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That Missing Link.

on the Proofs of Evolution, says, love. Again the miracle of a birth "Even today, thirty years from the -the pain and joy, the kiss of weltime of that remarkable publication, come and the cradle-song drown-The Origin of Species,' the masses ing the drowsy prattle of a babe. -those innocent of learning on the And then the sense of obligation subject, and those who study forti- and of wrong - pity for those who fied to disbelieve-cry out in chorus toil and weep-tears for the im-Show us the missing links'. This prisoned and despised-love for the outcry has narrowed itself down generous dead, and in the heart to the demand for man's immedi- the rapture of a high resolve. ate ancestor. They want an ape And then ambition, with its lust and the whistle."

covered. In fact it could not be of wife and child and friend. classified as either distinctively Then locks of gray, and growing wanted it so badly, never mention of rest. it, they don't want it at all. D. PRIESTLEY.

with the fair chamber wherein faint dreams, like cool and shadowy Nelson C. Parshall, in his lecture vales, divide the billowed hours of

who can build a fire, whistle, and of pelf and place and power, longsing the Doxolog"; though they ing to put upon its breast distincmight possibly throw off the fire tion's worthless badge. Then keener thoughts of men, and eyes that Sometime during the first half of see behind the smiling mask of craft the year 1896, there was in the -flattered no more by the obsequicolumns of the Youth's Companion ous cringe of gain and greed devoted to Nature and Science a knowing the uselessness of hoarded statement to this effect: Dr. Dubois gold-of honor bought from those discovered the skeleton of an ani- who charge the usury of self-respect mal in Pliocene strata, in the -of power that only bends a cowisland of Java, which he submitted ard's knee and forces from the lips to Prof. Marsh, the distinguished of fear the lies of praise. Knowing comparative anatoimist and pale- at last the unstudied gesture of esontologist of Yale. Prof. Marsh teem, the reverent eyes made rich found it to be much more human- with honest thought, and holding like than any existing anthro- high above other things - high as poid ape and much more ape-like hope's great throbbing star above than any human remains yet dis- the darkness of the dead-the love

human or ape. He-named it the love of other days and half-remem-Pithicanthopos (ape-man). It is bered things-then holding witherin fact the much desired missing ed hands of those who first held link. But now that it is found, the his, while over dim and loving eyes pious people, who thought they death softly presses down the lids

And so, locking in marriage vows his children's hands and crossing others on the breasts of peace, with daughters' babes upon his knees, the white hair mingling with the Born of love and hope, of ecstacy gold, he journeys on from day to and pain, of agony and fear, of day to that horizon where the dusk tears and joy - dowered with the is waiting for the night. At last, wealth of two united hearts-held in sitting by the holy hearth of home happy arms, with lips upon life's as evenings' embers change from drifted font, blue-veined and fair, red to gray, ne falls asleep within where perfect peace finds perfect the arms of her he worshipped and form-rocked by willing feet and adored, feeling upon his pallid



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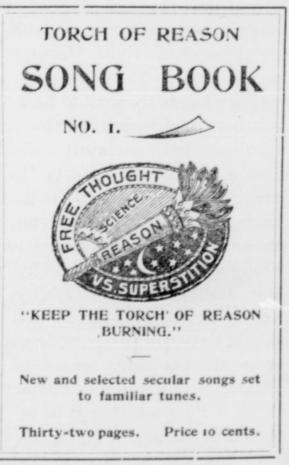
Life.

wooed to shadowy shores of sleep lips love's last and holiest kiss .-by siren mother singing soft and [Robt. G. Ingersoll. low-looking with wonder's wide and startled eyes at common things of life and day-taught by want ning of wisdom. and wish and contact with the things that touch the dimpled flesh of babes-lured by light and flame, and charmed by color's wondrous robes-learning the use of hands and feet, and by the love of mimicry beguiled to utter speech-releasing prisoned thoughts from crabbed and curious marks on soiled and tattered leaves - puzzling the brain with crooked numbers and their changing, tangled worth-and so through years of alternating day and night, until the captive grows familiar with the chains and walls and limitations of a life.

And time runs on in sun and shade, until the one of all the world is wooed and won, and all the lore of love is taught and learned again. Again a home is built

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