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A copy of Pope Leo's dying prayer, written by himself and included in a volume of verses presented by him to each of the cardinals of the Sacred college on the occasion of his recent jubilee.

Leo, now sets thy sun: Pale is its dying ray:
Black night succeeds thy day.

Black night for thee: Wasted thy frame:
Life's blood sustains No more thy shrunken veins.

Death casts his fatal dart: Robbed for the grave thy bones
Lie under the cold stones.

But my freed soul escapes her chains, and longs in flight
To reach the realms of light.

That is the goal she seeks: Thither her journey fares:
Grant, Lord, my anxious prayers.

That with the citizens of heaven, God's face and light.
May ever thrill my sight.

That I may see thy face, Heaven's queen, whose mother love
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To Thee, saved through the tangles of a perilous way,
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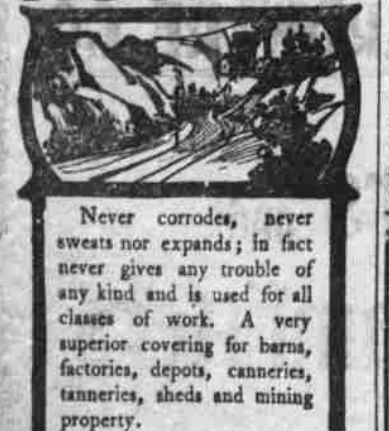
Under the caption "Still the Book of Books" the Boston Transcript has these suggestive words:

The extraordinary change of belief as regards the origin and sanctity of the Bible, which has marked the religious thinking of the past 19 years, does not in the least interfere with its sales, but has rather increased them. This is very obvious, if one consults the statements of the various Bible societies. The two largest societies in America and England put out last year nearly ten million copies. It is a remarkable thing that no concern engaged in printing this book has failed, though there was some agitation a few years ago to form a Bible trust. The prices have been declining for years, and the cost of manufacturing has in some particulars advanced. The output of the Oxford press is 20,000 a week. This edition is always in great demand. Forty thousand sheets of gold are used in lettering the copies, and the skin of 100,000 animals for binding are used every year.

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Texas may be losing her oil wells, but she'll not "go broke" entirely. News of the discovery in El Paso county of a great body of tin ore, near the Rio Grande, is announced. As long as a man has "the tin" he's independent.

Theodore Roosevelt enjoys the distinction of being the most wounded president who ever sat in the seat of George Washington. He has received 15 serious injuries.

A New Jersey court has decided that palmistry is "a crafty science intended to deceive the simple-minded." Perhaps that court thinks it has made a discovery.

A crusty old bachelor is on record as saying that marriage is a means of grace because it breaks up the pride and leads to repentance.

A gold brick valued at \$23,500 was stolen from an express company in Detroit. Such a crime was never known in Astoria.

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