Religion of Confucius.

The ethical system of Confucius is the least metaphysical and speculative of all that have attained a wide adoption among cultivated people. In his dialogues or analects we find everywhere a religious spirit, but nowhere any distinct expression of the nature or the source of religion itself. Customs, ceremonies, proprieties, filial piety, the worship of the spirit of ancestors and of sages, as also the spirits of the land and of places, all are enjoined, though in a somewhat formal, perfunctory way, and with no express statement of the principle or the authority upon which their obligations rest. Virtue and righteousness in the outer life are prescribed with sententious wisdom, but the ultimate law of righteousness, whether in nature, in reason, or in God. is nowhere clearly enunciated.

Admirably, indeed, were some of the rules given by Confucius for the conduct of life. "To subdue one's self and return to propriety is a perfect virtue;" "Benevolence is to love all men!" "We should be true to the principles of our nature, and the benevolent exercise of them to others;" "Let every attainment in what is good be firmly grasped;" "Let relaxation and enjoyment be found in the polite arts;" "Let every man consider virtue as what devolves on him- favor." self. He may not yield the performance of it even to his teacher;" "The man who, when gain is set before him, thinks of righteousness, who, with danger before him, is prepared to give up his life, and who does not forget an old agreement, however far back it extends, such a man may be reckoned a complete man." "Virtue is more to men than either water or fire. I have seen men die from treading of bread and give it to me." on water and fire, but I have never seen a man die from treading the course of virtue." Confucius described it under Emperor. Nicholas took an early opcertain manifestations without pointing to its inward essence : "To be able to huming the treasure from its wheaten practice five things everywhere under tomb discovered an inscription on the heaven constitutes perfect virtue; towit, gravity, generosity of soul, sincerity, earnestness and kindness." Again, Russie.' he seemed to resolve virtue back into obedience to knowledge:

plify illustrious virtue throughout the small, of course, for any of his coloss states, they first regulated their families. Wishing to regulate their families, they first cultivated their persons. Wishing to cultivate their persons, they first rectified their hearts. Wishing to rectify their hearts, they first sought to be sincere in their thoughts. Wishing to be sincere in their thoughts, they first extended to the utmost their knowledge. Such extension of knowledge lay in the investigation of things."

he applied his teachings to the benefit of the strongest possible proof of it. The shoots the last few thousand who make hungry mankind at large, and had no esoteric latest of these—the marriage early in ancient remarks about it, says she doctrines: "The man of perfect virtue | the present month of Lord Grantley to heard a new thing on red hair the other wishing to be established himself seeks | Miss MacVickar-is made the occasion day. A friend from the East said to also to establish others; wishing to be of some very pretty compliments by the her: "Mrs .---, I rather like this Skeenlarged himself he seeks also to enlarge others." And it is cetain that this remarkable sage did anticipate the "gold- Truth observes, "how many American ity got the best of her, and she asked en rule" of Christianity, at least upon girls marry Englishmen. This is because "Well, what in the name of the thirteen its negative side: "What I do not wish | they know how to make themselves apostles is Skeneatules hair?" "Oh!" men to do to me, I also wish not to do pleasant. English girls are, as a rule, said he, as he got on the other side of to men." A favorite disciple asked, either too gushing and talkative or have the table, and held his elbow up over "Is there not one word which may serve nothing to say for themselves. Ameri- his head so the press-board wouldn't as a rule of practice for all one's life?" ean girls unite the fact and savoir vivre hurt, "Skeneatales is about forty miles Confucius answered, "Is not 'recipro- of Frenchwomen with the solid qualities beyond Auburn, you know." He is now not do to others." When, however, we seek for the ultimate prin- always philosophically good tempciples upon which Confucius founded ered." This is gratifying, and as such lofty precepts of morality, we find a certain vagueness and reserve quite in contrast with the clearness and force of the precepts themselves. Though after his death Confucius was worshipped by his disciples with divine honors, and though he remains to this day a chief object of religious homage to the Chinese nation, he never claimed divinity, and hardly assumed a divine commission and warrant for his teachings. Once when his life was threatened, he said: "Was not the cause of truth lodged here in me? If heaven had wished to let this cause of truth perish, then I should not have got such a relation to that cause. While heaven does not let the cause of truth perish, what can the people of Kwang do to me?' Yet he spoke of himself with humility as the compiler of the wisdom of the ancients, and not the originator of wisdom or the author of a system.

