

SMILEY AND FLAG!

The morning papers had just arrived, and they had rushed to open them. Stella suddenly laid down the paper and burst into tears.

ALBANY INDIAN RELICS.

RARE PIECES OF WAMPUM FOR THE NEW-YORK STATE MUSEUM.

A Recent Acquisition is the Five-Fire Belt of the Iroquois League. The Original Conventicle Treaty-Ribbon Obtained by Harriet Maxwell Converse.

CRASSHOPPER GLACIER.

Key Tomb of Thousands of the Long-legged Insects.

There are many remarkable glaciers in that part of the Rocky Mountain uplift that crosses the southern border of Montana.

THE POPULARITY OF FENCING.

As it is scientifically understood, fencing dates from the early part of the sixteenth century.

LIFE OF BOER TREKKERS.

REGARDED AS OUTCASTS BY THE TRANSVAAL BURGHERS.

Something About Their Mode of Life—Their Laziness and Dense Ignorance—A Trekker Truly Who Presented an Unusual Sight.

"The Trek Boer is a living example of the truth of the colonial saying that 'monotony does not harm a man with no brains'."

CURIOUS FACTS.

The first watches were made at Nuremberg, Germany, in 1477.

Mrs. William Swartwood, of Mountain Top, Penn., recently gave birth to her twenty-fifth child.

The most extensive cemetery in the world is that at Rome, in which over 6,000,000 human beings have been interred.

Raleigh, N. C., has the largest pair of oak trees in the United States, when perfect symmetry of trunk and top is taken into consideration.

Kites always carry odds and ends of what they consider ornaments to their nests.

On the big steamer Oceanic there is no seat at the table marked No. 13, and no cabin bearing that number.

Originally clocks had only the hour hand, but the minute hand was added later, as it became fashionable to make the dials as decorative as possible.

In the mails recently received in Milwaukee, Wis., were the ashes of a woman of that city who died while visiting Germany and was cremated there.

A child was lost in the Blue Ridge Mountains and three months later its dead body and that of the dog who was with it were found.

Gems are said to be subject to disease. Sometimes they prove fatal, and the jewel dies.

India's area of wheat farms is now about two-thirds as large as that of the United States.

In an old church in Herefordshire, England, there are two thriving elm trees, which naturally sprouted from the pavement of the edifice, and stand one at each end of a pew.

At Munich there is a hospital which is entirely supported by the sale of old steel pens and nibs collected from all parts of Germany.

The oldest resident of the town of Emporia, Kan., is J. P. Mather, who is said to be a direct descendant of Cotton Mather.

She decided that the only way to run a house economically was to keep a set of books, so she made all necessary purchases, including a bottle of red ink, and started in.

It was a month later when her husband asked her how she was getting along and drive them further inland, and he himself had followed in his father's footsteps.

"Splendidly," she replied. "The system is a success, then?"

"Yes, indeed. Why, I'm sixty-six dollars ahead already."

"Sixty-six dollars!" he exclaimed. "Heavens! You'll be rich before long. Have you started a bank account?"

"No; not yet."

"What have you done with the money?"

"Oh, I haven't got the money, you know. That's only what the books show. But just think of being sixty-six dollars ahead!"

"Um, yes. But I don't exactly see—"

"And all in one month, too!"

"Of course; but the money? What has become of that?"

"I don't exactly know," she said, doubtfully. "I've been thinking of that, and I think we must have been robbed. What do you think we had better do about it?"

He thought in solemn silence for a moment, and then suggested:

"We might stop keeping books. That's easier than complaining to the police."—Woman's Home Companion.

Her Mistake.

The conductor said there was room for a few more inside.

At the Elephant and Castle, when the tram turned west, the customary contingent of shoppers got in, and there was an uncomfortable jam.

But the little man kept his eyes on his paper. He also kept his seat.

"Pardon me, madam," said a polite man hanging on to a strap to a lady standing beside him with an armful of paper parcels, "you are standing on my foot."

"I'm so sorry," said she. "I thought it belonged to the man sitting down."

And then the little man's eyes were lifted from his paper, and she got the seat.—Pearson's.

Trained Nurses in Germany.

