

OUT OF THE SEA.

BY CLARA AUGUSTA.

The swirling roar of the waves over the sunken rocks—saw before him the foam-white breakers, as they dashed wildly upward—saw, and heard with a blank and terrible despair at heart—for the Reef was entirely under water.

"Great God!" he cried aloud; "I have murdered them!" And dropping the oars he fell upon his face in the bottom of the boat, and drifted at the mercy of the tide.

It bore him rapidly down the shore, but he did not notice whether he was going—the terrible weight of the thing he had done crushed him utterly. A sudden shock aroused him. The boat had stranded on a sandy shore. He crept from the debris and gazed around. He recognized the place at once. It was near Highpoint, a place of considerable shipping interest, about twenty miles from Portsea. The line of East Indian steamers terminated here, and even then, at the wharf a ship was discharging cargo.

"About a week after the affair with the dog, Ralph was lying one night awake in his chamber, the door of which he had left a little ajar for air. For some reason he could not sleep. At last he heard a slight rustling sound in the passage, and directly he thought he heard the bolt of the door withdrawn. He sprang up instantly, and, putting on his boots—for he had not undressed—went noiselessly down stairs, and out of the door, which, as he had expected, he found unfastened.

The night was obscure, the faint moon hidden in clouds. But the low murmur of voices drew him on, and just as the foot of the garden he saw distinctly two figures, standing close together. He crept up near them, and had no difficulty in recognizing his wife—and he was nearly sure that the other was the mysterious stranger with whom he had once before discovered her.

The man turned his face toward the moon, and there was light enough to show Ralph that his complexion was dark, his features irregular, and his chin heavily bearded. And as he looked at his right hand to enforce something he was saying, the keen observer also saw that the third and fourth fingers were missing.

"It is of no use to beat about the bush, Mrs. Trenholme," the man was saying; "no use, whatever. I have told you my requirements—"

"Hush!" she said, fearfully, looking around her. "I am watched continually. We cannot talk here."

"Well, then we will row out to the Rover's Reef. It will be pleasant on the water and I have a great deal to say to you. But you must kiss me before we start."

Ingenue drew back with a gesture of contempt, but the man put a strong arm around her and held her to his side. She looked at him a moment, then, lightly touched his cheek with her lips and said hoarsely:

"Let us go. I am in the mood to be on the water. It is just dark and gloomy enough."

He led her down the rocky path to a little cove where a strange boat, probably the one in which he had reached the Reef, lay moored. She stepped in without hesitation, and he pushed off. Some terrible purpose had flashed into the brain of Ralph Trenholme. He dashed down the rocks after them, unencumbered his own boat and, by a circuitous route, made off to the Rover's Reef. The low line of rocks which bore this name formed at ebb tide a barren island, about two miles from the shore, but at high water the waves swept it completely.

Ralph bent every energy to the work before him, and reached the reef some fifteen minutes before those for whom he waited. They came on shore, and the man made fast the boat. They sat down just a little in the shadow of some jagged rocks lying between them and the little indence in the rock where they had moored their boat, and began to converse together in low, earnest tones. But Ralph did not care to listen. He had no time to pry into secrets. He had come for revenge. This woman whom he had married had dishonored him—that was enough. All mercy for her died out in his heart. He loosened his own boat and took the other in tow, and allowed himself to drift with the tide, which was just beginning to set landward. The moment he was out of hearing of those on the Reef he bent to the oars and in a little while the boats were beached and he was climbing the steep path so the house.

TROUBLE IN A KISS.

MANY HAVE GOT INTO HOT WATER THROUGH ITS USE!

Results of Marriages—Three Kisses Which Made All Europe Shake with Fear—The Triple Alliance—A Three Dollar Kiss.

"No, Guy, I am not injured, I think. But fright made me do a very foolish thing, you gentlemen will think. Indeed, I am not in the habit of swooning."

"You certainly had sufficient cause," Ralph said, lowering; then to the gentleman, "Will you not allow me to offer you the hospitality of my house to your wife, until you can get a conveyance? Trenholme is very near, just behind the trees, and I presume you came from the village."

"We did, sir. We are stopping at the Reef House. I thank you for your courtesy, but at present we will not accept it. That is, if Genevieve feels able to walk the half-mile between us and the hotel. Do you, dear?"

"Certainly, I would not be a true Englishwoman if I could not," she answered, with a bewitching smile. The gentleman explained.

"We are English. We arrived at Portsea two days ago in the Clifton. My name is Guy St. Cyril, and this is my sister, Genevieve."