That all which Confucius said and did was prompted by a religious sentiment is the impression one receives from an impartial reading of his works. "Man," said he, "has received his nature from heaven. Conduct in accordance with that nature constitutes what is right and true-is a pursuer of the proper path. . . . The path may not for an instant be left.

There is nothing that is more visible than what is secret, and nothing more manifest than what is minute, and therefore, the superior man is watchful over his aloneness." This seems to carry the distinction of right and wrong behind actions to the innermost thoughts and feelings, and to find in conscience "the eye of the mind" implanted by Heaven. It is held by some commentators on Confucius that he had no conception of a personal God, but used the term heaven impersonally, to denote the pantheistic principle in the universe; but Prof. Legge, whose careful translation and commentary we as re followed in the foregoing citations, is of the opinion that the term heaven is fitly ternal evidence of this in the we may gather from Confucius that re- Cincinnati Gazette. ligion is an inner sense of rightness or fitness implanted in man by his Creator.

cestors, to virtue in the conduct of life, and to justice and kindness toward

Romance of a Ring.

A Princess of Prussia at one time received a small antique ring from her governess for a present. About a year after the occurrence the court received a visit from the Grand Duke Nicholas, the brother of the Emperor Alexander, and who at that time was not the heir expectant of the crown. The Grand Duke saw the Princess, and with the quick resolve native to his disposition immediately determined to ask her in marriage. One day, as he was seated by her side at the royal dinner table, he dall and Smith, with other eminent auspoke to her of his forthcoming depart thorities, pronounce to be diamonds. ture, adding that it depended upon her whether or not his stay in Berlin should ville, Ky., of a man floating over the be prolonged.

smiling princess.

outspoken Nicholas. "You ask much."

ne some encouragement in my endeavors to please you. "That is still more difficult. Besides, the moment is not well chosen for a

"I beg your Royal Highness to give ent to you. You have a little ring on your finger, the possession of which

to give me the ring. "What! give the ring at the dinner "Let me see; press it into this piece

And press the ring into a piece of bread she did and gave it to the future portunity to leave the hall, and on exinner side in French, and running to the following effect : "L'Imperatrice de la

for the rest of his days attached to a times per minute, exploded in that city "That's richness; there's innocence!" had the most terrible first application of the city in th "The ancients who wished to exem- chain round his neck, the ring being too empire, first ordered well their cwn fingers. The future Empress, it seems, states. Wishing to order well their had been unconsciously wearing for some time the emblem of her future

American vs. English Girls.

American women, despite certain fantastic figures in recent English novels, and despite half-truth caricaturists of the It is a special honor of Confucius that cousins of the number of instances of her hair until she goes around and city' such a word? What you do of the Anglo-Saxon race. They know carried in a sling, and his friends have rights obliged to this man, and I'll black MOLSON & SONS' want done to yourself, do how to set off their natural advantages to get a pass from the matron of the his boots besides. You'd better run with dress, and they are almost hospital to see him. -- Boston Globe. regards the educated American young women with whom English society has been made most familiar. substantially correct, It may be doubted, however-and this of course has no personal but merely a general application-whether or not on the whole English husbands are likely to get on with American wives as well as American husbands are with English wives. Englishmen are bred to look for a habit of direct and unquestionable obedience in the women they marry, which, be the theory what it may, in American practice is apt to be modified. Women in this country are habitually much more spoiled than in England, and, after the first flush of novelty and admiration, an American girl wedded on the other side of the ocean is likely to find out the difference and not likely to enjoy it. The American man, on the contrary, accustomed to give way to women much more than his trans-Atlantic kinsman, is often charmed by the deference and submissiveness toward their lords which English wives are so commonly trained to think a matter of course. Perhaps spoiling on either side is not the safest basis for permanent happiness, but experience has shown in many cases of the sort we suggest-that of cross marriages of the natives of the two coun tries-that the happy pairs are the happiest when the man is of the new world and the woman of the old .- New York Frening Post.