Trained nurses in German hospitals get from \$75 to \$200 a year, with board, lodging and all their expenses.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

JANUARY 21.

Send Ms. Isa. vi 1-10. Quarterly Missionary Meeting.

Scripture Verses.—The call of the disciples.—John i. 38-45; Matt. iv. 19, 22; Mark iii. 14. The laborers called.—Matt. xx. 1-15. Vs. 9 and 10 quoted.—Matt. xxiii. 15; John xii. 39-41; Acts xviii. 25-28; Rom. xi. 8; 2 Cor. iii. 14, 15.

Lesson Thoughts.

With the consciousness of God's presence comes also a conviction of personal guilt. When a man sees the infinite holiness of God he sees at once the infinite iniquity of his own nature.

Every man is a sinner when contrasted with the divine purity. Isaiah's consciousness is the feeling of every man when he looks into his own heart.

The first impulse of the saved soul is to save others. Cleanse himself, he sees the need of the world for cleansing, and he feels within the call to proclaim salvation to his fellowmen. "Here am I, send me."

Selections.

Let us keep saying over and over again this reply of the evangelist prophet: "Here am I, send me." Are teachers, tract-distributors, wanted? "Here am I, send me." Do sick people need watchers? "Here am I, send me." Are the poor out of the slums famishing? "Here am I, send me."

A missionary is like a tree that ventures far in the clear, unsupported air, but always has a wide expanse of roots than of branches. He is "rooted and grounded in love."

We are but the chisel to carve God's statues in this world. Unquestionably, we must do the work. Our hands must touch men's lives and save them. Our lips must speak the words that shall convict sinners of their sins.

Not unto all the useful lips are given, The ready tongue, the words so strong and sweet;

Yet all may turn, with humble, willing feet, And bear to darkened souls the light from heaven.

C. E. Gospel Hymns—8, 28, 31, 123, 112, 125.

Gospel Hymns, 1-4—147, 133, 150, 403, 298, 155.

Quoted Them.

A new variety of the "everyday philosopher" is pictured by the Chicago News in the person of a man who, it says, came racing down the iron steps which led to the train-shed at the Northwestern depot, just as a train was pulling out. He was stout and perspiring, and his arms were filled with bundles. Everybody got out of his way as he chased the rear car down the long platform, some shouting advice and pleasant comment after him. Some sportively inclined people offered bets in a loud voice on his chances of catching the train, and others laughed at his grim determination. But he caught it and was hoisted up on the platform by a trainman without the loss of a bundle. He shook his fist at the cheering crowd behind him, and went inside the car with the blindest sense of having won. It was only when the conductor came around for his ticket that he learned that he was on the Milwaukee division train bound for Evanston without a stop, when he should have been moving toward Park Ridge, which lies in a different direction. Most men would have said something ugly. This man only smiled. "There's one comfort about it," said he. "Those idiots in the depot will never know how I fooled them. They think I caught the right train."

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HAY—Choice Extra 17 17 1/2

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POTATOES—Barbans 38 40

ONIONS 35 38

PROVISIONS.

BACON—Shoulders 7 1/2 7 1/2

Hams 10 1/2 11 1/2

Meat Pork, per bar. 16 50

LARD—Crude 4 4

Best refined 4 4

BUTTER.

BUTTER—The Creamy 28 28

Under Fine 27 28

Creamery Rolls 28 28

CHEESE.

CHEESE—N. Y. Fancy 12 13

N. Y. Flats 13 14

Chin Cheese 5 1/2 5 1/2

EGGS.

EGGS—State 14 15

North Carolina 17 18

CHICKENS.

CHICKENS—Hens 7 1/2 8

Ducks, per lb. 8 8 1/2

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Red Fox 30 30

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Opossum 22 22

Blk. 20 20

Otter 180 180

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RYE—Western 50 61

CORN—No. 2 39 41

OATS—No. 3 28 29

BUTTER—State 23 24

EGGS—State 13 14

CHEESE—State 12 13

PHILADELPHIA.

FLOUR—Southern 3.85 4.20

WHEAT—No. 2 Red 73 74

RYE—No. 2 54 55

OATS—No. 3 28 29

BUTTER—State 23 24

EGGS—Penna 13 14