#### Where Are The Mysteries?

BY OTTO WETTSTEIN.

intellectual mysteries that religion turning out new men for the minhas."-The Rev. Dr. Frank Crane, istry every year in such numbers as reported in the Tribune.

few words in reply.

ena, never in the agency of a stu- He says: science corresponds in the least to increase of educated ministers is a which all religions are founded.

web of mystery with which it has cy of purchasing impecunious stubeen invested in the past by design- dents to fill the seminaries is an ing and ignorant men, comparative- outrage on decency and justice. If ly little mystery remains. We are men who study law or medicine then at least in the possession of the must pay for the privilege, and the A. B. C. of knowledge. We know best men do it and honor their the nature exists and, existing now, profession by their manliness, embodies the proof that in its ele- why should divinity offer free mentary form it has always ex- tuition, rooms, light and heat, isted. Matter is force, force is mat- and even, if that is not enough, ter; hence when science traces an lend or give money to destroy effect to its causes it invariably finds the manliness of the students, them in the mindless, chemical and when many of the best workers the physical properties of matter, never church has are standing idle in the the product of caprice or mind. It market place with empty pockets requires no brain to produce ani- and aching hearts?" mal life in the drop of water, in the Some pretty forcible language jungle, nor in the higher spheres of from a clergyman regarding methlife. All is the necessary result of ods and plans pursued by churches. purely chemical and physical causes.

-is bred and born like an animal, and plans remain unchanged .lives like an animal and conse- [Times Star (Cincinnati). quently must die like an animal. The animal is the man and the after death man can exist made of total of our knowledge. No mystery largely due to public opinion. about it whatever if religion keeps [Freethought Magazine. away. Death is precisely what it appears to be, nothing more—nothing less. Let us believe in these pecially, have to work long and pafacts, believe what we know, reject tiently, often uncheered by the all mysteries and we have the entire prospect of immediate recompense truth.—[Chicago Tribune.

merits of the Forstner auger bit? rest .- [Room At The Top.

### Overproduction of Preachers.

The clerical profession is overcrowded. The unceasing machine-"Irreligion has precisely the same ry of the religious seminaries is as to be alarming to the men al-The above being hardly consist ready in the ministry. It is antent with facts, I desire to say a nounced with a degree of authority that one-fourth of the clergy is un-The basis of irreligion is science. employed. A Hartford (Connecti-This comprises all knowledge, every cut) minister gives out some statefact, truth, everything tangible and ments that are rather discouraging conceivable-all nature and our- to young men anxious to adorn the selves. The naturalist seeks and clerical profession and yet wish to finds in nature—in the potentiali- have a sufficiency of this world's ties of all matter constituting na- necessities to keep the ambition ture—the sole causes of all phenom- from dying of actual starvation.

pendous mysterious being or God. "It is not possible for the theo-Everything is the basis of irreligion, logical seminaries to introduce the remainder-myth, miracle, tra- young men into the ministry withdition, absolutely nothing tangible out driving out an equal number of -that alone is the basis of theism men who are in work. There are a and religion. Whatever is, what- large number of men of the highest ever exists, the sum total of all qualifications who can not secure a scientific facts and knowledge, is pastorate in existing conditions. irreligion, not a solitary fact in the The appeal for financial aid for the vast domain of nature explored by seminaries, on the ground that an the mystery of all mysteries upon necessity at the present time, is an attempt to obtain money under If we divest nature and life of the false pretenses. The present poli-

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If orthodoxy be true, Ingersoll is man is the animal. The animal the worst enemy it ever had, and structure, every part and portion of deserved hell if any man does, still it, is a necessity to the existence of intelligent orthodox ministers are a complete man, hence when this not inclined to say he is there, and organism exists no more, man is no most of them are trying to find more. (The contrary implies that some excuse for his salvation. That shows that their hearts are better than their creeds. But we think nothing.) This comprises the sum their liberality in this matter is

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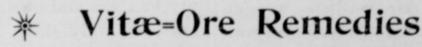


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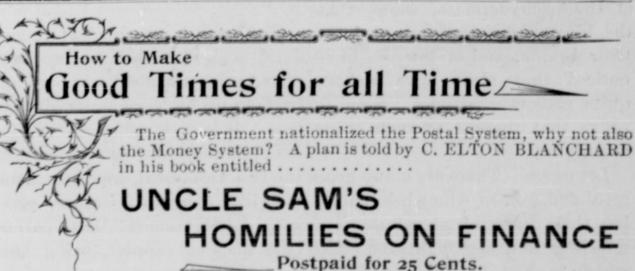
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