Plate Glass.

Charleroi, a considerable town a short distance from Brussels, is nearly as and in the manufacture of plate is In this letter he says: "My works are the best, for it is warranted by their other descriptions were hitherto exported at by way of satisfaction. Be it so. to the United States in large quantities | The same impulse which made 'Otho a from the manufactories of Charleroi, warrior will make me one also. My But during the last few years this trade domestic affairs being, moreover, conhas been gradually diminished, until now siderably arranged, my appetite for explained by 'the lofty one who the exportation has dwindled to zero. traveling pretty well satiated with my is on high." There seems to be in- On further inquiry I was told at the late peregrinations, my various hopes in consulate that the chief cause of this this world almost extinct, and not very saying of Confucius, "He who defends diminution was the manufacture of plate brilliant in the next, I trust I shall go against Heaven has none to whom he glass in the United States; that the through the process with a creditable can pray." The idea of offense, of prayer progress in the production of this article sang froid, and not disgrace a line of and of such alienation by offense that had been very great of late, and the cut-throat ancestors." He alludes to prayer can no longer avail implies the Belgians are beginning to fear that the the fact that he is "happily not married," recognition of a personal being, and the "quick witted Americans" will soon be and in speaking of the marriage of his term Heaven is but a reverential veil sending plate glass to sell in the shops friend Drury, says he will never forgive for the name of God. Upon the whole of Charleroi.—Correspondence to the matrimony "for having spoiled such an

Mother-"Now, Emma, what is the death of his mother occurred just after God and the spirits of sages and of an- five -"The same as it was last Sunday. on his way from London to Newstead.

Notes and Clippings.

It takes a gentleman about three years to learn to fan a young lady so as not to muss her bangs.-Cleveland

Brave "Pat" Lynch, the New York" fireman who so nearly lost his life in trying to save the lives of a woman and her children, was the recipient of a "benefit" at Niblo's Garden, which net ted the handsome sum of \$2,250.

It is done at last. A Scotchman in forms the Glasgow Philosophical Society that, after experimenting since 1866, he has succeeded in obtaining crystalized forms of carbon, which Professors Tyn-

A wild story is current in Owingsplace in the air. Several persons declare "What shall I do, then, to influence they saw him. A woman describes him your intention?" was the reply of the as making extravagant gestures awhile, and then rising out of sight. One the-"You must not refuse to receive my ory is that it was Wise, the missing addresses," immediately returned the meeonaut; that he had let himself down by a rope from his balloon, which the startled spectators failed to see, in the "I ask even more. You ought to give hope of effecting a landing.

A bank in New Orleans failed last year, leaving about \$600,000 assets, to manage and disburse which a receiver was appointed. Last week he made a statement to the creditors, showing that this balance had been entirely absorbed me a sign that I am not totally indiffer- by his fees and legal expenses. The stockholders thereupon passed a series of sarcastic resolutions thanking him for would render me happy. I beseech you not bringing them into debt. The re ceiver responded cheerfully, saying he had worked pretty hard, it was true, but table and in the presence of all these he was sufficiently rewarded by the proud consciousness of having done his duty. We have since telegraphed the said official a flattering offer to edit this department. A man with such a fine sense of humor as that shouldn't be wasted.—S. F. Post.

A transposition occurred in the makeup of two telegraph paragraphs in the New Haven Journal and Courier recently, which produced the following effect: The first paragraph read: "A large cast- cough or sneeze," said the little girl, iron wheel, revolving nine hundred she saw a frown on the man's face. yesterday after a long and painful illness. laughed the shiner, and the man's face degree mason." This was followed by said they could sit nearer. the second paragraph which read: "John Fadden, the well known florist and real estate broker, of Newport, R. I., died in Wardner & Russell's sugar mill, injuring several workmen and Lorenzo | gal, are ye hungry ?" Wilcox fatally .- Troy Whig.

