THE ILLINOIS "PERFECTIONISTS" AND THEIR PERALE APOSTLE.

Mrs. Heekman's Queer Inspiration...
Her Death and Failure to Rise
According to Fromisc.

The followers of "Dora of Byron" style themselves "Perfectionists," and their headquarters are at Byron, Ogle about 700 inhabitants, eighty-nine miles west of Chicago. Although first settled about fifty years ago, the population of the entire township does not exceed 1,000; but nearly all the inhabitants are, if not wealthy, exceedingly well-to-do.

called to the Perfectionists, for the greater part of the people of Byron look upon them with aversion. While seated in the office of the Commercial house a correspondent of the New York Star was given some information about this curious sect by the proprietor of the hotel, Mr. J. F. Spalding, who is also one of the village trustees.

you, you may depend upon as being correct. In 1876 the Rev. J. C. Prekman came here and assumed the pastorate of spring of 1877 his wife, Dora Beekman, lieve in her. From the start a considerable number of persons became her followers. She went to Alpena, Mich., and festation of the coming of the second meeting. Christ, and upon her return from Alpena to Byron he accompanied her

for Mr. Beekman among his church memher own way.

ing and preaching in various places and actually seen. adding members to her following, always assisted by Mr. Sweinforth. There are in Byron about forty Perfectionists, and the total membership of the sect I do somehow or 'nuther got mixed up; but not think exceeds 200. But now let me I don't see how the hen is to blame. tell you of the strangest part of the But there is this difference between whole business:

"Mrs. Beekman died last April in Quena Vista, Col., where she had estabished a company of her followers. Her husband was notified that she was ill, but thusband was notified that she was ill, but it was not until the day after her death that he was telegraphed to that effect, that he was telegraphed to that she was to-tell sort of an air, an's so sometimes we The Perfectionists, holding that she was Christ, insisted that she would use again are left in doubt as to his intelligence. on the third day, and refused to embalm her remains until the fourth day had to give him the credit of that doubt. passed and mortification had set in. They then embalmed the body and started with it for Byron, coming by the way of Kansas City and Chicago, and arriving here eight days after Mrs. Beekman's death. They placed the coffin in the yard, in front of Mr. Beekman's residence, de clining to carry it into the house. They also refused to permit the coffin to be opened. Well, the coffin was finally opened and the body of Mrs. Beekman was there, beyond a doubt. Then the townsfolk were satisfied, and the remains were interred in the village cemetery. The Perfectionists, having been disappointed in that their Christ did not rise again on the third day, they boldly asserted that she would reappear on earth at the end of forty days, but in this, too, they were left in the cold, and it has rather staggered them."

A visit was made to the house of Mr. Beekman, but it was learned that he had gone to Romeo, Mich., on a visit to his brother, who lives there. The house is a commodious one, and was given to Christ (i. e., Mrs. Beekman) by her followers. When she died it passed into the hauds of her husband. The Perfectionists did not like this, and tried to get possession of it. But as they had formally deeded it to Mrs. Beekman, upon her death it legally became the property of

her husband. Of Mr. Beekman no one in Byron has anything but good to say, excepting always the Perfectionists, who cannot forgive him for opposing their belief and for retaining possession of the home they gave his wife. He is one of the most popular men in the town, and at present illis the office of village clerk. He is a regular attendant of the Congregational church, and frequently speaks in the church meetings. He is loved for his undoubted goodness, and is pitied for the

sorrows he has been called upon to bear. Mrs. Beckman is described by one who knew her well to have been a handsome lady, slight in frame, but with great Haverstraw is making bricks. The powers of endurance. Her learning is brick works shut down in very cold spoken of as something remarkable. hours. In conversing with her some difficulty was experienced, from the fact the clay in by hand and smoothing it off that she was slightly deaf. No one with a trowel is over. The brick maquestions her sincerity, but it was very generally believed that she was crazy.

The Perfectionists say that the word They will turn out 18,000 and more "Dora" means "Christ," and notwith- bricks in a day, The bricks," said my standing the fact that the three-day and the forty-day theory of Mrs. Beekman's 1 think, now,"—New York Tribune. rising from the dead have proved false, their faith that she was really the true

guiding their affairs. They hold meetings in Morris hall every Sunday, paying a rental of \$3 each time they use it.

An Ideal Blind Man.

