The Devil of the Daddles.

Many pulpits and some newspapers, says the N. Y. Herald, of last Sunday, have late ly handled as a topic of daily interest to the people that unpleasant possibility of an eternal existence commonly known as hell. They have not added any substantial facts in the nature of later particulars to what was known before in common repute; but they have performed a good service in exhibiting the state of opinion and faith on this impor-tant feature in all religious systems. "And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire." So says the Athanasian creed, and so have mid substantially all creeds over formulated by people who behave in another lifer and a theological structure that did not promise heavien to the good, and to the other sort threaten hell of its equivalent, would be loss than half made

its equivalent, would be less than half made up. It would be like the Coart of Oyer and Terminer without any hangman's mose in the perspetitive; or like a system of criminal law without any of the paraphermilia of pains and penalties. But various ages have had very different conceptions of what was proper in the nature of pains and penalties to be inflicted in this like for violations of human law, and they have differed at least equally in their conceptions of the future factor the violators of divine law. It is the instructive part of the recent utterances on this subject that they show the opinion and faith of this generation to be vory unlike those of the past and the immediately previ-ous generations. People are not at all dis-posed to believe in the devil of the dudies, nor in the stabilishment of which he was the recognized hash. Within a very few years the robust faith of the public in hell fire ag-gravated with brinstone was such that doubt on the subject was acceedingly raw ; yetnow it means as hard to find a run, who will dis-tionely declare his faith in all that as it was formerly to find on who would openly de-clares the dudies. Boundo even who are it seems as hard to find a min who will dis-timetly declare his faith in all that as it was formicity to find one who would openly de-clars his doubt. People even who are ready to accept the general conception will reveal at the brinnians, or some other mater-ial feature. Here, as everywhere, they insist upon "need on improvement." This is of value as indicating the churge in opinion and exhibits the damager of degmas in religion. As written constitutions which are expres-ions of the political agreements and needs of one age must inevitably be amended under the influence of political agreements and needs of popular faith if is existence depends upon definitions or dogmas that are stationary in the presence of an increasing popular intel-lignes. All this is of course only in the regions of what propheholicity about hell, and down at tauch what my be the fact. People cannot believe in hell as the theologians inve defined R, but that does not prove its non-existences, for the theologians may have descented is investigated. non-existence, for the theologians may have described it innerurately.

-By monthly report of the public debt for January we learn that the debt was deerensed during the month \$1,668,676 53. The total principal of the debt now outstanding is \$2,196,028,011 48, on which there is due and unpaid of interest \$22,427,854 38, giving a total of principal and interest of \$2,215, 454.845 S6. There was at the same timcash in the Treasury, of min, \$126,885,98947, of currency \$3,170,499 13, currency held for redemption of fractional currency, \$10 pun,000, exclusive of \$31,115,000 of special deposits for redemption of certificates, making the total of each in the Treasury \$171. 608,470 60, roducing the debt, less each in the Treasury on January 1, 1878, to \$2,045,-027,005 94, debt less cash in the Treasury on February 1, 1878, 82,044,287,366 26, showing a decrease during the past month of \$1,668, 076 55. Decrease of debt since June 30, 1877 \$15,870,857. Bonds issued to Pacific railread companies interest psyable in lawful money, principal outstanding, \$64,623,512; Interest accured and not yet paid, \$325,117; Interest paid by United States, \$37,595,334 50; interest repaid by transportation of mails cte., \$9,006,502 22; balance of interest paid by United States, \$28,889, 472-28. The payments made from the Treasury by warrants during the month ware : On account of eivil and miscellaneons, \$5,624,227 75; War, \$5,452,076 55: Navy, \$1,545,503 24; Interior (Indiansand Pensions), \$778,024 66, total, \$11,187,832 18. The above does not

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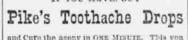
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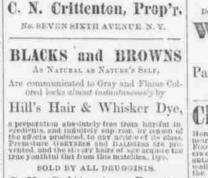
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-In the Rouss of Representatives at Harrishurg. Monday evening, a motion to dis charge the Committee on Federal Relation from consideration of the joint resolution in favor of the illend Silver bill was rejectedyeas 50, mays sT. Resolutions were offered and referred, using Congress to fix a na tional rate of interest at 6 per cent, or less, and opposing any reduction of the tariff on

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