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A Message To All

A pathetic story from Klamath Falls tells of an Indian girl there who committed suicide the other day on the porch of a neighbor by eating wild parsnips. Not much loss some one will say—just an Indian. Maybe not, but this is what she told the neighbor while eating them: "No, parents, no friends, everybody talk about me." She died on the porch of the neighbor, with a faint attempt of a doctor trying to pump the poisonous wild parsnips from her stomach.

Just an Indian, you say! Yes. But her words are the strongest rebuke to the human family we have ever read outside the lids of the Bible. "Everybody talk about me." Many pure souls with sympathetic hearts have sought the grave and freedom from scandal mongers by the suicide route, rather than fight the cruelties of humankind. This Indian girl wanted to be good, had no friends because of her race, and both parents were dead. She had, no doubt, been taught that the milk of human kindness was freely bestowed upon the children of God by those professing christianity, and she had a right to expect it, but instead it was gall. A life is gone by its hand that might have been useful to her race had the light of encouragement and help been given her.

Many other pure girls have been dragged down to shame and death because of scandal mongers and the eagerness of "professing" christians to listen and repeat. Let these words be forever embossed on your mind "Everybody talk about me"—somebody's daughter, somebody's sister, and change the scene to the way it should be, "Even as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren (and sisters), ye have also done unto me."

Surely a message to all.
—Scio Tribune.

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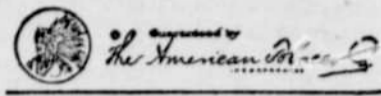
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It supported the Royalist cause during the Civil war and harbored Charles II when he was in exile; it banished Victor Hugo because of some slighting remarks of his about Queen Victoria, and during the late war it passed its own military service act, for which there was very little need.

Moreover, not once nor twice in this rough island story has armed invasion by the French been successfully resisted. The last occasion was in 1781, when the Jerseymen, although surprised and outnumbered and deserted by their own governor, who was preparing to capitulate, defeated the enemy in a most sanguinary battle, fought in the royal square of St. Heller.—London Mail.

JAVA'S ODD "WISHING CHARM"

Spot Attracts Crowds of Visitors Who Have Implicit Belief That the Place is Holy.

One of the strangest "wishing charms" in the world, writes a correspondent in the London Morning Post, is situated near Batavia, in Java. The revived patronage of Scottish wishing wells can scarcely provide such a sight as may be seen any day barely a stone's throw from the town.

Interest there is centered upon an ancient cannon, half imbedded in the earth, to which comes a multi-colored procession of Javanese, Malays and other orientals, bringing gifts of painted lanterns. Each visitor circles three times round the cannon, places his lantern beside it and silently makes his wish. The solemnity of the rite is enhanced by a belief that the cannon is one of a pair, of which one has been lost, and that, if ever the two are brought together again, the whole course of the country's future will be altered.

HEAVY CONSUMER OF GASOLINE.

"Didn't your boy graduate from college last year?"

"Yes, and he tells me he is still 'looking about him.'"

"What kind of business do you think he will enter?"

"I don't know, but if all the young women he hauls around in his motorcar paid him taxicab rates he would soon be a millionaire."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

PLACING THE BLAME.

Irate Mother—Daughter, I have told you many times before not to let me find you kissing a man.

Dutiful Daughter—It's your own fault, mother, I told you not to wear rubber soles.

JAP WOMEN SEEK RIGHTS.

The rapid strides which Japan is making toward adoption of Western civilization find expression in an agitation to let women have more to say about the selection of husbands. Today such matters are almost entirely in the hands of parents, who select husbands for their daughters, who obediently marry whomever they pick out. A recent article in a prominent Japanese magazine points out that while men never find any difficulty in getting mates, women must have money and training of one kind or another before they can find husbands.—New York Sun.

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