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THE BASIS OF CREDENCE.

Nor very often does it occur to anyone to ask why he believes or disbelieves a statement made to him. If the statement does not seem incredible, or the person making it has no apparent motive for deceit or is known to be trustworthy, the statement is accepted. If, on the other hand, the statement is astonishing, if it is calculated to benefit the person making it, or if the latter is not known to be trustworthy, his word is doubted or rejected. And whether it be accepted or doubted or rejected, the question of his religious or theological belief does not enter into consideration once in a million times. The idea that only those can be believed who hold a particular theory as to man's origin and destiny, or that the fear of future punishment is the only thing which insures truthfulness, has no existence in ordinary social intercourse.

Yet this is the idea that has for ages been dominant in the adminis- D.T. The soap is skimmed from a tration of justice, so called; and in boiling spring and hardens by exspite of all the arguments which common knowledge of men have brought and can be gathered with a shovel. to bear against it, it is clung to as persistently as if it were believed that the foundations of justice depended last week, the question was raised whether a witness was competent to testify in court who avowed his disbelief in God and in future punishishment. The witness was not an know, he, said, whether God existed doubtless a misprint. or not. He would neither affirm or deny the proposition. His position as to a future state of existence in declared, however, that he was ready rance. to take the oath because it was rethat it was binding on his conscience for that reason.

It was claimed by the prosecution, whose witness the agnostic was, that under the constitution of the state of Illinois his testimony must be received. That instrument provides that "no person shall be denied any civil right, privilege or capacity on the legislature. account of his religious opinions." The court held the witness competent and admitted his testimony; but the

interest, but there can scarcely be a doubt as to what it will be. With such a constitutional provision as that referred to, the court will have no excuse for evading the teachings no excuse for evading the teachings of common sense as to the real grounds of belief in human testimony. isfaction guaranteed, or money refunded. Price 50c and \$1 at John C. Dement's Drug Store. grounds of belief in human testimony. If there ever was any foundation for the theory of the defense in this case there is none now. Common experience is wholly opposed to it. Intelli-gent men no longer believe that a witness is trustworthy because of faith or profession or untrustworthy because of a lack of faith. Juries never hesitate to discredit testimony just as people judge in ordinary intercourse of the weight of what is said to them. The "solemnity of an oath" still goes for something, but it goes for far less than it used.

REGARDING the election in Washington territory, THE ASTORIAN has this to say: Apart from the presumed desire of American citizens to aid American interests, the citizens of Shoes at Washington territory have a direct personal interest in the election for congressman. Residents of Washington territory who want that section to remain a territory, will vote for Mr. Voorhees; a vote for Mr. Voorhees is a vote for vassalage. Those who want to see Washington a state will vote for Mr. Allen. A vote for Mr. Allen is a vote for statehood. This is the question for Washington voters to consider. It is hardly consistent for people to come over from the northern side of the Columbia crying about Conn's drug store, opposite Occident being "out in the cold," and then go hotel, Astoria. being "out in the cold," and then go back and vote to be kept out in the cold by the party of which Mr. Voorhees is a distinguished representa- Shoalwater Bay and Gray's Harbor tive.

THE Atlanta Constitution, a leading Democratic paper, contains in a recent editorial the following advice. "It is a safe rule and good policy to buy from the nearest shop or factory at which you can be satisfied in price or quality. In Atlanta, if you live here, in Macon if you live there. But 24. if not in your city, then in your state.

If not in your state, then in a neighboring state, A factory stands for a great deal. It means more than a C.P. UPSHUR, Agent Astoria. It not in your state, then in a neigh-

number of men who give the farmer a market for his produce, and the merchant trade, and houseowners tenants. It means a steady and weakening drain on our resources stopped, the ontgo of money checked, cash kept at home to build up waste places."

WHEN the first baby born in Denver was announced by her father, Lish Harvey, twenty-eight years ago, a public meeting was held in the town, and among the other presents a lot of land was donated. The piece went out of Harvey's hands by his refusal to pay its taxes. To-day the girl sings in a concert garden at Denver, and the lot that was given her is worth \$2,000,000. Flour in those days was worth \$100 per barrel.

THE best-paid drummers traveling for Chicago houses are five men in the grocery trade, who receive salaries of from \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year. There are perhaps a hundred traveling men in the Lake City who make \$5,000 a year, but the average is not above

A company has been formed for the purpose of manufacturing soap from a natural soap well at Buffalo Gap, posure to the air. It is like soft clay

THE sea serpent seen near Charles ton, S. C., has a beak-shaped mouth, and its head is oval and quite large. upon it. In the city of Chicago, only Perhaps it is a misfit sea serpent, the regulation reptile having, as we all know, a head like a horse and about as big as narrators can make it.

In the current number of the Foatheist in the ordinary sense of the rum Mr. Edmund Gosse discusses the word. He did not deny the existence question, "Has America a Poet?" and of God. His faith or unfaith con- answers it in the negative. The secsisted in having no positive belief in ond o in the gentleman's name seems the existence of God. He did not to have been changed into an s;

THE people of the United States are receiving a tremendous amount of which he might be punished for the political education this year. It is sins or crimes committed in this costing \$20,000,000, but it is money world was the same. He neither well and wisely spent. The only foe affirmed nor denied such a state. He we need fear in this country is igno-

THE federal deputy marshals and quired by the statutes of the state and deputy supervisors who will look after the purity of the election in New York will make a small army of between 3,000 and 4,000 men. Thus far about 1,600 have been appointed.

THE question of calling a constitutional convention is one of those that will come up at the next session of

Our Candidate for President. He will be nominated by the conven-tion and will be elected by the people, defense took an exception and will carry the question to the supreme court of the state for final decision.

That decision will be awaited with interest, but there can scarcely be a

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and in twen three days my joints were
swollen to almost double their natural size,
and in twen three days my joints were
swollen to almost double their natural size,
and in the most excruciating pain for a week,
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a friend who sympathized with my helpless
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Bills of other Banks	400
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Specie	41,368

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