Talking about warm hair, a lady in "Irene Macgillicuddy" school, have no Milwaukee, whose hair very nearly reason to complain of a lack of admir- matches the brick in the Winconsin ing appreciation from their British building, and who has been joked about London Truth, whose title in this case neatales hair of yours." She didn't like is not a misnomer. "It is curious," the to ask any questions, but finally curios- to say,

A prominent merchant of St. Johns, N. B., disappeared from his home recently, and after wandering insanely around for a while, was picked up in the streets of Rochester, N. Y., and com- times; good bye. mitted to the asylum. Papers found on his person revealed his identity. His the window with softer lines in his face friends were notified, and when his wife arrived at the asylum, the joy of meet ing her, instantly restored his reason. He knew nothing about leaving home or where he had been, and was greatly astonished to find himself in a lunatic asylum. A somewhat similar case of Press. sudden insanity occurred in Oakland, Cal., recently. M. P. V. A. Smith, man, came there from the East last Spring for the the purpose, and entered Dr. Toland's Medical College for study. He was well supplied with cash, and on the sheriff of the county ene day, week before last, and stated that two men were following for the purpose of out of place at a funeral, you know." killing him. The sheriff locked him in a cell for safety, and on the Monday following, having been adjudged insane. was sent to the asylum at Napa, in care of the deputy sheriff, and while on the way, jumped from the boat into the water and was drowned.

Letter Written by Byron.

Among the letters which Lord Byron wrote to friends in England during his first tour abroad, one dated at Athens, in November, 1810, and not given by Moore, was recently published for the first time. He had left England soon after the "English Bards" came out, and on his return brought with him the barn, wagon or machinery, the wondercelebrated for its iron works as I e first two cantos of "Childe Harold." ful Imperishable Mixed Paint is surely stands unrivalled. I learned at the likely to have a powerful effect with a agents in your own town not to chalk. American consulate in this city that vengeance, as I hear of divers angry glass of the largest size plates and people whom it is proper I should shoot excellent bachelor." Byron was not married until five years later. The

Little Red Noses.

stung the other day! It was the first signal of a long dreary Winter, and even men in overcoats turned sharp corners to get out of the biting blast. Two children, a boy and a girl, neither over 9 years old, stood shivering in a doorway on Monroe avenue, wishing to go on to their lowly home, but dreading the wind. They crept closer and closer to each other, and their chins quivered and their noses grew red as they grew colder. Hundreds of men and women passed up and down without care, but by and by along came a whistling, jovial lad of 14, who was swinging his bootblack kit by a strap and picking up the steps of some clog dance. He saw these shivering bits of humanity where others were blind, and halting before them with a "clig-jigger-rigger" of his heels and a toss of his box, he called out: "Kin I borry them 'ere chins o' yours

about an hour ?"

"Yes, ma'am," she answered again.

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He led the way across the street and into an office where there was a fire. He had placed chairs for them when a man came in from a back room and said:

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Deceased was a prominent thirty-second cleared and he poked up the fire and

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us," she replied.

"Well, I'll give as much," replied the

man. "You go and buy something and they can sit here and eat it." Shiner bought crackers and cheese, and the children ate until he was obliged

"Now, you cubs, go a little bit slow and save the rest for supper. Kin ye find the way home alone ?

"And do you feel as warm as tater bugs rolled up in wool?

"All right, then. We're dead to along home now. What ye going to tell your mother?"

-and thank you, ma'am, ever so many

than had been there for many months. The boy stood outside on the walk and watched until they had turned a corner, and then exclaimed :

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"Yes, ma'am," demurely replied the

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"An' that 'ere cub is your brother, I s'spose? Well, when I'm cold I git warm. What do you do-freeze? "Yes, ma'am, if you please," she re

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"Yes, ma'am."

"I'll tell her we come awful near go-

ing to heaven, and my little brother thanks you, too, and now we'll go, and

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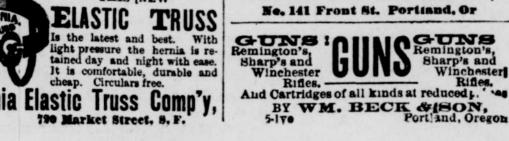
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