An Enemy Baffled.

There is an enemy with whom thousands are familiar all their lives because they are born with a tendency to biliousness. With this enemy they are constantly battling with ineffectual weapons. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will baffle it. Mere puagatives will not reform a disocdered condition of the liver indicated, not by constipation alone but by sick headaches, yellowness of the skin and eye balls, furred tongue and uneasiness, more particularly upon pressure upon the right side, upon and below the short ribs. Avoid drastic purgatives, which gripe and weaken the intestines, and substitute this world famous anti bilious cordial, which likewise removes molarial, stomatcbic and kidney complaints, rheumotism and nervousness. As a lazative of the bowels, painless but effectual, it improves appetite, sleep and the ability to digest and possesses the additional advantage of a standard tonic.

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Emperor William recently attended a performance of the Imperial opera company at Vienna, the male members of which had to sacrafice their mustaches in obedience to his whim that singers should not wear such adornments.

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Not from a Financial Standpoint.

"I do not recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy from a financial standpoint, for we have others in stock on which we make a larger profit," says Al. Maggini, a prominent druggist of Braddock, Pennsylvania, "but because many of our customers have spoken of it in the highest praise. We sell more of it than of any similar preparation we have in the store." For sale by all druggists.

Congressman Moore has had the grip in Washington for three successive Decembers and by the advice of his physician will not go to the capital until after the holidays. He has arranged to pair with a democratic member.

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For all forms of nasal catarrh where there is dryness of the air passage with what is commonly called "stuffing up," especially when going to bed, Ely's Cream Balm gives immediate relief. Its benefit to me has been priceless.—A. G. Case, M. D., Millwood, Kas.

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A miner who long ago studied shorthand by tracing the characters with a pin on a stone blackened by the smoke of a lamp, is now a member of the British Parliament. His name is Keir Hardle.

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Draw Your Own Conclusion.

Mr J. O. Davenport, manager of the Fort Bragg Redwood Co., Fort Bragg, California, has this to say of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy: "I used it for a severe cold and cough and obtained immediate relief. In the Fort Bragg Redwood company's store we have sold large quantities of Chamberlain's medicines." For sale by all druggists.

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Hezekiah Butterwort will write the poem for the anniversary of Washington's crossing of the Deleware, which the Sons of the Revolution will celebrate as usual this year at Trenton, N. J.

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One of my children had a very bad discharge from her nose. Two physicians precribed, but without benefit We tried Ely's Cream Balm, and, much to our surprise, their was a marked improvement. We continued using the Balm and in a short lime the dischare was cured.—O. A. Cary, Corning, N. Y.

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Mrs. Martha D. Strickland, of Detroit, has been admitted to paactice law at Memphis, Tenn., having fallen in love with that town during the recent convention of the women in Memphis.

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From Newberg.

C. F. Moore & Co., prominent druggists of Newberg, Oregon, say: "Since our customers have become accustomed with the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, we sell but little of any other kind. Chamberlain's medicine's all give good satisfaction." For sale by all druggists.

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Pope Leo is a poet of the Virgilian school. He writes in Latin verse with great facility, and a volume of his poems in that language is expected to be made public shortly.

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An Invaluable Remedy for Colds.

Sheriff Hardman, of Tyler county, West Virginia, was almost prostrated with a cold when he began useing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. In speaking of it he says: "It gave me almost instant relief. I find it to be an invaluable remedy for colds." For sale by all druggists.

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Ex-Judge Charles P. Daly is said to be the oldest "first nighter" in New York. He saw Edmund Kean's American debut in 1821 and Fanny Kemble's Julia in 1837.

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The Testimonials

Published on behalf of Hood's Sarsaparilla are as reliable and as worthy your confidence, as if they came from your best and most trusted neighbor. They state only the simple facts in regard to what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done, always within truth and reason.

Constipation, and all troubles with the digestive organs and the liver, are cured by Hood's Pills. Unequalled as a dinner pill.

Senator Mills, of Texas, will be the guest of the Mills club, of Albany, N. Y., after the adjournment of congress for the holidays, at a date not yet fixed.

