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## SELF-GOVERNMENT A GROWTH.

The limitations of the mind are such that it never understands the meaning of its own time. Comparison with something else is the way we apprehend any object, a law that lies deep down in the foundations of conscious intelligence. Only through knowledge of the mebulous planets did we learn our history; only through study of the moon do we discover our destiny. The past and future, thus revealed explain the present. No present is comprehensible without reference to what lies behind and what is to come after. The world just begins to comprehend Cromwell and Napoleon as world forces. For what end his voyages were made, Columbus died in ignorance. For whom he trudged his weary way to Augsburg, Luther had no conception. None can foresee the future, and few, until this century, knew the historical imagination that alone can bring the past. with its counsel and warnings, to bear on the present hour.

As contact with savagism and barbarism was needed to teach civilized man the story of his past, so is contact with barbarism in a different field to teach us today the meaning of selfgovernment as an institution, not inherited of right, but a growth built up by insensible accretion from imperceptible beginnings. The founders of the American republic did not recognize in themselves the product of \$000 years of civilization. The history of the race was then unknown. The modern mind, formed by Buckle and Lubbock, Spencer and Darwin, was as impossible as it was non-existent. It doubtless seemed to them that as a world had Maker, with lands and seas fashioned in their present aspect, so man himself had been endowed with civil privileges and responsibilities in an hour, and the governed entrusted by deity with inalienable rights and duties of sovereignty. They doubtless had little conception of the truth that rule is always to the capable, just as any tool is only to the hand that can wield it, and that the masses grasped at power only when time and discipline had fitted them for its exercise,

Self-government has been the accepted programme for Puerto Rico; but

your stove, measured in silver; and in education in music, French,- German, this shuffle of inflation the manufacturer, money broker and retall dealer cluding a knowledge of the art of eawill have an advantage over the wheat- tertaining from being entertained, and grower and stove-buyer, that he does of costuming from seeing ladies of not possess now. Can anybody be so quality on dress parade. Her duties in dense as to suppose that if the value of Mrs. Skinner's home were along the lines of these accomplishments. She the wheat is measured in silver the value of the stove will not be measured helped her employer to entertain, furnished music for guests, accompanied in silver, too?

## FFTURE OF HUMANITY.

her employer declining to pay her for So quickly the years come and go, so hurriedly the centuries jostle each services which covered a period of sevother into the past, it is no wonder men eral years, hence this suft. of reflection pause sometimes, look up tion in social circles of the great mefrom their separate tasks and ask each tropolis. An attempt was made to exother what the end shall be. Whence clude reporters from the courtroom, on and Whither are questions as old as civilization, and older, for through all the plea that in the course of the proceedings the names of certain society the degrees of barbarism and even in the middle and upper stages of savliving as "social experts" might have agery we find evidences of gropings to be mentioned-a plea which the unafter these regsteries. In the childhood of the race such questions were mevisympathetic judge curtly refused. When, however, the plaintiff's counsel tably referred to the religious instinct introduced Mrs. Elizabeth Winthrop and they were answered by the cus-Stephens, "descendant of the late Alextodians of the supposed truths of mythology. The scheme of the universe and the history of our own planet were late Governor Stuyvesant," who as exmatters given out by authority, and in pert in such matetrs was called as wita few generations they became part of ness for Miss Howe, the shifts and accepted truth. Columbus drew assurstraits to which "society women" are ance of the reality of his westward visions from Holy Writ, and Vespucius was almost inclined to dispute the eviwere laid bare. Mrs. Stephens conducts a "social requirements and intellence of his senses when he discovered lands in the South Atlantic, because no authority for their existence could be them how to entertain and how to befound in the writings of the ancients. have in society; furnishes list of guests

Discoveries like those of Vespucius exerted profound infinence in undermining the power of tradition and auand details suitable young women to thority in the field of material knowledge. But the Renaissance turned men's thoughts to literary and artistic rather than scientific pursuits, so that hundreds of years passed before men learned to cease searching in old human chronicles for the records that were to be found only in Nature. This able salary for the services alleged to profound labor of physics, geology, palcontology, biology and astronomy, with the incidents of philology and embryology-the noble galaxy of modern sclences-has been done, and all there is to do now is to fill in the details. The mind has been emancipated, and it turns to science for hints of the future as it has had to do for records of the past. A number of scientific men have recently given their impressions of the physical future of mankind. The points of departure in such speculation are not many, but very certain. The future of the planet is death. The day is coming when the globe shall "swing cold within a rayless void." Its rota-

tory motion will cease until it presents but one side continually to the sun, and then life will become impossible. San Francisco papers report sales of Down that long journey to oblivion a Senoma hops at prices ranging from 6 few steps can be disfinctly seen. Along to 8 cents per pound, with more moving with the retardation of movement at the minimum than at the maximum comes gradual decrease of temperaprice. This perhaps accounts for the

tions.

