THE LAST LAUGH.

...ternation of the Congregation. The Wisdom of the Innocents.

...djoining an out-of-the-way, but ...orite summer resort, is a little ...pel in which religious services are ...d occasionally, as clergymen can ... obtained, during the pleasure ...on.

... visiting divine consented to preach ... sabbath last summer, and, notice ...ng given, quite a congregation of ...el guests and resident neighbors ...mbled. In opening the services ... preacher suggested that, as the ...pel was provided with no musical ...rument, perhaps some one present ...ld start a hymn, in which the con...gation could join. A brief pause ...ued, and then the congregation ... convulsed at hearing an old lady ...ke up, in a cracked voice,

"Believing we rejoice
To see the cuss removed."

...s no one "joined in," the old lady ... not proceed far with the hymn, ... an awkward contretemps seemed ...minent. The clergyman was quick...ted, however, and turned the ludi...ns incident to good account. He ...etly arose and announced as his ...t the words, "Believing we rejoice," ...n which he preached an excellent ...mon, one that under the peculiar ...umstances, made a deep impression. The old lady will probably never ...w why she caused such a sensa...n. She lived in the neighborhood, ...d being accustomed to the pronun...tion "cuss" for "curse," sang it that ...y.

Homespun people often run counter ...some of the common customs, or ...e-worn prejudices of society, and ... laughed at. Sometimes they are ...ht, and society is wrong.

When new and valuable ideas are ...olved in the progress of the world's ...ought, those who first believe in ...em are often subjected to ridicule. ...t it is those who believe who have ...asion to rejoice.

Mr. A. Way is a prominent farmer ... Navasino, N. Y., who was prostrated ...th kidney disease, and reached a ...int where "the doctor said he had ...ne all he could." Feb. 23d, 1883, he ...ites, "As a last resort I began the ...e of Warner's safe cure, and to-day ...m hale, hearty and happy." Octo...r 13th, 1887, he again writes, "If it ...d not been for your wonderful dis...very of Warner's safe cure, I should ...ve been in my grave to-day. I am, ... all appearances as free from any ...uble of the kidneys as any man ...ing. The doctor who doctored me ...d said I must die, has since died ...th Bright's disease!"

The honest old farmer was doubtless ...rided and laughed at by the medical ...an, and many of his friends, when ... announced his determination to ...y Warner's safe cure, a proprietary ...edicine; but he is alive and well to...y, while the physician who laughed ... him is dead.

The wise old farmer has the last ...ugh!

—Education is the leading of human ...uls to what is best, and making what ... best out of them.—*Ruskin.*

—Every part of the soul, if it comes ... any largeness, or any strength, goes ...rough discipline—*Emerson.*

—The strength of the church lies not ... the oratory of the pulpit, but in the ...ratory of the closet.—*Spurgeon.*

...ATE SHIPWRECKS OFF CAPE HORN.

Extract of letter from David James ...ate master) of the bark Colorado of ...lasgow—"Having lost our ship on ...taten island, on the 5th of July last, ...nd having saved neither effects nor ...rovisions, we were then compelled to ...avel over the island for ten days, sub...sting on nothing but shellfish and sea ...eed. On the 19th of July we came ...across another shipwrecked party of ...eventeen, the surviving part of the ...rew of the British ship Dunskeig of ...lasgow, fourteen having perished ...rough exposure. Now, the ship was ...et on the 23d of June, and a lot of ...e cargo, consisting of EPPS' COCOA, ...as washed ashore out of the wreck. ...here was nothing saved except the ...ocoa, and we, numbering twenty-five ...en, were kept alive on it up to the ...0th of August, when we were rescued ...y the steamer Mercurio of Buenos ...yres, and landed there on the 18th ... September.

"Too much praise cannot be given ... this cocoa for the preserved state ...hat it was in, after being in the bot...om of the sea, in the wreck of the ...unskeig, for a fortnight, and then ...ashed ashore, and lying on the beach ...nd rocks of Staten island for about ...x weeks, subject to the exposure of ...e severest weather on the face of the ...lobe.

"The island is situated in a region ... perpetual ice, snow and storms, and ...fter all this test it was as fresh and ...ry as if in the works.

"As we had a good stock of it there, ...e used it in a liquid state for drink, ...nd also made it in a thick state, like ...orridge, and we also baked it on the ...re, which made splendid bread, and ...ept us alive and warm on this barren ...and."

THE BRUSH TURKEY

The Unique Process of Hatching Adopted by This Intelligent Bird.

