

SUNDAY READING.

Influence. It is the bubbling spring that flows gently, the little rivulet which runs all day and night by the farmhouse, that is useful, rather than the swollen flood of the roaring cataract.

No Longer Enemies. It is recorded of a Chinese emperor that on being apprised of his enemies having raised an insurrection in one of the distant provinces, he said to his officers, "Come, follow me, and we will quickly destroy them."

Religious News and Notes. It is reported that there are 95,103 Presbyterians in New Zealand.

Syria. It is said, has eighty foreign preachers, 300 native helpers, 1,000 Christians, and 450,000 churchgoers.

The Methodist Episcopal mission in Central China has opened a new station at Kingchiang, an important city, where the Yangtze-Kiang is joined by the Grand canal.

The Free Will Baptist Mission dispensary at Midnapur, India, has completed its forty-first year, and treats an average of about 3,000 patients a year.

Bishop McTear, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, preached recently in the Methodist Mission chapel at Rome, Italy, where he was interpreted by Dr. Vernon, of the mission.

The Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Heathen—the missionary society of the Moravians of the United States—has received during the past year \$12,500. It supports missions in Canada and Kansas.

The fact that Bishop Riley of the Protestant Episcopal church is wealthy is a felicitous circumstance for the work in Mexico, of which he has charge.

The preachers who were transferred from one conference to another in the Methodist Episcopal church in the course of the last conference year numbered 286, it is said, or only one in eighty-three of the effectivists.

The Congregational churches of Connecticut, according to the statistics at the State conference, contains 55,202 members. There were 391 ministers and fifty-two scientists at work during the year.

A preacher who has attained considerable celebrity for his queer ways, was minded to rap his choir for the unimpeachable way in which they did their singing. So he did in prayer. After the conclusion of the opening anthem he addressed the Almighty in this wise: "Lord, without doubt Thou knowest the meaning of the song which has just been sung in Thy house. But Thou knowest that we know nothing about it. Nevertheless we pray that in some way it may be blessed to us all."

A Milwaukee man while in Chicago recently sent a bouquet of flowers to a relative in a Wisconsin town, and when he heard from them they had arrived four days after being shipped, wilted and dead. He was mad, and in talking it over with a railroad man, the railroad man said: "You must not expect too much of an express agent. Now that bouquet has to pass—junction, and I know the express agent there. He is the depot agent, express agent, keeps a restaurant, is postmaster, acts as switchman, helps unload freight, checks baggage, keeps a store, works a team on the road, drives passengers to adjoining towns, is sexton in a church, buys country produce, keeps the hay scales, runs the canuses of both political parties, goes out shooting chickens with bunners, keeps a pool table, has a mill for grinding sugar cane, and runs a hop yard, besides helping his wife run a millinery store. Now, a man that has as much business as that ought to be excused for letting a bouquet remain in the express office a week or ten days."

The man who sent the bouquet said, come to think of it, they were mighty lucky to get the flowers at all, and he would apologize for any words he might have spoken in the heat of debate. What the country wants is a diversity of industries.—Puck's Sun.

Pennsylvania produced 3,616,668 tons of iron and steel in 1880, being about 500 tons less than the production of the year of the Union.

HEALTH HINTS.

Lanes of Life is in favor of invalids, or for that matter, well people, sleeping in about the same temperature that they live in during the day. It thinks that persons confined largely in the house during the day make a mistake in sleeping in rooms absolutely cold at night.

Lanes of Life does not consider pineapples very good food. They are indigestible as compared with other fruits. The fiber is apt to be woody and to aggravate dyspeptic conditions. Bananas, except in peculiar conditions which are entirely personal, may be eaten with benefit and without disturbance.

Great quantities of Paris green are used during some seasons of the year and as accidents may happen, it is well to know the antidote for the poison. Paris green owes its deadly properties to arsenic, as does London purple. Should either of these be taken into the stomach let the person drink copious draughts of milk, or raw eggs beaten up, and as soon as possible give an emetic, mustard is as good as anything, and keep up the action of vomiting by giving milk between the paroxysms of vomiting. When the stomach no longer rejects what is swallowed, give a good dose of castor oil.

To prevent hair from falling out or turning gray, take a teaspoonful of dried sage, and boil it in a quart of soft water for twenty minutes. Strain it off and add a piece of borax the size of an English walnut; pulverize the borax. Put the sage tea, when cool, into a quart bottle; add the borax; shake well together, and keep in a cool place. Brush the hair thoroughly and rub the wash well on the head with the hand. Then after a good hard rubbing, brush the hair well before a fire so it will become dry.—Exchange.

Professor Ira Remson, of the Johns Hopkins university, has been investigating the effect of cast-iron stoves on health—whether the stoves do or do not allow deleterious gases to escape. The verdict is in favor of the stoves. Professor Remson finds that carbonic oxide—the gas alleged to be so deleterious—does not pass through red-hot cast-iron even of the thickness of an eighth of an inch. Moreover, a careful examination did not in any one instance detect any deleterious gas given out by a well constructed furnace. Where carbonic oxide gas is found, its presence, it is declared, is not due to its passing through cast-iron in any appreciable quantity.