ture. The Eskimos, remnants of the ice age, will perish or else be driven southward past their ancient haunts in Central Europe and our Middle Atlantic states. Men will slowly be compelled to retreat from north and south oward the equator. Along with this issued complete from the hand of its thickening density, multiplied communication, instantaneous throughout all parts of the earth, will steadily obliterate differences in races, religions, languages and customs. Barbarians will perish or be amalgamated into a universal white race, speaking one common tongue, composite of all that have ever been preserved, and creeds will be powerless to enslave the free beliefs and worship of the individual mind. As rapid transit increases, the tendency of lofty buildings will be re-

parison with the total production of the versed. Custom will enforce sanitation and prevent reproduction of imperfect United States, this is an amount of no tean propertions, and in temporarily ow here slaubivibri bases more and more seek in oceans the food the thickly populated land can only supply with increasing difficulty. As to man himself, it has long been recognized that evolution is practically done with his physical frame. When the day came that on the earth appeared a species whose mind furthered his advance more than his body did, that day the evolution of the body ceased and the evolution of the mind became all. Arrested development possessed our frame, and left us with all the vestiges of our lowly descent, where they will remain to the end. The little toe may disappear, or the wisdom teeth, or the vermiform appendix. But the body will be substantially the same. Science will strengthen the eye, telephones will develop the hearing. bustle of cities will sharpen all the senses, and athletics will rescue the whole frame from that decay which civilization has frequently threatened. This spward movement would not be carrying. ossible unless we could see the beginnings of remedy for the deteriorating influences at work. Something must appear to check the tendency of the individual to rely upon society for his support, and to blame society for his corded. Unfortunately for him, but faults. Something must appear to take fortunately for the consumers, by the the place of supernatural dogmas that time the outside farmers had cleaned have held immorality in check. The beginnings of the corrective for each of these are already here. Things will young Napoleon had handled the crop look dark if we leave out of account the pervasive influences of such master minds as those of Herbert Spencer, Lecky and Emerson. These men have no popular following, but they have formed the minds that are forming soclety. Upon the coming generations will be stamped the necessity of selfreliance and the necessity of morals. Science has destroyed the errors of the old regime. It is competent to find and apply the saving grace of the new dispensation. "Love God and love one another" was not only spoken in words of spiritual meaning. It is written on

present prices, and our own stock car- away, outside of the illiterates and imbeciles of the country, and religious ried over and sold next year at lower dancing, etc., her accomplishments infigures than are now obtainable.

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THE CRY OF ALASKA.

Alaska suffers because she has no one to speak for her. The delegates she sends, without authority, to the house of representatives are denied seats. arts of the lobbyist, in vague hope of

Among the great territories of the West," ran a memorial to congress. adopted by the republican convention which mat at Juneau in the fall of 1899, "we stand alone a monument of complete and utter isolation and non-representation. With an area sufficient to form a dozen states, with resources unnumbered and unlimited, with no manner of expressing our just needs on to - wo

for justice has been repeated time and again, but congress adheres to the stupid Russian policy of deeming Alaska unworthy of fair laws because too far removed from the center of government. Without representation in congress. Alaska is not in position to urge its claims for recognition. Yet no blame can attach to the house for denying admission to one who is not legally one of its members. Mottrom D. Ball was refused a seat in 1881, Thomas S. Nowell in 1894, and J. G. Price now. Minor Bruce went to Washington with a memorial for relief in 1889, and Captain James Carroll with another in 1890. Captain Carroll opened the eyes of the country to the value of Alaska with his offer of \$20,000,000 for the district in

case congress was not disposed to grant its people proper laws. The only epresentation Alaska has ever had was in the democratic national convention of 1888 and the republican and democratic national conventions of 1892 and 1896. Both the democratic and republican national conventions of 1896 adopted planks favoring congressional representation for Alaska,

ple of Alaska are serious in their demand for territorial government. They cannot afford it. Minor Bruce, who is an authority of Alaskan affairs, wrote, as late as April, 1899, that, among the people of the district, there was widespread opposition to territorial organization, on account of dread of taxes and the expense of maintaining that form of government. The vast area and scattered settlements make a fair

ization. Peculiar climate, remoteness from Washington and transient character of population furnish added doubts as to the practicability of territorial organization. The principal needs are removal of the prohibition on the cutting and export of lumber; protection of the salmon industry, in which between \$10,600,000 and \$12,000,000 is invested in buildings and machinery, and the output of which was \$4,120,000 last year; extension of the laws regulating the purchase of coal lands; a more comprehensive judiciary, and survey of the public lands. The question is whether these cannot be secured otherwise than through territorial government.

