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MR. GARFIELD'S MUCKRAKE. Mr. Garfield has used the muckrake upon the Standard Oil Company to better purpose than he did upon the Beef Trust. It is to be hoped that he has not scattered immunity around too freely during the operation. His report shows that Mr. Rockefeller's company enjoys discriminations to an extent which has never been commonly supposed.

corporation may be which he controls, the law which gave it life can destroy it. The American people have made up their minds upon this subject. They are determined that Standard Oil and the other arrogant combinations of unscrupulous wealth shall submit to the law. Nor will the Nation be satisfied with that treacherous, wriggling, slippery submission which Mr. Archbold and Mr. Rogers impudently call frankness and fairness. The submission must be open and complete. Nothing else will suffice.

advances it to a worthy place among the great poetic treasures of the world. He destroys it as a fetish for groveling superstition and endows it with new life as a thing of joy and beauty. He slays it as an offence to the intelligence and restores it as a consolation to the soul. Shall we not all rejoice when the stories about Jesus, no longer things to wrangle over as to when they occurred and where, or whether they occurred at all, shall have become subjects for peaceful edification and pure delight?

Mr. Lapland, of the Lowell Observatory staff, laid all doubts at rest by actually photographing them—the most remarkable feat ever accomplished by astronomical photography. The camera has no illusions. Going into details about the canals, the writer says: The very manner in which the 'canals' are distributed proclaims their artificial origin.

THE PESSIMIST. The Seattle "spirit" does not seem to be very active in baseball circles on Puget Sound. It may be that Seattle has become a back number. It is said that Sarah Bernhard is the reincarnation of Adrienne Lecocquer, and John Alexander Dowe claims to be Elijah Haddock. Without considering these two in particular, it is a curious exhibition of human conceit that when one first assimilates the doctrine of rebirth, he immediately assumes himself to be the later coming of some one great! The chances are that he is, instead, a subsequent edition of a four-flusher who was an obscure charity in some one of the centuries gone by.

U. S. SUPREME COURT ON DIVORCE. Careful Analysis of a Recent Important Decision—The South Dakota Method is Now Under the Ban—How All Divorce Litigants Are Affected. The Supreme Court of the United States, at Washington, D. C., on the 5th day of April, 1906, handed down a decision in the case of Haddock vs. Haddock, which, in the space of three weeks, has become as famous as the Dred Scott decision, and in the mind of the dissenting Justices it will have as momentous effect as the famous ante-bellum decision with reference to a different, though not less important, form of liberty.