

Brief Paragraphs.

What is the difference between perseverance and obstinacy? The one is a strong will, and the other a strong neck.

A New York clergyman, recently, in the course of an evening's conversation with a lady, said: "I should like to see you."

Prayer.—One has somewhat quaintly but very truly said: "God looks not at the ostentatious of our prayers, how eloquent they are; nor at their geometry; how long they are; nor at their numbers; how many they are; nor at their logic, however methodical they are; but he looks at their sincerity—how spiritual they are."

Mortality Among Senators.—Mr. Foster, of Connecticut, in his valedictory to the Senate, said that during the twelve years he had spent in the Senate, only eighteen of its members had been removed by death, and in casting his eyes over the roll of names he in the Senate which he entered in 1865.

A good character is to a young man what a firm foundation is to an architect who proposes to erect a building upon it; he can build with safety and confidence, he can build with confidence in its solidity, a building which will never be wanting.

A negro preacher was holding forth from his congregation upon the subject of obeying the commands of God. Says he: "Brethren, whatever God tells me to do in his law (both in the Old and in the New Testament), if I see in it, that I must jump out of a window, I will jump out of a window."

Hard on His Father.—A correspondent of the Louisville Courier tells of an elderly gentleman in the New York Custom House, with a salary of three thousand dollars a year, whose position was inherited by his son on the condition that the father should give one-half of his salary to the son.

Words in Use.—The peasants of England have not more than three hundred words in their vocabulary. The ancient Greeks, on the other hand, were acquainted with more than three thousand words.

Important to Township Auditors.—It may not be generally known that an act of the Legislature, approved April 21, 1896, requires the township auditors of every township to be carefully audited by the auditors, whose duty it is to prepare a condensed statement of the condition of the township, and publish the same at the cost of the township.

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