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But two ex-governors of Pennsylvania survive Henry M. Hoyt. They are Andrew G. Curtin and James A. Beaver, and both reside in the little town of Bellefonte.

BileBeans
Small
Guaranteed to cure Bilious attacks, Sick Headache and Constipation. 40 in each bottle. Price 25c. For sale by druggists.
Picture "7, 17, 70" and sample dose free.
J. F. SMITH & CO., Proprietors, NEW YORK.

THE DELIGHT OF BATTLE.

Fierce Enthusiasm Which Makes Wounds Unfelt.

When the invention of gunpowder had withdrawn the chief motive of athletic training, the enthusiasm of the arena was transferred to trials of strength by proxy—cocking mains, bear baits and bull fights—at best poor substitutes for the sports of Olympia, though the validity of humanitarian objections is modified by one curious fact—viz., that death in a circus combat is on the whole the least disagreeable way of crossing the Styx. It is the easiest death. The old Berserkers knew what they were about when they prayed to die in battle rather than in bed. In the heat of combat wounds are actually unfelt; excitement operates like an anæsthetic, and the fighter reels into Nirvana as in a trance.

A rough and tumble fight is far more exciting than the machine war of our modern armies, but even modern soldiers know that in battle injuries not involving the demolishment of a motive organ often remain unnoticed till they announce themselves through exhaustion or such external symptoms as swelling and hemorrhage After the repulse of Torres Vedras, Massena congratulated the survivor of his staff and vaunted himself bulletproof, when the remark of a bystander caused him to put his hand to his wounded forehead. "Chien de Notre Dame! Quest-ce que ca?" said he, with unfeigned surprise.

Besides, "consent forfeits the right of complaint," as the old law maxim has it Not all soldiers are volunteers, and "cowards die many times;" but a circus manager would have no difficulty in raising a regiment of bullies, from a count to a cock bantam, not only willing but impatiently eager to try conclusions with or without a referee. Warfare is one of the normal mediums of natural selection, and captive wild animals of the carnivorous species particularly need very little encouragement to accept a challenge.

An instinctive recognition of these facts, rather than of our ethical scruples, seems to prevent semicivilized nations from seeing anything wrong in a prize fight. They might think it disgraceful to plague a peaceful creature, but can see nothing objectionable in witnessing a display of natural combativeness. "Que idea!" exclaimed a Mexican farmer, whom Bishop Riley had taken to task for his cock fighting, "they volunteer performances on every dunghill; are they any the worse for having spectators?"

HOW'S THIS.

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co, Props., Toledo, O.

We the undersigned, have known F J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

West & Truax, wholesale druggists, Toledo, O., Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, wholesale druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c. per bottle Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

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The Duchess of Portland is the only woman who ever had a dress made and sewed on her person while she stood upright.

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Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy.

I have sold and used in my family for several years Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy and have found it one of the most useful and satisfactory remedies I ever handled.—C. H. Lewis, druggist, Salt Lake City, Utah. For sale by all druggists.

Miss Katherine Tynan, who plays a prominent part in Irish literature and politics, is a general favorite in Dublin. She is engaged to be married, it is understood, to a member of Trinity College, but expects to continue her literary work without abatement.

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A Cure for Croup.

If your children are subject to croup always keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at hand. It is a prompt and certain cure. If given as soon as the croupy cough appears it will prevent the attack. For sale by all druggists.

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Miss Gertrude I. Barrett, daughter of Rev. B F. Barrett of Philadelphia, has been made general manager of the Swedenborg Publishing Association since the decease of her father, who was for many years president of the association.

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Why will you suffer from indigestion and dyspepsia? Simmon's Liver Regulator is pleasand and cures.

Prince Momo Lulu of Nashville, the young negro who became king of the Vey nation in Africa by his father's death some time ago, has started to take his seat on the throne.

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No one ever tried Simmon's Liver Regulator without being satisfied with its effect.

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Barrett Browning, son of two famous poets, wrote verses of promise when he was 5 years old, and John Ruskin said he should be a great poet, He is a painter instead.

