MY CREED.

[From the OVERSEER] Pray thee put the sermon by; my soul no more with creeds; They are only stones and husks to my hungry spirit's needs. I am tired of striving sects with their various Ah! for me death helds no terror but the fear of

losing thee. In a Heaven apart from thee, could my exiled

soul rejoice? Could I join the angel's song, missing thence thy tender voice?

What to me were gates of pearl, if they parted thee and me? What the streets so fair and golden, if I walked them seeking thee?

What to me would be the joys of that bright and wondrous land. If among them I should miss evermore thy loving hand?

What to me the pastures green where thy feel could never be? What path beside still waters, if thou walkest not with me?

Ah? wherever after death my still faithful soul may dwell, Saints may call it bliss or woe, they may name it Heaven or hell, By thee only, oh beloved! will my pain or joy I shall find my Heaven beside thee and my hell

where thou art not.

The Lame-Backed Boy.

A boy went into a store the other morning, limping, and seemed to be broke up generally. The proprietor asked him if he wouldn't sit down, and he said he couldn't very well, as his back was lame. He seemed discouraged, and the proprietor asked him what was the matter. "Well," said he, "there is no encouragement for a boy to have any fun nowadays. If a boy tries to play an inno-cent joke he gets kicked all over the house. You see, my old man is no spring chicken, and though his eyes are not what they used to be, yet he can see a protty girl further than I can. The other day I wrote a note in a fine hand, and addressed it to him, asking him to be on a certain corner at half-past seven on Saturday evening, and signed the name Daisy to it. At supper time pa was all shaved up, and had his hair plastered over the bald spot, and he got on some clean cuffs, and said he was going to the lodge to initiate some candidates, and he might not be in till late. He didn't eat much supper, and hurried off. I winked at ma, but didn't say anything. At half-past seven I went down town, and he was standing there by the corner, in a dark place. I went by him, and said: 'Hello, pa, what are you doing there?' He said he was waiting for a man. I went down street, and pretty soon I went up on the other corner, and he was standing there. You see, he didn't know what corner Daisy was going to be on, and he had to cover the whole four corners. I asked him if he hadn't found his man yet, and he said no, the man was a little late. I went up street, and I saw pa cross over by the drug store, and I could see a girl going by with a water-proof on, but she skited along, and pa looked kind of solemn, the way he does when I asked him for new clothes. I turned and came back, and he was standing there in the doorway, and I said: 'Pa, you will catch cold if you stand round waiting for a man. You go down to the lodge, and let me lay for the man.' Pa said: 'Never you mind; you go about your business, and I will attend to the man.' Well, when a boy's pa tells him to never mind, my experience is that boy wants to go right away from there, and I went down street. thought I would cross over and go up the other side, and see how long he would stay. There was a girl or two going up ahead of me, and I see a man hurrying across from the drug store to the other corner. It was pa, and as the girls went along and never looked around, pa looked mad, and stepped into a doorway. It was about eight o'clock then, and pa was went up to him, and asked him for a half proceedings in for a breach of promise. a dollar to go to the theater. I never knew him to shell out so quick. He gave me a dolfar, and I told him I would go and get it changed, and bring him back the half dollar, but he said I need not mind the change. It is awful mean of a boy that has been treated well to play it en his pa that way, and I felt ashamed. As I turned the corner and saw him standing there shivering, waiting for the man, my conscience troubled me, and I told a policeman to go and tell pa that Daisy had been suddenly taken sick, and would not be there that evening. Well, when I went home the joke was so good I told ma about it, and she was mad. I guess she was mad at me for treating pa so. I heard pa come home about 11 o'clock, and ma was real kind to him. She told him to warm his feet, 'cause they were just like chunks of ice. Then she asked him how many they initiated in the lodge, and he said six; and then she asked him if they initiated Daisy in the lodge, and then she began to cry. In the morning pa took me into the basement, and gave me the hardest talking to that I ever had, with a bed-slat. He said that he knew that I wrote that note all the time, and what did he give me that dollar for? Ma and pa don't seem to call each other pet any more, and as for me they both look at me as though I was a hard citizen. I am going to Missouri to take Jesse James' place. There is no encouragement for a boy here." And the boy limped out to separate a couple of dogs that were fighting.—[Peck's Sun.

"How did you like Europe:

too splendid for anything!" was the reply.

"And were you sick?" "Yes, awfully sick." "And was your husband good to year's subscription to the Pacific Overseer, the great semi-monthly A. O. U. W. paper. "How did you like Europe?" "It's thing! Just as soon as he found out I was sick he went and drank salt water. so as to be sea-sick in unison with me, and I'm not his second wife, either!"

Two men discussing the wonders of modern science. Said one: "Look at signs. substances they are made of." "Yes," said the other, "but strangest of all to me is how they found out all their things. If you slight them on their first names."- New York Post.

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flowers is always the first to be touched by the thorns. For every vice or virtue a man exhibits he generally gets credit or discredit

for a whole brood. I can do by another what I cannot do alone. I can say to you what I cannot

first say to myself. Douglas Jerrold said savagely: "Truth is like gold; people try to make a little of it go a long way.

Let men laugh when you sacrifice desire to duty, if they will. You have time and eternity to rojoice in.

Predominant opinions are generally the opinions of the generation that is vanishing.

Do not consider any virtue trivial and so neglect it, or any vice trivial, and so practice it. The two great movers of the human

mind are the desire of good and the fear The woman and the soldier who do

not defend the first pass will never defend the last. To despise our own species is the price

we must two often pay for a knowledge The innocent are photographed by the

angels, and their negatives preserved in the gallery of heaven. The difficulty with some sermons is, as Rivarol says, that they are written in laudanum on sheets of lead."

Nothing of worth or weight can be achieved with half a mind, with a faint heart and lame endeavor.

The best way to discipline one's heart ist scandal is to believe all stories false which ought not to be true. Instead of complaining of the thorns

among the roses, we should be thankful there are roses among the thorns. Employment for the mind is essential to the cultivation of the powers of the

intellect. Inactivity tends toward ener-Prejudice and selfi-sufficiency proceed naturally from experience of the world

and ignorance of mankind. A sin without its punishment is as impossible, and as complete a contradiction in terms, as a cause without an ef-

The truly illustrious are they who do not court the praise of the world, but who perform the actions which most de-

Those only who know little can be said to know anything. The greater the knowledge the greater the doubt. It is a great deal easier to build cas-

tles in the air when you are young than it is to live in them when you are old. True goodness is like the glow worm in this—that it shines most when no eyes but those of heaven are upon it.

Pride and epulence may kiss in the morning as a married couple, but they are likely to be divorced at sunset. One should not dispute with a man who, either through stupidity or shame-

lessness, denies plain and visible truths. It is an admitted fact that men who use their brains live longer, other things being equal, than the men who do not. An Illinois man, with a foresight wor-

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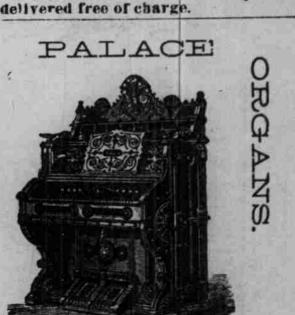
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