"I am happy to make your acquaintance," he said, "but allow me to tell you that I am Ralph Trenholme, of the old house yonder on the rocks."

"Will you walk with us to the hotel? I have a fancy for becoming better acquainted with you."

Ralph willingly acquiesced, for he wanted to gain time, and he hoped to premeditate. He had never for a moment indulged in the thought of taking this kind of revenge, until just as he saw the pair push off in their boat. He had been mad then! Nothing short of insanity could have prompted him to the fearful act. And after all, what had he done? Nothing overt. He had simply removed a boat from the Rover's Reef to the shore. True, but he knew when he did it that for the want of that boat two fellow-creatures must go down into the cruel depths of the sea, for nothing could save them! Yes, he was guilty, but he was not a murderer. He had dared to take God's vengeance out of his all-wise hands, who had cast off his only sister because she tried to save the life of Lynde Graham—he, even he, was, in the eye of the law, a murderer! There was one thing that he wanted to do, but something stronger than even his will held him back. He wanted to go before a magistrate and confess the whole and let them do with him as they saw fit. But anything like this would involve the dishonor and name of his wife!—if a part was told, it must all be told, and he could not bear the terrible scandal! It would be more dreadful than even the recognition of his own guilt.

He turned toward the outward bound vessel. His decision was nearly taken. A feather would have turned the scales either way. And it was turned suddenly.

LOVED SLEEP TOO WELL.

That Was What Prevented the Statesman's Success in Politics.

Last evening people passing S. Barnum's store, on the west side of Kansas street, noticed a large man sleeping soundly in a large covered spring wagon near the street curb, says the Topeka Journal. He was stretched across the seat, and while his position was not comfortable one, the man did not care. His head rested on a box of regular cigars, which indicated sleep. Occasionally a whiff of cigar smoke like the expressed grunt of a pig escaped the sleeper. It was a noise, but not the coffee-destroying kind. A close inspection would have revealed the chubby face of a man well advanced in years, his cheeks covered with a thick growth of short gray hair and his head with an old slouch hat. Then the observer would have been arrested to find a strong resemblance to a man who was well known in public life in Kansas not long ago. The man looked like ex-Congressman Ben Glover, and in truth it was he.

Ex-Congressman Glover now drives the reform school wagon, and may be seen on the streets of Topeka every day. He was given the place as a reward for political services rendered in the last campaign. He doesn't know anything about training boys, but Governor Morrill's business administration gave him a job. When Mr. Glover was in congress he contracted the sleeping habit, and it made him famous. When an important measure was considered, he was wont to steele out in the ante-room and stretch his portly form on the luxurious cushions of a government sofa, and while his colleagues wrestled with some intricate question affecting their constituency, Congressman Glover of Kansas slept, and it is said, snored; not softly nor gently, but loud enough to be heard in the legislative hall. Then Mr. Glover's constituency got angry and elected some one else, and since then he has been compelled to take his nap in less convenient places. Other people have contracted habits in congress, but it remained for Congressman Glover to make a departure and become, like Dickens' fat boy, a confirmed sleeper.

TYRANNOUS SOCIALISM.

A monstrous proposal that the liberals are bound to resist.

No system which the brain of man has ever devised carries that tyrannous repression so far as socialism, says the Fortnightly Review. Liberty, let me repeat, means the power of a man to make the most and best of himself; to develop fully his personality. This is his original, imprescriptible, inalienable right, its limit being that the corresponding right of others is not infringed. And private property is realized liberty.

It is, in its first idea, the guaranty to an individual person of what has been wrought, through the exercise of his personality, by labor and abstinence. It is essential to the development and maintenance of personality in this world-to-day world. It is requisite for the very existence of the family. But socialism, even in its mildest type, means the confiscation of private property, the destruction of the family and the annihilation of individual freedom. It proposes to remedy what it calls the slavery of labor, but by vindictive the liberty of the laborer, but by establishing a system of universal servitude. This monstrous proposal the liberal party in England is bound to resist even, if necessary, to the shedding of blood. And to the shedding of blood the matter is not unlikely to come in the long run. For socialism is rather a sect than a party. Its votaries are animated by a spirit akin to that of religious enthusiasm. They are largely of the stuff of which martyrs are made.

UNCLE SAM'S TREASURY.

The total ordinary expenditures of the government in 1895 were \$356,195,298.

In the year 1901, only eight years from now, \$100,000,000 in bonds must be redeemed.

In 1890 the receipts from imports amounted to \$77,000,000 more than last year.