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If you feel all broke up and out of sort agitate your liver with Simmon's Liver Regulator.

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M. Pastuer is an unlicenced practitioner, and has to employ one of the regulars to preform the slightest surgical operation needed in his business.

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You don't have to continue dosing with Simmon's Liver Regulator. Often a little cures effectually.

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Miss Sophonisba Breckinridge, the daughter of Congressman Beckinridge, has been admitted to the bar, and is practicing law in Kentucky.

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One *Small* Bile Bean every night for a week arouse Torpid Livers. 25c. per bottle.

Governor-elect Lewelling of Kanses was once a mule-driver on the Erie canal.

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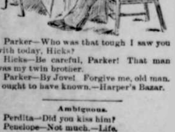

Parker—Who was that tough I saw you with today, Hicks?

Hicks—Be careful, Parker! That man was my twin brother.

Parker—By Jove! Forgive me, old man. I ought to have known.—Harper's Bazar.

Ambiguous.

Perdita—Did you kiss him?

Penelope—Not much.—Life.

If
You Think
any kind of a crop will do, then
any kind of seeds will do; but for
the best results you should plant
FERRY'S SEEDS.
Always the best, they are recognized as
the standard everywhere.
Ferry's Seed Annual is the most
important book of the kind published. It is invaluable to the
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D. M. FERRY & CO.
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Mich.

Ex-Governor Gr[illegible]celon of Maine, now 85 years old, is rather spry for his age. He is passionately fond of horses.

The great vegetable substitute for pills is Simmon's Liver Regulator. Cures sick headache.

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HOME DRESSMAKING.

THE CORRECT EVENING WEAR FOR YOUNG LADIES.

Some Plain and Simple Rules Which Will Be of Value—The Most Suitable Sleeve for a Plump Arm—Some Pointers About Silk.

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NUMBER V.

In making up the diaphanous material now in vogue for evening wear for young ladies, the dressmaker has but to bear in mind the general rules given in this article and those already set forth as to the proper shape of the breadths of the foundation skirt and the fit of the waist lining, which is easily adapted to the making of low necked dresses, as will be seen from the accompanying diagrams, the dotted lines showing how to cut away for a low necked dress. The inside lining can be of jaconet or lonsdale cambric, covered with surah or other material, and this draped with mull or chiffon or the material of which the dress is made.

To make a pattern for a V shaped Spencer waist the lining should be cut like the model in every particular, only that it is cut off at the waist line, or the front and back brought to points. This is scarcely needful, now that the pointed velvet belts are in style, and they are too pretty to be discarded soon. The fullness is all gathered at the bottom outside of the darts, and at the top there is no neck size cut, and the length is then carried to the top of the shoulder and gathered. The front lining should be sliced off at the neck and hemmed, and all the rest treated as usual.

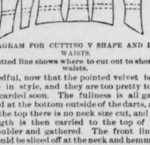


DIAGRAM FOR CUTTING V SHAPE AND LOW WAISTS.

[Dotted line shows where to cut out to shorten waists.

The gathers should be sewn in under a belt, and this latter should have the lower edges turned in and the skirt gathered and sewn to that.

Where the skirt is to be quite full, which is now the style for thin dresses, a lining of silk or sateen, of the prevailing color, is made and finished off and worn under. The breadths to the outer dress are cut straight, and the skirt should be quite five yards around, a little longer in the back and simply hemmed. A pretty finish is to have a ruffle of the same thin goods, with a still narrower and fuller one under that, set on the under skirt. Ribbons can be added if desired.

The neck can be finished in any manner, but just now berthes of lace or chiffon or of the dress material are used, and there is practically no limit to the variety of trimming one can use for light dresses. Tulle and crape, mull and India muslin are all made about alike. Jabots of lace are pretty, and are made by gathering lace very full, giving it a shake and then fastening it as it naturally falls. Never try to make it fall as you like, but fasten it where it falls itself, or you will lose the effect.

Festoons and light effects are to be sought for in thin materials.

