



Scientists predict that in a century's time there will be no disease not curable.

Cases have been known where a hearty laugh has banished disease and preserved life by a sudden effort of nature.

The largest bible in the world is the Buddhist tripitaka, or "three baskets", which comprises 325 volumes and weighs 1625 pounds.

Spurious coins are legally made in China. They are used to put in the coffins of the dead, and the superstition prevails that they make the dead happy.

Dr. John Hall, pastor of the richest congregation in New York City, has a salary of \$30,000 a year, which is increased to \$50,000 by his fees for christenings, weddings, etc.

In Germany there is a law which holds the newspaper as well as the advertiser responsible for assertions made, and if a promise to cure is held out and the remedy fails, prosecution is liable to follow.

The "duograph" is a device for enabling direct correspondence between the blind and those who can see. It is a kind of typewriter, which prints the letters in relief so that they are both visible to the eye and sensible to the touch.

One of the members of the Royal Society of British Artists is Bertram Hiles, who lost both arms by being run over by a street car when he was eight years old. He had previously evinced a passion for painting, and after losing his hands he learned to hold the pencil in his mouth. In this way he gradually gained such skill that he was able to pass all examinations and win several prizes.

Modern Medicine is waging an unrelenting warfare on the oyster. It says: "A creature whose diet is the offal of the ocean, and which dines upon material so filthy and noxious in character that it requires the unceasing activity of a liver constituting nearly one-half the bulk of its body to protect it from impending death, can under no circumstances be fit for use as a human aliment. There is but one means which can be safely relied upon for protection against infection from this source, viz., to discard the oyster from our bill of fare. It may be a wholesome and proper

food for cormorants, fish-hawks and turkey buzzards, but science as well as nature and analogy is now teaching us that the human stomach was never intended to be a sepulcher for scavengers."

The driving of a bicycle at ten miles an hour has been ascertained to require about one twenty-third of a horse-power. An expert rider for a short time may exert one-third of a horse-power. For rapid work, not scorching, one-seventh horse-power is needed. These figures are the result of a scientific investigation.

When liquid air, containing from forty to fifty per cent. of oxygen, is mixed with powdered charcoal it forms an explosive which is said to be comparable in power to dynamite, and can be exploded by means of a detonator. This new explosive has been tested in a coal-mine at Penzburg, Germany. The liquid air evaporates so rapidly that the explosive cannot be stored, but must be used within a few minutes after it is prepared.

Human beings are the only animals with sufficient perversity to breathe not through the nose alone, as is right and proper, but through the mouth. That a sure punishment follows has no apparent effect upon the pernicious habit. It is a scientific truth that oxygen will only enter the system in a required quantity through the nose. Consequently, mouth-breathers become anæmic and suffer from numerous ills. The latest invention is the rhinometer, which gauges the extent to which the nose is used for breathing purposes.

Club Rates.

The Weekly Oregonian is the best newspaper published in the Pacific Northwest. The subscription price is \$1.50 per year. We will give it, together with the Torch of Reason, for the exceedingly low price of \$1.75. You will get two papers for a little more than the price of one.

Secularists, would you not like to have some letter heads printed with Secular sentiment and Wettstein's Freethought badge, to use in correspondence with your friends? We will furnish them to you with your name and address printed on them for 75 cents per hundred, \$1.50 for 250, or \$2.50 for 500, post paid. Let the people know where you stand.

Remember if you send us the names and addresses of 25 of your Liberal friends and acquaintances, we will make you a present of a copy of the Torch of Reason Song Book No. 1. This will only cost you a few minutes' work and a 2 cent stamp.

KINNEY AND PORTER

Main Street Silvertown, Ore

CARRY A COMPLETE STOCK OF

School Supplies, Books and Stationery.

Dealers in Fruits, Vegetables and Confectionery.

Water Street.. Market

CASH PAID FOR ALL KINDS OF FAT STOCK, HIDES, PELTS, ETC.

MEATS SOLD AT REASONABLE RATES.

Drake & Webb,

Silvertown

Oregon

FORSTNER'S

Auger Bit

... IS INVALUABLE TO ...

Carpenters and Joiners, for mortising, such as letting in locks, as it takes the place of chisel and gouge; to

Cabinet Makers, for inlaid work, dowelling, patching, removing splits and knots. In fact, no wagon or pattern maker, manufacturer of pianos, organs, sewing machines, agricultural implements, sash, blinds, furniture, nor ANY OTHER WOOD WORKER, should be without it.



AS A MACHINE BIT IT IS UNEQUALED.

It is the only round bit in the world that will bore a

SQUARE HOLE

and do all that any other bit will do.

PRICES.

Set of five, different sizes, postpaid... \$2.60
Single bit, postpaid... .60

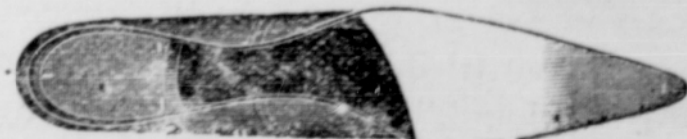


Address, **LIBERAL UNIVERSITY CO.,**
SILVERTON, OREGON.

WHO MAKES OUR SHOES?

4

of the best factories . . in America



ADOLF WOLF & SON
Silvertown, Oregon.

Try the Torch for Jobwork.