The Empress of Germany at Church.

A letter from Baden Baden to the Springfield (Mass.) Republican says: Three weeks ago the empress of Germany with a retinue of servants came to Baden, and a week later the emperor with his suite and the whole German court arrived from Berlin. The royal household, the court included, occupy the Hotel Mesmer, which the proprietor retains exclusively for his royal guests during their stay. This hotel is only separated from the Conversationshaus and the beautiful grounds where the visitors promenade every afternoon and evening by a very narrow street.

Persons promenading back and forth, listening to the delightful music from the fine band in the kiosks, or sitting by the restaurant sipping their coffee or drinking their beer, can at almost any hour, if so disposed, get a glimpse of royalty—in fact, a good square look—as it goes and returns from its rides and walks. The empress, whose seventieth birthday was celebrated this week, carries the weight of so many years gracefully, and without giving evidence of such an advanced age. To see her out every morning taking her "constitutional," and walking so briskly that her maid and footman in livery have to walk sharp to keep pace with her, it is hard to realize that she has seen threescore and ten years.

Her majesty is a devoted church woman. During her stay at Baden she attends regularly every Sunday the little English church, and joins in the service like any other stray visitor that might enter the house of worship. She times her arrival so as to be present just as service is about to commence. She rides to church in a close, handsome, not over-expansive carriage, drawn by two elegant, coal-black horses with silver-mounted harness. The coachman and footman are in livery, and the stont, plain-looking German woman, plainly dressed, who rides with her majesty inside, is, I suppose, one of the ladies in waiting, or "maids of honor." At the church door one of the wardens, Mr. Oakes, of New York, stands ready to receive her, and escorts her to her seat, which is directly in front of the chancel. Last Sunday I happened to have a seat directly behind her majesty, and, of course, but could observe all her movements, what she wore, etc. If I had the peculiar talent of some female writers I would undertake to describe her dress, but I forbear.

It was so very plain and inexpensive, and at the same time so sensible and appropriate for church-going, that I know the fashionable world, which would expect an empress' dress to be sparkling with diamonds and covered with the richest of laces, would be disappointed. All of her dress that was visible—her straw hat with a single ostrich plume, her silk and mantle with modest and inexpensive trimmings—cost altogether not more than some of the very fashionable and expensive hats worn by some of the very fashionable ladies in some of the very fashionable American churches. The moment her majesty got fairly seated she searched in the depths of her pocket and drew out her purse, from which she extracted a ten-mark gold piece (\$2.50), and carefully placed it on the railing in front of her. This was to be ready for the contribution box, and she evidently adhered to the old motto, "Pay as you go." She then found her place in the prayer book, responded throughout the service in good English, and joined in singing the hymns, etc. And she wore no spectacles, either.

Edwin Forrest and White Cloud.

Many years ago, while Edwin Forrest was playing an engagement in a Western theater, White Cloud and a number of other Indian chiefs were on their return from Washington. Stopping in the town over night, they were conducted to the theater to see the great American tragedian. Mr. Forrest was then in the prime of life, his voice being up to the maximum of a stentor. The play on that evening was "Metamora," which is now in the possession of John McCullough. White Cloud and his band of warriors were accommodated with seats in a stage box. The theater was crowded, and it was very evident that the auditors were anxious to observe what effect the performance would have on the simon-pure children of the forest. The play proceeded, and although the Indians could not understand a single word that was said, yet they appeared to be much interested, occasionally giving to one another a satisfactory grunt. After awhile they became rather uneasy, which seemed to be simultaneous among them all. This was more apparent when the Indian war-whoop came from behind the scenes. The eyes of the audience were upon White Cloud, who two or three times grasped the tomahawk in his belt. The other warriors did so likewise. The party were getting more excited as the play proceeded. They looked at each other with anxiety; their eyes indexed the fact that their "souls were in arm." Presently Metamora, with uplifted tomahawk, rushed upon the stage, and when he gave that war-whoop, which none but a Forrest could do, the Indians could remain in their seats no longer. Forrest gave a second and a shrill whoop, whereupon White Cloud and his band, joining in full chorus, sprang upon the stage, and, brandishing their tomahawks and glittering knives, rushed toward Metamora. Forrest was dumb-founded for a moment, but he soon took in the situation, and finding that the real Indians were on his side, ready to do or die in his behalf, he felt that he had achieved one of his greatest triumphs in the profession he so much loved during his eventful life. In detailing this anecdote Forrest said that he was not really aware at the time of the performance that he was using an exact "whoop" for reinforcements, but the wild Indians understood it and responded as followers of Metamora. The house was thrown into the wildest excitement, which soon cooled down, with the general belief that it was the best performance and most effective rendition of the Indian play ever made by the distinguished actor.

The Camel and the Needle's Eye. The passage from the New Testament, "It is easier for a camel," etc., has perplexed many good men who have read it literally.