The tax on imports into the United States amounts to \$2 for each inhabitant.

Thirty-seven cents per capita in 1894 was sufficient to pay the interest on the nation's borrowings.

France, Russia, Great Britain, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Spain and Prussia are the only nations deeper in debt than is the United States.

In 1897 3 cents per capita of silver and 6 cents per capita of gold were coined. In 1894 13 cents per capita of silver and \$1.17 of gold was coined.

The indebtedness of the United States, less cash on hand on November 1, 1895, was \$12,137,616.87. Without deductions and including certificates and Treasury notes it was \$1,717,481,770.

IN THE KITCHEN.

Scraps of meat are thrown away. Leftovers are left burning when not in use.

Soap is left to dissolve and waste in water.

Vinegar and sauce are left standing in tin.

Cold potatoes are left over to sour and spoil.

The tea canister and coffee box are left open.

Tin dishes are not properly cleaned and dried.

Cheese is allowed to mold or be nibbled by mice.

Apples are left to decay for want of sorting over.

Good new brooms are used to scrub kitchen floors.

Dried fruits are not looked after and become wormy.

Wooden ware is unscaled and left to warp and crack.

Sugar, tea, coffee and rice are carefully spilled in handling.

Vinegar is left to stand until the tin vessel becomes corroded and spoiled.

Their use; seem small leaks, but in the aggregate the loss is considerable.—The Chef.

SETTLE WITH THE SWORD.

Duels at Heidelberg Cling to the Duels to vindicate their Honor.

The duels at Heidelberg are very famous, says the Philadelphia Telegraph. There is, perhaps, no university in Germany at which dueling is not practiced, but here it is regarded almost as a religious duty. The sons of the rich congregate at Heidelberg and they are the people who are especially addicted to this form of student pastime in Germany. It is not an exaggeration to say that between twenty and thirty duels take place here every week during the semester, and these nearly all at the Hirschgasse, a little tavern across the river from Heidelberg which is known and advertised everywhere as the place of resort for such encounters. It has served in this capacity for a great many years. The signboards point to it.

It is mentioned in the guide-books and every one knows of it except the university officials and the police. It is not a ten-minute walk from the center of the town, though it is outside the city jurisdiction. This, however, seems to be a matter of no moment, for some of the clubs for a period last year fought in the town itself, at a tavern directly in the shadow of the old castle. There are duels here some three or four mornings every week by the members of the various fighting clubs, of which Heidelberg has an enormous number. The most aristocratic of them all is the Saxe-Bourussia. This club bears cartel relations with the Borussia of Bonn, to which the Hohenzollerns belong. Five or six duels between various combatants are usually fought on the same morning.

This is all a curious commentary of law and order as they are supposed to exist in Germany. Such machinery for the enforcement of law as is to be found here flourishes in no other land in the world, and yet for one reason or another the duel goes on unhindered. By the laws of the empire, without taking into account the penalties prescribed by the lower jurisdictions, there is the most severe punishment for dueling and the challenging to duel. In spite of various attempts to make other interpretations, the student duels have, by the supreme court of the empire, been decided to be duels in the sense of the law. Yet, publicly in the reichstag, no longer ago than last winter, an esteemed member of another land's ministry declared himself and his government at issues not only with the laws and the supreme court, but with whatever moral feeling there may be in the land against this malevolent form of evil.

She Was an Illustrator.

The teacher of a primary school in the mission read "The Old Oaken Bucket" to the little tots and explained it to them very carefully. Then she asked them to copy the first stanza from the blackboard, and illustrate as the artists illustrate a story in the daily papers. One little girl handed in her verse with several little dots between two of the lines, a circle, half a dozen dots and three buckets.

"Lizzie, I don't understand this," said the teacher. "What is that circle?"

"Oh, that's the well."

"And why have you three buckets?"

"One is the oaken bucket, one is the iron bucket, and the other is the bucket that hung in the well."

"Then what are all of those little dots?"

"Why, those are the loved spots which my infancy knew."

RELIGION AND REFORM.

Over 600 preachers in Connecticut work for salaries that do not average more than \$750 a year.

It was a Connecticut woman who refused to buy a copy of the Bible from an agent because it did not contain portraits of the presidents of the United States.

The Church of Messiah, Brooklyn, Dr. Charles R. Baker, rector, has maintained for several years a circulating library for the blind, probably the only one in the United States.

Hui Kin is the first Chinaman to be ordained as a Christian minister in the eastern part of the United States. He is a Presbyterian and has lived in New York since he came to this country, twenty years ago.

