Kome Reading.

THE TRUE TEMPLE

Not where high towers rear Their lofty heads above some cortly fane, both God, our Heavenly Father, only deign Our humble prayers to hear

Not where the lapsing hours, The cankering footprints of the spoiler Time. Are idly noted with a sounding chime. From proud cathedral towers.

Not where the chiseled stone. And shadowy niche, and shaft, and architrave, The dim old chancel, or the solemn nave Seem vast and chill and lone.

Not 'neath the vaulted dome. Or fretted roof, magnificently flung, O'er cushioned seats, or curtained deaks o'er-

With rare work of the loom.

Not where the sunlight falls From the stained oriel with a chastened shade. O'er sculptured tombs where mighty ones are

Till the last trumpet calls.

Not where rich music floats Through the hushed air until the soul is stirred As twere a chord from that bright land as When angels swell the notes.

Perchance 'tis well to raise palace temples; thus rich wrought, to

Who, 'midst his thousand thousand cherubims Can stoop to list our praise. Yet when our spirits bow

And sue for mercy at His sacred shrine. Can all the trappings of the teeming mine Light up the darkened brow? Oh, no !-God may be there-His smile may on such costly alters rest :

Yet are His humbler sanctuaries blessed With equal love, and care. Ave, wheresoe'r on earth, Or on the shore, or on the far blue sea His children, offspring of the true, may be, There nath His spirit birth.

Our sins may be forgiven, As, weak and few, our prayers go up to God: E'en though our temple floor be earth's green

It's roof the vault of heaven.

A DESPERATE DEEL. It is now over thirty years since one of the most remarkable, desperate and murderous duels that ever took place in this or any other country was fought at Vicksburg. One of the parties was formerly a New York boy, who was a graduate from one of the Wall-street banks. After filling all the desks of that institution with singular; ability, from a collecting clerk up to the position of first teller, while still quite a young man he was appointed cashier of a bank in Vicksburg, which gave offence and caused great jealousy among the senior clerks of that institution, and they took every opportunity to oppose and insult him. This became so marked and unbearable in its character that the President finally told the cashier, one of the tellers a specimen of his skill in the art of self-defence. This resulted in a challenge for a duel, which was accepted and was fraight, after three days of constant pirtol practice, resulting in the death of the teller. He had numerous relatives that one after another came were forced upon the cashier from the natural consequences of the first duel, and "still there were more Richmonds in the field." A relative of the first victim—an editor and successful to town to avenge the death of his cousin. His great courage and desperate fighting qualities had been frequently successfully tried, and were so well known that something desperate must be done to meet the emergency and if possible to stop any and all future challenges. The editor arrived in town and lost nottime in sending his message, which was as promptly responded to. Early in the morning of the same day all of the arrangements were made for a meeting at six o'clock the next morning. After making some necessary arrangements in case of death, the cashier went to bed and slept until 4 a m., having all this time forgot the almost worshipful love and devotion of his wife and only child, who were in protound ignorance of his desperate enterprise. He silently kissed them; and then the husband and father stole away to attend to the bloody business that he deemed imperative, according to "the code of honor and the loose morals of the inhabitants of that vicinity. He went forth with a firm determination "to/conquer or die." On arriving at the appointed tendezvous, he found a trench dug six feet deep, two feet wide and twelve feet long. Into this double grave the two principles descended, each armed with sixshooting navy revolvers, and having bowie

the upper lip and the gum will immediately arrest nose bleeding. Press the lip gently with the finger so as to hold the paper firmly. It never fails.

knives, with instructions to commence firing at

the word, and advance and finish the bloody

work with their knives if the pistols failed to

accomplish it. At the first shot the editor was

mortally wounded. He drew his knife, and

with the ferocity of a tiger sprung forward at

his opponent just as he had fired his second

shot. He warded off the blow with his pustol,

which had a deep cut in it made by the heavy

knife, showing what a desperate blow had been

simed at his life by his adversary, who fell dead

at his feet. The cashier's mind was so much

diseased that he could not attend to business,

and by the advice of his physician took a va-

cation and change of scene. He came to New

York and died in a lunatic asylum on the

Island a month after.

A minister testifies, in favor of children's temperance societies, that he has known more parents reformed from intemperance by the zeal of these "little ones," than by any other A TOTAL OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR

If you would know the value of a dollar try to borrow one.

LIFE IN SIBERIA.

