

for the Torch of Reason.

"Guilded" Points.

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Let the Liberal University unite the world in Liberty.

A conscience which pays more regard to abstract principles than it does to practical rights, is a dangerous article.

A person who will not learn a Science because it may not be used, should never take an umbrella along, for it may not rain.

No matter what you think you may never do, it is no harm to have the tools to do it with; they will be very handy if you should ever need them.

A Freethinker does not mean one who is free from error, but one who is free to rectify his error in opinion, not obliged to renounce his reason.

The best learned lessons are those which are committed to memory by making big mistakes. The greatest successes are often made by taking advantage of failures. Dig a story or a song out of your misery and coin it into ducats.

One reason why so many persons who were apparently so stupid at school became remarkably successful in business, is because they could not or would not accept the falsehoods attempted to be taught them, and so their minds were free to grasp the facts which came within reach later.

A sheepskin will not make any one a shepherd or a doctor. A shepherd's best recommend is his fat flock of fine-wooled sheep, and a physician's proudest diploma is his hosts of healed patients. It is a blamed bad physician who wants a law to protect him from the competition of other practitioners.

More Money Wanted for the Defense of the Blue Grass Blade's Editor and Publisher.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

Mr. Parrott, treasurer of the defense committee, which is to have charge of the trial of Editor Moore and Publisher Hughes next October, has just made a report of the correspondence and money on hand.

There has been received about one-fourth of the amount that will be needed. No doubt, a good many think there is plenty of time yet and are waiting until a more convenient season to contribute. But this delays the committee from entering into any practical plans of defense. We want to distribute a great number of Blades in Louisville and in the counties surrounding. The fine legal contributions of Mr. Chamberlain on the Comstock law, which have been in al-

most every issue of the Blade lately, and which are educative in the highest sense, should be going to the people.

We will be as economical as possible, but there must be no cheap or half-way proceeding in the management of this trial. So far the committee has been at no expense, save from postage and a rubber stamp, amounting to less than \$2. A number have written that they will contribute later, as it is not convenient at present.

All such will please write to me, stating how much they will contribute and when. We will then be better able to estimate what expenditure may be made. Send money direct to treasurer.

Let every one feel that this fight is his own. To deprive Mr. Moore and Mr. Hughes of their liberty is to narrow your own, and to render insecure all other Liberal propaganda. We can't afford it. Each age should lay firm the foundations of a higher liberty for the age that follows. It is this that gives the greatest glory to any age. Freethinkers have always led in this respect. Let us be alive to this high principle of freedom. Send in your contribution at once. If it is only a small amount now, let us know if you will add to it later.

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His Dream.

Minister (at the breakfast table): "Willie, my boy, why are you looking so thoughtful? Are you not feeling well?"

Willie (very seriously): "Yes, papa, but I had a strange dream this morning."

Minister: "Indeed! What was it?"

Willie: "I dreamed, papa, that I died and went to heaven, and when St. Peter met me at the gate, instead of showing me the way to the golden streets, as I expected, he took me out into a large field, and in the middle of the field there was a ladder reaching away up into the sky and out of sight. Then St. Peter told me that heaven was at the top, and that in order to get there I must take the big piece of chalk he gave me and slowly climb the ladder, writing on each rung some sin I had committed."

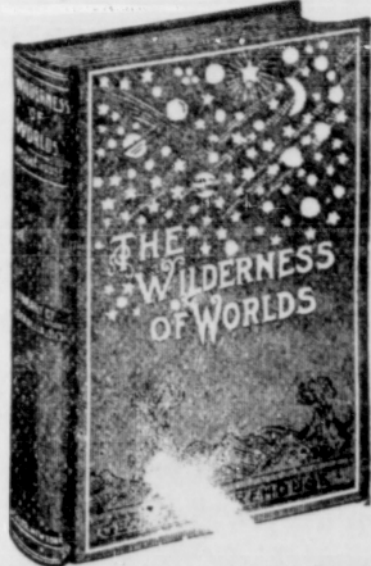
Minister (laying down his newspaper): "And did you finally reach heaven, my son?"

Willie: "No, papa; for just as I was trying to think of something to write on the second rung I looked up into the sky and saw you coming down."

Minister: "And what was I coming down for, pray?"

Willie: "That's just what I asked you, papa, and you told me you were going for more chalk."—[Blue Grass Blade.

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