The most suitable sleeve for a plump arm is a simple fall of lace or the dress material. For a thin one a long bouffant effect, open, if liked, at intervals on the upper part of the arm, fastened with tiny knots of ribbon, or a sleeve can be a series of puffs held in place by bracelet bands of ribbon.

Wash gowns should always be made with a view to their looking as well after washing as before, and to that end the good dressmaker should aim. Cotton goods, whether zephyrs or sateens, should be plain and neat, graceful in model and perfect in fit. All cottons, except sateens, are pretty with tucks or bias bands. Sateens require more elaborate trimming, such as cuffs, collars, etc., of velutina or lace.

Silks require a different treatment from any other material, and if it is possible to avoid it a hot iron should never be put on silk. Black silks, the heavier and richer kinds, like armure, peau de soie, faille and grosgrain, should be made as plainly as possible, their richness showing better when little trimmed. Black silks, being alike on both sides, cut to good advantage, but as it is apt to fray the seams should be rather deep. The waists can be cut after the model waist and any trimming desired added. Nothing is more suitable or elegant than beaded passementerie unless it is a little real black thread lace; therefore avoid cutting up the silk into ruffles and broken bits. Let the skirt be plain, but ample. Bind it with velvet, and, if desired, add a narrow puff or rose plaiting around the bottom. Pay more attention to the fit and style than trimming. The richest gowns are those made plain, but perfect.

Silk waists should never be quite as tight as they could be, for the richer the silk the worse is the habit it has of stretching at the seams. All the light summer silks can be made without these precautions, but even they will not stand stretching.

To finish a handsome silk dress properly requires the utmost attention to details. The waist seams should be bound with lustring, the ease belt be nice, the loops for hanging up be of ribbon and every stitch set with precision. The finish of the best dresses sent from abroad is about as nice on the inside as on the outside, and nearly all very handsome silks are lined with black or colored glace silk.

The facing should be carefully made, as told before, and on the inside of that are now set two or three narrow pinked ruffles of glace silk, and beneath this again is a balayeuse of black lace. When the lady prefers her dress unlined there is a silk underskirt cut on the model lines and about four inches shorter than the dress. This has one 10-inch ruffle on the under side, pinked, narrow plaited and hemmed, one on the edge of the skirt and two to five narrow pinked ones on the outside. Sometimes these are alternately Spanish lace.

Velvet is not so much worn for dresses as it was, yet there are many elderly ladies who like it better than anything. The same rules that hold good in the making of fine silk gowns hold good in regard to velvet. But in making velvet the seams should be pressed, and it is done in this wise:

A flat iron, pretty hot, is turned upside down and held firmly in its place. A damp towel is laid over it, and as the steam arises the velvet, seam down and spread open, is drawn over it, and is pressed so that the seam is not visible. This is also good where the nap is pressed down, or to make over old velvet like new. OLIVE HARPER.

Put up in neat watch-shaped bottles, sugar coated, *Small Bile Beans.* 25c. per bottle.

Four ex-Presidents of Venezuela are now living in Paris in exile—General Guzman Blanco, Dr. Palacio, Dr. Pulido and General Urdaneta.

They increase appetite, purify the whole system and act on the liver, Bile Beans *Small.*

Osman Pasha's daughter is said to be the only poetess in Turkey, and she does not write for the papers.

Guaranteed to cure Bilious Attacks and Constipation, *Small Bile Beans.*

General "Pat" Collins of Boston says he wants no office, and is recommending no one for a place.

To aid Digestion take one *Small Bile Bean* after eating. 25c. per bottle.

Senator Proctor of Vermont proposes to erect an elegant marble mansion in Washington.

Prevent and cure Constipation and Sick-Headache, *Small Bile Beans.*

Rosa Bonheur will receive $60,000 for her "Horses Thrashing Corn" from an American dealer.

Cure for Colds, Fevers and General Debility, *Small Bile Beans.* 25c. per bottle.

FASHIONS

AUTUMN WRAPS.