M. D. Conway writes to the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette from London: It is probable that Professor Fawcett will live in history as the ideal blind man. The expression of blindness is all over him, and in every smallest movement, contrasting at every moment with the tokens of his Byron is a small village of triumph over it. His habitual loud voice in conversation, that of one who cannot measure the distance of those to whom he is speaking, his unaltered look as one approaches, until his hand is touched or he is spoken to, and the suddenness of his smile then; his intent air, as of one The attention of the stranger is not concentrating all other means of percepanother; these have more and more become the visible characteristics of Professor Fawcett as his real and intellectual mastery has increased. So that he is as unique among the blind in actual powers as Mr. Spalding said: "Thave lived in By-ron for more than thirty years. I know all few equals in fly-fishing, is a capital about these people, and whatever I tell skater, and knows all the flowers and vegetables in his garden as well as his gardener, in all their stages of growth. Not long ago he was walking with Sir the Congregational church. He is an Joseph Hooker in Kew gardens, and able man, and his preaching gave satis-faction. So, at the end of the year, he was invited to remain. During the the wish that the public might enjoy the wish that the public might enjoy them oftener, that Sir Joseph forgot that claimed to have received manifestations he was talking to a blind man, and told from God that she was the true Christ, him that he (Fawcett) was welcome to and called upon all true Christians to be- enter the gardens at any time of the night or day. His wife has been such eyes to him that he constantly speaks of having "seen in the papers" this and there made several more converts to her that. He goes home from parliament, belief, among them the Rev. George Jacob | across many streets and turnings, and if Sweinforth, pastor of the Methodist the cabman drives a yard beyond the church at Alpena. Mr. Sweinforth was door he is at once checked. He rarely enthusiastic in his advocacy of Mrs. Beekman's belief that she was the mani-

I remember as a very impressive occasion, one on which the pupils of the This could not fail to make trouble College for the Blind were gathered at his Mr. Beekman among his church mem- mansion by the Duke of Devonshire, bers. It was said, and I don't think where they and their friends were adthere's much doubt of it, that for a year dressed by Professor Fawcett. These she dictated all his sermons. At first afflicted youths of all ages and both sexes he fell in with her ideas, but she carried | sat before the tall intellectual man, who them so far that at last he openly re- seemed to be their natural representative. volted. At the end of the second year His address was simple, cheerful and of his ministry the members of the in every way felicitous. He said that he church held a meeting to determine thought blind people received an unwhether or not Mr. Beekman should be necessary amount of condolence on their dismissed from his charge. Forty-five loss. While it was right that they members voted to dismiss him, and only should be speedily aided, the sympathy eight voted that he be retained. An with them need not be sorrowful. They extra quarter's salary was voted him, and he signified his intention of leaving Byron, but his wife desired to remain imaginations saw the world chiefly in its here, and he yielded to her wishes. She beauty, if they were in health and comappeared to control him in all things exfort. They constantly heard descripcept his belief, and, though opposed to tions of things, and these, especially if her in this, he quietly let her go on in they had once enjoyed sight, became to the blind so real that they were apt to "So Mrs. Beekman went on, exhort- take their place in memory as things

The natur of women an' hens has somehow or 'nuther got mixed up; but women an' a hen; all hens is fools, but all women ain't. But you can drive a hen about as well as a woman.

A rooster knows more'n a hen, but he don't allers show it. The rooster is a But, as a fair-minded critic, we are bound But whether or not the rooster has more sense than a hen, he ain't-all the time getting into foolish scrapes like a hen.

A hen will run back and forth alongside of a fence forty or fifty times, trying to get over into the next yard, and go every time within two foot of an open gate, but never any nearer to it at any time, and will finally git mad an' fly over, a shriekin' an' cut-cuttaring, an' makin' as much fuss generally as a woman does when she finds the fortygaff of a strange woman in her husband's coat pocket. An when she gets on the other side of the fence she don't know what she came for.

A dog is a Solomon in all his glory aside of a brainless hen. He don't pick up a bone an' shake it like it was a rat, tryin' to get the meat off. But the fool of a hen will pick at a loose cabbage leaf an hour, an' only get a few mouthfuls, instid of stannin' on it an' goin' for it in a business-like style. But the hen is a nateral fool, an' can never learn anything.

The quickest way to brake up a settin' hen is to let 'em set on something that will hatch. I have tried everything, from chiny eggs to shingle nails, but nothin of that kind will hatch as quick as good eggs; an' as the hen generally sticks till suthin' is hatched, valuable time is saved by using eggs.

"Hell hath no furies like women skorned," except a settin' hea that is meddled with just after she has got fairly squat on a "stole" nestful of eggs. Hens is all fools, but the hen what

tries to crow like a rooster is a little more Oh, how like hens are some women we don't know!

Long live the hen-till Thanksgivin'! -Boston Transcript,

A Paragraph About Bricks. Riding from Newburg with a young fellow who lives at Haverstraw, I asked him how the brick works were doing there. Said he: "The chief industry of brick works shut down in very cold weather as the moisture in the clay then She was a brilliant speaker, and her powers of magnetism were such that she held the attention of her listeners until a good place for a poor man to live. she had finished speaking. She has been Nearly all the bricks now are made by known to speak continuously for three | machines and about nine men work to a machine. The old system of putting chines can only run a part of a day as they have to stop and fill up with clay.

their faith that she was really the true Christ remains unshaken. They claim feeding grounds of the whitefish, near that her mantle has fallen on Mr. Sweinforth, and that they can see her spirit food on which these fish exist.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

A stalk of cotton exhibited in Natchez recently was seven feet high and bore

Walter E. Warren, of Caswell county, N. C., is not yet nineteen years old and weighs 350 pounds. A Georgia negro seventy-three years of

age picked on his farm one day recently 108 pounds of cotton. A man in looly county, Ga., seventy-six years old, is living in the house where he was born, and has never spent but one

night from under its roof in his life. Texas boasts of a young woman who has planted and attended an acre of cotton, which made nearly a bale, the proceeds of which she will devote to dress.

