Negro Witcheraft.

The superstition of Southern negroes is proverbial; but that it has sensibly deelined in recent years is evident enough to those who have seen much of the race since the war. This fact is the strongest sort of evidence to my mind of that capacity on the part of the colored people for permanent improvement and proession, which has been so strenuously nied them by those who triumphantly cite Hayti and Jamaica in confirmation of heir theory. Race superstition is a difficult thing to control or modify, much less to eradicate, and too often it becomes fixed in the popular character, a permaent taint in the blood of a race or nation, retarding civilization and paralyzing the most enthusiastic advocates and believers in "progress" In the "Holy Bussia" of our day, for instance, we have in the witch-burnings reported not long ago, a conspicuous eximple of the tenacity with which an imorant peasantry dings to an ancient delusion in spite of vigorous efforts on the part of the Government to suppress heir more violent manifestations as well as to educate the people out of them alogether.

In the South American countries, too, in the islands of the Caribbean sea, in Mexico, and even in Spain and Italy, witchcraft is by no mans obsolete. On the contrary, we occasionally hear of wild outbursts of popular fanaticism on the subject in those counties, accompanied ometimes by loss of life. The signs, therefore, of very maried improvement in this particular among the negroes of the South are all the mire welcome when we find that in countries where slavery does not exist at all sinilar superstitions are still flourishing. Juch of this improvement is due to he mania which seized upon the Southern negroes soon after the war for sending their children to school. No matter low poor a negro family was, the boys and girls were sent regularly to school fo at least a portion of the year, their parents gladly subjecting themselves to ever form of privation in order that their dildren might be "educated." The "larning" thus obtained has not, of couse, banished superstition altogether, or wen in great part, but it has certainly lad a sensible influence for good not ony upon the children, but upon their varents.

Religion, too, has one much for the colored people, and i is a significant fact that the negro chuches as a rule are much more prosperois and better attended now than they were in slavery times. Freedom, in itself, has done more for them than religion and education put together, for it has fored them to shift for themselves, giving them but little time to dream of ghosts.

There is still, hovever, a great deal of superstition among them, especially among the negross of the far South, where Voudooism rises almost to the dignity of a religion. In his story, "The Grandissimes," now running in Scribner, George W. Cable rives a vivid picture of the Louisiana Voidoo woman in the person of Palmyre Philosophe, whose "pale, yellow forchead, bw and shapely, with the jet hair aboveit, the heavily-penciled eyebrows and long lashes below, the faint, red tinge that blushed with a kind of cold passion through the clear, yellow skin of the cheek the fullness of the red. voluptuous lips and the roundness of the perfect neck gave her * * * a barbarie and magnetic beanty that startled the beholder like an unexpected drawing out of a jeweled sword." This woman practiced regularly in New Orleans "the less baleful rites" of the Voudoos, along with the business of a hair-dresser. Palmyre is a more pleasing type of witch than the antiquated, toothless crone of tradition, but the average Southern witch is apt to be an old woman, whose very infirmities, instead of attracting pity, excite abhorrence and suspicion. Occasionally, but not often, the "witch" is a man. I remember once an old negro orator. hunchback who lived in my neighborhood, who was regarded by his people for miles around as a "conjurer" be cause of his extreme ugliness and viscious temper. His name was used in every negro household to scare refractory children into submission. In Hayti, where Voudooism is still practised in its most horrible forms, some impression has been made upon the negroes by the Catholic missionaries and by Protestant ministers under Bishop Holly. In the rural districts, however, it flourishes almost undis-turbed. Voudooism, conjuring, witchcraft, etc., are not by any means confined to the more southern localities. Even in large cities of the north, negro charm doctors and seventh sons of seventh sons, are consulted eagerly by a class of negroes, who, one would sup-pose, were too intelligent to be duped by them. Probably the most astonishing manifestation of superstitition ever brought to light in this country, occured within the past year in Cecil county, Maryland, not many miles from Mason and Dixon's line. I refer to the case of negro woman who is serving a term in the Maryland penitentiary, who shot and killed an old negro because he had "conjured" her. In this case, the testimony adduced in court, showed that the woman, who was in bad health, firmly be-lieved that the old man had "buried bottles," in order to injure her, and unless she found these bottles, or shot him with a silver bullet, she could never re-cover her health. Unable to find the bottles, she laid in wait for the man and killed him. I remember, as a boy, listening night after night, to the stories of witchcraft which were told by the negroes in front of the quarter fire. Some of them were adoubtedly the production of idle boasters or of the stronger minds among the slaves, who took delight in frightening their more credulous companions. In the majority of cases, however, they vere traditions handed down from father to son, and were accepted by the fascinated auditors as literally true. Of winter evenings, when all the negroes were assembled indoors, I often stole from the house to the "quarter," and, perched upon a stool in one quarter of the tearth, in which blazed a roaring fire of Pine knots and hickory logs, listened with rapt attention to Uncle Perry or ome other accomplished raconteur, as entertainment with his presence. [Quaeries.

