when engaged in the investigation of light, he spent some time in blowing and examining soap bubbles. An old lady in his neighborhood observing his doings pronounced him a crazy old man for thus spending his time. I suppose the philosopher was not much concerned for his questionable sanity, and would not have been had he been blowing bubbles merely for the pleasure of seeing them-those royal colored spheres instead of trying to liscover their raison'd etre. As an amusement it is, now-adays, given up almost entirely to children, though bubbles can furnish studies worthy the attention of Titiau or a Claud Loraine. It is a favorite amusement of mine; tho' I contrive to get out of sight lest, as society has found out that Sir Isane was not a crazy man but a philosopher, I should be mistaken for one. I flatter myself some, on being able to blow very large and persistant ones. I am not a poet and I cannot. tell what I feel, as the gorgeous balls -11-at away from my pipe into the air, calmly and gracefully, growing constantly more beautiful as they become thinner from evaporation, till it suddenly collapses into a little cloud of mist. The other day when engaged in this innocent pastime, my friend Portiens Jr. a greater cuss than old Porticus feame and seated himself by me and said not a word for some time, though he watched closely. At last he rose quickly, and slapping me on the shoulder said, listen to me I have a new idea. 'I have been watching your manipulations and t e-growth of those beautiful things, there is thesource in that dish of soapsads, mothing but ugly stuff, oil and potash, mere dirt, but with the pipe and your breath, this starts into a sphere at first with neither beauty nor attraction, but your breath after censure is like the sun after a itself to obtoin a higher form. perfects and beantifies it till it is the orgeous thing it floats away. So it is with the worlds, at first but a base hemical compound without form and void, the breath of the Almighty gives them one at'a time their spherical form, and daily under His care they grow obre perfect, more beautiful, and are Thrown out into heaven to float awhile. Upon their surfaces are rainbow hues, glorious sunsets; the blue of Heaven itself and as these bubbles are too beantiful to last, so the sun and stars are to become perfect and-burst. Then with a very profound and prophetic look continued. This world of ours is fast-putting on its most royal tints. The land? cape was never so charming, the heavens never so detectable, the ocean never so serene, and society itself is almost heavenly in its character, and the final

BUBBLES.

It is related that Sir Isaac Newton that

GEMS OF WISDOM.-Conversation en do when employed to bring an action. riches the understanding, but solitude "Ask for money on account,", he is the school of genius The less wit a man has, the less he is conscious of his deficiency. - Every one who bears the name of a gentleman is accountable for it to his has not yet completed his theological family. -Eloquence - True eloquence consists in saying all that is necessary and nothing more. Modesty is to merit as shades to fig-

quietly away .- Bethany Guardian.

A WALF. Janu If we know our brothers' strugglos, Gainst opposing wind and tide, Gainst the many bright temptations Luring him on every side; If we know the cares and troubles, Thronging ever round his life, Would we wonder if he faltered, Sometimes in th' unequal strife ?

If we looked beneath the surface, Gilded o'er with graceful art, We should find, that smiles were Worn to mask a breaking heart. He who trusts to fickle fortune Builds his house upon the sand; And the empty rainbow-bubble, Bursts before it meets his hand. If we lift the laurel tendrils,

Gathered by the hand of Fame Thorns, beneath each fragile leaflet Prove their pleasures, but a name, Thus we e'er scenes are brightest Screen our sorrows day by day-Hearts that sometimes seem the lightest, Oft are passing to decay.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Money may procure comfort, hat it. annot procure happiness. Why is a blush like a little girl? Be cause it becomes a women.

Punctuality begets confidence, and it is the sure path to honor and respect. Though man boast of holding the reins, the omen generally tell which way they must

Nothing elevates us so much as the presence of a spirit familiar, yet superior to our own.

The average sentiment of American communities is in favor of a decent outward regard for the Sabbath.

like a city surrounded by a broken wall,"-easily taken by the enemy,

Correction does much, but encourageshower.

When marriage is founded on prudence and honor, life has a definite object, and existence becomes a substantiel blessing.

It is a singular circumstance that the word unabriged is not in the latest illustrated edition of "Webster's Unabriged Dictionary."

A western lady, to aid a feeble church recently painted on the inside work of a meeting-house twenty-three days. True womanly zeal, that. The mere lapse of years is not life.

Love, knowledge, truth, beauty, goodness and faith, alone can give vitality to the mechanism of existence.

