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"Did Charity prevail, the Press would prove vehicle of Virtue, Truth and Love."—COWPER.

**CURRENT COMMENT.**  
WITH her increased prosperity and the advent of a manufacturing era, it is small wonder that the South is suffering from a period of personal shame at having indorsed the Democratic propaganda.

The *News*, with its "has did" and "shootist" record, is now setting itself up as an authority on the "possessive case." If St. Paul owns no churches he could help Moses out of the bullrushes. The "betters" will always be on top.

Now comes the announcement that Attorney James G. Crouse will be a candidate for President Judge. Mr. Crouse has always been a loyal Republican, true to his party, and hails from that line of Crouse and Gutelius ancestry whose loyalty to the Republican and Whig principles was never questioned. Mr. Crouse has many friends who would like to see him elevated to the Judicial toga.

From private sources THE POST learns that many of the interior teachers of public schools have never yet been made formally acquainted with their new duties as co-operators with the local boards of health "The first intimation," says one of them, "that such a duty devolved upon me was when I read of it in THE POST." We suppose that if we were to recommend the sending of a copy of the law to every teacher there would instantly be a chorus of howls against "the latest job," and, in point of fact such a course, while desirable in every way, is not actually necessary. The county and city superintendents can take occasion to instruct the teachers themselves and thus avoid that expense. Meantime the educational department is not without responsibility and opportunity in the premises. It should at least stir up the superintendents.

**ECLAIRCISSAMENT**  
IMITATION is the sincerest flattery, and only articles of merit and value are ever counterfeited. The abortive attempts to ape the styles and counterfeit the Post's superior job printing will not deceive even a novice. Three principal requisites are absolutely necessary to produce superior book and job printing, and these are superior material, superior facilities and superior artists in the "art preservative." The Post has all these. "They come high, but we must have them," in order to keep abreast of the times and meet the demand for the *recherche* art printing that the social and business world has been educated up to. The Post, in bidding for this class of work, recognizes the absolute necessity of the three prime factors alluded to above, and, with these, and correct business methods, a foundation is being laid for one of the best printing plants of its class in Central Pennsylvania.

This will embrace, in addition to the usual lines of commercial stationery work, catalogues, booklets, brochures and magazines for teachers, students, professors, principals and presidents of Universities, Colleges and Academies throughout the United States.

In equipping the Post for this class of printing, the eclectic idea has been pursued, and the choicest products of the leading Type Founders and Printers' Furnishing Warehouses have been added. Among these are American, of Philadelphia and Boston, the Keystone, of Philadelphia, Conner, Fendler & Co., and the Damon Peets Company, of New York, the Goldings of Boston, Barnhart Brothers & Spindler, of Chicago, the Inland Type Foundry, of St. Louis, and others.

The Post now has in press a Book of Specimens showing the class and varieties of printing and embossing of which it makes specialties, and displaying its large assortment of new and fashionable faces of types, borders, ornaments, cuts and other accessories. This book is designed to familiarize bibliophiles and lovers of fine art printing with its technique, and it will be sent free of cost to prospective patrons, when issued.

In the meantime, samples will be furnished, estimates made and orders booked for superior printing, and superior printing only.

**LITERARY NOTES.**  
**THE OUTLOOK**  
An original feature of an unusual kind is the extremely spirited Christmas poem written for The Outlook by Dean Stubbs, of the Cathedral, England. It is called "Ave Jesu," and it has been set to music for the Outlook by the organist and choirmaster of York Cathedral, Mr. T. Tertius Noble. It is printed with decoration and illustration. \$3 a year. The Outlook Company, Fourth Avenue, New York.