What Alaska requires more than con gressional representation is protection to life and property. This can be best accomplished by a larger judiciary, or, as Governor Brady expresses it, in his December report to the secretary of the interior, "by the creation of additional courts so elastic that the department of justice can adapt them to the needs of the population." More courts

meetings have become as a rule sober The and serious assemblages that are no longer terrified by pictures of hell fire and terments of lost souls, such as Jonathan Edwards preached to his flock at Northampton until he were out his welcome and was invited to get out and

stay out. The change is very great; it has come by no Jesuitical design or practice; it has taken place gradually. The change has not come because of corrupt and mean motives; it has come because in a free country every puipit must voice its pews. The pews will not pay for spiritual food that their stemachs have come to reject, and so long as the pews rule the pulpit rather than the pulpit is the infallible pope of the pews, we may expect radical changes in the pulpit accents of all the orthodox churches. The pulpiteer who is not ready to be a wandering religious minstrel or itinerant must be prepared to have his tongue touched with Pentecostal flame from his pews.

When the state board made the levy

## of state taxes last year, the legislature had not yet assembled in regular session. When the appropriation bill had been passed, it was found to contain a number of appropriations not provided for in the tax levy already made. On the other hand, several items were provided for in the levy that did not finally get into the appropriation bill, and the surplus thereby remaining on hand is \$17,285 77. The figures published in the last two days show in considerable detail where the state gets its money and where it spends it. It may aid to a clearer understanding of the table printed yesterday to know that of the three columns of figures the first represented the biennial appropriation for each item, the second the amount provided for in the levy last year, while the third represents the expenses for which the state is liable in this current year, including those authorized by the legislature but not provided for in the

SHYLOCK AND RICHARD III.

presentation of Shylock and Richand TH on the theatric stars sprgests the question often discussed, whether

Shakespeare meant to portruy an absolute villain in Shylock as he unquestionably did in Richard. Shylobk is the whole play, even as Rich ard is the overpowering magnetic attraction of the play. It is common to hear the "Merchant of Ventce" saoken of as Shakespeare's "finest comedy." . Without Shylock's tromendous shape, the "Merchant of Venice" bears no comparison In beauty and Interset with such comedice as "Twelfth Night," "As You Like IL" "The Tempest," "Measure for Measure," "Winter's Tale," or "Much Ado About Nothing." Portia is an artificial tiresome

woman compared with Olivia, Imbella, Cordella, Desiemona and Imogen, while Jessica is a presty, trivial toy of a woman compared with Viala, Miranda, Juliet, Rosalina or Beatrice. Without Shylock's terrific shape of intellectual power and passion, the "Merchant of Venice" would be worse than "Hamlet," with the part of Hamlet left out.

So of "Richard III." Without that subile, estants shape of majestic because deliberate, unfilnching, unrepenting and to the last unrepetitant, villatny, the play would be as intelerable as "Don Quizote," with Sancho Panza omitted.

To return to Shylock. In our judgment, while his name has become a sidewalk synonym for a hidebound miser and merciless money-lender, he cannot be counted among the absolute villains of Shake speare's art. He is not a villain at all, unless to become vindictive under the stress of shameful abuse and indignity to his whole race is to be accepted as proof

of villainy. The natural view of Shylock is that Shakespeare meant to paint in him a man of powerful intellect and intense passiemste nature, who had been goaded into a state of inexorable and insame vindic tiveness by the oppression, abuse and in sult that it was the brutal, ignorant habit of Christian Europe during the Middle

less ingrained villains, villains from "the ground up," in Shakespeare, are Richard and Iago. The other great villains of Shakespeare were all men who became demoralized through temptation and stress of circumstances. That is, they were not, from childhood, utterly destitute of moral sense, but had once promised better than their ultimate performance. Macheth always speaks in language that proves him to have been naturally a man of fine poetic imagination and nervous sensibility he had been for years a leyal and valiant

