

Daniel Wilson, an intelligent and reputable farmer, on the evening of July 3rd last. He watched the team down the East road and supposed they were flesh and blood. When the horses stepped upon the shining surface of the water and trotted easily forward, Mr. Wilson became excited, and after they had abruptly disappeared he consulted several of his neighboring farmers, who watched with him nightly to verify his story.

Nothing appeared until a week after the first visit, when the entire party saw the apparitions as described by Mr. Wilson. A watch has been kept every night since the first observance of the phenomena, but only on Tuesdays are the watchers rewarded with a sight of the ghosts.

The above wonderful account, taken from a Spiritualistic paper known as the Sunflower, shows the awful mental condition in which the supernatural religions have left a large portion of our poor, weak fellow creatures. Sunflower seeds are used in Europe quite extensively in feeding poultry, sheep and pigs, and it would seem that the human beings who can feed on such mental sunflower seeds as these can't be much more, mentally speaking, than human animals who are led by the nose or driven about by those who fleece them for profit.

These seeds are also used to make a soup which is considered very good for infants, but while the infant minds of a large class of adults may crave such mental bouilli as our Lilly Dale exchange dishes up to them semi-monthly, we feel confident that, if they ever expect to become strong and healthy, they must eat something more wholesome than this Sunflower baby food. To be sure, Indians make bread of the sunflower seeds, but the poor Indian is not the highest type of the human race, and the food necessary for his simple life and growth bears about the same relation to the great variety of well-cooked food of the civilized races as does the sunflower to the sun, or the mental sunflower seeds of the Sunflower of Lilly Dale to the great truths of Science.

It is fully time that ghosts, gods and goblins took their flight. Civilized men and women need to feed their "souls" on something more nourishing than mental sunflower seeds if they are to live and prosper in the new world which our Savior Science has revealed to us.—[ED.]

Holy Rollers Converting Hundreds.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE JOURNAL.
Rochester, Sept. 12.—Hundreds of converts are being made by the Holy Rollers, a sensational relig-

ious sect, which is holding forth on Cobb's Hill, just outside the city. They are visited by thousands daily, and their meetings are sensational in the extreme.

The sect came into existence first about three years ago, when a party of religious fanatics, under the leadership of J. E. Eastman, started out to hold public meetings in country districts, beginning in the neighborhood of Canandaigua, and following methods of the most sensational character in carrying on their services.

Their name come from their custom of rolling upon the ground in an emotional frenzy when they become imbued with what they call the "Power of the Holy Ghost."

Holly Roller literature is unique. It consists of a manual setting forth their articles of faith; a paper called Gospel Worker, published semi-monthly in the interest of the sect, and tracts containing exhortations and illustrated with weird adaptations of Dore's pictures.

The regulations of the Rollers as described in the manual forbid the insuring of life, their argument being that the body belongs to god, and to insure what does not belong to the policy holder is sinful. Women are prohibited from wearing feathers, ruffles, flowers, gold or other ornaments. The saints must not take oath in any court. Horse trading is forbidden; also the use of many words in the transaction of business.

Advent of the Church of the Holy Rollers.

BY T. B. WAKEMAN

We welcome the last Christian church—that of the "Holy Rollers," many accounts of which have been lately interesting items in the papers, one of which we print from the N. Y. Journal. This sect is the last birth of Christianity; that is the last religious frenzy; that is, the last new-formed visitation of "holy ghost." It is welcome because it comes just in time to illustrate the importance of the late articles in the Torch about "religious" ATTENTION, suggestion, excitement, hypnotism, spasm, frenzy, quakes, jerks, ecstasy and lastly insanity!

The beginning of this sort of abnormal nervous action with the Methodist, Baptist and Evangelical sects is found in what they call "conversion"—with the Presbyterians it is much the same, resulting in a more permanent state of nervous control and obsession by "the spirit" AND pastors, from which, as Col. Ingersoll pointed out, it is almost impossible to arouse them. The Roman Catholics have a chronic, and if it is possible, a more terrible form of nervous convulsion and prostration, which may take on any of the symptoms and contortions of the Protestant, Spiritist or other sporadic forms of this nerve disorder.

Their church hierarchy and priesthood and "sacraments" are so constant, persistent, suggestively hypnotizing, and continuous through family and social power from generation to generation, that it is very difficult indeed for Catholics to recover and escape. They are born in a soul-prison of will and mind, with neck-collar and manacles, on ankles and wrists. "The Church" has for ages cultivated this hypnotic power, exercised by its priests, and which gives a well known sinister expression to the eye, which out of the "Holy Church" is well recognized as the "evil eye of sorcery." This has been the principle reason for the celibacy of the clergy, which, for reasons physiological, immensely increases this power, especially over women. With what effect, may be learned from "Lea's History of the Celibacy of the Clergy," which is a good companion volume to his history of the Inquisition, which shows how the same power, backed by cruelest torture, subdued the men, and made Christianity one vast moral, intellectual and political prostration—chief nerve disease, and now the chief curse of the human race.

