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"FUTURE LIFE" IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

That there is no definite affirmation in the Old Testament of the doctrine of a future life, or personal immortality, is the general consensus of Biblical scholarship.

The Jewish people of the time has been drawn into a debate on this subject, by persons of Christian faith, who question a statement made by it that there is no affirmation in the Old Testament of the doctrine of a future life, or of immortality of the human soul.

The passage is highly elliptical; such words as "worms," "day," "though" and "body" are inserted in the text by the translators, and other liberties are taken with the text by them.

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The impression seems to be growing in Seattle that what Dr. Cook really discovered was the Seattle atom pole.

Query: Why cannot one white man, two Eskimos and a bunch of dogs travel just as fast over a stretch of ice as more men and seventy dogs?

There is still another discoverer of the North Pole to reckon with. Don't forget the colored gentleman, Matt Henson, who was with Peary.

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parts of the old Hebrew Scriptures; and the errors of the citations and analogies and fulfillments, seen in the later literature, are easily detected now and well understood.

PEARY'S STORY.

No one who has read the epitome of Commander Peary's march to the North Pole will think of doubting its genuineness. It is a plain, straightforward tale, with less exultation than the achievement justified.

We shall have the story later in book form, more elaborate and colder and heavy with details; yet the telegraphic narrative is told with sufficient fullness to be presented this week to read it for themselves.

WELL IRRIGATION.

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ON JUDGING POETS.

A grave writer in the New York Evening Post thinks it worth while to discuss the question "whether a poet ought to be judged by his best work or his poorest."

There are plenty of parallels, however, to the dispute between Cook and Peary over the discovery of the North Pole.

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epidemic hearers moved to tears, partly by religious emotion, partly by the consciousness that they were in the presence of profound scholarship.

AN UNFAMILIAR SIDE OF TENNYSON.

Professor Harry Thurston Peck, writing in the Bookman for August—the centennial month and year of Alfred Tennyson—departs from the usual routine of memorial writers and uncovers a side of the character of the poet that is wholly unfamiliar.

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the fine art of controversy, and both were famous travelers. Burton before that time had made his incredible pilgrimage to Mecca disguised as a holy fakir, during which he spoke Arabic so well as to deceive the born shrews of the desert.

LAND VALUATION IN ENGLAND.

In the very nature of things, land, under our system, will always be obliged to bear the greatest part of the weight and burden of taxation.

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The Necessary Element.

"Will you sail with me on the sea of 'Twas thus he asked her to wed. 'You bet I will—if you raise the wind," The maiden sweetly said.

Lyrics L'Africanique.

(In this peculiar songs of the desert are admirably reproduced.) Where, he singing in the sephorous shade. They fear no Teddine fustilade.

The Homeless Husband.

I look across the table to her favorite rocking chair. And it seems almost uncanny to see her sitting there.

September Reflections.

O' September comes along— No m' roses, no m' song; No m' singing birds aloft; I will miss each of them.

Our Army—A Color Study.

Long years we knew the Boys in Blue. Who ended human slavery. We cheered their fight for truth and right.

Nellie's Kisses.

When Nellie wants another gown. She kisses me; When Nellie wants a dress for town.

A Land Lubber.

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We are sorry that some of the people of Clark County, Washington, add a superfluous, unnecessary, redundant and unhistorical letter to the name of their county.

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