

SUNDAY READING.

A friend of ours, last March, sailing down the fine coast, came on deck one morning to find the air pervaded by a fog so thick as to shut off the vision for even a few yards from the steamer.

The spiritual have other means of seeing than that we call our sight. They see by the lead. This leads us to faith.

The salary of the bishops of the United Brethren in Christ is only \$1,000 a year, with traveling expenses and house rent.

The Methodist Episcopal church has in Iowa 813 churches and 74,781 communicants, a gain in ten years of 320 churches and 14,687 communicants.

The general synod of the Reformed (German) church in session at Tiffin, O., elected by acclamation the Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., as president.

Of the 1,896 Sunday-schools in New Jersey 1,394 are open the whole year. The international lessons are taught in 1,644 of them.

The general conference of the Congregational Methodist church, a body of about 10,000 members, has just been held in Fredonia, Ga. All the State conferences were represented except those of Missouri and Texas.

The Presbyterian work among the freedmen the past year was quite remarkable. The receipts in the year 1895 were \$68,711, with which 162 preachers and 7,700 churches were employed.

The number of Salvation army stations now reported in Great Britain is 185; of officers, employed and paid, 395, and of trained speakers, 6,180, while total sitting accommodation is provided for 141,900 persons.

DECORATION NOVELTIES.

London women decorate their horses' heads by putting a spray of artificial flowers into the bridle.

There is more satin manufactured at present than any other goods made of silk.

Among the elegancies in drawing rooms are incense burners of bronze, in which pastilles, emitting a fragrant smoke, are kept constantly burning.

Braided chair seats are really fashionable. They are made from nice pieces of silk or woolen, sewed together like mats and bordered with velvet.

Very large, ornate cushions are made to lay outside a bed as ornaments. They are composed of quilted or plain satin, with a large monogram in the center.

Feathers are much used for decorative purposes in England, being applied to chairs, stools, mantels, settees and in fact everything in which color can be applied.

Pretty banners are made of coarse gray linen painted in water colors with designs from Kate Greenway. They are lined with the same material and bordered with plush.

A pretty cover for an upright piano is made of wine colored silk serge, with ends of plush of the same shade. On the corners are embroidered yellow butterflies and many yellow laburnum, catalpa and other flowers.

The latest thing in wedding arrangements is after a small wedding—for the bride's parents to send an engraved card announcing the marriage to all their acquaintances.

A freak in smushade decoration is the substitution of two flowers for the tassels on the handles. They are only used when the covering is brocade and catches the blossoms on the silk.

A New York sportsman gave a dinner at which the table was decorated with two horses of white carnations, with manes of white lilac, tails of pampas grass and blankets of red carnations.

The rage for insect decorations is on the increase. Wasps, bees and butterflies are in favor, and very life-like beetles are seen made of mother-of-pearl and gold.

White snowdrops and white clover blossoms will be the coming floral garnitures for bridesmaids and young graduates.

Frank Bush and his wife, of Clarion, O., agreed by their marriage that if any quarrel ever arose between them it should be left to the decision of three referees.

A RATTLESAKE'S SPRING.

How to find a Rattlesake in a Mountainous Country. A rattlesake is a small fish for Snakes with Poles and Staffing Them for Muscivores.

"You may talk about your Catechisms," said a man on the hotel piazza last evening, "but did you ever in your life see anything more beautiful than this?"

The pine apple, or ananas, (Ananas Sativa) is a plant of the natural order Bromeliaceae, justly highly esteemed for its luscious and delightful fruit.

The fruit is a "sorosis," formed by calyxes and bracts of a close spike of flowers becoming succulent and combined. It has a number of long, serrated, sharp pointed leaves, arising from the root, in the midst of which a short flower-stem is thrust up.

In size the Pine Apple varies from 2 1/2 to 12 pounds, and retains its flavor and juiciness for an extremely long period of time.

In our home market, the "Brazil Pine Apple," is the favorite fruit, and the demand and supply have been kept at a pretty even ratio.

"How do you do it?" I asked. "Well, when he is a fine old rattler we try to secure him without breaking his hide."

"I listened in silence. Not a very inviting prospect for a night's lodging, I thought, as I was detaching myself from the advisability of moving on in spite of darkness and rough roads."

"But even the loveliness of the night could not dispel the weariness which was gradually stealing over me nor tempt me longer to remain, so accompanied by my host I was shown my quarters."

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of the holes between the logs. He was disposed of and proved to be a rattler seven feet long, with thirteen rattles. A search was made for my revolver. It was found to have slipped from beneath my coat to the floor, probably while I was asleep.

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Women in Peru.

The Peruvian ladies do not work they consider labor disgraceful. Yet they are generally occupied. They rise early, take a cup of tea, and go to mass.

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while people seem investigating and advancing in every direction which can help them morally, mentally or physically.

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A GREAT REVELATION.

Some Valuable Thoughts Concerning Human Weakness and Their Suggestions About Securing It.

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