The First Book Printed in English North

Books and papers are so plentiful that many of our readers seldom think about the time when neither were printed in America. And how incon-venient it would be, if we, like some of

nack" for New England, The next year the "psalter" was printed. Its title was "The whole Book of Psalms Faithfully translated into English Whereunto is prefixed a disness, but also the necessity of "Heavenly Ordinance of Singing Scripture Psalms in the Churches of God." Such was the title given to the noted "Bay Psalm Book." Richard Mather, Rev. Thomas Weld, Rev. John Elliot and others contributed separate divisions of the translation. The book was a small 8vo of 295 unnumbered pages. It contained much bad print and plenty of bad paper. The preface covere. twelve pages. An extract of the 138 psalm will give an idea of its crude

"How good and sweet to see, Its for brethren to dwell Together in unitee: It's like choice ayle that fell,

The head upon, That down did flow

Not all were as unpolished as this but none received a master finish. There are few copies of the first edi tion, and these have a commercial value of \$1000; or, even more. One copy is in the library of the American Antifold but a moment before it fell. quarian Society at Worcester. Two copies of the Prince collection are in the Boston public library. One of the last named copies belonged to Richard Mather, and afterwards, was the property of his son Increase. This with four others was deposited by Prince in the Old South Church. It purchased a copy for \$1200. He had it elegantly bound

and enclosed in a morocco case.

A second edition was made in 1647. Of this, the only known copy belongs to Mr. Harris of Providence. He gave \$435 for it. The Dunster revision printed by Samuel Green, was made in 1650. It contained an edition 46 pages, and many corrections. There may have been 50 editions of this revision. Thomas Price made a revision which was printed in 1758. You may judge from the following stanza the value of Price's revision.

"O, blessed man walk not in The counsel of ill men, Nor stands within the sinner's ways; Nor scoffer's seats sit 19." ohn Elliot added the Psalm Book

to his Indian Testament in 1661, entitled, "Wame ketoo homae Uketoomaongash David."

Marriage Customs in Southern Siberia-

There is one thing rarely omitted from female custom, which is a silver amulet hanging on the breast, in the form of a kernel, cylinder or triangle, containing Muhammadan writing or perhaps prayer, and given by the husbond at the time of marriage. The various circumstances connected with The marriage among the Kirghese remind one strongly of patriarchial times. Fifteen is the marriageable age, and preliminiaries are commenced by the parents of the bridegroom sending a putation of match makers to the par ents of the bride, offering presents, and among them a dish specially pre-pared for the occasion of liver and mutton fat, which signifies that they mean matrimony. After this the compliment dish sent by the girl's parents to those of the bridegroom. The bride's father then summons a meeting of kinsme to consider the kalim, or gross amount to be paid for the bride. The kalim may consist of forty, sixty or one hun-dred sheep, or from nine to forty-seven head of cattle, besides which kalim the bridegroom has to give at least two presents of camels, horses, cows, fire-arms, or khalats. These things decided, the bride's father sends to the bridegroom's aul for the kalim and one of the presents, after which the bridegroom takes the other present and goes to see the bride for the first Not that he can easily change his mind when things have gone thus far, for the delivery of his present virtually seals the marriage contract, and he is so firmly betrothed that should he die before the time of marriage the intended wife has to go home to his parents and be taken for the wife of the Vice versa, if during the period of betrothal the girl should die, her parents are bound to give instead their next daughter, or in default of

one, to return the kalim and pay a fine.

When the period of betrothal is at an end the bridegroom goes to the aul of his bride, who is given up by her parents, with a dowry of a tent, a camel or riding horse, cattle and a camel or riding horse, cattle and bride's head dress, besides a bed, crock ery, and a trunk of wearing apparel. On the wedding night the mullah, or priest, places the bride and bridegroom in the midst of a tent, puts before them a covered cup of water, and be gins the prayers. Then he asks the contracting parties if it is with their full consent they engage themselves to be married, and three times gives them the water to drink. Mullahs sometim put in the water vessel an arrow with a tuft of hair tied thereto from the mane of the bride's horse, or one of her ribbons; others dip therein a paper of written prayers. The happy completion of a marriage is followed among the Kirghese by feasting and games, and then the newly married depart to the bridegroom's and, with the camels carrying the trousseau, and the portion of his wealh which a father gives to each of his daughters on her marriage.—Dr. Henny Lansbell, in Harper's Magazine for September.