**THE COSMOPOLITAN**  
The world has never known a more dramatic situation than that presented by the foreign community within the walls of Peking, while cut off from communication from their countrymen. During these long, doubtful weeks, the most interesting figure in this international tragedy was Sir Robert Hart, who for more than twenty-five years has been as far as a European might, the statesman guiding the affairs of the Chinese Empire. Those familiar, in any degree, with Eastern conditions, hoped, after the relief of Peking, that Sir Robert would break his long rule of silence and give to the world his story of the events which led to the closing of the gates of the British

**Legation, and his full views as to the policies which should prevail in the settlement of the difficult questions which had arisen. On the 17th of October, Sir Robert's London representative cabled that he had sent an important article of 15,000 words, and this appears in the Cosmopolitan for December. This is a high compliment to a representative American Magazine, and a valuable contribution to the world's history is given publicly.**

**LADIES' HOME COMPANION**  
The personality of Elizabeth, Queen of Roumania—better known as Carmen Sylva—is the subject of the opening article in the December Woman's Home Companion. This article gives many interesting details of the surroundings, mode of living and method of work of this famous author-queen, who has written several stories for the Companion for 1901. In "The Art Treasures of the White House" Waldon Fawcett tells of the valuable bric-a-brac and furniture collected by the Presidents, and in her third travel paper Lillian Bell describes Salzburg and a visit to a salmine. "Holiday Week at an Army Post," "Novel Ideas for Cozy Corners"—two full pages of illustrations—and several articles giving hints for the holiday season are other features of interest. Five Christmas stories, and the conclusion of Francis Lynde's novel, "The Plutocrats," make the number a strong one in the matter fiction. Published by The Crowell & Kirkpatrick Co., Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy; sample copy free.

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**WHEN I WAS A BOY**

EUGENE FIELD  
Up in the attic where I slept  
When I was a boy—a little boy!  
In through the lattice the moonlight crept;  
Relating a tide of dreams that swept  
Over the low red trundle bed.  
Bathing the tangled curly head.  
While moonbeams played at hide and seek  
With the dimples on each sun-browned cheek—  
When I was a boy—a little boy!

And, oh, the dreams—the dreams I dreamed  
When I was a boy—a little boy!  
For the grace that through the lattice streamed  
Over my folded eyelids seemed  
To have the gift of prophecy,  
And to bring me glimpses of times to be  
Where manhood's clarion seemed to call.  
Ah, that was the sweetest dream of all—  
When I was a boy—a little boy!

**THE MASTER AND THE MAGICIAN**

J. D. BUCK, M. D., F. T. S., S. R. 32°  
THERE is a grand Science known as Magic, and every real Master is a Magician. Feared by the ignorant, and ridiculed by the "learned," the Divine Science and its Masters have, nevertheless, existed in all ages, and exist to-day. Masonry, in its deeper meaning, and recondite mysteries, constitutes and possesses this Science, and all genuine Initiation consists in an orderly unfolding of the natural powers of the neophyte, so that he shall become the very thing he desires to possess. In seeking Magic, he finally becomes the Majus. All genuine Initiation is, like evolution and regeneration, from within. Devoid of this inner meaning and power, all rituals are but foolish jargon, and all . . . ceremonies an empty farce. Even such, the rituals of Masonry have become to many. That the Christ-life and the power that made Jesus to be called Christos, Master, whereby he healed the sick, cast out devils, and foretold future events, is the same Life revealed and attained by Initiation in the Greater Mysteries of Antiquity, is perfectly plain. The disrepute into which the Divine Science has fallen has arisen from its abuse and degradation.

In the middle ages, and, in fact, in every age, there have been dabblers in magic, sorcerers and necromancers, who, possessing some of the secrets, and imbued with none of its beneficence, have used their knowledge and power for purely personal and selfish ends. Hypnotism and Phenomenal Spiritualism are sufficient illustrations of the power to which I refer, and the abuse to which it may be put. Magic, per se, is always a Science, and up to a certain point it may be cultivated without regard to its use, or the well-being of a man; although any abuse of it is fatal to the magician.

