

CHAPTER OF HORRORS

FIRST WITCHCRAFT ARREST IN SALEM, MASS.

The Most Famous Outbreak of This Ignominious Folly—A Tragic Time of Popular Madness and Superstition—The Terrible Death of Giles Corey.

Two Hundred Years Ago.

There is nothing more incomprehensible to a man nowadays than the belief in witchcraft and demonic possession on which, during preceding ages, was religiously held by the majority of people.



WHERE GILES COREY WAS EXECUTED.

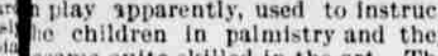
one doubted that old women might have commerce with the devil, and by him be empowered to work ill to whomsoever they wished.

An End of the Craze.

But the end was near, and what finally turned the tide was the accusation of Mrs. Hale, wife of a minister at Beverly.

The Bewitched Children.

Rev. Samuel Parris was minister over the church at Salem in the year 1689. In several ways he had managed to get a part of the congregation against him and his influence was fast becoming a thing of the past.



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POPULAR SCIENCE.

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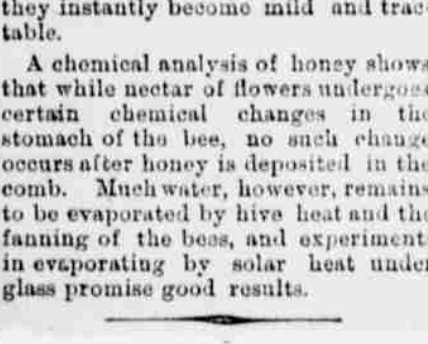
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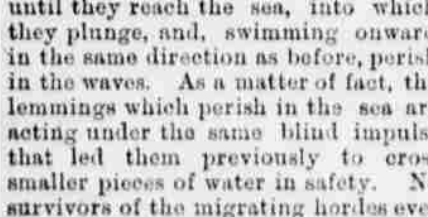


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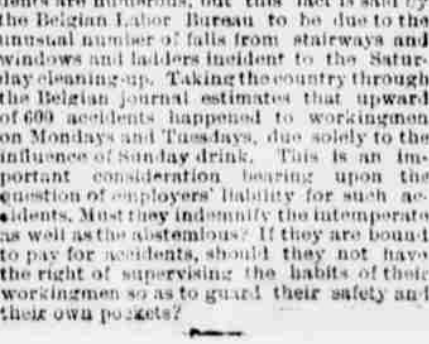
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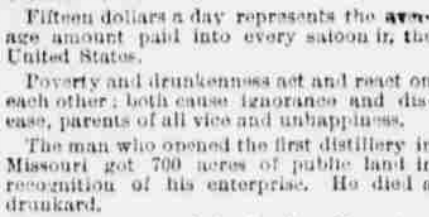


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SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR JUNE 17.

Lesson Text: "The Woes of the Drunkard," Prov. xxiii, 29-35.—Golden Text: Prov. xxiii, 30.—Commentary.

Some one has said that, as in the first book of Moses, the book of the beginnings of earth, life, man and Israel, its types are the lives of men, so in the first book of Psalms (to xli) we have God's purposes for man in relation to man—man in general (1, 2, 3, 4), the man of the earth (9 to 15) and the man Christ Jesus (xvi, to xli).

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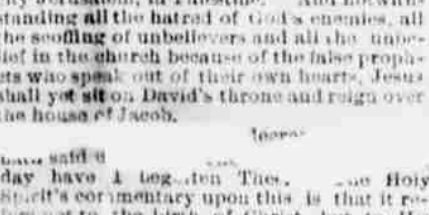
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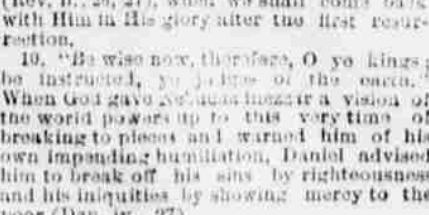


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RELIGIOUS READING.

SPARE TO THAT YOUNG MAN.

It is in no special danger. At most points he is strongly fortified against the seductive influences that run so many of our young men. He abhors their evil courses; he shuns their pestiferous society; he keeps far remote from the places where they congregate.

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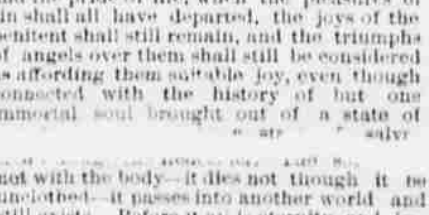
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