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towns, where all the outlying country was laid out in city lots, and he took it When he returned home he Dispatch. was asked what he thought of it, and answered, "Too muchee by and by."-Hartford Courant.

Four Mon Killed.

FALL OF 65 PEET WITH A BROKEN SCAFFOLD. WILLIAMSPORT, Aug. 31.-Six men

were working this forenoon on a scaf-fold inside a tower of the Annunciation Jesse Glover, in company with his wife and Stephen Daye, a printer, set all for the land much in need of books. Glover died before reaching the continent, but his widow set up the machine in Cambridge. In 1689, Daye printed ried. Buck died within ten minutes.
"Almathe leaves a family. Raible was imthe next paled on a sharp stone. He died after
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and child. Winner also died in the
the strength of the plays were that, if they had come down to us without any author's name attached, they would have been unhesitatingly attributed to Bacon. He says he reachhospital. He was about forty years old. The foreman of the masons is John Axman and he was working un. The article gives a brief summary of

> foot outside of the tower and one on and adds a number. The author first the scaffolding when the structure fell. endeavors to show that the education the scaffolding when the structure fell. He grasped at a board overhead, threw and character of Shakespeare were such himself backward and thus saved his that it is ridiculous to imagine that he life. Heberling escaped the fate of his companions by grabbing at the wall. His hands touched the top of the uncompleted tower, and he was able to raise himself up and crawl out upon the roof of the church. Frederick that it is ridiculous to imagine that he could have written plays which are discould have writen have been written have been written have been written have b says that as the men fell they shrieked "Oh!" oh!" Three workmen were engaged in the windows at the base of the tower when the scaffold fell. They sults of a three day's drunken spree. He next shows that there is no record the Fourth street pavement. One of them, a boy, received a slight wound. John Axman, the foreman, had a nar-

DOZEN AND ONE SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT THE LITTLE TOTS OF HUMANITY.

with four others was deposited by Prince in the Old South Church. It was from the Mather book that Dr. friend a few weeks before, we hastened Shurtleff made an exact reprint of 71 at once to bear our greeting gift and copies. This reprint copy sells from congratulations, and were about enter-\$50 to \$100. Another copy of the original is said to be in possession of George Livermore's widow. Cornelius would on no account allow us to come in without first removing our gloves and veils.

"Surely the bonnie but laddie would-na hae look at a'," she said, as she watched us divest ourselves of the objectionable articles; "and now you maun a' mak a guid wish for baith soul and body when you tak him in your

We willingly complied with this request, and delighted her beyond all reason by accidentally giving the child his full name as he opened his eyes and gazed into vacancy, although apparently

"Indeed, mistress, he is sure to be a credit to his father and the kirk, forby that answers sae readily to his name!"
In many parts of both England and Scotland at the present time a new baby is presented with an egg, which represents both meat and drink, salt, which savors everything, bread, the staff of life, matches to light it through the world, and a coin, that it may never

want money.

It is thought to be very lucky for child to cry at baptism. Be sure and let the baby have touch the thing that he starts after when he takes his first step, even if it is the moon—he must be let touch something high, on which its light shines—and then he will always get

He should be taken into the sunlight first on a Sabbath day, put into short clothes, and in fact all changes made upon that day. And so on, all through our darling's

cradle life are such fancies talked about, believed, and often practiced by those who rock the cradle; and what harm can it do to believe that when our baby smiles in his sleep he is talk ing with angels, or that when we see s shooting-star some baby's soul is on its

The Aims and Duties of a Journalist-

The Supreme Court of Louisiana re-cently rendered a decision in a news-paper case in which the following wise observations were made upon the duty

and province of the newspaper:

"Surely newspapers have some object higher than mere money making.
As operated in modern times they are something more than mere advertising mediums, or even purveyors of news.
They are organs of public opinion, instructors of the people, advocates of
certain fixed policies and principles,
the promotion of which must gratify the intellectual and moral desires of their proprietors, even if they do not in all cases advance their pecuniary in-terests. We might well conceive that, though offered ample pecuniary induce-ments to advocate principles or causes which they disbelieve, or to abstain from advocating those which they ap-prove, worthy journalists would reject such propositions with the scorn which

they deserve. The National Defender, in com menting upon this, very properly says:
"This is the first time within our knowledge that a court of law has ventured to define the proper aims and duties of the journalist. The opinion is sound and it shows that the judges have a much higher and nobler con ception of the power and influence of journalism than very many who are engaged in that profession."

A Calf With a Human Head-

in Harper's Magazine for September.

There is a good deal of food for contemplation in the remark attributed to a Pac fic coast Chinaman. He was shoulder out, was human in form and taken to see one of the booming new the body that of a beast. The truth of this statement can be verified by sentlemen of veracity. — Richmond

Some one says the age of a political party may be told by the rings.

Who Wrote Shakespeare. IGNATIUS DONNELLY CONTENDS THAT BACON IS THE TRUE BARD.

The World recently contained a very elaborate exposition of Ignatius Donnelly's attempt to dethrone Shakevenient it would be, if we, like some of the old settlers, were limited to one book in a colony. Yet, we are informed that this book was so well read that all the childred could read.

Two hundred and forty-nine years ago (1638), an enthusiastic Puritan raised money by subscription in Holland and England to purchase a printing machine for British North America. As soon as the machine was procured, this reverend gentleman, Mr. Jesse Glover, in company with his wife and Stephen Daye, a printer, set

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He shows Shakespeare to have been steeped in almost every kind of vice, dying in the prime of life from the re-sults of a three day's drunken spree. He next shows that there is no record scrap of manuscript of his has come down to us, not even a letter to any of down to us, not even a letter to any of the numerous men with whom he is known to have been acquainted, and that there is extant no letter addressed to him except one asking for a loan of money.

It is here the humor of the book arises. Plain, back-country, village life, and gay artifical Saratoga are so wide apart, that each side becomes ludicrous to the other. These

Having demonstrated to his own Having demonstrated to his own satisfaction that the author of the plays was not Shakespeare, Mr. Donnelly next proceeds to prove that he was Bacon. After adducing evidence to show that Bacon was a poet and the hundred drawings have been made because the large and the control of the surface of the surface and the control of the surface and the surf suther of the plays a profound and learned philosopher, he treats of the geography of the plays. While Stratford-upon-Avon (where Shakespeare was barn) is never once mentioned in the plays, St. Albans, the home of Bacon, is mentioned twenty-three talk of the pictures the reader looks times. He next shows that the politics and laughs and laughs and looks again and the religion of the writer of the plays are identical with Bacon's poli-tics and religion and that what Bacon declared to be his great life purpose is Brothers, Philadelphia. declared to be his great life purpose is fully exemplified in the plays. A chapter is devoted to Bacon's reasons for

It appears, accordingly to Mr. Donnelly, not only that Bacon wrote works which he never publicly acknowledged, but that he is addressed by one of his friends as the greatest wit in England, though not known as such by his own name. Among the reasons for concealnent Mr. Donnelly puts the political tendency of some of the plays, which in frequent attacks and inflamed eyes.

The first part of the work closes with a long list of parallelisms between Bacon's acknowledged works and the Shakesperean plays—identical expresstons, metaphors, opinions, quotations, studies, errors, use of unusual words, character and style.

The result of the whole argument, according to Mr. Davidson, is to leave

upon the mind a strong impression that if Bacon was not the sole author of the plays, he had, at least, a principal hand in them, supplying the schol-arship, the art and the philosophy. After the argument making the

uthorship of Bacon probable comes the demonstration, that is the cipher narrative, which has already aroused so much interest in the public. The article in the World tells how Mr. Donnelly came to look for a cipher and the laborious process by which he found it, as he believes.