In oriental cities there are in the large gates small and very low apertures, called metaphorically "needle's eyes," just as we talk of windows on ship-board as "bull's eyes." These entrances are too narrow for a camel to pass through them in the ordinary manner, or even if loaded. When a loaded camel has to pass through one of these entrances it kneels down, its load is removed and then it shuffles through on its knees.

"Yesterday," writes Lady Duff Gordon from Cairo, "I saw a camel go through the eye of a needle, that is, the low, arched door of an inclosure. He must kneel and bow his head to creep through; and thus the rich man must humble himself."

Working Up Business. A solemn-looking man recently walked into the office of the Petaluma Peanin, and handed a paper over to the advertising clerk and said: "I will pay you your top advertising rates to have that printed in your 'Answers to Correspondents' column every other week during the summer."

The item read: "Amateur Sailor.—The quickest way to bale out a boat while sailing is to pull out the plug in the bottom."

"I'm afraid we can't do it," said the clerk, regretfully; upon which the solemn party folded up the paper and walked out with a deep sigh.

"Who is that?" asked the editor, looking up.

"It's the new coroner."—San Francisco Post.

Mrs. Julia Van Estep, of Forrestville, Va., is ninety-one years of age, and has an army of descendants. She is the mother of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters; the grandmother of eighty-six children, the great-grandmother of 146 children, the great-great-grandmother of ten children—254 souls in all.

A Card. [Glen Falls (N. Y.) Times.] GLEN FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1880. REV. MR. L. N. ST. ONGE: Dear Sir—Will you please state below what satisfaction St. Jacobs Oil gives you, which you got of us some time ago, and oblige, LEGGETT & BUSH.

Very effective, L. N. ST. ONGE.

For boys the court valet costume is the style. It is a square coat fitted in the back, high in the neck, and fastened with small buttons of cut steel down the front to the waist line, where it is slanted off to the back, showing a comparatively long waistcoat, with pockets and cut-steel buttons. The plain sleeves are trimmed with similar buttons.

[Cleveland Leader.] Mr. Orlando Weatherbee, says an exchange of ours, proprietor "The Spencer Pharmacy," Spencer, Mass., reports: My customers speak very highly of the great German remedy, St. Jacobs Oil, it having always given excellent satisfaction. One of them, Mr. Henry Belcher, has been greatly benefited by its use in a case of severe rheumatism, and he refers to it in terms of highest praise.

After the profuse kissing that went on between the Czar and Emperor William, at Danzig, it would not be unprecedented in history if they should proceed to fight each other.

The Oldest Mummies.

Among the royal mummies the oldest is King Raskenen, one of the latest monarchs of the seventeenth dynasty. According to Mariette, this dynasty ended B. C. 1703. As Raskenen was not the last of this line, we shall not be far out of the way in saying that his mummy, with its fine linen shroud and its three carved cases fitting together like a nest of boxes, is about 3,700 years old. Four hundred years before the Israelites crossed the Red sea this monarch ruled in Thebes. Nearly all that we know of the doings of humanity upon the earth has taken place since he was oiled and perfumed and laid away in his painted boxes. Yet we can touch his hands to-day and look into his face and read his history written all over his coffin. [New York Tribune.]

"Lies! Big Lies!" Not so fast, my friend; for if you would see the strong, healthy, blooming men, women and children that have been raised from beds of sickness, suffering and almost death, by the use of Hop Bitters, you would say, "What a glorious truth!" See "Truths" in another column.

A Georgia farmer mistook his ragged son for a scarecrow at a distance, and playfully shot a bullet into him.

25 Cents Will Buy a Treatise upon the Horse and his Diseases. Book of 100 pages. Valuable to every owner of horses. Postage stamps taken. Sent postpaid by NEW YORK NEWS-PAPER UNION, 150 Worth Street, New York.

PETROLIA, Pa., JULY 2, 1875. MESSRS. KENNEDY & CO.:—My hair is growing out so fast that I can almost see it growing myself, through the use of your CARBOLINE.

HOW TO SECURE HEALTH. It is strange any one will suffer from debility, indigestion, nervousness, etc., when they can have so much good health by the use of HOP BITTERS.

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Vegetine.

Female Weaknesses. No better remedy in the whole materia medica has yet been compounded for the relief and cure of Female Complaints, of the ordinary kind, than Vegetine. It seems to act in these cases with unwonted certainty, and never fails to give a new and healthful tone to the female organs, to remove relaxed debility and unhealthy secretions, and restore a healthy vigor and elasticity. One of the most common of these complaints is Leucorrhoea or Whites, which are brought on either by the presence of Scrophula in the system, or by some affection of the womb, or even by general debility. For all these complaints, when danger begins to threaten, woman at the turn of life, VEGETINE can be recommended without qualification. The great prevalence of these disorders, and their cure by VEGETINE, has amply shown that the sure alleviating agent remains not yet to be discovered, but is already known, and is a favorite with American ladies. Too long has it been the custom to prescribe nauseating and uncertain remedies in place of what is pleasant, efficacious and cheap. Try VEGETINE, and do not doubt its power to carry you safely through danger and disease.

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