Capes of Cloth and Velvet—Cloaks with Watteau Plaits—Patrol Jacket, Etc.

Rumors to the effect that the styles of the First Empire—high waists, short sleeves, powdered hair and the rest—appear to be substantiated by the materials now being shown in the shops. These seem to have been manufactured for the proper carrying out of the dress of that period. Short waists are already an accomplished fact, if the new autumn cloaks, with waists just under the armpits, be any evidence.

NEW PATROL JACKET.

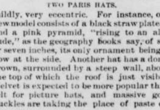
Apropos of autumn wraps are short round capes of cloth, which, as the season advances, will be changed for longer capes of velvet or jackets over which falls in some cases a single cape, in others a triple one. In connection with jackets may be described the new patrol jacket depicted in the cut. It may be made of any plain or diagonal cloth, but in this instance the material was blue serge, to match the wearer's dress, and the braid trimmings black.

The Watteau plait, which disfigures most women, appears on some of the new jackets and mantles. Long round cloaks for receptions fall in a broad Watteau plait. Coats for autumn are of three-quarter length and have large sleeves. Mink, if one may judge from the few models displayed, will again be the fashionable fur this winter. It appears on some of the cloth coats, not only as a trimming for the collar and sleeves, but in the form of a deep border round the bottom. There is a tendency noted to the use of two kinds of fur on one garment. Large directoire revers of velvet are features of some of the new coats.

New Styles in Millinery.

Here are two sketches of recently imported Paris hats. The one with the tall crown is made of velvet of two shades—pink and green. The crown is pink, with a band of oriental embroidery round it and the lining of the brim is of the same shade. The rest of the hat is green, and on the left side are a large bow, two ornamental gold pins and an ostrich feather. Most of the new hats seen, by the bye, have been of velvet or felt, or both, and lavishly trimmed with feathers. The second hat is distinctly novel as regards the arrangement of the feathers at the side. It is felt of a lovely shade of brown, with a black band of velvet round the crown, covered with bead embroidery and long black feathers.

Feathers are tremendously fashionable and these hats, sketched in profile, show what will probably be the favorite manner of wearing them. Among close fitting straw hats is a variation on the Bolero with a Tam O'Shanter crown of velvet in a contrasting color and quills at the side. Some of the crowns are, to express it mildly, very eccentric. For instance, one new model consists of a black straw plateau and a pink pyramid, "rising to an altitude," as the geography books say, of six or seven inches, its only ornament being a bow at the side. Another hat has a dome crown, surrounded by a steep wall, above the top of which the roof is just visible. Velvet is expected to be more popular than felt for picture hats, and massive gold buckles are taking the place of paste ornaments.



TWO PARIS HATS.

The most successful bonnets seen were composed of velvet of two shades. There are two new shades of blue. One of the colors rather to the fore just now is the exact shade of a cardinal's robe.

Latest Styles in Lingerie.

The narrow tuckings appear on almost everything and are a great addition to the many pretty frills now introduced on nightgowns. The newest make in these is the wide cape frill with a sash at the waist formed of narrow ribbon carried through straps. Some of these frillings are edged with color which are hemstitched on to the material. They mostly have frills at the hem. The chemises have turned down flaps, generally tucked and intermixed with lace, which are intended to fall over the stays—an excellent idea. White muslin petticoats for full dress are often trimmed with deep flounces edged with spotted net, which washes well.

Longer the Better.

"I don't believe in long engagements," said a young man to a stranger with whom he had struck up an acquaintance on the train.

"Well, I do. The longer the better for me."

"How do they affect you?"

"I'm a confectioner."—Harper's Bazar.

Then It Wouldn't Be True.

Young Mother (leaning over the cradle)—James, I think I should like to call her Isabel.

Young Father—Isabel? Yes, but what if she is isn't, you know, when she's grown up?—Chicago Tribune.

A Good Example.

Teacher—Now, Johnny, see if you can't give me an example of a sentence.

Johnny—Ten dollars or ten days.—Black and White.

He Still Has It.

He wrote a little poem
That in his heart had burned,
And he called it "The Umbrella,"
So it would not be returned.
—Boston News.