One of the grandest benefits man has ever received from Science—we may say with Lucretius, the grandest—is our emancipation from the spiritual slavery of this "religious" spiritual hypnotism. Science shows us beyond the shadow or possibility of a doubt, that this mighty religious empire of the past is not only not true but is actually the reverse of the truth:

1. For, all past religions were based upon the old exploded Astronomy, thought the earth was the center of the world, and that the sun and stars revolved around it in spheres of a "firmament," which contained the "heavens" to which our souls were to go after death, unless they went to hell—below the earth. You cannot help looking at the endless world of stars at night; you must see our glorious CENTRAL SUN by day, and when you do, you know by actual sight that the heaven and hell of Christianity and of the old religions were an utter illusion, the actual reverse of the truth, for the rotating earth circles round the sun!
2. Science also vanishes the old personal creator God, with Son and Holy Ghost. You cannot look at a dynamo and see the mechanical weight and force of the falling water there correlated into electricity, power, heat and light without seeing that the great law of science, the "equivalent correlation" of all of the forces or changes of the world, is true, and that the Universe and all existence itself is an endless ethereal fullness (plenum) of successive equivalent changes constantly and forever going on.

Continued on 6th page.

BEAT-THE-WORLD PRICES!

Wettstein's
arranted
atches

In 3 or 4 ounce silver cases: "Trenton", "Standard", or "Century".

7 jewels, \$3. Elgin or Waltham, best 7 jewels, non-catchable hair-spring, \$4.80; same, 15 jewels, \$6.50. The Hampden, 17 jewels, adjusted, \$9. Elgin, "B. W. Raymond", 17 jewels, full adjusted, gilt, \$16; same, nickel, \$20. The Waltham "Vanguard", Elgin "149", "150", "181" or the "Otto Wettstein Special", all 21 jewels, full adjusted, extra fine throughout, \$25. The above in 4 oz. coin silver cases or in best 20-year filled gold screw cases, \$4.50 more; same, hunting, \$6.50 more; in 25-year cases, \$6.50 and \$9 more. All prepaid.

LADIES' GOLD WATCHES.—In gold-filled 20-year cases, 7 jewels, \$10; 15 jewels, \$13; 16 jewels, adjusted, \$16; the "Otto Wettstein", 17 jewels, full adjusted, extra fine throughout, \$22.50. These in finest filled gold 25 year cases, \$1.50 more. All artistic hand chased, latest style, in plush cases. Manufacturer's guarantee and mine accompanies all filled cases, and watches kept in order one year.

For solid gold or watches not listed above correspond with me. I can positively save you 20 per cent. on Diamonds, Opals or other fine jewelry.

Send for price-lists of Ingersoll spoons, Freethought badges, and my famous tract: "Theism in the Crucible", free.

SAMPLE copies of 100 different Leading Newspapers and Magazines sent to any address upon receipt of 10 cents to pay for mailing. U. S. SUBSCRIPTION AGENCY, 126 N. Liberty St., Indianapolis, Ind.



The Wiley B. Allen Co.

The Oldest! the Largest! Music Store. Leading Pianos and Organs.
209-211 First St., PORTLAND, ORE



JUST AS NATURAL as the old hen and a good deal more reliable. Doesn't break the eggs or make its chicks lousy. Doesn't stay off the nest and allow the eggs to chill but hatches every egg that can be hatched.

THE PETALUMA INCUBATOR

is absolutely perfect as to incubator essentials—proper application and distribution of heat and moisture, regulation and ventilation. For 50 to 350 eggs. WE PAY FREIGHT ANYWHERE in the U. S. Handsome catalog free. Petaluma Incubator Co., Box 1, Petaluma, Cal.



\$4.00 Worth of MAGAZINES FREE!

"SECULAR SCIENCE AND COMMON SENSE" points the way to the goal of your ambition. A magazine of Advanced Free Thought, Liberal and

Modern Ideas of Reform and Natural Law. Devoted to practical demonstrated truths. Humanity is undergoing important physical, intellectual, and social changes. Progress demands the rending of slavery's chains. This magazine is a stepping-stone to success in all of life's undertakings, as it develops power of intellectual perception so that latent and active energy will be properly directed, insuring a clear head in a sound body. Nothing like it or half so good and practical. This rare treat sent a whole year, together with samples of over 50 other valuable papers and magazines of \$5.00 value, for only \$1.00. Send at once as this offer is limited. Sample copy with an interesting book of over 100 pages free for 12 cents in stamps. Address

SEGULAR SCIENCE AND COMMON SENSE
P. E. 532 Atlas Bldg, Chicago, Ill.

The Free Thought Magazine

The ablest publication of the kind in the World. Sixty-four pages. Illustrated. Published Monthly. Price \$1.00 a year. For TWENTY-FIVE CENTS it will be mailed to any address THREE MONTHS. Address FREE THOUGHT MAGAZINE, 213 E. Indiana St., Chicago, Ill.