The negroes invariably crowded around the story teller and listened with ashy faces and staring eyes. Among these stories was a number of local traditions connected with the estate. Thus it was asserted confidentially, that blue flames had been seen to issue from the graveyard at night, and that one occasion a wicked negro named Cæsar, while seated on a grave picking a banjo, was startled by the apparition of an enormous dog, which rose from the graye and chased him all the way to the house. A negro girl on the estate asserted once that she had been bewitched and that grains of rice-a teacupful, in fact- had burst from her swolen knee-caps. Another middle aged woman declared with equal positiveness, that lizards and toads had issued from her mouth. An antiquated dame who lived somewhere in the back country, was charged in both these cases with producing the spells, being paid for doing it by persons who had grudges agains the parties who

claimed to be afflicted. When a negro is hanged in the South, he colored people often flock to the cene of the execution and struggle for bits of rope or fragments of his clothing if they can be procured, to be worn as "charms." An old fashioned Southern negro can seldom be induced to kill a cat, and there are certain things which he never does unless he is compelled, except in particular seasons. He is a firm believer in luck, and will search by the hour for a four leaved clover; he will never begin a piece of work or begin a journey on Friday; if his path at night leads past a graveyard, he will make a detour, if possible, to avoid it. His gullibility is unbounded. His fear of witchcraft and ghosts is thoroughly real and intense.

But why should we wonder at all this, or pity the credulity of the more ignorant colored people of our time, when we recall to mind Cotton Mather and the delusions, equally wild, which he accepted, and which were firmly believed in by some of the most intelligent minds in the New England States of his day ?---Philadelphia Times.

A Lady's Reward.

The true story of the diamond neck-lace Daniel Webster gave to Mrs. Joseph Gales is said to be this: When Mr. Webster made his celebrated reply to Senator Hayne, of South Carolina, Mr. Gales, the senior editor of the National Intelligencer, undertook to report it, at the request of the orator, who assured Mr. G. that the speech would not be more than half an hour long. The editor was busy, but he thought he could spare time to take down and write out so short a speech. But as Mr. Webster was ascending the steps of the Capitol on the morning that he was to speak, he met Judge Story, who told him that it was a good opportunity to give his views upon the Constitution. Webster acted upon the suggestion, and instead of speaking for only half an hour, he spoke for three hours. Mr. Gales, under the spell of the orator, wrote on, perfectly uncon-scious of the lapse of time. But when he came to look over his notes he found they were so voluminous that he never would have time to transcribe them. The speech not appearing in the Intelligencer in due time, Mr. Webster

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An article on the use of lager beer

having lately appeared in the columns of the TELEGRAM, and having been made a subject of general comment, we determined to ask Mr. Feurer, of the Gambrinus Brewery, some questions in regard to lager beer, that we might enlighten our readers as to where they could obtain the genuine article. We found Mr. Feurer at his handsome beer hall, the Quelle, on the corner of Second and Stark streets, where he was glad to answer any question in regard to the matter.