A letter from Siberia says: "Our dinner party in the eyening—and it really, was a dinner party—was extremely merry. Each one laid stores under contribution. Some brought out frozen bread, others frozen cavaire, others still frozen preserves, and others again sausages which could not be bent even if put against the knee and pulled with all the strength of bo th arms. Can you imagine without laughing the appearance of seven half famished people sitting at the table with thirty different dish es before them, and unable to touch one of them except at the risk of breaking his teeth? Nothing could be done except to wait patient ly for the dishes to be thawed. Gradually, as each article of food softens, faces brighten, and when at last a knife enters one of the dishes, there were shouts of triumph, which appounced the beginning of the meal,. At the close of the dinner we ate excellent fruit, which had been kept frozen. Throughout Siberia, as soon as very cold weather sets m, all fruit is placed ou: of doors with a northern exposure, that the sun may never touch them. They are frozen through and through and retain their flavor as completely as if they had just been plucked from the tree. When placed on the table they are as hard as wood, and when they fall accidentally on the floor they make the same noise a wooden ball would. The heat of the dining room gradually softens them, and they reas sume their original form. While cating some game one day, I, out of curiosity, asked how long it had been killed. I was told over two months ago.' When cold weather sets in nearly every butcher kills all the meat he requires during the winter. Fish become so solid that in all the markets they are seen leaning against the wall on their tales, no matter what their length or weight may be."

DRINKING WATER.

Dr. Hall is opposed to the immoderate drinking of water. He says: "The lorger one puts off drinking in the morning, especially in the summer, the less he will require during the day. It much is drunk during the forenoon the thirst often increases and a very unpleasant fulness is observed, in addition to a metalic taste in the mouth. The less a man drinks the better for him, beyond a moderate amount. The more water a man drinks the more strength he has to expend in getting rid of it, for all the fluid taken into the system must be carried out, and there is but little nourishment in water, tea. coffee, beer and the like; more -strength is expended in carrying them out of the system than

The more a man drinks the more he perspires, either by the lungs or through the skin : the more he perspires the more carbon is taken from the system; but the carbon is necessary for nutrition, hence the less a man is nourished hand he hilds out to us, we shall be sustained. the less strength he has. Drinking water largethat he must resent it and that he would stand by diminishes the strength in two ways, and by him. He had an occasion soon after to give yet many are under the impression that the more water swallowed the more thoroughly is the system "washed out." Thus the less we drink at meals the better for us. If the amount were limited to a single cup of hot tes or hot milk and water at each meal, an immeasureable good would result to all. Many persons have forward to avenge his death, until four duels fallen into the practice of drinking several glasses of cold water or several cups of hot tea the right side of people, and as a general thing or coffee at meals, out of mere habit. All such failing will be greatly benefitted by breaking it up at once. It may be very well to drink a little at duellist—gave out a threat that he was coming | each meal, and perhaps it will be found that in all cases it is much better to take a single cup of hot tea at each meal than a glass of cold water, however pure

WIRE ROPE.

The demand for wire rope is increasing in Colorado and other adjacent Territories, where mining forms the principal industry. In the Rockies, where a great many of the mines are situated on the sides of steep, and almost inaccessible mountains, wire rope becomes almost an absolute necessity for the building of tramways, etc., to facilitate and lessen the cost of transporting the ores to market. It is also largely used for hoisting purposes; though somewhat more expensive than ordinary hemp rope, yet, it pays for itself in vastly superior strength, durability, and the sensation of safety, which latter is no small consideration to a conscientious superintendent who values the lives of his men and takes a pride in his mine. Commodore, Shufeldt has ordered the proper authorities of the Boston Navy Yard to make several five inch steel wire hawsers. These will probably be the largest wire rope ever made. The Navy Department has use for immense hawser to tow monitors and vessels in distress. They are put on board the men-ofwar for use. when required. The usual appliance is a twelve inch hemp rope, but it swells when wet, and gets very heavy by absorption of water. The steel wire hawsers will be seven inches less in diameter, much lighter, nonabsorbent, more pliable and durable, and in evcry respect better. This is a curious and, in fact, wonderful advance in the application of steel and iron to commercial uses. A hemp hawser, twelve inches thick, is a wonderful thing in itself, but a steel wire hawser, five inches in thickness, better answering the same purpose, is something fruitful of thought to the student in shipbuilding and rigging.

GIRLS, LOOK TO THIS.

A writer in The Herald of Health asserts that It is asserted that a piece of brown paper, a young woman twenty-five years of age, a folded two or three times and placed between hard working girl, daughter of a farmer, broke

> die a languishing death, as a result of long continued tight lacing? Ask any candid physician what his experience has been of the effects of over lacing, and he will tell terrible stories of the sacrifices made to fashion and appearances, in order to produce a small waist and a to save sinners." To this I cleave, and herein rounded form.

