

**"God is Out of It."**

This is the daily paper heading of the announcement coming from Paris that henceforth the motto, "God Protects France," is to be erased from the French coin. One newspaper sarcastically remarks that this is a good thing, since foreigners, seeing the inscription, might be led to believe that Frenchmen still have faith in Providence, and it suggests that "Scawartz-Koppen Protects the Republic" should be substituted for the discredited and discarded motto. If the French people who control this matter really believed in a divine providence, their action would be strictly in line with that of the Africans who, when disasters come, pull down their god, strip it, beat it and curse it, and then, if fortune smiles, set it up again, ask pardon for their bad treatment and do penance for it, and then go on worshipping it as before.

It would be an amazing spectacle if we could see the face of "god" as he watches his children playing a sort of football with him. The Christian Yankees are trying hard to stuff him into a dried up roll of parchment they call a constitution, where, after all, he could only secure a temporary shelter from the attacks of the Rationalists, while in France, and we believe also in Austria, he has been kicked out of the public schools, and even in pious England, Canada and the States he has been allowed but a minor and perfunctory attention at the hands of the public school teacher. It must be a cold day for any god who dissolves partnership with Mammon; and we are inclined to think Yahue may as well at once quit the soul saving business in France when the people have decided to scrape his name off their coins, or, as we may say, have agreed to stop offering franc-incense to him.—Secular Thought.

**Imagination.**

Some grown people have more imagination than little children. What are all the churches in the land but big play houses built by Christians.

These houses are alleged to be haunted by the Holy Ghost. This fancy has a tendency to keep people awed.

In these houses of worship grown people meet and make believe they have a music-appreciating, praise-loving, prayer-answering Father in heaven.

They make believe He hates those who do not worship Him.

Some children are not allowed to play with their toys on Sunday, but if the Christians were deprived of playing with their toy god, Jesus, on Sundays in their big play houses, they would feel oppressed. Playing with dolls is no sillier or

more childish than to see our sky pilots on their knees praying to vacancy. Yet there are millions who can't see it in this light.

Christians certainly have scriptural warrant for their childishness. In Mark x, 15, it is stated that Jesus said: "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

This means that a man must believe all the ghost stories in the Bible as a child believes the nursery tales of modern times in order to get to heaven.—The Gleaner.

**Not Sustained by Souls.**

A minister with a beggarly salary went to his deacon asking for an increase. "Salary!" cried the deacon in pious horror. "Salary! Why, I thought you worked for souls!"

"And so I do," replied the minister, "but I can not eat souls. And if I could, it would take a good many souls the size of yours to make a dish."—Boston Herald.

**Only One.**

Wife—"Do you think there is a man that could conscientiously say to his wife, 'You are the only woman I ever loved?'"

Hubby—"Only one that I can think of."

Wife—"Who? You, dearest?"

Hubby—"O, no; Adam."—Travelers.

**Whose Fault?**

Jones—"There is no rest for the wicked."

Smith—"The righteous worry them so."—Pick Me Up.

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