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NEW AND CURIOUS.

It is reported that experiments

have been carried on at the United States mint in Philadelphia for nearly a year, with a view of ascertaining the fitness of aluminum for minor coins. Some 10,000 blanks of the size of the nickel 5-cent piece have been delivered at the mint for this purpose. Congress, some time ago, appointed a commission of experts to investigate and report upon this subject, and the experiments above referred to are being carried on under the direction of its members.

A new method of making photographs which show the colors of nature has been invented by Prof. R. W. Wood, of the University of Wisconsin. The pictures are made on a transparent film deposited on glass and containing very fine lines, about 2000 to the inch, on the average, and so not visible to the naked eye. No colors are visible until the pictures are placed in a special viewing apparatus, consisting of a convex lens on a light frame. The lens and the lines on the plate, acting together, form overlapping spectra which affect the eye in such a manner that the natural hues appear in the picture in their proper places and intensities. The pictures can also be projected in color upon a screen.

gestible. The foreman of an extensive drug mill confesses that no drug in the mill he has charge of is All the drugs are tampered with, more or less, and in most cases to a considerable extent. The extent to which adulteration is carried on in some of the largest sugar refineries would startle the public if it were known. It is beyond question that much serious illness and many deaths are the direct result of eating food adulterated with injurious substances, and the perils arising from the consumption of adulterated drinks are not less widespread and alarming.

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Most of the wrong that man does is done in the darkness of ignorance.- [Ex.

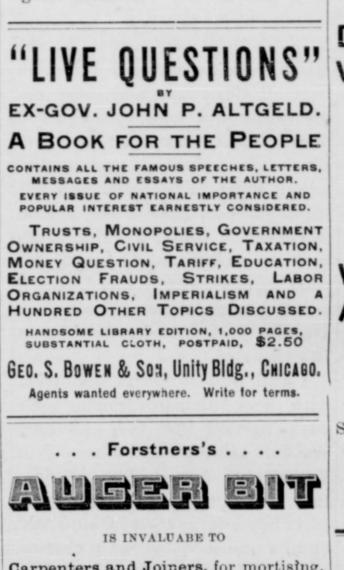
Devotion is only good when it makes a man get off his knees and go to work.-[Investigator.

There are millions of semi-freethinkers, who see the truth and dare not proclaim it, fearing that "society" cannot exist except upon a basis of error. Convince these timid men that truth is a safe foundation for any structure, and the old systems will fall with a crash.-[Sel.

Catholicism in the Phillippines.

butter renders that article indi- will be most grave, and will affect Do you take the the political problem there and at home mischievously." - [Current] History.

Which illustrates the disorganizever turned out in its pure state. ing and disuniting quality of theologicol theories. M. M. T.



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From the discoveries of a traveler in North Wales, it would seem that the origin of the "tombstone" was in "kneeling-stones," used to kneel upon in prayer for the departed soul. The author of "Through North Wales" says: "At Corwen many of the older graves have "kneeling-stones," where it is believed people used to and in Spain, has been mischievcome and pray for the departed. These are low headstones and footstones, shaped with niches for the knees. We found every gradation, tenets and teachings, as compared from this shape to the more modern. It seems probable that the ties which intend to supplant them. form has been kept, while the purpose which they served has been lost. Since in colonial times in can Catholic, is admitted by a America, Welsh slates were used writer in the 'Catholic World'. But for tombstones, and were brought here already shaped and dressed, it would not be strange to find modifications of the kneeling-stone, particularly at the foot of the grave."

flour, says an exchange, is but one instance of the criminal disregard for the health or life of the purground pumpkin only it cannot do acid is added to give it flavor, the

The New York "Nation," after quoting from the "Catholic World," statistics of Catholic church membership in the Phillippines, remarks: "Here are some 6,000,000 out of 8,000,000 or 9,000,000 souls in the islands under nominally Christian instruction. We say nominally Christian, for we are not set for the defense of the friars in the Phillipines. There is no doubt Remember____ that their political influence, there ous. There is no doubt that in too many cases the natives regard them as hated oppressors. Nor have we anything to say as to their religious with those of the Protestant socie-That Catholicism in the Phillipines is not all that it should be even from the standpoint of an Amerithat is not the point. It is not primarily a religious but a political problem that confronts us in the Phillippines. We have to consider the religious element only as it complicates the political problem. And that it does complicate it terribly is beyond question. How are The mixing of plaster of paris in the Catholics in this country going STRICTLY ONE PRICE. to stomach the practical destruction of the Catholic church in the Phil-The pope has allippines? ready shown that he will not sit chaser of prepared foods. When idly by and see Phillippine Cathtomato catsup is made out of olicism endangered. Thousands of voters in this country pay 'Peter's much harm, but when a certain pence' as well as war taxes, and they will not be pleased to see one eat up the other. However we health of the buyer may suffer; look at it, the religious problem in

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