Paper callers—people who leave their cards. A blacksmith is always striking for wages.

A GIGANTIO SHAM.

Puncture the Chinese empire by any foreign power and it would be found to be a gigantic sham: The population of the cities, as enumerated by Marco Polo, lias given an exaggerated opinion of the population. Peking, stated at eleven millions, does not contain more than seven or eight hundred thousand; while as to the population of the entire empire no actual census has been taken for more than eleven centuries, and no reliable basis exists for making an estimate of the population. The opinion of the wealth of China is equally exaggerated for in what does this wealth exist? In the agricultural regions, the improvements are of an economical character; there are no fences, and the mirinhouses are a mere trumpery collection of mud and straw. There are no great' manufactories requiring the investment of capitals the mines are not

worked to any considerable extent; there are no railways, but few steamship companies, and no foreign shipping interest. The houses in the cities are very fragile constructions; the boats upon the rivers and capals are of inexpensive material and rude finish; the carts and wagons for transportation are of the rudest workmanship, and there is not a road in China ten miles long over which a spring vehicle can pass in safety. In what, then, does this imagined wealth really consist? The masses of the people are miserably poor, and the struggle to maintain life is so great that it ceases to be a boon. As the Chinese prepare their defences with a painted curtain screening dummy soldiers and wooden guns, which become ludi crous when exposed, so, we imagine, if the curtain were raised from the interior of China, and he poverty of its resources exhibited, the fabulous Cathay would be found to be a sham.

STAND UP.

Some passengers down the Mississippi river, one day, observed a man struggling about the water, trying to catch something to save himself from drowning. The captain shouted from the deck, "Stand up."

The man did so, and to his surprise found he could wade out with perfect ease. He had supposed it was over his head, and, as he could not swim, felt there was no hope for him.

So often it is with us when in difficulties.— We give up trying and say "can't," and that puts a stop to all energy. The right way is to stand up bravely, put your shoulder to the wheel, and push with all your strength. There is no fear but that such a spirit will succeed in the world. "The Lord helps those who help themselves." He has given no promise to help

. If the Lord sends great sorrows upon us. he has made abundant provision for our comfort. If we will but take hold, in our spirit of the We need, then, at all times, to read our Bibles much, and pray God's help.

When evil minded people sneer at or disoblige us we should learn to stand up bravely and never fear them. If we do right, we are sure to have God on our side, and then we have nothing to fear.

Those who are blown about by every little whiff of public opinion, are always in trouble, always shifting and casting about to keep on

"Stand up" for the right always, fearlessly and nobly, and you will not fail in the end to secure the favor both of God and men.

ONLY A CENT.

If, at the birth of our Saviour, one cent had been put out at interest, it would, as we all k now have doubled at the expiration of twelve years. At the end of fifty-six years, eight cents. Now continuing this process, we find that at the expiration of 120 years any sum put out at compound interest will have increased 1,000 fold, or the one cent have become \$10. 120 years incre, or A. D. 240, the \$10 increasing 1.-000 fold would have equaled \$10,000. Then for every 120 years we must add three ciphers, or, say the year 600, A. D. the sum would be 10,000,000 taken 1,000,000 times, or enough to give every one of our 40,000,000 inhabitants a fortune of a quarter of a million dollars each, The increase now becomes stupendous, and to handle it all we must take, the value in pounds: weight, and finally cubic feet of gold. Gold is worth in round numbers \$200 a pound. There are about twenty pounds of gold to every l gound of water in a cubic toot. A cubic foot weighs sixty pounds about ; gold consequent IRON CLAD, FIRST PREMIUM ly 1,000 pounds per foot, valued at \$200,000say one quarter of a million dollars, or \$1-000,000 to four cubic feet of gold. At the end of 600 years, then, we should have from one cent in the beginning 40,000,000 feet of solid gold. Continuing this process we must soon use cubic miles as our unit, and, finally, we reached the stupendous result that in the year 1900, A.D., one cent put out at compound interest would have increased to a sphere of gold whose center being placed at the center of the sun would extend beyond the path of the earth around that body, in all directions, and neces sarily as far above and below the plane of the earth's revolution a save, a sale as

Grace tried is better than grace, and more than grace, it is glory in its infancy. Who knows the truth of grace without trial? And how soon would faith freeze without a cross Bear your cross, therefore, with joy.

Brisk talkers are usually slow thinkers. There is indeed, no wild beast more to be her ribs in facing her corset, and is not expect- dreaded than a communicative man having inothing to communicate. If you are civil-to ed to live.

This is not incredible, but how many girls the voluble, they will abuse your patience; if brusque, your character.

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