Lager beer is given the name on account of the length of time it is kept in fermentation, and the length of time it is stored away before use. We learned from Mr. F. that no ice was used in the manufacture of beer in Portland until he began its use. The Gambrinus Brewery has an immense cellar made of brick, 70 feet long, 20 feet wide and 20 feet in high, and is the best adapted to the purpose for which it is required of any cellar in Oregon. One of the prime essentials in the manufacture of lager beer is cleanliness. Give a brewer good clean tubs and vats and half the battle in making good beer is won. If a tub or pail is not perfectly clean the quality of the beer is always inferior. About the Gam-Portland Business Directory brinus Brewery everything is kept as neat as wax-the tubs and vats are constantly being scalded and cleaned, and no filth is allowed to gather. Another prime essential in making lager beer is good water, and no brewery on the coast is as fortunate in that respect as the Gambrinus. Mr. Feurer has the sole right to use the water from the spring at City Park, and it is conveyed about onehalf mile to his brewery in pipes. It is the sweetest water in Portland. Lager beer must be brewed stronger than that made by the "California" process, and therefore the cost of brewing it is much greater. To be of the best quality it must be kept while fermenting

in a place where the temperature is low, and from two and a half to three months' time is necessary after fermentation before it can be placed on the market. Mr. Feurer has a cooler cellar and uses

more ice each year to keep a low tem-perature than all the other breweries in the city. Years ago in Europe and the Eastern States all lager beer was made in the winter season, and the absence of cool cellars caused a great deal of the beer to sour by the middle of the sumt mer. No manufacturer brewed beer at all during the warm season, until it was discovered that cellars could be kept of the proper temperature of ice, since which time beer has been made at all seasons. In order to obtain the best lager it is absolutely necessary that it be kept two or three months after fermentation in a cold cellar, and it is impossible to have lager without. Beer made by the

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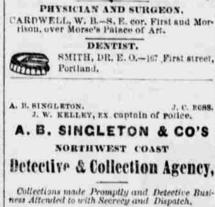
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was expostulating with the editor, and endeavoring to urge him to work, Mrs. Gales appeared and said she thought she could write out the speech, as she had been in the habit of assisting her husband in transcribing his notes. She undertook the task, and in two days sent Mr. Webster his speech in full. A magnificent diamond necklace was the rich reward of the Massachusetts Senator. And thus was preserved to American Interature the masterplace of our greatest

EDWARD EVERETT'S FAMILY. - Mrs. Wise, the widow of Lieutenant Wise, who died in Washington the other day, was the only daughter of Edward Everett, and was one of the brightert of his children, but was very plain. She leaves a son and daughter, the former named for his grandfather. William Everett 18 now the only one left of Ed-William ward Everett's immediate family. He is at the head of the old Adams Academy at Quincy, Mass. He is eccentric in his habits and manners, as as unlike his handsome and courtly father in features and personal appearance as could possibly be. The picturesque old homestead at Winchester, Mass., on the Mystic pond, over across from the hills on which the stately mansions of the Brookses, his connections by marriage, are situated, was long since deserted by the family, and it is now used as a sum-mer boarding-house. This is the homestead which was so injured by the raising of the waters of the pond when it was taken for the Mystic water-works, and on account of which Everett made so earnest an effort, just before his death, for large and what he considered only reasonable damages, dwelling on the injury to the beauty of the place rather than to the market ualue. It was from this hearing that he went direct to Faneuil Hall, and made his last great speech in behalf of the Savannah sufferers; when he remarked as he stepped upon the platform, 'My feet are like ice, but my heart is like He died a few days after, and the fire. mental agitation occasioned by this case was supposed by his friends to have hastened his death. After his brother Sidney's melancholy death, William Everett lived there alone for a while, pursuing his studies with great devo

After waiting four years a Michigan lover finally popped the question, and the girl answered, "Of course I'll have you; why, you fool, you, we could have been married three years ago.

ion.