soldier, and his conscience, his ambition and his courage are always in a curious state of chaos. His ambition is great, his courage is so high that it rises clear above his superstitious terrors in his fight with Macduff, but his conscience shrinks from Duncan's murder so strongly that but for his wife's superior nerve and ceaseless promptings, Macbeth would hardly have been a murderer. To Richard or lago murder was a mere matter of mathematical calculation of chances that involved no mental or moral struggle, but with Shakespeare's other villains, there is always some humanity left. The dying Edmund, in "Lear," is repentant epough of his crimes, so that he is anxious to save the lives of Lear and Cordella, whose

execution he has ordered. Angelo, in "Measure for Measure," the king in "Hamlet," and even King John show some capacity for repentance and remorse for wrong already wrought. But Shylock cannot be considered as a picture of the villain absolute, like Richard or Iago, or

The chief passion of Shylock is provoked we see popular government at work, by the wrongs done his people. "our sacred nation," as he terms it. Shylock shows ntense love for his daughter, and natural future, for there will certainly be great to the dread of militarism in England disappointment, rage and anguish at her having robbed him to marry and enrich one of the hated race of Christian that never lost a chance to grind the face of a Jew. Shylock clearly cares much for his daughter and the memory of his wife, his lost Leah, whose ring Jessica Mr. Warde, with his excellent company, has completed one of the most has heartlessly sold for a monkey. These successful dramatic engagements in are not the traits of a mere miner or the history of Portland; and he emi- merciless usurer, and the exaction of a nently deserves all he gets. His quali- pound of fiesh shows that Shylock cared ties of mind and heart, and they are nothing for money compared with his dethose of a courteous and high-minded size to be revenged upon an arrogant, bru gentleman, and an actor of unsur- tal, Christian merchant, who had splt upon passed conscientiousness, are such as his beard, kicked him as if he was a to make for him wherever he goes strange dog, called him misbellever and friends who wish him every success. cuttbroat. Antonio tells him that even if he lends his friend the money he is like and if Nature has withheld this, the to call him dog, kick him and splt upon him. The Jew naturally feels vindictive, and plots how he can, within the law, cut Antonio's heart out. In our day, Antonio would be in great danger of having his British sublects who fought in our heart cut out, but Shylock had no remedy at law against Antonio, and his only remedy, his only chance of revenue on his cutting off pensions from pensioners chronic persecutor and insulter of his living abroad. It is easy to imagine "sacred nation" was to intrigue within "sacred nation" was to intrigue within the law against his life. Antonio deserved death for his habitually brutal treatment of Shylock, whose whole bearing and speech show him to have been a man of powerful mind, of high dignity and standing among his tribe, and on the whole, the most majestic figure in the play when he pronounces his impressive defense, beginning, "I am a Jew." In this cated to Utah men a preference for a elequent invective, Shakespeare meant to tariff on wool is not confirmed; but show how brutal must have been the treateven if it could be proved, it would be ment of the Jews of his day, who were unfair to ask him to talk that way to driven from England by the edict of Edhis free-trade supporters in other sec- ward I, and not recalled until the tions. He can hardly be expected to time of Cromwell. Shakespeare meant to rise above the McKinley principle, rebuke his are for inhumanity to Jewa which favors civil service reform to its when he made Shylock voice the wrongs friends, and to the Ohio politicians of centuries. If Shakespears had meant to winks the other eye and turns a few degrade the Jew, he would have made more places in the classified list over to Shylock a more Sir Giles Overrench; but he did not make him either mean or

## THE SEA IS THINE, AND THOE MADEST IT.

Lord of the wast inconstant sus. Lord of its creatures, great and small, Thy simulfant arms upcreasingly With lowing-kindness keepeth all.

Thine are the alulas embowared in paim, Ring-girt with snow-white coral mind, Semijing with aromatic baim The trade-wind traversing the land,

Where, mirrored in the still lagoon, The core and pandanus rise, And, driven by the strong monsoon, The knping brenker smittes, and dies

The centeless challenge of the suns Thy rests, impregnable, daiy; Safely defended, thus at ease Sunlit, thy panceful atolls lie.

Thine are the islands of the north. Mantfed with comber spruce and pins, Whose rocky buttresses jut forth Into the chill and mething brine

There delaping mickwood lifts and falls In cadence, as the surgas beat, Resounding, where the sea-guil calls And beetling cliff and shingle meet.

Thy flowing tide across the straits With rippled front makes good its way,

And, while the enger salmon walts, Unlocks the shallows of the bay.