"What flower of beauty shall I mar ry?" asked a young spendthrift of his miserly governor. To which the govcollapse is imminent. After this he ernor replied with a grim smile, "Mariwas moody for a while and then walked gold.

A young candidate for the legal profession was asked what he should first

ber of the National Guards, in attitudes of rejoicing at the fall of the column, were incidentally, "Introduced, from their having been present when the photographs were taken. Each of these portraits has been enlarged and placed in the hands of the detective police in the present French Government. Just before McMahon's soldiers' entered Paris photographs of the principal barricades were taken, and in these pictures the portraits in small, size of several hundred of the insurgents are to be seen. These likenesses have been enlarged, and are to be used for the arrest and identification of the persons thus incidentially introduced. It is believed that these enlarged photographs will in many cases secure the condemnation of prisoners who have been arrested on suspicion by the French Government. Previous to the settlement of Califor-

Photographs of the ruins of the Col-

umns of Vendome were taken after its

destruction by order of the Commune.

In these pictures the portraits of a num-

nia, singing birds, fragrant flowers, and honey bees were not to be found in the country. Now, however, in all parts of the State there are many varieties of singing birds, like the mocking bird, bobolink, lark, linnets, thrushes, Baltimore oriole and the common robin. The forests are filled with the honey bee, and as for fragrant flowers, California claims to beat the world.

All death in nature is birth, and in death appears visibly the appearance of life. There is no killing principle in "He that rules not his own spirit is nature, for throughout is life; it is not death that kills, but the higher life, which, concealed behind the other, be gins to develope .itself. Death and ment will do more. Encouragement, birth are but the struggle of life with

An ANGEL IN THE STONE-It is related of Michael Angello, that while walking with some friends through an obscure street in the city of Florence, he discovered a fine block of marble lying peglected in a yard, and half buried in dirt and rubbish. Regardless of his holiday attire, he at once fell to work upon it, clearing away its filth and striving to lift it from the slime and mirc in which it lay. His compan-ions asked him, in astenishment, what he was doing, and what he wanted with that worthless piece of rock.

"O; there's an angel in the stone," was the an-"O; there's an angel in the stone," was the an-swer, "and I must cut it cut." "He had ityremoved to bis studio, and with pa-tient'foil, with mallet and chisel, he let the an-gel out. What to others was but a rude, un-sightly mass of stone, to his educated eye was the buried glory of art. A mason would have put it into a stone wall, a carmen would have used it for filling in or to grade the streets; but Angele transformed it into a gem of art, and gave it value for ages to come. What possibilities of virtue and usefullness-may not a good man see in a child? Bo we what positions are in a child? Do we know how to get the angel out? Are our chil-dren to be only for "filling in?"

HECLA AND VESUVIUS .- It is a long way from Hocla, in Iceland, to Etna, in sunny Sicily. Yet scientific men tell us that there is little doubt that these two volcanoes are connected by a tunnel or natural subterranean passage of

immunication. There are good reasons for this belief. The great internal carth pulse beats simultaneously in oach.' Etna is neverdisquieted but Hecla sympathizes, and Hecla



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On rainy days the Louisvillian store keepers do not hang out their umbrellas and if you want to buy one, and do not happen to know where to go, you will walk the town over, and get a ducking, in the vain search for the sign of one. Their 'excuse is that it would give mortal offence to refuse creditfor which everybody here asks-for an umbrella in time of rain, if the impecunious customer had been, by the hanging of it out, impliedly asked to purchace it. But if he walks deliberately in and asks to be shown umbrellas, then the case is different, and he can be refused. "Childlike and bland," as the aforesaid storekeepers are, it must be confessed that they have mastered the study of human nature and the whole art of selling umbrellas.

A Parish correspondent tells this story: A boy of thirteen, found fighting, was taken to be shot. "Captain, do let me take this first to a friend across the street, I borrowed it." "Oh. you scamp!" said the officer, "I understand, you want to run off." "My word of honor, I will come back again," said the boy, and the Captain seeing it was a child, was only too glad to -be rid of him. In ten minutes the boy came back and took his stand with his face to the wall. "Here I am-fire!" Does Roman history tell us anything braver? .The Captain boxed the little hero's ears, and ordered him never to show his face there again. They could not fire on him.

The dondition of a nation may beknown by a knowledge of the condition part of any other class or profession of its women.

The Rev. B. Stover, aged 17 years, is astonishing people in Dubuque with his eloquence. He is a Kentuckian and studies.