James Tygelof, a Russian peasant near Odessa, reached his 147th year. His son is still alive at the age of 115; he has a grandson of eighty-five and a greatgrandson of forty years.

California has produced an ear of corn that can take rank among the curiosi-It is grown in the exact form of a child's hand, all parts being complete except the little finger, which is double.

A King as a Brute.

I have heard Mr. Leitch relate many curious incidents which fell under his notice when at Rome at this time, Of the following I have his own account in writing:

"Among my pupils was Lady Ogle, wife of Admiral Sir Charles Ogle. Frequently, when I was giving a lesson, she would be visited by ladies of her acquaintance, including many of the Italian nobility. On one of these oc casions the servant announced 'La Principessa Colonna.' She sat down opposite where I was painting, and she and Lady Ogle had a good deal of conversation. Although I knew Italian I paid little attention to what they were saying, till the princess, getting excited, used the words 'infame' and 'bestia,' and I observed Lady Ogle look surprised, and ask her friend to tell her all about it. 'I was present,' said the princess, 'and saw it all;' and then she proceeded to relate the following, which I translate as nearly as I can in her own words:

"'You must know that when the king (Ferdinand II., "Bomba") married the Sardinian princess at Turin, he stayed for a day or two in Rome on his return to Naples, and his holiness (Gregory XVI.) was graciously pleased to pay his majesty a visit of congratulation. On the occasion a very select perty was got together at the Neapolitan ambassador's, consisting of cardinals, monsignori, and some of the old noble families. The pope was very gracious to the new queen. He had heard of her musical accomplishments, and especially of her great interest in church music, and as she said she was devoted to Marcello, his holiness asked if she would have the kindness (gentilezza) to sing his favorite, No. 28 of the psalms The queen replied that to do so would be a great honor. In the meantime the king, her husband, was sitting by, sulky, silent and gloomy, with his elbow resting on the piano. The queen turned to him and said playfully that he must turn the leaves for her. For answer his majesty of the Two Sicilies rose and kicked the stool from below the queen, who fell heavily on the marble floor. I need not tell you, dear Lady Ogle, of the scene which followed. The king immediately left without speaking. The poor queen was carted to a bedroom, and I took my departure, when two great doctors, who had been hastily sent for, arrived. I heard that the none shocked,""-Good Words.

Washington Law Practice.

Law practice in Washington pays well to men who have been in Congress and who have a large acquaintance joined to considerable legal ability, says a letter from the national capital. Bob Ingersoll makes \$80,000 a year, and the star route trial must have netted him about \$40,000. Jerry Wilson was an Indiana congressman, and he came here on leaving the House of Representatives to pract tice law. He makes now from \$50,000 a year and upward. Judge Shellabarger was an Ohio member of Congress from Keifer's district, and his fees are now six or eight times a congressman's salary. He has built a mansion since he came to Washington and has amassed wealth. 'Squire Merrick made between \$70,000 and \$80,000 out of the star route trial, and he is worth a nice little fortune. Big lawyers here charge big fees and get them. Roscoe Conkling does a business here running pretty far up into the thousands yearly. Ex-Secretary Boutwell, of Massachusetts, has opened a law office in Washington, and I understand Senator McDonald intends to come to Washington in case he does not get the presidential nomination.

eduttion of a Baby.

It is con been of a bald head and a pair of lungs. One of the lungs takes a rest while the other runs the shop. One of them is always on deck all of the time. The baby is a bigger man than his mother. He likes to walk around with his father at night. The father does most of the walking and makes remarks of a cursory character.

The Wide, Wide World.

IAMA, REPUBLIC OF PERU.—Senor A. de La E. Delgado, L. L. D. and Counsellor, Tribunal of Justice, Lima, Republic of Peru, says: One single application of St. Jacobs Oil, cured me completely of theumatic pains in my left arm. recommended it to two of my friends. the Mrs. Dona Juano Garcia, widow, and Mr. D. Herman Decker, a German gentleman. Madam Garcia was relieved entirely by the pain-cure from terrible neuralgic pains of ten months standing. Mr. Decker was cured of inexplicable pains by a single application of the cure. My brother used the great remedy for a species of paralysis of the arm. He was entirely relieved from his ailment by one or two applications, after having tried numberless other remedies without effect.

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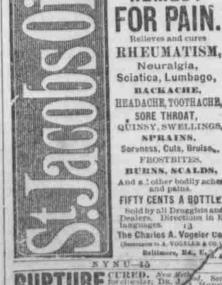
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