Or, where the blue and splintared wall Of gincter-foot defends the shore, The ice-front topples to lis fall. The black cliffs echoing its roar.

Forth on the besom of the tide, Out to the eddles of the sea. fajestical, the icebergs ride Toward transformations yet to be

Got by the reefs where others slept. By rocks where herded walrus groan, Where the great ack aforetime kept, Last of the race, her watch alons;

Into the immemorial deep They pass, and vanish, dropping slow Their barvest, garnered on the sleep, Into the silent depths below.

And still thy steady tides flow on, Responsive to the whiting spheres Celestian; and their courses run Through the innumerable years.

Food for thy creatures small and great In every clime they surely bear. However paltry lis estate. To each due its appointed share.

Tody thy boundaries are set For all thy broad, unfathomed was, Nor may the towering surge forget The smallest of thy mysteries.

Lord of the branker and the reef. Lord of the wide abyenal main We read thee in each rustling leaf, Each atom from the dusty plain.

Thy wondrous artifice we know In all thy handiwork to be; Yet, above all, thy glories show Supreme in thine eternul coa.

-William H. Dall in Christian Register. Behring Sea, July, 1839.

## "JUSTUM ET TENACEM."

The quiet clouds, the quiet air. The calm that haunts us everywhere In these broad fields, where scalight sees Our homely calle at their case; The woods, whose leaves of golden brown. Gilde noiseless as they futter down; The full, smooth river, soldom stirr'd Save from within, that flows unheard In irrestable advance: And, over all this fair expanse. The steadfast hills, that silently Stand up seminot a ellent sky: Are these the things for you and me To look upon, or care to see Amld the tumult of a war?

Yes; for they teach us what we are, Or what we should be; every charms cutward Nature, every warm f tender passion that expands And tender At sight of these familiar lands, Speaks of the duty that we owe To what we feel and what we know Were it not well to have at length Rilence, and steadfastness, and strength; Like Nature, in her woods and hills, To stand unseared by doubt and illes, Or, like her rivers, move along ineffably serene and strong; Tranguil, in victory or defeat Until the day's work bu completa?

Pools may make merry o'er our loss, And even the wise may real across That line, so often tinged with blood, Which parts the evil from the good; Hur we, a nation such as we, United, and resolved to som Present worthy of our Plast, fe through each startling thus May still in confidence ablde, Untouched by petulance or pride. fill happier years shall make it piain that we, too, have not wrought in vain. —Arthur Munby, in The Spectator. That we.

### Turned out of congress, an exfle in his Mrs. Skinner shopping and calling, and own country, the best the delegate can made herself generally useful in a gendo is to employ among members the teel way. She was finally dismissed,

creating a seatiment in favor of muchneeded legislation for his district. demand our just rights, . . . we come to you for relief." This demand

ander Stephens and a relative of the reduced in maintaining their position ligence bureau," through which she gives advice to society women in the management of their homes, teaches for private receptions and functions, assist perplexed hostesses in making things go off properly at swell func-

## ties, as ylewed from the standpoint of the expert, may be surmised from the estimate that \$5000 a year is a reasonhave been performed by Miss Howe. And why not? Though disdaining to be called working women, and closely

guarding the dread secret that they are compelled to earn their In dihood. It is exceedingly doubtful if the peoare not these laborers worthy of their hire? And are not their duties multifarious enough, and perplexing enough, and withal distasteful enough, through the covert lines along which they ile, to Who would not rather be president of a ratiroad, on the simple basis of responsibillty, than social purveyor to a woman who has money without breeding and

system of voting very doubtful of realdifficulty experienced in selling Oregon hops at anything like satisfactory prices. So long as California growers are willing to dispose of their crop at these figures, and New York growers are seling in the East at substantially the same prices, it will be a difficult matter for more money to be realized on the Oregon product. In endeavoring

to advance prices under such circumstances, the Oregon Hopgrowers' Associstion is in a similar position to that of Mr. Joseph Leiter, who attempted to advance wheat prices two years ago by securing control of vast quantities of The Hopgrowers' Association is reported to have secured control of about 20,000 bales of Oregon hops. In com-

levy of last year. The presence of Continental officers in the Boer armies is undoubted, and has never been otherwise. German officers did the business for the Turks in

1897. British fought with us in our war with Spain, and Americans are now trying to get into the Transvaal struggle on both sides. In one sense this is nothing new. The soldier of fortune is an ancient type. The change is in practical obliteration of the old religieus and racial conflicts. Holy wars and Protestant leagues are things of

to aid their cause.

