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SOUL VISIONS.
Many and many of these men whom we see plodding on in their dusty ways are traveling with visions in their souls. Nobody knows it but themselves and God. Once, years ago, they saw a light. They knew, if only for a moment, what companionship, what attainments, they were made for. That light has never faded. It is the soul of good things which they are doing in the world today. It makes them sure when other men think their faith is gone. It will be with them till the end, until they come to all its prophecies.—Phillips Brooks.

A GREAT TUNNEL.
During the life of the present generation the Alps have been pierced four times by tunnels, the latest of these being the greatest of them, the tunnel under the Simplon Pass. Work on this great enterprise began in 1898, and a French geographical journal, quoted by the New York Sun, announces that on the fourth day of May the Swiss and Italian workmen, who have been approaching one another from the opposite ends of the tunnel, knocked down the slight barrier of rock which separated them. The Jura-Simplon Company agreed to have the tunnel ready for use in five and a half years. They have spared neither time, money nor skill in the endeavor to fulfill their contract; but the difficulties they have met have been enormous; and the Swiss government, rightly taking the difficulties into account, has extended the time for the completion of the tunnel to April 30, 1905, and has given the company a supplementary credit, increasing the payment for the tunnel from \$14,000,000 to \$15,000,000. The first of these great Alpine tunnels in point of time was the Mont Cenis tunnel in France, which is nearly eight miles long, and was 14 years in construction, being finished 54 years ago. Next came the St. Gothard, nine and a quarter miles long, which was also a half year in construction, and was completed 24 years ago; then came the Arlberg, six and a half miles long, three and a half years in building, and completed 21 years ago. The Simplon is 12 1/2 miles long, its greatest altitude above the level of the sea being 2514 feet, while the altitude of Mont Cenis is 4248 feet. The work has been done, as all work of the kind is done on the Continent, with artistic completeness. The station at Brig was finished some time ago and is a notable structure. The valley which approaches the tunnel from the Italian side was one of the most beautiful in modern Italy, but has been hopelessly scarred by excavations cut through the rock, and the litter and disfigurement attendant upon railroad building, to say nothing of a great village of Italian workmen which has grown up near the entrance of the tunnel. This entrance is approached by a series of smaller tunnels which extend all the way from Lake Maggiore. The greatest obstacles which the enterprise has been compelled to meet have been water and heat. During the first three months of 1902 the work on the Italian end advanced only 50 feet, so many were the springs that were met and so great was the volume of water which had to be cared for. The heat has been in many places prostrating, the temperature ranging from 95 to 107 degrees. It was necessary to shorten the hours of work and to provide buildings and facilities for hot and cold baths, so that when the miners came out of the tunnel they should not be at once exposed to the keen Alpine air. The completion of this tunnel will give direct communication between Milan and Paris and London and points all the way to

THE ROSE OF MEMORY.
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"It is a dream of you!"
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LAST AND FIRST.
The pillar of all churches at which civilized nations find a shrine is woman. In the city of New York two-thirds of the active membership and three-fourths the attendance at Catholic churches is made up of women. In the Protestant churches the proportion of women is slightly less, being 57 per cent. Women and children together make up a full 74 per cent of the membership of the Catholic churches and 67 of the Protestant. These proportions are notoriously true of all city congregations, but the proportion of women is somewhat less in country congregations everywhere. The unceasing and wholly unselfish activity of women in devising ways and means for the maintenance of the modern Church finds a cruel and irrational complement in their almost complete submergence in all church affairs aside from those directly connected with "raising the wind." They are denied the pulpit, given delegate rights by only a few churches, and by them grudgingly; but the clergy and lay authorities stretch welcoming arms to the sisters who do so much to pay salaries and debts—as worshippers and financiers. The Church will come into its own as a humanizing, spiritual factor, and also into its distinctively temporal rights only when it extends equal and exact privileges (not rights, as the right is now theirs) to those who were "last at the Cross and first at the Sepulchre."

THE M'CLELLAN BOOM.
Mayor McClellan of New York, whose presidential boom is the latest, was born in Dresden, Saxony, but there is no doubt about his eligibility. It is already established that a son born to American parents in a foreign country, where they happen to be temporarily sojourning, does not have to be naturalized, and the term, "natural born citizen," means simply born an American citizen, as distinguished from gaining citizenship through special laws.
Mayor McClellan's political assets are that he has always supported his party; he has a name to conjure with; he is young.
Mayor McClellan started out as a newspaper man. He was invited to enter politics by Tammany, and has followed the policy ever since, of being a supporter of the powers-that-be in the organization. He was promised the highest honors, in due course of time, if he would be "good." And he has been "good," and Tammany has delivered the goods. This political contract, however, gave him the name of pliancy for the sake of position. He has been accused of bartering his father's name to a corrupt machine like so much goods. Therefore the independent and educated sentiment of New York will regard his nomination for the presidency with disgust. He has been soundly and roundly trounced by the Hearst newspapers, by the way as a corporation tool, in account of signing the Remonty gas franchise "grab."

FACTS ABOUT RUSSIA.
Two and one-half times as large as the United States and Alaska.
Thirty thousand miles of coast line, half of it leeward.
Thirty-six thousand miles of railroad, two-thirds of it owned by the government.
The United States has 53 times as many miles of telegraph and sends 15 times as much mail.
The United States has 23 times as many factories.
One-twentieth as much coal produced and one-sixth as much iron as in the United States.
Total exports, \$350,000,000.
Next to the United States as a grain producing country.
Population in 1903, 141,000,000.
Russians, 65 per cent; Poles, 7 per cent; Finns, 5 per cent; Turco-Tatars, 9 per cent, and Jews, 3 per cent.
Average laborer gets one-quarter as much wages as in the United States.
Only 90 daily papers.—The World's Work.

COMING EVENTS.
June 15, 16, 17—Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.
June 22—Thirty-second annual reunion Oregon Pioneers, Portland.
June 23, 24, 25—Northwest Sportsmen's tournament, Pendleton.
August 22-27—American Mining Congress, Portland.
Sumpter will have a Fourth of July celebration with many extra frills on account of the failure of Baker City to celebrate.

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After the years comes love, by memory led,
Where stars forget to gleam;
The garden ruined, and the dear rose dead—
The phantom of a dream!

There, with the ghosts of stars that made heaven bright,
Phonetic of love's pain,
Alone love kneels, and prays the holy night,
To bring the dream again.

After the years' . . . Life is a little space—
The faintest flower's breath,
And life's one joy to dream of your dear face—
Down to the gates of death.

O, sea! dividing lives that loved in vain—
O coral isles afar!
Darkness and distance, where the storms complain
From troubled star to star—

Read me her dreams, beneath the alien skies—
Over the wild sea-foam—
Love is not love that is not sacrifice—
And love will lead love home.
—Atlanta Constitution.

EATING TOO MUCH.
Writers of the most divergent schools agree that most of the ills of man spring from eating the wrong things, or eating too much. Yet both these follies are avoidable. A growing child or youth must eat to get material both to forward growth and to replenish waste. But a grown person has only to keep up repairs. Any food beyond this purpose only gets in the way as decaying and fermenting matter, or as fat, and adds to the problems of elimination—overworking and incapacitating the organs of the body.
A quaint old writer says that we should eat only to enable our bodies "to perform a more cheerful attendance upon the soul in her several functions." Yet how many of us let our eating serve to weigh down the body at its work, rather than to wing it on to finer service.

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