ALL SORTS.

First Tramp—Why is it that "the way of the transgressor is hard?"

Second Tramp—'Cause the old path is so often traveled, I suppose. —*Lampoon.*

"What's the trouble here?" he said to a crowd assembled in front a Third-avenue restaurant.

"An Italian Count has just died," volunteered one of the crowd. "While eating his maccaroni he got some of it wound around his neck and choked to death.

"You shouldn't have taken "No" for an answer" said his more experienced friend. "Don't you understand that a girl's 'No' often means 'Yes'?"

"She didn't say 'No,'" responded Charley, utterly without any hope. "She said 'Naw.'"—*Beacon.*

Young Wife—Charley, darling, are you perfectly satisfied with married life?

Young Husband (enthusiastically)—Well, I should say so. Why, if you were to die to-morrow I believe I would get married again next week.—*N. Y. World.*

Actor—Yes, sir, I tell you the treatment of the negro in this country is an outrage.

Friend—Why, what do you know about it?

Actor—Was not I the Topsy of an "Uncle Tom's Cabin' company till I was 16 years old, and didn't I get rotten egged from my youth up?—*N. Y. Herald.*

Farmer Oatcake (in summer)—Come boys, get up! It's 4 o'clock, and there's a big day's work ahead of us.

Farmer Oaks (in winter)—Come boys, get up! It' 4 o'clock, and there ain't a dummed thing to do to-day.—*Life.*

Judge—Have you been punished before?

Prisoner—Well, at all events, not in the last ten years.

"Are you sure of that?"

"Certain, sure. I've just served out a ten years' sentence."—*Texas Siftings.*

Rescuer (to beautiful rescued) —I see you are fair and bewitching, but I cannot woo and win you. I am married.

Rescued—But, George, it is I, your own wife.

George—Pshaw! I never did have a real romance in my life.—*Memphis Avalanche.*

Husband—How much did that hat cost?

Wife—Five dollars. Isn't that cheap?

"I don't know. Five dollars is a good deal of money."

An hour later.

Husband—How do you like that cigar? Five dollars a box.

Wife—That's a good cigar, but I'm afraid you're getting extravagant.

Husband—Nonsense! Five dollars isn't much money.—*Judge.*

The Chehalis *Bee* says: The Bridal Veil Mill Co., of Vancouve recently cut a 40 foolog from a standing tree two miles from the mill hauled it in and sawed it up, and sent it down the flume, one and a half miles long, in just 39 minuets.

The Hartford Courant lays it down as a general rule that the carver of a turkey always gets the best pieces, while those for whom he carves get just what they don't want. Such a person is called a carver down in Connecticut. In other sections he is usually called a hog.—*Boston Herald.*

A newspaper agent being told by an old lady that it was no use to subscribe for the paper, as Mother Shipton said the world was coming to an end this year, said: "But wont you want to read an account of the whole affair as soon as it is over?" "That I will," answered the old lady; and she subscribed. —*Exchange.*

The loss of a loved one of a household, the folding forever of the clinging hands, the kissing by death of the tiny eyelids, more dear than all earthly possessions, sometimes unnerves strong hands and brings to maturer minds for the time the unwelcome thought that, after all, life is a failure and a sham, and all this worrying and struggling worse than foolish. But well is it to look on the brighter side and let the sad memories serve as incentives to renewed efforts. Fortunate is the one who can thus gain strength from sorrow, and would that we all could.

"The Great Spirit."

Colonel Garric Mallery of the Smithsonian Institution, who, says the Brooklyn *Eagle*, is recognized as the authority on Indian traditions, religions and languages, has just completed a contribution to science that is likely to cause considerably stir in theological circles.

It is entitled "Israelite and Indian; a Parallel in Plans of Culture," and was written for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of which he is the Vice-President and chief of the anthropological section.

In this report Colonel Mallery completely demolishes a popular theory that all the savage tribes of America, before their contact with civilization, had a formulated and established religious faith, believed in a single Supreme Being, a future life and a system of rewards and punishment after death. This theory, which has been accepted and disseminated by religions missionaries of all denominations among the Indians, has been the chief link to connect them with the prehistoric races of the Mosiac era and at the same time has been used to demonstrate that man as a creature, however ignorant or degraded, was divinely inspired with a revelation or an instinct that recognized the one Supreme Being, the immortality of the soul and hope of happiness or fear of misery after death, according as his worldly life was spent.

Colonel Mallery reports that after years of investigation into the tradition of all the North American tribes, representing fiftyeight linguistic stocks and more than 300 languages, he has been forced to the conclusion that the aborigines had no such instinct and no such religious belief until after contact with European missionaries. These missionaries, he says, were imbued with the dogma, and sought and therefore found evidence of one primeval faith, but were misled by their own enthusiasm. He continues:

"After careful examination, with the assistance of explorers and linguists, I re-asserted my statement that no tribe or body of Indians, before missionary influence, entertained any formulated or distinct belief in a single overruling 'Great Spirit,' or any being that corresponded to the Christian conception of God. But I freely admit, with even greater emphasis, that an astounding number of customs of the North American Indians are the same as those recorded of the ancient Israelites."

He tells, too, of the experience of W. W. Warren, who translated Bible history for the Ojibway nation and was invariably met with the remark from the native priests:

"This book must be true for our ancestors have told us similar stories generation after generation when the world was new," and only last year, when a well informed chief of the Muskokis was being questioned as to the religous myths and legions of his tribe, he replied: "They are all in the Old Testament. We can read them there without the trouble of taking them down from our perple."

Colonel Mallery also argued that it is useless to attempt to Christainize the Indians until they have been civilized.

According to the New York *Times* the postal cards supplied to the government under the new contract are made of material "so bad that the ink spreads on it like a blotter." When the contract was first let everybody wondered how it was going to be carried out. The successful bidder was "Al" Daggett, a Brooklyn political boss. He had no experience. He owned no paper mill. His bid was so low that experts said it was impossible to do the work for the price. When this point was raised he said that his bondsmen were good for damages through a failure of his contract. Postmaster-General Wanamaker responded that what the government wanted was not damages, but postal cards, and he would have to be satisfied of Mr. Daggett's ability to supply the cards according to the agreement before giving him the contract. Evidently Mr. Wanamaker was deceived.

The Superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company has issued an order forbidding brakemen and baggagemen of the road to wear beards and several have resigned in consequence.

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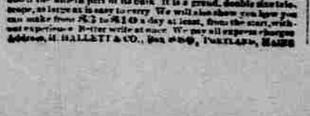

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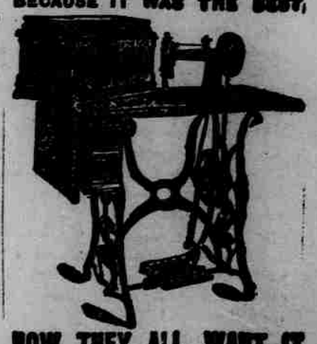

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