the past. McKinley the Methodist sends a Catholic prelate to Luzon, and England helps to found a Mussulman college at Khartoum. We draw the sword today, not to convert unbelievers

or placate Jehovah by extermination of heathen tribes, but to advance ideals of civilization. Men of different language and religious belief will be found,

therefore, under one flag, as their real or supposed interests lie. The Irish Catholic, who is hardly a human being in the eye of the Boers, bestirs himself

The Hepburn bill contemplates government construction instead of a lamp contract with a syndicate. This step is largely dictated by popular aversion to corporate influences, which breaks out

in ridiculous places sometimes, but is based upon a sound instinct. It is better that the canal should cost somewhat more under government as compared with a contract, than that any immense corporation can get what it | the villain conditional, like Macbeth. wants of congress for the asking. Here granted now will save the disagreeable imperfectly, it is true, but to noble

# Ages, after the first crusaile, to inflict on the Jew. The only absolute and hops-

Governor-General Davis, who is evidently anxious for its application, regretfully finds no way of putting it into operation with safety. Not one man in a hundred, he says, is fitted for the responsibilities of self-government. It is possible, of course, for one to shut his eyes to the truth and maintain with skill and resolution that he sees clearly. Mr Atkinson's and Mr. Hoar's successes In this line compel atimiration. But the open and discerning mind can see the same principle of action incumbent upon us in Cuba and the Philippines that has been found necessary in the South, in Hawaii, in our dealings with the Indians, and in the educational and other limitations with which suffrage has been surrounded in half the states of the North, conspicuously in Massachusetts, where no "governed" is asked for his consent or refusal unless he can demonstrate his fitness for the franchise.

Self-government is not a thing to be handed to a man or a people on a platter, any more than you can give a man wit or judgment or an artistic temperament. Self-government is a structure to be laboriously built up by a people, just as character is a possession to be painfully acquired by the individual. Self-government by the unfit is a contradiction in terms, for it could have no permanence. The descent to no government would be swift and the substitution of government by the strong would be inevitable. Government is not a Christmas present; it is an employment. A man can no more govern, without capacity to govern, in herited or acquired, than he can teach, or run a locemotive or sail a ship. Behind the self-governing American today stand all the thoughts, experiences and labors of dead centuries from the dawn of history.

Upon the ruins of Assyrian and Egyptian learning rose the acumen of Greece, the military and legal power of Rome. Constantinople rose and fell, Gaul was subdued and transformed, the tablets of creation itself. Teuton worked out his problems in pain and fear, Northmen sailed and fought, the monks of the middle ages pondered and wrote, discovery spread Its salls and the Renaissance arose-all as ministers to the civilized mind of today and tomorrow, in which inherited self-control, enlightened through history and literature, is at length fitted to govern itself, and to discharge the duties of guardian to those thrown into its charge. This nation earned its independence, not in the Revolution, but in the training that had gone before it. There is no other way. No one governs the man who can govern himself. And to a people that cannot govern itself no one can give self-government

"Do you know," says the Baker Dem-38967" The statement is not quite true, but suppose it true. Then how can it he an argument, as the Democrat intends it to be, against the gold standand? Suppose sliver your money. Then if you get a higher price for your

## THE SOCIAL EXPERT.

The world still moves, and the evolvement of the "expert" continues. Experts in law, in finance and in medicine have held the boards so long that they have become a part, in their several spheres, of our community life, but the "social expert," though perhaps long a part of that pretentions something known as "genteel society," has but recently been uncovered. We find Miss Mary E. Howe, grand-daughter of the late Ellas Howe, the ploneer sewingmachine manufacturer, before a New York court as claimant for \$24,750 as "social expert" in the interest and employment for several years of Frances.

Augusta, wife of Samuel Perry Skinocrat, "that it requires 50 per cent more | ner, of New York city. Mrs. Skinner, wheat to buy a stove than it did in as appears from the testimony given in support of the plaintiff's contention, was in the social swim without knowing how to keep affoat.

In this serious dilemma she called Miss Howe to her ald. The latter had realized from her grandfather's ingenuwheat, measured in silver, you will ity and thrift, in the form of a resipay, correspondingly, a higher price for dence for some years in Europe and an growers of California and New York at lence of religious excitement has passed ical extreme.

removing it from the market it has had the effect of preventing the price from dropping to lower levels than now exist. To this extent the hop combine may be termed a success. To a similar stage Mr. Leiter's wheat deal was a

the cereal.

success, but when he had secured control of several million bushels of wheat and had manipulated the market so that prices rose to dizzy heights, a large amount of outside selling commeaced. Not alone in this country did

The case has created guite a sensa-

women who were forced to earn their

The responsible nature of these du-

command first-class salaries?

position without intelligence?

