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THE NATION'S PRAYER.

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Saviour, God, on bended knee,
The people cry to thee,
From land to farthest sea,

BRAG'S ADDRESS TO HIS ARMY.

Oh, Southern Chivs, who now would bleed,
Who'd emulate brave Quantrell's deed,
With gleaming sword and fiery steed,

MISCELLANY.

How to Pay the Rent

"I don't see by how I am to get through this year and pay my rent, and support my wife and children," said a young man to a friend

Some panoramic pictures passed slowly before Tom's mind. He saw his wife and children in a narrow, uncomfortable home

The Gift I Gave My Country. It was a little more than three years ago that I met him for the first time. Alike in thought, feeling and action, we seemed exactly suited to each other

Hope. There is an angel ever ready to minister to us with her beloved hand; she comes to buoy up the disheartened; to cheer the soul drooping beneath the seething sun of misfortune

The Real High and Low Classes. A "high and low class" certainly do exist in all cities. But who constitute the high class? Why, the orderly, the sober, the quiet, the law-loving, and the peace-preserving citizens

The Nobility of Labor. I call upon those whom I address to stand up for the nobility of labor. It is Heaven's great ordinance for human improvement. Let not the great ordinance be broken down

A Little Love Tragedy occurred between two colored gentlemen in New Orleans a short time since. One of the darkies had been caught by the other talking French to the sweetheart of the latter

PROFITS OF STEAMBOATING.—When Cornelius Vanderbilt was a young man his mother gave him \$50 of her savings to buy a small sail-boat

CHARACTER INDICATED BY THE EARS.—According to Aristotle, large ears are indicative of imbecility; while small ones announce madness

An Eccentric Infidel.

A correspondent of the North Western Advocate, says that the following quaint anecdote was related to him by an itinerant of the Ohio Conference:

Confession of a Drunkard.

Some time since there was a pamphlet published in England, entitled the "Confessions of a Drunkard." The statements made in it are asserted on good authority to be authentic, and what does the writer say?

Presidential Pun.

The story will be remembered, perhaps, of Mr. Lincoln's reply to a Springfield (Ill.) clergyman, who asked him what was to be his policy on the slavery question.

They All Will Do So.

The following good story, illustrative of the religious excuses people will make when cornered, is told through the Western country as a fact:

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A Contagious Disease.—At a lively village in Illinois, not far from Woodstock, they have a benevolent association, one of whose objects is to watch with and take care of its sick members

A traveler stopping at a hotel exclaimed one morning to a waiter, "What are you about you black rascal? You have pounced me twice from my sleep by telling me breakfast is ready, and now you are attempting to strip off the bed clothes

COPPERHEADISM CORNERED.—The Le Roy Gazette very cleverly corners the slippery Copperhead in the following catechism:

Are you opposed to the success of the rebels? "Yes."

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How prone are we to judge from partial knowledge, and to be deceived by appearances. In this world things are oftentimes very different from what they seem to be

A traveler relating his adventures, told the company that he and his servant made fifty wild Arab runs; which, startling them, he observed that there was no great merit in that, "for," said he, "we ran, and they ran after us."

There is a family at Medway, Mass., consisting of eleven members, into which death has never entered. The father is ninety-two years old, the mother eighty-nine, one child sixty-five, another forty-three, and their united ages are six hundred and seventy-six years.

MEN AND THEIR HABITS.—Some men are kind because they are dull, as common horses are easy broken to the harness. Some are orderly, because they are timid, like cattle driven by a boy with a wand. And some are social because they are greedy, like barn yard fowls that mind each other's clucking.

What is the first thing a child does when it falls in the water? "Get's wot."

"I say, Sambo, can you answer dis conundrum—Supposin' I giv you a bottle ob whiskey shut wid de cork, how would you get de whiskey widout pullin' de cork, or breakin' de bottle?"

"I gibs dat up."

"Why, push de cork in. Yah, yah!"

As Hon. Joel Eastman, of Conway, was about taking leave of his mother, who is in the 102d year of her age, he said: "Good bye, mother, I don't know as I shall ever see you again."

Mrs. Eastman, with great astonishment, looked up and exclaimed: "Why, Joel, you don't think you are going to die, do you?"

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It is said of the militia of London that it was jokingly said that the captain of one of the corps asserted that it was dangerous to make the rear rank take close order, for fear it would pick the pockets of the front ranks.

Unaffected modesty is the sweetest charm of female excellency, the richest gem in the diadem of their honor.

More shells were discharged in the single battle of Gettysburg than were employed in all the battles that Napoleon ever fought.

The loud tones in which some people appeal to reason imply that reason is a great distance from them.

Arrived North—the Blue-birds and Robins.