In forming a judgment, lay your hearts void of foretaken opinions; else, whatsoever is done or said will be measured or said by a wrong rule; like them who have the jaundice, to whom everything appeareth yellow .- [Sir Philip Sidney. If thou desire to see thy child vir-tuous, let him not see his father's vices; related the most harrowing tales. On thou canst not rebuke that in children se occasions the banjo was hushed, it that they behold in thee; till reason be ing an article of the superstitious ne- ripe, examples direct more than precepts; Toe's creed that the sound of the banjo such as thy behavior is before thy while these stories were being told, was a children's faces, such commonly is art of invocation to the devil to grace theirs behind their parents' back .-

Difficulties, by bracing the mind to overcome them assist cheerfulness, as exercise digestion .- [Bovee.

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SAN FRANCISCO Jan. 26.—Wheat.—The aspect of the market on change to-day was dark and without a redeeming feature. Holders were * parentify willing to make concessions, but they met with no encour sgement. For a round lot of good No. 1, the highest bid obtained was \$1.85. A sample of extra choice was offered at \$1.90 without any response. It is but j is to say that there was a noticeable absence of leading buyers whose presence might have given a brighter color to the superfine file \$4.125, 200, 574; Oregon extra, \$5.76486; superfine, \$4.125, 200, 574; Oregon superfine, \$4.125, 200, 574; Oregon superfine, \$4.125, 200, 574; Oregon superfine, \$4.125, 201, 40

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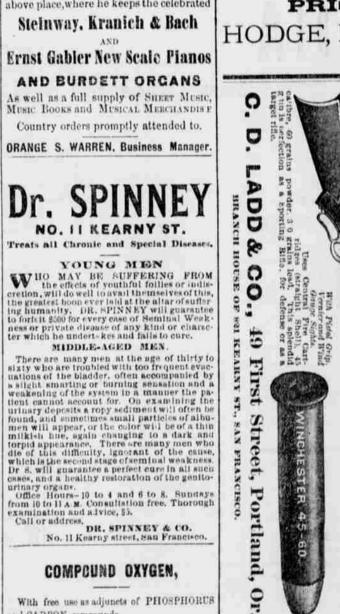
boldtreds 55465c; kidneys and peachblows 6547bc; early rose and peachblows and river reds 25624; # roots 75.

Wheat Receipts at Liverpool.

Liveneous Jan. 26.-Receipts of whist for the week: from Atlantic ports 18.250 quarters; Pacific 410 quarters; other sources 6100 quarters.

Boston Wool Market.

6, 7. Two cases of marked blood poisoning. Bostow, Jan. 24.-There was considerable excita-ment. Buyers ware more numerous, manufactur-ers being free purchasers. The most marked im-provement was in Midvigan fleeces, which advanced about 2c per pound on recent current ingures. Exercise to soft fleeces wood were resold at an advance of 2: to 3c on cost a few weeks ago. The demand includes all grades and qualities, To al anies foot up 4:47 8050 pounds of foreign and domestic. There was more softwity in washed fleeces than for a long time, and in medium, un wasted wools asies were very large. Combing and beaine fleeces were comparatively quiet. Bales include Obio and Pennsylvania fleeces and No. 1. 475(556, and medium, 475(502); Witsomsit, 475(56 4), New Hampabire, 45(5456; Combing and De laine fleeces. 50575; cassers and valley Oregon, 57(4845; Missouri, 40542); Kentucky, 45; Texas, 305555; Territory, 35(455), tub washed, 60; un washed and unmerchantable fleeces. 25(5); uper and x pulled, 45646); spring California, 29650; fail California, 21650; also a sale of 1,410 250 pounds of Montevideo, mostly to arrive, at 375(5640) Boston, Jan. 24 .- There was considerable excite-Cured in few days. 8, 9. Two cases of nervous debility of women doctored to death." One cured in seven and the other in sixteen days. 10 to 14. Five cases of chronic dyspepsia, catarrh or scrofulus ailment. All cured or greatly relieved in a few weeks' treatment, A small pamphlet on the Onygen Treatment and all enquiries answered, sENT FRRE, on application. Also, references to patients who have taken, or are now using the treatment. Address Dr. Filkington, Cor. First and



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