BREAKERS AHEAD.

the farmers scrape their grain bins to meet the demand from consumers; but from India, Russia, Australia, Argentina-in fact, from all over the worldwheat was forthcoming. In vain Leiter sought to let go of the wheat he had accumulated, but every time he made a move to sell a few thousand bushels the market was frightened into a slump which forced him to buy back every thing that was thrown on the market in order to prevent a ruinous loss on the millions of bushels which he was

Had the harvest of 1898 proved a failure the world over, Mr. Leiter's wheat deal would have been the most colossal financial success that has ever been reout their stocks in meeting the demand another harvest was at hand. The of a nation with some measure of suc cess, but the crop of a world was beyond his capacity, and the inevitable result followed. This result, whether it follows the manipulation of wheat, hops, corn, wool, or any other product which is in general use, and for which there is general demand all over the world, is merely the supplanting of unnatural trade conditions by the invincible law of supply and demand. Leiter's wheat deal-was temporarily of great benefit to the farmers of Oregon and Washington, and the hop combine would prove of equal value to the hopgrowers if the crops of the world could

be withdrawn from the market as have the 30,000 bales mentioned.

As has been stated, prices have been held fairly steady since the formation of the combine, but there has been no advance, nor will there be so long as the growers of California and New York are satisfied to put their hops on the market at prices which consumers will pay. The New York Journal of Commerce and the San Francisco Commercial News, both journals of unquestionable repute in their respective. fields, have printed from time to time throughout the season details of sales of hops, frequently giving the name of both buyer and seller, number of bales sold and price paid. This is convincing evidence that there are plenty of growers who are satisfied with emisting prices, and until all of the stock held by these sellers is disposed of, with a demand still unsatisfied, the hop combine can achieve only partial success. The Oregonian would be pleased to

chronicle sales of Oregon hops at more than double the prices they are now

disorder if present conditions are allowed to continue indefinitely. The 24,-000 white persons in the district should have white men's laws, and the \$1,009 hatives and Russian creeles are entitled to their measure of protection. Congress cannot longer turn a deaf ear to the cry for relief which has come from Alaska for twenty years.

## AN AGNOSTIC METHODIST.

At the recent congress of the Methodist Episcopal church at St. Louis, the nost notable paper was read by Professor M. D. Learned, of Pennsylvania university, on "The Message of the Church to Men of Culture." Professor Learned is known as "a free lance in Methodism." He lamented the tendency of men of culture to keep aloof from the church, and the reason he gave for their departure was that there is "a startling consensus among schol-

ars, scientific men and men of culture in general, as to the valuelessness of dogma." Professor Learned contended that the "church, in order to hold men of culture within its fold as active Christians, must change its attitude toward many questions"; that the scientific man is an inquirer, a learner, but must not, cannot formulate dogmatic finalities. Because the scientific man will not and cannot believe without scientific demonstration, which le impossible in the domain of the supernatural, Professor Learned would give up the whole case of the church to satisfy "sulture." He leaves to scientific analysis and judgment every miracle on which theology is founded, the incarnation, the resurrection, and all revealed religion, and, of course, these dogmas cannot stand the test, for they conflict with modern scientific knowl edge and experience.

These views of Professor Learned, which do not make him an outcast from the Methodist church, really mean nothing but agnosticiam as an ultimate, for they eliminate supernaturailsm from religion, which is the sheet anchor of priestcraft. Professor

Learned's Methodism is a distinct departure from religious faith, for he says that "the church must not resist scientific inquiry, but must rather adopt the scientific method and welcome its results," and "rather turn the light of Christian truth upon the social, moral and religious problems of modern life," in order to induce the world to "begin to believe in its sincerity." There is nothing exceptional in this change in the Methodist church; it is clearly in evidence in all the old-time orthodox churches, and also in the Uni tarian church. Theodore Parker in 1845 was treated as a heretic by the "orthodox" Channing school of Unitarians

of Boston, but today the leading Unitarian pulpits are occupied by meh who are more "liberal" than even Parker. The Methodist church, and the Baptist church, the two great popular churches of the country, have not been able to

resist the impact of increased popular

and the United States, one of whose awkward manifestations is the unprepared state we are found in at every war.

