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Contending Missionaries.

If I was a cassowary,  
In the land of Timbuctoo;  
I'd eat up a missionary,  
Bible and hymn book too.

This is the amiable sentiment that at present seems to be actuating a good many of the Chinese and Japanese toward Protestant missionaries. In China, for instance, there are forty different Protestant sects. Their native followers range all the way in number from 1,200 to 10,000. The teachers and leaders of the various Protestant sects are no more in harmony in China than they are elsewhere. Consequently the heathen Chinese is so confused in his mind between immersion and sprinkling, between foreordination and free will, that he really is in danger of losing the Christian road to heaven altogether. Things are not much better in Japan, where there are now 28,000 Protestant Christians. Because of its unity, the Roman Catholic church can make more headway than Protestants with pagan peoples.

Learn to Swim.

Now is the time. Every summer many lives are saved from a knowledge of the art, many lives are lost from lack of the knowledge. Swimming is natural to man, only somehow he cannot always recover the art which has been lost in course of ages of wearing clothes and living away from water.

Nobody is too old to learn to swim, hardly anybody is too young. Indian squaws tie a band around their children's waists when the papoose is no more than

legs and arms. Bathers and combers are in the swimming bath. Such an exhilaration as there is, too, in water, either salt or fresh—a feeling as though one was done with the rough jolting and friction of life, and was floating through a paradisaical ether. By all means learn to swim. It is a part of everybody's education, boy or girl, man or woman.

Some Vital Statistics.

Dr. Newsholme has published in London a book that almost makes one wonder whether the present race of civilized white men have not already passed their climax and are on the down hill road. At least that is one way of looking at the figures in his "Elements of Vital Statistics."

The doctor has carefully consulted the registers of births, deaths and marriages in Europe, where these events have been carefully recorded for many years. He finds that the birth rate throughout Europe is steadily declining. In seven years, even in Great Britain, it has gone down three to the thousand. Malthus declared the principle that the birth rate increased in times of plenty and decreased during periods of scarcity; but there has been no famine in Europe recently. Some other principle, unknown to Malthus, must therefore have come in to work the change.

The marriage rate declines also. The tendency is to fewer marriages, and those contracted at a more mature age. Italy has the highest number of children to the family in Europe, the rate being 5.15. France has the lowest, 3.42, while Great Britain is between, with 4.42 children to the family.

It is unfortunate that vital statistics have not been kept in the United States, so that it could be ascertained whether with us, too, the marriage and birth rates are dropping steadily. Some compensation for this in Europe is afforded, however, in the fact that with the death rate, too, the tendency is downward, owing to better sanitary regulations in cities. If the people that are on the earth live longer and have better health, they can keep up the average of the population in that way. But these facts are certainly significant.

An intelligence office has been opened by the Canadian government at Halifax for the purpose of supplying to fishermen along the coast information as to the movements of schools of fish for both food and bait.

Ten good books are translated from foreign languages into English in the United States for one in England. The Americans are becoming linguists.

The City Directory company have made a careful canvass of New York and estimate that its population is now

How Would This Do?

An old sea captain proposes to bring an iceberg into New York bay, blow it to pieces with dynamite, and sell it at two pounds for a cent, smash the ice trust, and make the commodity plenty. He said:

Could we tow an iceberg in? Why, bless your soul, my son, if we had enough tugs, we could put our grapples aboard of Cony Island and yank her up here. There's your big ball of ice. Lay alongside, make fast your hawsers, and away you go for New York. You see, an iceberg is a smooth bottomed craft, with a skin as highly polished as any yacht. So she will slip along through the water like mad. Six good tugs could haul almost any iceberg I ever saw. It wouldn't take more than three or four days. It's a bully speculation. The ice doesn't cost you a penny. All you have to do is make fast and drag it home.

The French government has recently spent twelve and a half million dollars improving the harbor of Calais. The neighboring Dutch city of Antwerp was taking away trade from Calais in consequence of better harbor facilities and dockage; thereupon the French commercial spirit took fire and resolved that this should not be. The old port of Calais received a thorough overhauling. The largest vessels can now enter the harbor and load and unload at the docks.

One of the most important articles of export from the United States to China is ginseng. The Chinese prize it highly as a medicine. All through our country, in the summer, women and boys and girls dig this valuable root and sell it in small parcels to the village druggist. He sends it to the city, where it is made into great bundles and bales and shipped to the Flowery Kingdom.

chicken broth and half a loaf of bread.

To three chickens, with rice and some sauce on smothering for his usual dinner a cup of tea. At 1 o'clock the champion bread, half a dozen sliced tomatoes and soft boiled eggs, half a loaf of Graham bread, a good sized broiled bass, five John L. Sullivan's meals in one day. For a fighter. Here is the record for two of much it takes to feed a champion prize

New letters have been added to evil would think, would have a tendency to chicken thrown in. This diet, one made from roasted peas, with a little as cut off. For coffee, their regular drink is an inch or two, from which this outside "chuck breaks" tended to the depth of read the penitentiary convicts get doing in Massachusetts. For meat, it is

For Trying to Wreck a Train.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 4.—Frank George, Harry Charon and Alexander Charon, three Hungarians who attempted to wreck a gravity railroad train near Carbondale, were each sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the eastern penitentiary.

A Seranton Clergyman's Call.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 5.—Rev. Dr. David Spencer, formerly of Philadelphia, who has been pastor of the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist church in this city since 1880, has resigned to accept a call to Racine, Wis.

Constitution Building.

Judge Cooley, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, said this to the members of the North Dakota constitutional convention:

"Don't, in your constitution making, legislate too much. In your constitution you are tying the hands of the people. Don't do that to any such extent as to prevent the legislature hereafter from meeting all evils that may be within the reach of proper legislation. Leave something for them; take care to put proper restraints on them, but at the same time leave that properly belongs to the field of legislation to the legislature of the future. You have got to trust some one in the future, and it is right and proper that each department of government should be trusted to perform its legitimate functions."

The new states have opportunity to make their constitutions a vast improvement on those of the old states. They can incorporate what are the best ideas of the time on fundamental government, they can profit by the mistakes of the old states, and they can leave out a good deal of what has become antiquated rubbish in these because it has been outgrown.

As was to be expected, every crank notion that has watered the brain of impracticables for the past few years has come knocking at the door of these young states to get into their constitutions.

Wisdom in this case consists in knowing what not to do. The United States constitution is not a very lengthy document, yet even it has had to be changed, at a great cost. In a constitution only the organic law should be incorporated, the ordinances which, so far as can be known, will govern the state in all time, regardless of changing opinion. The model constitution is very short and simple, containing no special legislation. It leaves to the legislative body the passing of laws for particular instances. Indeed, our splendid young sisters should not forget that England has got on for 1,500 years without any written constitution at all.

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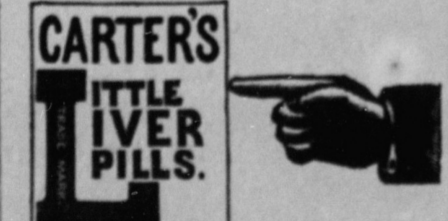
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