

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

The Catholics have built an Indian school at Stephen, D. T., costing \$10,000.

Forty-two Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians arrived at Pittsburgh, Pa., recently, to enter the Indian school at that place.

Preparations are already being made for the next Pan-Protestant Council to be held in London in 1898.

Dr. Francis Bacon, of New Haven, has been appointed by the Connecticut State Board of Education to compile the text-books authorized by the Legislature for use in the public schools.

During his recent visit, Rev. Phillips Brooks, so it is reported, absolutely refuses to receive his salary, asking that it be put to the credit of the church funds.

As regards the three leading denominations in Scotland, the following abstract of figures has been published: Established Church, 564,445 members; contributions, \$1,832,150.

President Bartlett, of Danmouth, was reproaching the boys for some heathenish conduct the other day and had just struck his time-honored strain in reprobation of "moral courage."

A correspondent of the Christian Union, writing from England, says that usually there is on the communion table in Nonconformist churches one eucharist with a blue ribbon.

The Episcopal Recorder, of Philadelphia, says: "At the recent Believers' Meeting of Niagara, among the speakers was the mayor of a Canadian city.

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WIT AND WISDOM.

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A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser to-day than he was yesterday.

He (reading)—And on rounding Sandy Hook Galatea fell off two points. She (not interested in yachting)—How much easier she must have felt, poor thing, particularly if they were tacks.

The floral bell is getting to be rather stale for marriage ceremonies. Why should not some enterprising couple be married under a pair tree?

Reputation is in itself only a farthing candle, of wavering and uncertain flame and easily blown out, but it is the light by which the world looks for, and finds, merit.

It seems strange that none of our exchanges have attempted to make a pun on the name of Mr. Houn, Captain of the Galatea. We think it might be accomplished with a little scratching.

Boarding-house wit, Adolphus (takes the last piece)—This is very good bread, Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson, the landlady—Yes, and I think it better bread than some of my boarders.

Some of the New York fire companies claim that they can hitch up and be ready to start for a fire in three seconds. There isn't much use in chain-lightning fooling away its time in that neighborhood.

"I say, Jobkins, can you let me have that dollar you owe me?" "Want it to-day, particularly?" "Well, you see, I have the toothache."

Bridget (who has been sent to crack some nuts in preparation for Mrs. Blank's little dinner-party to be held during the evening, enters with a few badly cracked upon a plate)—An in-lace, Missus Blank, O'll lose me place before O' break me tathe a-crackin' any more at them nuts. Me jaw's all lame now, so it is, so it is.—Life.

A sassy paper describes "an old maid's picnic where no men were allowed." Weren't "allowed?"

Where did you get that beautiful coat, Cecy, dear?" was the greeting of her friend as she dropped in for a morning call.

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A WONDERFUL TRAVELER.

The Remarkable Tours Made by an Inventive Citizen of Detroit.

Mr. Theodwick Brown is a man with a large head. In that head is a vast amount of imagination, personal and otherwise.

It is no trouble for him to cross the Atlantic, without sea sickness, and make a tour all over Europe, and there is where he has the advantage over other travelers.

Some nights when he can't sleep he goes out and roams about the world, and if the night is very dark he sometimes gets lost and can't tell for the life of him whether he is in America or on the Pacific Ocean.

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LONG-LIVED WHIMS.

Curious Directions Contained in the Wills of Various People.

An old woman who died lately in a village in Western Pennsylvania was so attached to her home and its belongings that she bequeathed it to her daughter so long as not an article of furniture was removed from the place it had occupied during her life.

Harriet Martineau left her skull and brain to a surgeon, for the purpose of scientific investigation.

A wealthy English nobleman, dying about a century ago, left five guineas for the purchase of a picture of a viper stinging the hand of his benefactor.

Every kind of whim and freak have been expressed by wills. Sierr Benoit desired that he might be buried in an old leather trunk which had gone around the world with him three times.

A shrewd merchant in Bremen left large legacies to six friends with the condition that none of them should follow him to the grave or show any sign of respect or grief on pain of forfeiture.

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BY HISTORY.

A Race Which Has Been Persecuted and Despised for Many Centuries.

Gypsies were descended from the wandering tribes of that portion of India once known as Hindustan. When the fierce Hindus came down in mighty hordes upon India, these tribes repelled them savagely, holding them in check above the Nerbuddah and Tappet rivers.

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STANDING ARMY.

Advantages of a Skeleton Organization Capable of Instant Expansion.

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CHINESE PRINCE.

The Mental and Physical Exercise They Receive While Being Educated.

The sons of the Manchu Emperors (Kwangtsi) undergo from their tenderest youth a system of the strictest education. Rising about three o'clock in the morning, they first take their lesson in Chinese literature, under the superintendence of the only tutor who has the title of shih fu or "master."

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THEY COME HIGH.

The Price Paid by an Excitable Man for a Grand Bed-Bug Hunt.

"How potent for good or evil are the little things of this life and this world," moralized a gentleman whose business takes him past the post-office corner several times each day.

"O, you need not ring your chestnut bell on me. The sentiment has a nutty flavor, I know, but the application is entirely original.

That's just the word I was groping around after to express my application I refer to bed-bugs. They are small things, but no trifles.

"Had to buy a new bedstead and sell the old one to a second-hand dealer, eh?"

"If that was all I wouldn't mention it. No, sir, one little tramping, meddlesome bed-bug has just cost me more than a hotel clerk's headlight is worth.

"What in the world are you about? Inquired my wife in a sweet and mellow tones that she brought with her from Vermont, the drumming having disturbed her slumbers.

"Trying to smash (thump) an infernal bed bug (thump), and I can't (thump) reach him."

"Three strikes, out!" shouted my wife, laughing.

"Hang bed-bugs, an I base Ball and all o'her pests!" responded I, and as soon as I commenced to talk excitedly that bug mizzled as if he had been an umpire in Kansas City.

"After my wife got through laughing, she said she would have the bed overhauled and reduce its census next day. I was not present at the investigation, but I have no doubt that it was thorough, for when I went home the next day to dinner, there was none; wife said she and the girl had been too busy, and I don't think she lied about it.

"We've looked every where for that bug and can't find him. Are you sure you felt one?" proclaimed and inquired my wife.

"Was I sure I felt one?" Think of that for a question!

"Well, my wife remarked that inasmuch as the bug might be hidden in the wall-paper or in a crack of the floor, it would be well to repaint and repair the room, and I weakly consented. Once the painters and paper hangers were inside the house, every carpet came up, and for a fortnight I slept in the kitchen beside the cook-stove. I paid the bill this morning—three hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Rapid Railroad Construction.

The Invaluable Horse gives the following account of the construction of the last stage of the New York railway: "Between Kaybet and Mery the rails were laid to the extent of one hundred and nineteen versts in the space of thirty-six days, which, if Sundays and festivals are excluded, become only thirty working days.

What an admirable thing it would be if every municipality kept in the bank a thousand dollars or two, raised by subscription, ready to be sent to any community made to suffer by some great public calamity.