## THE TORCH OF REASON, SILVERTON, OREGON, AUGUST 9, E. M. 300 (1900.)

oversight, the Villa Medici in OBJECT of Christianity, vanishes, Rome. Later, when his health was for there is no "firmament" above. sufficiently restored for him to be- us. The earth revolves on its axis gin the journey, he was sent to 25,000 miles each day and 558 mil-Siena. At the end of the year he lions of miles around the sun each was allowed to return to his Villa year, and at the same time the sun Arcetri near Florence, while resi- moves 300 millions of miles each dence in Florence remained forbid- year towards the also moving den till his death. These measures, northern stan, Lyns. When Brund which made surveillance of Galileo said, "Cieta non esse," "The Heaveasy and his seclusion much more ens are not," the old dynasty of strict, and from which the Pope, in God and Pope ended. For, no spite of all the intercession of influ- Heaven, no Hell. The World beential men, was not to be dissuad- came the boundless Infinite, withed, had the undesired result of giv- out beginning or end. The possiing rise to all kinds of stories; for bility of a creating personal God. fered the pains of torture; and with Day of Judgment, which "his Son" years later the rumor was connect. absurd. He never ascended to, ed that both his eyes had been put nor descended from, a NOWHERE, out by the hand of the executioner and never can! Bruno's pyre was in the prisons of the Inquisition! that of Christianity. Pope Urban continued his hatred and persecution even after Galileo's death, which occurred on the 8th of January, 1642, and this may be regarded as further proof that he believed the innendos of the Jesuits. After the penitent sinner had been refused burial by the Church, the erection of a monument, for which arrangements had been made by friends and pupils, was discontinued by the special wish of the Pope, "because it is not fitting to honor by a monument a heretic sentenced by the Hoty See to do penance, and to die before the expiration of his sentence."

The Church had won a great victory, for she had forced a weak, old the engines of power at her command, to disown his convictions. There was naturally great rejoicing over it, and in the next fifty years there was poured out over the unumphant refutations of the Copernican system. Certain astrono. mers, protected and guided by the "star of the wise," found favor before the Papal See! They belonged to the most faithful sons of the Church, and Prof. Scipione Chiaromonti of Pisa raged furiously illusion is to become a liar. against Copernicus, Tycho Brahe, Kepler, Galileo and all who opposed Aristotle and Ptolemy. The Roman Curia in the year 1835, in a new edition of the Index, struck out the works of Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo and other earthmovers, after having previously from Chicago, a gentleman invited protected if you buy of me. If you want made several exceptions. It thereby acknowledged that it had not earlier been inspired by the Holy Ghost, add that it no longer regards the belief in the central position of the earth as a preliminary con- ing, which he did. This proceeding dition of salvation.

example, that he had already suf- vapished with his residence. The STRICTLY ONE PRICE the blindness resulting several was to hold 1800 years ago, became Our Job Department.

2. And so with the Bible. The notions of a creation, world-deluge, sun-stop, etc., etc., passed into the literature of Ancient Mythology.

3. The New Testament follows suit. The "Father in Heaven" was not. The dove from the. "Open Heaven" follows the "materialized" Transfiguration and the Day of Judgment. "The Christ" said that day would surely come to those THEN living. Matt. 24:34. That "Day" was the sum of the New Testament from Matthew to Revelations and ends the whole business, for it is physically UT-TERLY impossible.

4. And the church and churches man, seventy years of age, by all go too, of course; and that nightmare, the Papacy; and the Episcopacy; and the Greek Church horror and all the rest, are swept out by the total collapse of its Heaven. believing a genuine flood of tri- Read the story of Galileo and Mr. Sargent's letter in this Torch, and see how stupid, obstinate and bloody against the truth Christianity was! The healthy, truthloving man shrinks from it with horror. To continue an exposed

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In a town not a hundred miles to dinner one day one of the deacons of the church which he at- the goods prepaid. Keep them a week tended. Being seated at the table, I undersell all competitors, return and the guest was asked to offer a bless- get your money. greatly excited the curiosity of the gentleman's little four-year-old, who sat beside the deacon and interviewed him on the subject. "What Chains, Jewelry, Silverware, Free-that ron said?" he began. "It thought Badges, Ingersoll Spoon, and was a blessing on the food we are free. Bruno, Galileo and Servetus about to eat," replied the deacon.

looks at the table and says: 1. The old Heaven, the main 'Goddlemighty, what a dinner!'"

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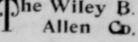
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