NEW AND CURIOUS.

The boatwomen of China have no need to agitate for women's rights-they posses them. The boatwoman, whether she be a single woman, a wife, or a widow, is the head of the house, that is to say, of the boat. If she is married, the husband takes the useful but subordinate place of deck-hand or bow oarsman. She does the steering, makes bargains with the passengers, collects the money, buys supplies, and in general, lords it over everything.

It is proposed to construct the hatches on ships so that pressure from below will fix them more firmly in their seats. This implies that they shall be air-tight. Then as long as a ship with a hole in her does not capsize, the confined air will give her a chance at least of floating. At present hatches are put in from above and are designed to exclude deck-water, not to retain air. An air-tight hold would make it possible to force out water down to the level of a leak by pumping in

iments have almost all been per- What shall we do to be damned?formed on bombycid moths. The [G. E. M. process consists in cutting two chrysalids, putting the cut edges together and fastening them by brushing the line of union with melted paraffine, which at once hardens and holds the pieces firmly together. About ten per cent of the insects operated on have lived to reach the imago stage, the proportion being larger when the two individuals selected were of the same species, and much smaller, about six per cent, when they were of different species, the first being called homoplastic, the second heteroplasgrafting.

It is interesting to note how European physicians are employing more and more hygienic measures in place of drugs for various forms of disease. Night terrors so common in children imperfectly fed and often occurring in others through faulty training, is now successfully treated duce fears. Very helpful has been imal at the last. A merciful un-

found a music-box set to play pleas- consciousness sets in, as the mysinvalids have also found the box Cyrus Edson. helped to promote sleep. It produces evidently a harmonizing effect on the nervous system and a sounder, more peaceful repose.-[Journal of Hygiene.

REFLECTED RAYS.

China's trouble with Christian nations began with the entrance of the first Christian missionary. Knowing this, it is small wonder Mill. that the celestials look askance at the followers of sweet Jesus.—[Free-

Mohammedanism is spreading far more rapidly than Christianity in Africa. Sixty millions of Africans have been converted to the faith in Islam. What is more, every follower of the prophet of Arabia is treated as a brother by every Moslem.—[Freethinker.

Some preachers have asked the question,"Can Agnostics be saved?" An instructor at Columbia Uni- and have answered it in the affirmversity has for a year or more been ative. Thus are many sincere Agconducting experiments in grafting nostics robbed of their fondest together different insects so as to hope, which is that the orthodox make composite forms. His exper- heaven may clude their grasp.

> One of the best features of pagan civilization - religious freedom was destroyed as soon as Christianity gained an ascendancy. "From the very moment the church obtained civil power under Constantine," says Lecky, "the general principle of coercion was admitted and acted on, both against the Jews, the heretics and the pagans." Underwood.

Bishop Turner of the African Methodist Church says that he has "no respect for any negro who does tic union. An attempt will be not believe that the God he serves made this season to breed from and worships is a negro." Neither some of the moths produced by have we. The race which does not make its god and its dolls in its own image ought to go out of the business altogether. Even Jehovah, who was all the time blundering, had sense enough to make mankind in his own image, and thus succeeded in getting himself worshiped in proxy, if not in person. - [Ex.

Ninety-nine out of every hundred by means of the music-box. Night human beings are unconscious for terrors never occur when the child several hours before death comes to is sound asleep, but only in its first them. All the majesty of intellect, stages. If the stomach is overloaded, the tender beauty of thought, or the crude, half-digested food irri- sympathy, or charity, the very love tates, and we have a regular storm of for those for whom love has filled nervous symptoms which terminate all waking thoughts, disappear. As in fear. The true remedy of course a little baby just born into the is to establish good habits of diet world is but a little animal, so the and good mental habits, carefully sage, the philosopher, the hero, the avoiding frights and tales that pro- statesman, becomes but a dying an- It should be in the hands of every thinking person. Address all orders to

ant airs when the child is put to bed. terious force we call life slowly The Science of Political Economy. Cases of chronic night terrors have takes leave of its last citadel, the been cured by it when all other heart, and what is has become means have failed. Other nervous what was. This is death .- [Dr.

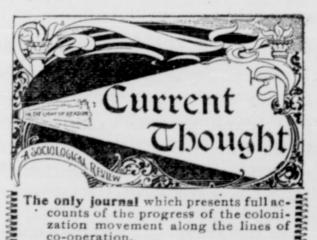
> religions the world would be a hell indeed .- [W. K. Clifford.

Who can compute what the world loses in the multiude of promising intellects combined with timid characters who dare not follow out any bold, vigorous, independent train of thought, lest it should land them in something which would admit of being considered irreligious or immoral? - [John Stuart

A North Carolina mountaineer gives the following definition of fog: "Fog," he said, "Is when the atmosphere and the hemisphere come together. That produces a great pressure, and causes the earth to sweat. The sweat we call fog."

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