A well known physician used to say that roast beef, sincerity of mind, cold water baths, and an amiable wife, would make almost any man healthy, wealthy and wise.

If you would be pungent, be brief; for it is with words as with the sunbeams-the more they are condensed the deeper they burn.

If you would relish your food, labor for it; if you would enjoy your raiment pay for it before you wear it; if you would sleep soundly, take a clear conscience to bed with you.

It is estimated that Germany bought, during our war, over eight hundred millions of federal bonds, for which she paid an average price of thirtyeight, gold, and which she could now sell at very near par.

It may be put down as a fact that men you see hanging about public places from day to any are the right material to do all kinds of mischief. They are the men who become dangerous charactor.

A young lady became so dissatified with her lover that she dismissed him. In revenge, he threatened to publish her letters to him. "Very well," replied the lady; I have no reason to be ashamed of any part of my letters except the address!"

It is a current saying that ministers' sons and deacons' daughters are more likely than others to reject religion and fall a prey to the temptations of the world. The Rev. Asa Bullard has been gathering statistics to refute this proverb. Massachusetts and Connecticut furnished the field. In 448 ministers', and deacons' families there were 2,101 children over 15 years of age, of whom 1,414 were hopefully pions; 93 were in the ministry, or fitting for it, and only 34 dissipated. And all the remaining children, with very few exceptions were useful citizens. Mr. Bullard challenges

a comparison with these figures on the among parents.-Christian Standard.

never shows symptoms of eruption without some throbbings in Etna. Ancient and gigantic twins are they, standing for ages widely separated, but holding mysterious communication through an unexplained labyrinth, a firey artery. through which their hot blood flows and min glos.

There seems to be no end of wonders in California. The latest is a remarkable cave near Calaveras, wherein colums and pilasters, ornamented at their capitals with volutes and motilions, at irregular intervals, enlist the visitor's attention; while fine representations of tapestry, cornice and fresco work are engraved and plainly visable on its wall. All forms imaginable hang suspended, presenting all the varegated colors of the rainbow, and brilliantly sparkle from the pale light of a candle like a thousand diamonds, while a like proportion of stalagmites underneath, with their sugar-coated surfaces, are constantly presented to view. Here and there, it is added, are carelessly piled bruised and broken fragments of those appropriate em blems of Infinite Wisdom that have succumbed to the normal destructive qualities of man.

THE ARAB WOMAN'S SECOND MARRIAGE .-When the Arab woman intends marrying again after the death of her husband, she goes the night before the ceremony to pay a visit to the grave. There she kneels and prays him not to be offended-not to be jealous. As, however, she thinks he will be offended or jealous, the widow brings with' her a donkey laden with two goats' skins' of water. The prayer ended, she proceeds to pour the witer upon the grave to keep the first husband cool under the irritating circumstances about to take place, and, having well saturated him, she then departs.

Suppose that thou hast detached thyself from the natural unity-for thou wast made by nature a part, but now thou hast cut thyself ofyet here is this beautiful truth, that it is in thy power again to unite thyself. God has allowed this to no other part, after it has been seperated and cut asunder, to come together again. But consider the goodness with which he has privileged man; for he has put it in his power, when he has been seperated, to return and be united and resume his place. Marcus Aurelius.

No words" can describe the wonderful and continually enlarging blessings in Christ which have been poured into the sonls of many of the children of God, through the simple, unreason ing faith which prays confidently and with everfincreasing trust.

The great man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution; who resists the sor-est temptations from without and from within; who bears the heaviest burdens chearfully; who is calmest in storms and most fearless under anage and "frowns; and whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God, is most unfaltering-

A quaint old Scotch proverb runs thus: "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy."

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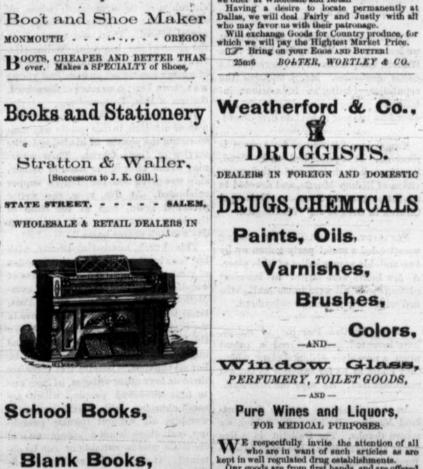
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