs, cough set in and finelly matter confirms the physicians' also. The 30th of April, 1886, a fire was ragors gave me up saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my ing in my factory in San Francisco. By some means I was about 150 feet from with my friends on earth, I would the main entrance in the burning build-ing when, to my dismay, I beheld the husband was advised to get Dr. King's five story wall topple over me through a New Discovery for consumption, cough skylight. Passively I lowered my head, thinking only of my coming death and ishing it would be swift. In less than eight bottles; it has cured me and second thousands of bricks fell on me, iding like a big drumstick beating on a big bass drum. I remember a crash, then nothing, but when I came to my senses I was wedged in between heavy timbers, the upper part of my

> About a dozen steps back of me was a stranger to me who had not received a cratch, but ascertaining that my leg was broken, and also my utter inability to save myself, he crawled over to me and attempted to pull me out of my ter-rible situation. But all his efforts only increased my suffering, and as I saw the increased my suffering, and as I saw the fames come up I entreated him to leave me to my fate and try to save himself. Finally he crawled away, promising, however, to return with help and axes. I must have been bewildered, for no act of my past life came to my memory, but suddenly thinking of my small, mother-less children I shouted for help, whis-

ling at intervals through my fingers. Some firemen must have heard, for presently there were several streams of water poured on me. I then realized my danger, yet I, who had never gone into a battle without a pang, feit none whatever while in that deathtrap. The water and smoke combined must have asphyxiated me, for when my stranger sturned leading a brave party of fire nen and policemen I laid as one dead. selieving me dead, and being in a very dangerous position, they cut away part of the timbers and rudely but safely passed me over the debris in the street. A deafening shout from an immense throng which had witnessed the gallant rescue, streams of cold water and fresh air revived me, and I begged of them to be careful with my limbs, which were

After many weeks of suffering the physicians decided to break my leg again, but being unable to do it well while I had my senses they decided to chloroform me. Being subject to heart disease I objected, but the matter being argent I finally consented to take the that I should die under its influence, but knowing that either way I would have to die, I agreed to take the only chance of life I had and laid myself resignedly on my back; yet, although convinced that my last hour had come, I had not the slightest recollection of my former deeds. As I heard the physicians' whisers gradually lost in the distance I was BRDAMSVILLE, Hamifton Co. O. June, 1889.
One bottle of Pastor Reself's Nerve Tonis cured me entirely, after physicians had tried unsuccessfully for 8 months to relieve me of nervous debility.

A Child's Life Saved.

Child's Life Saved.

This time the relevant method only wondering what would come next.

I recovered, however; but, breaking my leg a third time on account of some adhesions in my knee, it was decided that I should undergo another operation, which necessitated the use of ancesthet. ics again. This time the physicians

dangling from my body.

Poylan Chees, Mont. March S. 1891.

My little girl, S years old, had St. Vitus dance so severe that she was perfectly helpless, lying on the bed and crying when awake and had to make 3 or 4 attempts to even speak or swallow. Our physteian was in daily attendance, but she continued to grow worse until I began to use Pastor Koenig a Nerve Tonic; then she improved rapidly and now she is perfectly well. I am confident my child's life was saved by this medicine and I recommend it to all who have nervous trouble of any kind and no one can say too much in praise of it.

JOH. L. BAKKE. thought I was a goner sure, for it took them nearly two hours to revive me; yet, although certain of my last hour, I could not recall my past life, and in neither case did I fear death when I had squarely to face it. In each instance the passing away was painless, while in the fire suffocation

came almost unconsciously, while al-FREE A Valuable Book on Nervous bilemans smit free to any address, and poor patients can also obtain this medicitie free or charge. most the same sensation came in the other cases. In the case of the soldier at Fair Oaks (Seven Pines) a certain time This remedy has been prepared by the Reverend safer Koenig, of Fort Wayns, Ind., since 1876, and snow prepared under his direction by the must have elapsed between his decease and my notice of him, yet heaven or hades did not seem to bother him; his flapjack seemed to be what he wanted-Sold by Druggiste at \$1 per Bottle. 6 for \$5. his eyes were on it and his mouth was open ready to receive it. In my own ase I could claim to have died three times within a year, yet I do not think I had any other but a sensation of rest. Dr. Epworth, in his assertion also that either a look of horror or beatitude overspreads a deceased person's face. sems to forget that the Scriptures teach us that the soul leaves our terrestrial envelope at once on dissolution; hence the body cannot show what reception the soul had on the other side of the Styx.-An Interested Reader in New

Louis Philippe and the Queen-Louis Philippe and Queen Victoria were once walking in the garden at Eu, when he offered her a peach. The queen seemed rather embarrassed how to skin it, when Louis Philippe took a large claspknife from his pocket. "When a man has been a poor devil like myself," he said, "obliged to live on forty sous a day, he always carries a knife. I might have dispensed with it for the last few years. Still I do not wish to lose the habit; one does not know what may happen."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Flowers That Bloom in Winter. Cubeb-It seems very natural. Scarely—What does? Cubeb—To see a blooming idlot and a ciety bud together.-Kate Field's Washington.

Has His Revenge. "Hai ha! ha!" laughed Reggy Merri other suit into his overcrowded value.

"Well, old man," said his college chum, who was helping him pack,
"what do you find so funny in your thoughts inst new? A panny for them?" thoughts just now? A penny for them!"
"Oh, they're worth more—they're rich -such a joke! Ha! ha!"

"Explain, or I'll dump the contents of this valise on the floor again."
"Do you see that box?"
"Yes, old man; what of it?" "It's full of Christmas presents." "Oh, come off; you're crowding the

"Wait a bit. They're my Christmas presents. That's the joke. Say?" "Yes, old man." "You know I have a cousin Jenny in Jackson?"

