

AN OLD-TIME QUILTING BEE.

Yes, we held a grand reception and had every-thing in style. With flowers everywhere and fruit as high as we could pile.

At this the gloomy man looked up and sighed, and would have relapsed into his old listless attitude but for a shrill little voice which echoed through the silent car and caused every one to turn around in the direction whence it came.

HAL'S BABY.

BY LILLIAN SPENCER.

It was a bleak December night, and the wind blew a gale. A gray mist had been gathering over the hills all the afternoon, and when the sun set in the cloudy west the shadows deepened, and snow flakes fell silently upon the hard, bare ground.

Then came level stretches of plain, where now and then a gaunt tree stretched forth its spectral arms and reflected weird shadows upon the frozen soil.

As I observed before, all this made but little impression upon me, I was so deep in my own thoughts. It was only when twilight shut out visible objects, and the lowering clouds overhead grew black, I awakened to the consciousness that it was night, and that Hal had been sleeping an hour.

"Come, old fellow," I said, shaking him, "wake up!"

"Hello!" he exclaimed, rousing himself and looking a little stupid.

"How long have I been asleep?" sitting upright and looking around him.

"About an hour, I should judge."

"Well, between you and me, Will, I needed it. I didn't go to bed at all last night; so much to be done, all at the last moment!"

"That's a fine excuse for you to give," I said dryly. Hal laughed. He was the best natured chap in the world.

"I humbly beg your pardon. I ought to be ashamed of myself, and so I am. Go to bed, and give this young lady to me."

lamps usually are, quite as ornamental. Then disposed to take things as he found them, and wore an expression rather bland than otherwise.

An when I crept out and stole a look at the fairy, there she lay asleep in all her baby beauty with a sweet smile curving her rosy lips, and her golden hair falling in tangled curls over her little flushed forehead.

for financial profit to parents, the same as some farmers raise mules.

One active bee, nut, given a chance, will result in a forest. One little good thought started right will go around the world and keep on its travels.

A Sermon From Parson Pomeroy.

Brook Pomeroy's Advance Thought. Beloved Blacksliders:—There is too much religious to bogging going on in this country.

Many of you sleepy heads do not understand what is meant by religion. You can always find it in a dictionary, but some of you would have to borrow a telescope and look long and hard to find anything more than a shell of it in your hearts.

Religion, dear hearers, means friendship for a cause. Not a profession, and a going to sleep, and a sinking of the good far down as possible into the morass of apathy.

A man is pricked by conscience. He knows that back of the returning board are slaters of acts in his life he would not have the world or any decent person therein know of.

This is the fashionable way, but the essence of religion leaked out and ran into the gutter of the moment the self-satisfied saint threw his burden on to the Lord, thus adding to the weight of the cross.

There is but one way to get there in good shape. That is to get up and get-keep your machinery moving, if it is but one man and a wheelbarrow.

If religion is not worth keeping alive and in activity, abandon it and hibernate in a hog pen.

Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock George was descending a flight of steps, and when at a point within four or five steps from the landing, he slipped and fell headlong to the floor, striking with great force upon the pit of his stomach.

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She Will Face Sure Death.

New York, Jan. 31.—Among the passengers on the Cunard steamship Bothnia, which arrived yesterday morning, was sister Rose Gertrude. She is on her way to the island of Molokai, in the South Pacific ocean, where those suffering from leprosy are taken to live out their suffering lives.

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Uncle Gabe and the Bible.

United States Senator Colquitt of Georgia delights in telling a story of his efforts at missionary work among the Afro-Americans in the vicinity of his home, says a Washington letter to the New York Tribune. He selected as a specimen text "Uncle Gabe," a former slave, who had learned to read in a free crusade way, and to whom he offered \$5 if he would read the bible through to the end.

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