

THE POST.

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A young lady at Indianapolis was endeavoring to impress upon the minds of her Sunday school scholars the sin and terrible punishment of Nebuchadnezzar, and when she said that for seven years he ate grass like a cow, she was astonished, by a little girl who asked, "did he give milk?"

ROMANCE SPOILED.—An Iowa girl who read Cooper's novels to such an extent that she found it impossible to enjoy herself without marrying an Indian, found one week before last that was not proud, and married him, and went to his camp on the banks of a sylvan stream where he trapped for muskrats. She only stayed one night, and came home with a black eye, and had to send out for a bottle of hair restorative. It seems the noble red man got drunk and punched her in the eye, while his old squaw went among her hair. This girl don't want any more Indian, if she knows her own heart.

Several Sundays ago a collection was about to be taken up in one of our churches, and, in the absence of one of the collectors, a frisky young man volunteered his services, and handled his hat with great industry and success. When he got near the door, he was about to go out with his hat full of money on his head, when the minister said solemnly, "young man, if you leave here with that money you'll be damned." The young man, however, left in a hurry, and, as he shut the door behind him, a worthy old bachelor, with a voice in F sharp, who had put a dollar in the hat, piped up to the minister: "Well, if he ain't gone with it, 'T'll be d—d!"

WHAT has become of the Great American Desert of our boyhood days? The Pacific railroad spans the country from the Missouri to the Pacific, and we only know that it passes over a certain district of country where the alkaline dust is very annoying which is the same as that old twin sister of Sahara. But science shows that this desert consists of almost inexhaustible quantities of gypsum, chloride of potassium, silicates, and other alkaline matter which is exceedingly fertilizing when irrigated and properly worked. It needs but moisture to make these arid waters produce every variety of crop as well as the prairies of the West. The settlement of the country east of the "desert" is gradually causing more rain to fall, as forests are set out or spring up voluntarily, and no fear need be felt, but sooner or later fertile fields will smile along the track where death once held carnival over some life that ventured thereon.

An officer in the Treasury at Washington thus communicates: At the commencement of our recent "little dispute" I was residing in Washington, and witnessed with others, the hasty return of our army from the first battle of Bull Run. All was excitement, and, for a few hours, complete demoralization. Every man had an awful tale to tell, and he told it. Among others was this, given by a colored tenant belonging to a Virginia regiment, to a large crowd in Willard's Hotel: "De fust ting we know'd we see de ogers comin', and I should tink dar war millions on millions—de cap'n ob de regiment sing'd out 'drop down dar!' drop down dar!' but Lor!' 'twan't no use; de bung-shells come and took dar heads clear off! Dis chile tink him dead for shus, and in de confusion Massa Gibbon's mules got loose with six biggers on 'em and run smack and smore into Massa Linkun's lines and captured ourselves!"

The Interior of the Earth. We suppose that Professor David Forbes, of England, knows as much about the interior of the earth as any man living. In a late lecture he insisted that all the objections brought by geology, mathematics, or astronomy, against the old theory that the earth is a molten mass surrounded by a crust about 50 miles thick are quite untenable. He would have us believe, while the outer layer of melted matter, just below the earth's crust, is a kind of greasy slag that, not far below this layer, a slender bent on discovery would find the pure molten metals, of which the heaviest—gold, platinum, etc.—would be at the earth's centre. Very likely the mass of the earth is molten iron; and this view is quite corroborated by the fact that the broken fragments of some disrupted world, which in the form of aerolites, are continually falling from the sky, are often metallic iron. But what a tantalizing thought it is, that just under our feet are countless tons of the precious metals, only waiting for John Whopper to let us know the route by which he passed through to China.—Scribner's Monthly.

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