"German Syrup"

G. Gloger, Druggist, Watertown, Wis. This is the opinion of a man who keeps a drug store, sells all medicines, comes in direct contact with the patients and their families, and knows better than anyone else how remedies sell, and what true merit they have. He hears of all the failures and successes, and can therefore judge: "I know of no medicine for Coughs, Sore Throat, or Hoarseness that had done such effective work in my family as Boschee's German Syrup. Last winter a lady called at my store, who was suffering from a very severe cold. She could hardly talk, and I told her about German Syrup and that a few doses would give relief; but she had no confidence in patent medicines. I told her to take a bottle, and if the results were not satisfactory I would make no charge for it. A few days after she called and paid for it, saying that she would never be without it in future as a few doses had given her relief." ®

Coughs,
Sore Throat,
Hoarseness,

GOD KNOWS IT ALL.

He Is Intelligent and Immanent, Not Distant and Extraneous.

Nothing is more characteristic of the conversation of the Turks than its pietistic tone. Orientals always want to seem good. The ready phrases of poetry and religion are ever on their lips. When they are not cursing they are generally blessing somebody.

"Kusmet oloursa," "If it be fate," says the traveler, "we will do so and so, or arrive thither at such and such a time."

"Mashallah!" "Wonderful! What things God wills!" exclaims the listener, who is all the while reflecting that what the other man is remarking is very commonplace. "Estafroullah!" "God forbid," cries the accused in open protest against a charge to which he is secretly convinced he should plead guilty.

But no one of these religious commonplaces is at once more terse and in itself more really suggestive than the ejaculation so frequently interlarded with the conversation of Orientals, "Allah bilir?" "God knows!"

God knows? Yes, it is a fact, and a blessed one—true for Asia, true for America. God is no agnostic. He is untaught, but he is not ignorant. He is not on the outside of his own creation, shut out of the lives of the very creatures he has called into being. No! God is in the world, and in it as its intellectual and moral master—in it to fathom, to grasp, to dominate all its complicated, multiplex details of life, to satisfy its myriad needs.

This is our creed as Christians. We believe in an intelligent, immanent Lord—not in a distant extraneous Deity. For us he is not only situate far off in cosmic spaces, but near in mundane latitudes—not merely there, but here. And we are glad that the divine intelligence comprehends all the manifold complexities and perplexities of our earthly life—that his thought runs down into and follows patiently and exactly along through all the grooves and sinuosities of our individual and social activity. He knows it all. We cannot tell him anything concerning either ourselves or life at large that he does not already know.

Such knowledge is "too wonderful" for us—it is "high," solemn and significant. Considered in itself alone, however, it is comfortless and oppressive. If we stop short with "God knows," we shall be hopelessly borne down under the weighty sense of a critically observant divine contemplation and inspection.

Accordingly, if we would be built up in hope and vigor of life, we must not (as does the Turk practically) be contented with "God knows," but proceed confidently to the further position, "God feels and cares!" "Allah ekber!" "God is great," "He is wise," says the oriental, "yet he has virtually nothing to do with the details of my life and the hungerings of my heart." "He careth for you," replies the Christian, quoting Paul. He is not only "acquainted with grief" abstractly, but in all man's affliction he is "afflicted."

Here is solid comfort. God is no careless observer of human life and its tribulations, coolly and coldly noting down as matters of merely passing, or at the most of scientific interest, the details of the world's troubled life. God is right with us—heart and soul—in all our struggles and yearnings. This thought, this conception, is ever a need in the world—is always wanted close home to the aching heart of poor humanity.

We believe then in a God whose omniscience and omnipotence do not outrun his love and thoughtful tenderness. We have no fear that he will forget us. We are troubled, we are baffled, we are perplexed—but God reigns and God helps. —Rev. C. A. S. Dwight in New York Observer.

Care in the Choice of Friends.

