

the millions would congregate about his throne. So, with sad intensity, he read the Scriptures, and flung over the scene the weird fascination of the ancient faith.

"In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we commit this body to the sea. In the last great day it shall rise again; for the sea shall give up its dead, and there shall be no more sea, for God shall reign forever and ever, Amen."

Then the body was gently taken and lowered over the side of the ship, and with a prayer from the heart of even the roughest sailor it was dropped into the bosom of the calm immensity, and sank from view; and, in a few moments, the glassy azure shone over the path of her departure with scarcely a ripple.

"Gone!" said Will, as he bent over the ship's side. "I wonder if our angels are there to save her to a nobler heaven than was ever dreamed of by the ancient saints,—the heaven of human love."

They were there,—two calm, determined men; and as the enshrouded body floated down, their strong arms were placed about it, and a rubber covering folded over her head and breast. Then they began to bear their precious burden through the rolling caverns of the deep, while every faculty was alert to guard against injury. An enormous fish, with glittering scales, as if each were an electric battery, dashed athwart their pathway.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Steiner's Lecture Dates.

Mr. Franklin Steiner is on his way to the coast. His dates are as follows:

Spokane, Washington	July 31, August 1.
Reardon, "	Aug. 2, 3, 4
Davenport, "	" 6, 7, 8
Wilbur, "	" 9, 10
Sherman, "	" 11, 12, 13
Waterville, "	" 15, 16

Mr. Steiner will arrive in Oregon about Sept. 1. The Liberals of Silverton, McMinnville, Wamic, Rufus, Wasco, Dayville, Highland, Canby, Cottage Grove, and North Powder are making arrangements for lectures. It is to be hoped that other places will do so. Write to Mr. Steiner at Silverton, care "TORCH OF REASON."

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By Johnson

Rev. John Jasper of Richmond, Va., of "The Sun Do Move" fame, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday on last Sunday, July 4th. He doubtless draws a larger congregation of strangers, white as well as colored, than any Negro preacher in the South. His reputation for ignorance is helpful to him.—Southwestern Christian Advocate, July 8.

The Bible says "the sun do move." Jasper believes it and you twit him of ignorance because he believes it. We have always held that anyone who believes the Bible is an ignoramus, and now we are glad to find this position sustained by such high ecclesiastical authority as the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

The greatest failure in life is a failure to seek the Lord.—Baltimore Christian Advocate, July 14.

Why, is the Lord lost? Has he been kidnapped? Better notify the police to keep an eye open for him. Spread the alarm and have his picture printed in the newspapers. When you catch him, put a bell on him, so he can be found more easily.

Adam Clarke, the commentator, has a curious notion that the serpent in the Garden of Eden stood upright, and walked, and could climb a tree.—New York Christian Advocate, July 15.

Very likely. The snake probably rode a bicycle, also. It is no wonder that the author of "Clarke's Commentaries" saw snakes. It is enough to breed snakes in one's brain to read them.

"I say that the Bible is God's word, meaning thereby that every word and syllable in the Bible, as first written, from beginning to end, comes from God as is asserted and claimed in the extracts from it which I read you, and, therefore, is absolutely true; and that the office of reason is not to sit in judgment upon what is found there, but solely to seek to learn what is the true meaning of every part."—James Woodrow, President of South Carolina College, in his Baccalaureate Sermon, June 27.

That's right, don't let anybody investigate the nasty mess. If anybody today would write the foul, obscene things contained in the Bible he would be in jail before night, and properly so, too. If God had a spark of manhood about him, he would beat your brains out for accusing him of writing such indecent things.

When the load gets heavy on our shoulders or on our hearts, we naturally ask God to remove it, and are sometimes disappointed to find that he does not seem to answer our prayers.—Nashville Christian Advocate, July 15.

If your god is omniscient, he knows what is wanted without you telling him; if he is omnipotent and just, he can and will do what is right without your coaxing him. Better spend your time doing good, rather than wearing out the knees of your trousers before a stupid god, who is deaf and dumb and blind.

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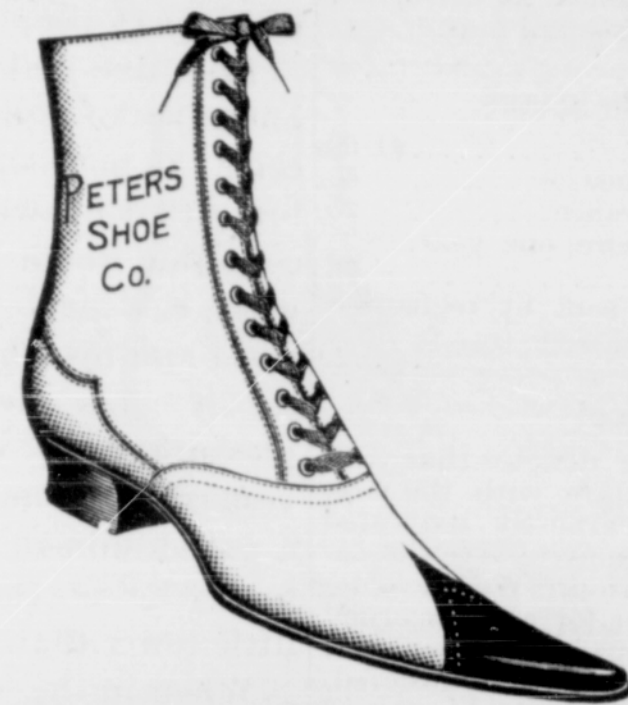
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