Mamie's Cablegram.

A Hartford man whose wife was going abroad, asked her to tolegraph him a word or two letting him know of her safe arrival in New York. In a few hours he received the following message "gollegt." age, "collect."
"DEAR GEORGE: Arrived here safely

at fifteen minutes after 6. The train was due at 6, but we were delayed fifteen minutes while en route. Had a perfectly lovely trip. Don't worry about me, I'll get along all right. And take good care of yourself. Be so careful about taking cold this damp weather. er. Remember you are to keep on your fiannels until the 15th of June.

Be sure and have the house open and aired as often as once a week. Renember what I told you about your socks and shirts. Don't forget to keep the basement door locked. Write every day. I'm sure I'll have a lovely time. So good in you to let me go. You must come over after me in Au gust. Forever and ever and ever MAMIE.

An hour later Mamie was pained to receive the following reply to her "Don't cable snything from Liver-pool. I'm a ruined man if you do.

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An Ohio man sold his wife for \$600

the other day, while a New York wo-man sold her husband for \$100,000. Thus is the law of demand and supply illustrated. Professor Brooks, of the Red House

Observatory at Phelps, N. Y., has confirmed the discovery of a new comet. It is bright, has a slow motion easterly and is visible to the naked eye.

The thirty-third Annual Exhibition of the Parameters in the confirmed in the c of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society will open on the grounds of the Society in Philadelphia on Monday, September 5th, and will cortinue for two weeks, closing on Saturday, Sept-lember 17th.

There are 40,000 lawyers in Pennsyl-

There is a couple living in the vicinity of Boston, who two years ago were nursed in the lap of inxury; that is to say, they were very wealthy. In a fatal hour the husband took to amsteur farming, and the wife became her own milliner and dressmaker. The last seen of this unfortunate pair was the other weekwhen they entered the cars enronte for the State almshouse.

John B. Gough says he never gave the same lecture over. He compares them to an umbrella he gave his niece. She liked it so that it has been recovered, had a new handle a new stick and all the ribs replaced but one, yet she says he gave her that umbrella, though there is only one rib of the original. So with the lectures, the subject is all that remains intact.

> "Samantha at Saratoga." BY JOSIAH ALLEN'S WIFE.

One of the most prominent person ages of the literary world just now is Miss Marietta Holley, popularly known as Samantha Allen, or Josiah Allen's wife. She became a favorite very early in her literary career, and each new issue from her pen has added to her fame, until, for her latest work, "Samantha at Saratoga," Messrs. Hub bard Brothers paid her a princely sum and the book is decidedly a bit. It will doubtless outsell her previous issues, as it unquestionably outshines them all in the fascinating vein of humor in which Miss Holley is so happy and so rich.

Preparing for this work, Miss Holley went to Saratoga and spent an entire eason, with eyes and ears open, and with brain and pencil vigorously at work. She went in her famous assumed role of Josiah Allen's wife, her imaginary Josiah at her side, with his characteristic blunders, faux pas, and quick, boylike enthusiasm. As Saman-tha Allen, Miss Holley is observant, unsophisticated, outspoken, and sound to the core on every question of pro-priety. Such a couple in the whirl of Saratega would certainly develop many remarkable situations and utter many ludicrous, laugh-provoking contrasts are the dominant features of Miss Hol-

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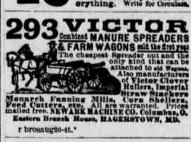
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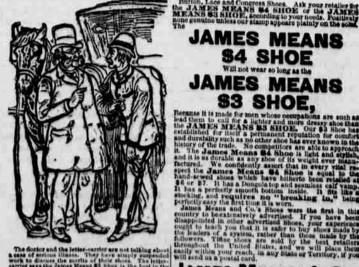
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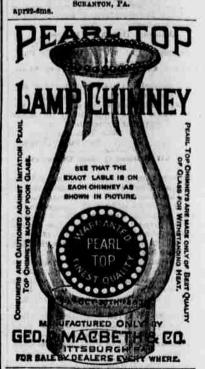
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