We owe much to ourselves in the choice of friends. Sir John Lubbock says: "In the choice of a dog or of a horse we exercise the greatest care. We inquire into its pedigree, its training and character, and yet we too often leave the selection of our friends, which is of infinitely greater importance—by whom our whole life will be more or less influenced either for good or evil—almost to chance." And such is the fact. Meeting one in the most casual way, we frequently adopt him as an intimate. The curl of the lip, the twitch of the eyelid or the toss of the head, having in some strange way fascinated us, without hesitation we cultivate the acquaintanceship until it ripens into friendship, and our whole life suffers or gains thereby—imperceptibly perhaps, but as surely as the waters of the stream tend to the river and those of the river to the ocean. There is so much of evil in the world which we cannot avoid, and with which at times we must come into close contact, that it goes without the saying that in matters wherein we have a voice we should use it with wise discretion.—Christian Inquirer.

Had Found Each Other Out.

Wife of Ten Years—I read a lot of your old love letters today.

Husband of Ditto—Did you? What was the effect?

Wife of Ten Years—I could not help wondering which was the greater fool—you for writing them or I for reading them.—New York Herald.

A Good Excuse.

"What do you mean," said the landlord indignantly, "by pounding a hole in my floor?"

"I'm just as much surprised as you are," replied the guest. "I did it trying to break that soap you gave me to wash with."—Washington Star

IT WAS HEAVEN'S WILL.

How a Mother and Her Children Ran from a Seeming Danger.

A flushed woman dragged a small boy and a smaller girl into the Central station lunchroom on Friday afternoon and glanced about her with mingled ferocity and indecision. She was careful to scrutinize all the persons in the place, who comprised a dirty waiter, a fat traveling man and an official in uniform.

"Now, you children, stay close to me," exclaimed the flushed woman in a loud voice. "These railroad stations are the worst places for cholera in the world."

She advanced upon the dirty waiter as she would approach a rampant wild beast.

"Had anybody with cholera in here?" she demanded.

The waiter smiled and shook his head.

"I don't believe it. It seems just to me as if everything was full of cholera. Here, don't you touch that!"

The small boy had evident designs upon the water cooler.

"If you drink that water," cried the woman excitedly, "you'll get cholera in a minute! Come on."

"But I'm thirsty, ma," protested the small boy.

"Thirsty!"

She repeated the word with tremendous disdain.

"What business have you got to get thirsty when cholera—here, get right down!"

The smaller girl, evidently in the hope of hastening matters, was essaying to climb upon a stool at the counter.

"Don't you know"——

The smaller girl was jerked into the middle of the floor with a suddenness that made her gasp.

——"that probably somebody sick with cholera has been sitting on that stool?"

The smaller girl had clearly not suspected anything of the sort. She began to cry.

"Stand right here."

The flushed woman placed the children side by side in the farthest corner of the room.

"Now I wonder," she mused aloud, "what's good for them to eat."

The smaller girl stopped crying promptly.

"Gimme a bun," she shouted with considerable ecstasy.

"Bun!"

Horror was depicted on every lineament of the flushed woman's face.

"Don't you know"——

She almost shrieked in her agitation.

——"that people who eat buns are the first to get cholera?"

The small boy and the smaller girl were impressed to that extent that they both broke into boisterous lamentations.

"Stop your crying. Don't you know"—

She shook the boy and slapped the girl.

——"that it's the people who worry and cry that get the cholera first?"

"All aboard."

The official in uniform was calling the departure of the train.

"Mercy"——

The flushed woman displayed symptoms of collapse.

——"we've got to go and we didn't get a bite to eat."

Gathering the weeping children together she swept from the room.

"It's heaven's will," she announced as she passed the dirty waiter. "If I'd 'a' got anything here 'twould have been sure to give us all the cholera."

The official in uniform offered to assist her to climb aboard the train, but she shrank from his touch as from contagion itself.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

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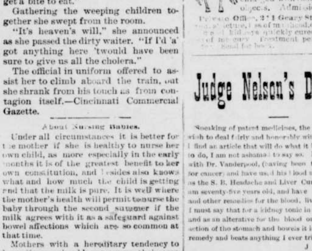

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