"She's in the joke; and there's my married sister Em at Lansing, and Bob's wife at Pontiac, and Lil and Kate -they are other fellows' sisters. Oh.

how I do love those girls, and they every one, will get a Christmas present out of that box."

"Why, what's in it?"
"The presents they sent me every
Christman for the past six years. Ha! But what are they?" "Have patience. They'll save me a ot of money."
"Tell me, so I can adopt the same

"I'll send them back all their own resents. Ha, ha!"
"But, for heaven's sake, what ar "Buspenders, man! Embroidered sus-penders! Ha! ha! Revenge is sweet! Ha! ha! ha!"—Dutroit Free Press. Testing Diamends in India. The Hindoos distinguish diamonds ac-

cording to their color. The white rank first and are called Brahmins, the yel-low are known as Kalatris, the dusky as Vaishyas and the flawed stones as Sudras. The diamond dealers are chiefly Marwarees—a race who are the chief bankers and money lenders in India. These men are perfectly acquainted with the phosphorescent and electric qualities of the diamond, and they are also aware of the extreme uniformity its specific gravity.

A boiling solution of some salt of sinc.

called by the natives "Tutenegum bas-pam," which solution has a specific gravity of 3.5, is used for the weight test. Into this solution the stones sub-mitted for examination are thrown. Those that float are rejected as not be ing diamonds, the Marwarese knowing that the diamond has a specific gravity

The stones that sink are then examined. The larger pieces are rubbed with a silk handkerchief to excite their electric properties and held near light subtric properties and held near light sub-stances, as small pieces of tissue paper. Diamonds thus rubbed readily attract light substances. The phosphoreacent qualities are brought out by exposure of the stones to sunlight, and then taking them into a dark room, where the dia-monds give of a gleaming light. Cut stones which have been tested as above are then examined by boys es-pecially trained, who sort them accord-ing to their color and flaws and it is

ing to their color and flaws, and it is very seldom that these youngsters make appraisement according to size is finally made by the seniors.—Mining and En-

All for Want of a Comma All for Want of a Comma.

A young society man recently made the acquaintance of a young lady who rejoiced in the name of Mary Fortune. After a short courtship he proposed marriage and was accepted. Before giving her the engagement ring he handed her a few of his verses and requested her to read them in his presence. The young lady, after reading the first line, became very indigmant and threw the effusion at her lover's head. Much surprised at such conduct the and threw the effusion at her force the Much surprised at such conduct the young man demanded an explanation. He was shown a line which ran as follows:

Mary Fortune is but a painted sprite.

The unfortunate omission of the comma after the first word caused the outbreak. The lady would not hear the poor fellow's explanations and told him that she would only "be a sister" to him.—Buffalo News.



She-Engaged to two girls at the same time! Well, what are you going to do He-Oh, I'm all right; but what are they going to do about it!-Life.

Underground Wires Made Useless. The Chesapeake and Potomac Tele phone company is meeting with consider able trouble with its underground system in various parts of the city, and have lost a great many wires. The principal trouble lies in the grounding of the wires, that is, the wires become bared, the insulation being penetrated in some way or other, and the dampness causes he current to leak into the earth, causing what is known in electric parlance as a "ground." This prevents the use of the wires beyond the point where the ground securs. Six or seven cables. WALKER en affected within the past few weeks. All of the cables affected have been replaced with new ones without the subscribers discovering that there was any-thing wrong.—Baltimore American.

Bar Harbor is rapidly becoming a colony of cottagers. Three of the larg-est hotels and several of the smaller public houses are closed this season, while cottages are springing up on every hand and there are none to spare. Two weeks ago one large hotel had forty-two guesta and ninety-six employees; anther twenty-two guests and ninety-two guests and ninety-two employees. Life in private houses is enjoyable for some account of the control of the contr joyable for some people at Mount Desert, but the hotels as a rule are wretched places in which to pass the summer .-Bar Harbor Letter.

One Kind of Saving. A thrifty woman had joined one of those A thrifty woman had joined one of those co-operative saving societies whose earthly function is to protect its patrons against extortionate prices by securing to them a reduction of 10 per cent at the stores belonging to the combination. She was enthusiastic over the opportunities for economy the scheme presented, but her husband was rather disposed to be skeptical on the At the close of the first week she had

talk with him.
"You don't believe in the society?" sho said tentatively.
"Not altogether," he confessed.
"Well, whether you do or not, I've saved \$10 this week; over \$1.50a day for six days."
"How?" he inquired.
"By "How?"

"By using my tickets of course. I bought \$100 worth of things and only paid

bought \$100 worth of things and only paid \$90 for them."

"Ah," he said, beginning to figure.

"Yes, I did, and wax week I'll save \$25, or over \$4 a day," and she was more en thusiastic than ever.

"No you won't, my dear," he said emphatically. "You are altogether too economical. This business of spending \$235 to save \$25 won't work. You throw that ticket in the fire and begin to retrench and reform in some other direction, please," and she began to cry.—Detroit Free Press.

Will Meet Him Later On. A 6-foot spectator, with a muscular arm and a hand like a smoked ham, rushed in between the two young men who were pommeling, scratching and gonging each other, and separated them.
"If you don't stop this," he said, holding

"If you don't stop this," he said, holding them at arm's length and shaking them till their teeth rattled, "I'll bump you together and break every bone in your worthless bodies! Now go!"

"That's all right," said the youth with the bruised eye and disfigured nose, picking up his hat and shaking his flat undismayed at the other young man. "I'll meet him in a football game some day where we can fight this out without interwhere we can fight this out without inter-ference!"—Chicago Tribune.

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