The popular idea is that education consists largely in the cultivation of the intellectual powers. An average standard of morals is always recommended by educators, and its outer form is illustrated by religious ceremonies. But intellectual cultivation alone, no matter to what extent it may be carried—and the further it goes in this one-sided way the worse for all concerned—is in no sense an evolution. Perfect intellectual development, without spiritual discernment and moral obligation, is the sign-manual of SATAN. Intelligence, without goodness, lies athwart the Divine Plan in the evolution of Cosmos. Intellect and Altruism by no means necessarily go hand in hand. One may have a very clear intellect, have quick perceptions, and be a good reasoner, and yet be very wicked. On the other hand, one may be very dull intellectually, and yet be kind, brotherly and sympathetic to the last degree. A world made up of the former would be a bad place to live in; if of the latter, a thousand times to be preferred. Magic contemplates that all-around development which, liberating the intellect from the dominion of the senses and illuminating the spiritual perceptions, places the individual on the lines of least resistance with the inflexible laws of nature, and he becomes nature's co-worker or hand-maid. To all such, Nature makes obeisance, and delegates her powers, and they become Masters. The real master conceals his power and uses it only for the good of others. He Works "without the hope of fee or reward."—[MYSTIC MASONRY.]

**UNCLE EPH—THE PHILOSOPHER**

NOT COPY-RIGHTED  
I has been young an now I is old, yit I has never seed a person what was real foed uv green persimmons, Miss Geraldson.  
Now, dat de Presumendshal election is ovah, Descon Show-down rise to enquire how de Dimmekrattick renaisance is arguine to renasee? Eh, Percy, old boy?  
Der am a great many up'n down in dis world, Miss Con-suello, an hit do look lak dar's mo' downs dan ups—I had jest got religion w'en a yaller nigger plained de bes coon daug I had.  
E white w'en an nigger When de game is 'vided out,  
Go hunin in "ker-hoots"— You kin bet yo boots,  
White man use de nigger's gun De white man gits de puddin'  
Fer all de game he shoots— An de nigger de ker-hoots,  
And hit wer evvah duss, Miss, Miss, er—ah—Miss Hortense,  
Nevah make yo pre-able longer dan yo resolution when ope de question, Mistah Fitzoodle. —Jaytown Corker.

**A PLEA FOR FREEDOM**

PRESIDENT KRUGER IN EUROPE  
IN a SPEECH, on landing at Marseilles, on Thursday last, President Kruger said:  
"The war waged on us reached the last limits of barians we having my life I have had to fight many times the savages of the tribes of Africa, but the barbarism we have to fight now are worse than the others. They burn the farms we worked so hard to construct, and they drove out our women and children, whose husbands and brothers they have killed or taken prisoners, leaving them unprotected and roofless, and often without bread to eat. But whatever they may do, we will never surrender. We will fight to the end. Our great, imperishable confidence reposes in the Eternal, in our God. We know our cause is just, and if the justice of men is wanting to us, He, the Eternal, will never abandon us.  
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**CENTREVILLE.**

J. C. Showers was home from the University on Thanksgiving.  
Morris Eidle, of Vicksburg was in town Saturday evening.  
Frank Sechrist of Middleburg was in town last week.  
C. W. Walter and family, moved into town from New Berlin, on last Tuesday.  
After an absence of three weeks, in attendance on the United States Court, C. N. Showers returned to his home last Thursday.  
Elias Brunner transacted business at the county seat on Monday of last week.  
O. W. Reechly and his family of Lewisburg spent Thanksgiving with friends and relatives here.  
W. A Napp and wife visited Edward Bolig and family of Franklin Township Sunday.

**SALE REGISTER**  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, at Centreville, I. L. Walter, attorney-in-fact for the heirs of Ephraim Walter, will sell 1 horse, 3 cows and personal property.  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, at the court house in Middleburg, G. W. Row, Sheriff, will sell the real estate of Alex A. Romig.  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, in Perry township George and Isaac Goodling, administrators of Charles Goodling, will sell 150 acres of land.  
TUESDAY, March 6, at Allens, J. P. Napp's will sell horses, cows, huffers and farming implements.

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