He has everything unless it be genius; denial reflects no credit upon her jadg-

ment.

Cuban army are being enlisted at London. These are the men almed at, apparently, in the proposed amendments cases where deserving pensioners, whose homes were in Europe, should naturally return to their homes there. This would not vitlate their desert as pensioners, but would effectually disualify them in congressional estimation. They would have no votes.

The assertion that Bryan has indimercilless, except as every patriot is mer-

There is not the slightest doubt that cliess to a tyrant. money paid to members of the legislature carried Clark into the United States senate. But where is the senator, who is the senator, whose skirts are clear? "The jury has among the sworn twelve more than one guiltier

Justification of the Natal censorship is found in the fact that news of British movements are promptly cabled to the Boer authorities. Buller does not intend to tip his hand to the enemy This is not pleasant for the stay-athomes, and does not sell papers. But it is war.

Department stores are falling occasionally here and there over the country. This is not because they are department stores, but because they are outwitted by some more clever competitor. There's nothing in a name to make a business lose or prosper.

Malleton Tanus is the champion anti of the modern world. Civilization is to worth. It would also regret to see the intelligence against hidebound bigotry him an aggregation of fallings off from And bid the desert bloom with beaut consumptive demand filled by the and emotional ignorance. The old vio- barbarism. This is anti-ism at its log- Until the earth fades in the eternal

THREE ANGELS.

They say this life is barren, drear and cold, Ever the same long weary tals is told. And to our lips is held the cup of strife. And yet-a little love can sweeten life.

They say our hands may grasp but joys de

oyed. stroyed, Touth has but dreams, and age an aching void, Whose Dead-Sea frait, long, long ago has cloyed. Whose night with wild tampestuous storms is

And yet a little hope can brighten life.

They say we fling ourselves in wild daspair Amidst the broken treasures scattered there. Where all Is wrecked, where all once promises fair:

And stab ourselves with sorrow's two-edged knife-And yet a little patience strengthens life.

Is it then true, this tals of hittor Of mortal anguish finding no relief Lot must the winter shines the laurel's leaf; Three augels share the lot of human strife,

Three angels glorify the path of life, Love, Hope and Patience cheer us on our way, Love, Hope and Patience form our spirit's way, Love, Hope and Patience watch us day by day, And hid the desert bloom with beauty vernal

## MY FAIR IMPERIALIST.

The policy of conquering Ehe said she thought was right starry banner she would fling To universal sight

"Twas "destiny" quite "manifest," And ours, by right of race, Each alten country to invest; Yes, we should set the paor.

The doctrine, "might makes right," she wowed, Should be emblacented high: crow we should be proud-We rule, while others lie.

Twas wicked to be critical, Perfection to expect; the thought that "territorial Aggression" was correct.

She's too ambitious in her pride Of race and polley: in conquering, I'd be satisfied

If she'd begin on me -Tem Massun, in the New Lippincott.

## LOVE AND JOY.

sing of love that sorrow ne'er has known that has dwelt with gladness from its

Love that has made more bright the gracious earth.

And given every song a tender tone. Within my least have I upreared a throne And get this love thereon with hunyant mirth. And much that seemed before of little worth. Soft-sunned by it to beauty strange has grown.

That which was I arewhile is I no mot mist love a wondrous change has The alch wrought.

And in my soul now lurids no base alloy. ave cast off the bonds that thrallisd before; he gold of love hath purified my thought, And joy my sovereign, for love is joy. --Clinton Scollard.

THE DAY OF BATTLE

Far I hear the hugis blow To call me where I would not go. And the gums begin the song, "Soldiar, fly or stay for long.

nrade, if to turn and fly Made a soldier never die. Fly I would, for who would not? Tis sure no piensure to be shot.

But since the man that runs away Lives to die another day, and cowards' finerals, when they come, Are not wapt so well at home.

Therefore, though the best is had, Stand and do the best, my lad: Stand and fight and see your stain. And take the builtet in your brain. From "A Shröpshire Lad," A. E. Housman.

### A GRAY DAY.

All day the sea, dull-heaving, Monned low like one who slin. While specter hands were weaving A vell o'er distant milk.

All day with drooping feather And wings devoid of gleam, The anabirdy, grouped together, Forebore to wheel and scream

Salt-arms and river-reaches Ware glazed and leaden-hwed, And haunting sodden banches Went gray-haired Solliude. . .

Last loves and size long blader Through some unguarded gats. Entered the soul unbidden And made men desolut -Roderick Quinn.

than him they try."