"All birds hatch their eggs." Zoology knows very few exceptions to this rule, and although old works on natural history states that the sun relieves the ostrich of this duty, it is now known that she attends to the work most conscientiously. Only the cuckoo succeeds in shirking this business entirely, leaving her little ones to the mercy of kind-hearted little singers. Besides this bird, we may mention the brush turkey as one which does not hatch its eggs, but it is more conscientious about the matter than the cuckoo. The brush turkey (*Talegallus lathami*) is a powerful bird, attaining a size of about thirty-one inches, and can be recognized by its powerful build, rather long neck, large head, sharp bent beak, strong feet, and short, rounded wings. The scarlet of the featherless neck and the yellow pouch dependent therefrom stand out in decided contrast to the brown plumage. The home of the brush turkey is in the thick forests of Australia. At mating time (in the spring) the male develops a surprising amount of activity and industry. He picks out a sheltered spot for a nest, and then goes to work to build a mound. With his strong feet he throws a quantity of leaves, fibers of wood, small twigs, dry grass, etc., into a heap behind him, and this forms the center of a large circle, the periphery of which soon appears perfectly clean; and a mound about a yard and a half high is built. While other birds go at once to their newly prepared homes and begin to lay their eggs, the brush turkey pursues an entirely different course. The wise creature waits several weeks until the fermentation and decomposition of the vegetable matter in the heap has generated a heat of about 104 deg. F., the temperature required for either natural or artificial hatching of eggs. It is wonderful to see with what certainty the birds determine upon the proper time. The male often mounts the nest to examine it, scrape off a little here and a little there, and then covers the places over again carefully. When he finds that the temperature of the mass is what it should be, he digs numerous holes about the axis of the mound, and in each one of these holes the female drops an egg with the blunt end up. After the male has closed these holes both birds go away, the male only returning from time to time to regulate the heat, covering the eggs more or less, according to the moisture and temperature of the atmosphere. After about three weeks the young are hatched. They are entirely covered with feathers, their wings are well developed, and they seem as strong as our domestic chickens. The whole process reminds one of the development of the butterfly, which is able to fly soon after leaving the chrysalis. After about twelve hours the young brush turkeys appear merry and active, wandering about with their parents, but in the afternoon they are buried in the nest again by their careful father. On the third day they are able to fly, and after that are perfectly independent. Their process of hatching has been repeatedly carried out by brush turkeys in captivity, as, for instance, in the Berlin Zoological Garden, when they formed the center of attraction for friends and students of zoology.—*Deutsche Illustrirte Zeitung.*

—The Bishop of Victoria (Hong Kong) in a recent visit to the province of Fukien confirmed nine hundred and sixteen converts. The Rev. Mr. Wolfe, of the Christian Missionary Society in that province, reports 2,300 inquirers and applicants for baptism in connection with his work.—*United Presbyterian.*

—A candidate for priest's orders preaching his extempore trial sermon before Bishop Tait and Dean Stanley, in his nervousness began stammering: "I will divide my congregation into two—the converted and the unconverted." This proved too much for the bishop's sense of humor, and he exclaimed, "I think, sir, as there are only two of us, you had better say which is which."

—Preaching is getting to be more on a business basis, and churches must compete in the world's market for brains if they want to get the best. Those which offer a bare subsistence, and that are often dependent on the liberality of donation parties can expect to get only men who are incapable of getting more in other occupations. And that accounts for mediocrity in the pulpit, a place where mediocrity is most conspicuous and where superiority is essential.—*Waterbury American.*

—Concentrate Your Powers.—The weakest living creature, by concentrating his powers on a single object, can accomplish something; the strongest, by dispersing his over many, may not accomplish any thing. The drop, by continually falling, bores its passage through the hardest rock; the hasty torrent rushes over it with hideous uproar, and leaves no trace behind.—*N. Y. Ledger.*

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In Eastern Pennsylvania the productive power of the land has increased with every generation since the Pennsylvania Germans came over in the opening years of the eighteenth century. The same is true of the lands under Dutch tillage in Northern New Jersey. But it is not true of the country at large. Our energy and ingenuity seem to have been directed to the problem of ruining the country with as much haste as possible, and in many places we have reaped the result in impoverishment not unlike that of the abandoned "old fields" of Virginia and the colonies. One cause of this has been the absence of other industries from the farmer's neighborhood, the consequent absence of demand for thorough tillage and variety in the crops, and the want of material, for making a proper return to the soil.—*The American.*

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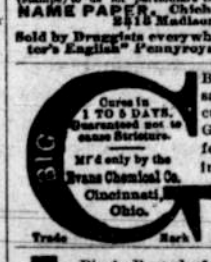

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