

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

(From Putnam's Magazine for May.) CHRISTUS SYLVÆ. BY F. R. PLIMPTON.

The hard and the water-ankle, All these that have in this and broke, Bread where, through fretful reeds and fags, The sluggish Pyramus to the lake.

Drawn strangely to the solitude, One came whom no man used to meet, A fainter scintilla of light, In outward forms his toward thought.

When the artist, was as one, Who, in a language of his own, Strives to make clear the laboring sense: One who looks in holy hours.

So said, From out far ranks of trees, In a forest that was green and blue, One whose green top the morning sun

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

It is rather amusing to one acquainted with the polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to read the views of some secular journals, on lay representation, the vote on which is to be taken in June next.

The season is unusually backward in the New England States. In the southern part of New Hampshire, not more than forty miles north of Boston, the fields are mostly covered with snow yet, and the farmers say they have never known a spring when the snow melted so slowly.

cepted, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms are added. The article on Palmody is changed somewhat. (1) It is declared that God has given the Psalms of David to be sung in all ages of the Church, and it is recommended that a new and modern version be prepared.

The Independent represents that there is a "Crazy Club" in Brooklyn. It has no constitution or by-laws, but has regular meetings. The member who holds the meeting invites fourteen persons who must be all "crazy" on the matter of Sunday Schools.

The Philadelphia Presbytery's Meeting of the M. E. Church are discussing the following question: "Is any bankrupt, who has been released from legal obligation to pay his debts, thereby released from moral obligations to pay them should he ever become able?"

The National Sabbath School Convention is to open its session at Newark, New Jersey, on the twenty-eighth of April. Mr. George H. Stuart, of Philadelphia, is proposed as Chairman, and Rev. Edward Eggleston, of Chicago, as Secretary. It will be a grand affair.

A home for aged and infirm Baptists is about to be established in one of the Eastern cities. Recently fifty thousand dollars was secured in New York.

The New York Tribune very sensibly remarks in regard to the opening of public libraries on the Sabbath, that the largest library is already allowed to those who desire to borrow books, which are loaned without money and without price, wherever they desire to borrow a book on Saturday for the purpose of reading it upon Sunday, can do so, and further than this we can not think it desirable to do, unless provision is also made for closing the libraries upon a secular day in order that those who are employed in them may have proper rest.

The American Bible Society has received from all sources, during the past year ending April 1st, seven hundred and thirty-one thousand dollars—never exceeded by any previous year except one. The impression has heretofore prevailed that the usual May anniversary exercises would not be held this year, but an exchange states that the Society is making arrangements for an anniversary of great interest.

The Freiberg School of Mines is now receiving among its students a large number of young men from the United States. The first student from this country entered in 1819, and was Wm. H. Keating, of Philadelphia. The number since then amounts to one hundred and thirty, of whom seventy-nine attended in the last five years.

From the May Magazine. ARE HOOP SKIRTS WORTH?

Mme. Demore's Magazine discusses this important question thus: This is a very general inquiry. The small size of the present hoop skirt, compared with those worn a few seasons ago, has caused such a diminution in apparent rotundity that gentlemen very naturally come to the conclusion that hoop skirts have gone out at last; and even ladies, coming in from the country, and accustomed to the somewhat more apparent crinolines of the rural district, see with surprise and the scantiness of the short dresses, and ask also if hoop skirts have been discarded.

As yet, we are happy to say, most decidedly no, and we do not think it all likely that they will be. There are always a few persons, principally the sort of young ladies who affect the "Greenland Band," who will push any idea to an extreme; they wore the largest "ulias," and the longest "trails," and now when tilts and trails are both discarded, and a moderate size hoop skirt has been universally adopted, they sink for a moment the object of their long regard altogether, and rejoice in the attention which street riders give to the "Shaker-like singularity" of their dress.

A street-dress, or dress of any kind, worn entirely without hoops, is exceedingly uncomfortable; it clings ungraciously to the body, and, in the case of absolutely demure little distensions, it is absolutely demure. Several ladies who abandoned crinolines early in the season have returned to it, and expressed the determination of never again discarding it utterly.

In Paris there is a tendency to increase the size of hoops rather than relinquish them. In America, indeed, they seem to be settled down on a skirt that promotes health and comfort, while it gives them not the slightest inconvenience. A little expansion of the drapery of the dress is necessary to comfort in walking, and if hoop skirts were abandoned, it would not be three months before we should feel compelled to return to the old misery of grossness, starched white skirts, and the like machinery, that costs infinitely more trouble, and ten times the expense, of the small, economical and healthful hoop skirt, which, it seems to us, is just now arriving at perfection.

New Mode of Tanning. A patent for a new method of tanning is in the hands of the Commissioner of Patents. The principal feature of this invention consists in the manner of preparing the extract and of its application to the hides. The bark is first reduced to the fineness of corn meal, when it is treated as the old process, from the tannin, the extract is passed through an ingeniously constructed filter to tubes, where it is fermented, (a process never discovered,) when it is again passed through a series of filters and is then ready to be applied to the hides, which are placed in a frame constructed to revolve in a water-tight receiver containing the extract—the hides are then slowly revolved, with the grain side uppermost, for the required length of time, when the movement is reversed. Passing through this receiver are hot and cold water pipes for the purpose of retaining the required temperature, and attached to it is a barometer, by means of which the strength of the liquor can at all times be seen, and consequently the rate of absorption by the hides. There is also attached an appliance for withdrawing the weakened and of supplying its place with fresh liquor.

The hides are then stretched in a frame similar to the first, when they are revolved in the air at a rapid and steady rate. It is claimed for this process: 1. The alcohol being retained, the liquor is always kept sweet and clear of all impurities. 2. The extract being passed through two series of filters, it is entirely clear of all dirt or sediment, which insures a leather free from all extraneous matter. 3. The method of applying the extract to the hides, the hides always presenting a flat surface for its action, hastens the absorption of the tanning, and thus quickens the work of tanning. 4. The hides being dried whilst lying stretched in a frame, there will be no drawing of the grain.

PROFESSOR MITCHELL, the well known Mathematician, died at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, on Monday afternoon, from general debility. He was 70 years of age. Professor Mitchell was the father of Miss Maria Mitchell, the Astronomer, who was born in Nantucket, Mass., August 1, 1818. He was at that time engaged in teaching at the place where he died, and he had just returned to the study and practice of astronomy. When his daughter was only 11 years of age, he took her into his school as a pupil and assistant teacher, and the very first discovery of a comet, caused by the science and an aptness in the use of instruments that made her an enthusiastic co-operator with her father in his favorite study. Subsequently she conducted many careful observations by herself, and on October 1st, 1847, while searching for comets, discovered a telescopic one which was seen at Rome two days after by Father de Vico. For this she was awarded a Gold medal from the King of Denmark. Prof. Mitchell was a member of the Society of Friends. His remains were taken to Nantucket for burial.

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