Rev. Benjamin Waugh has retired from the editorship of the London Sunday Magazine, his work in connection with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children leaving him no leisure for other labors.

Dr. Alexander Charles Garrett, bishop of northern Texas, has just been elected bishop of the newly created diocese of Dallas, Texas. Dr. Bishop has for years been one of the most aggressive missionary bishops in the Episcopal church.

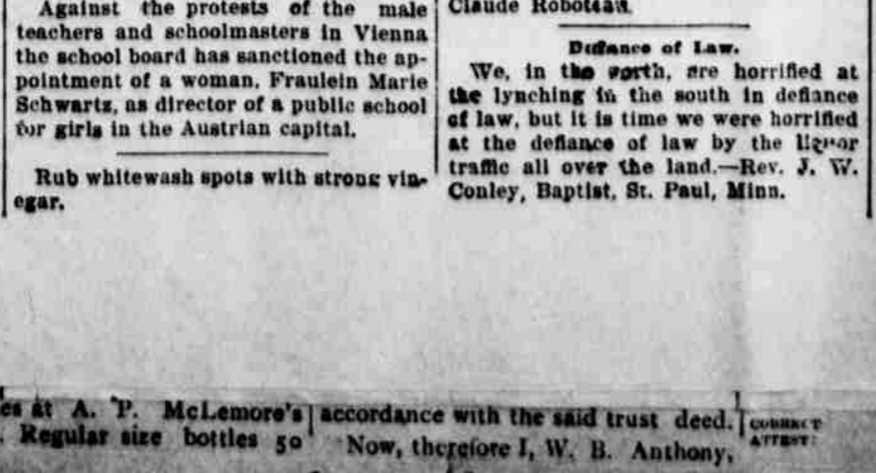
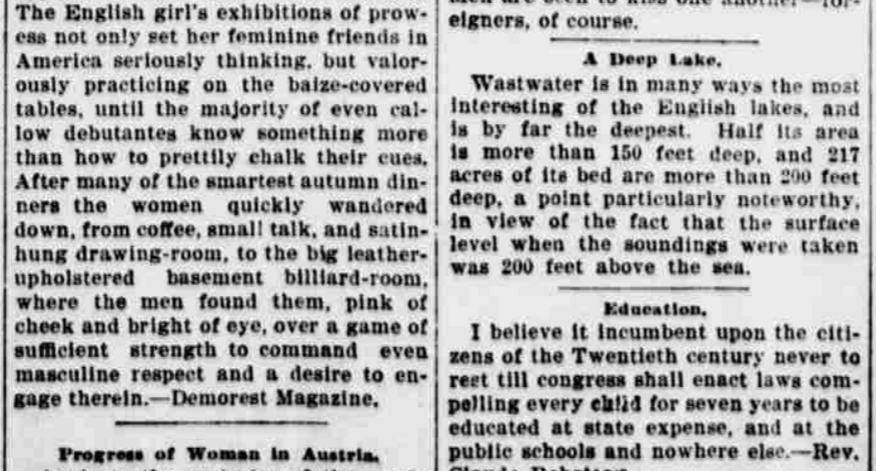
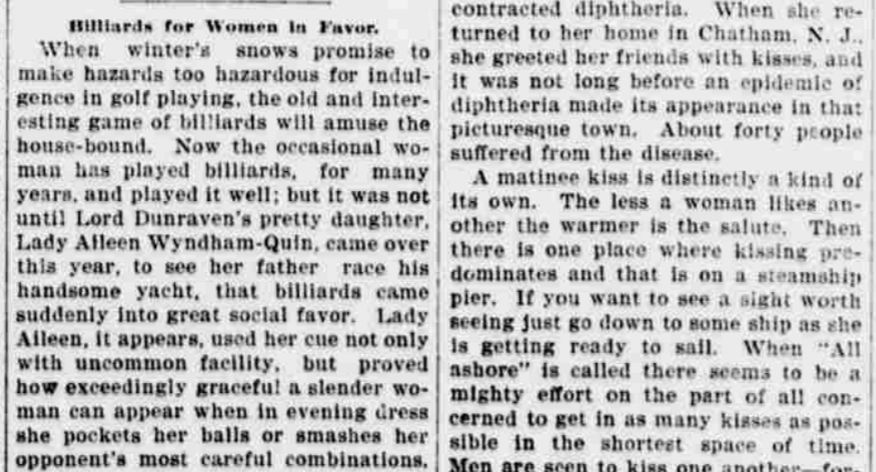
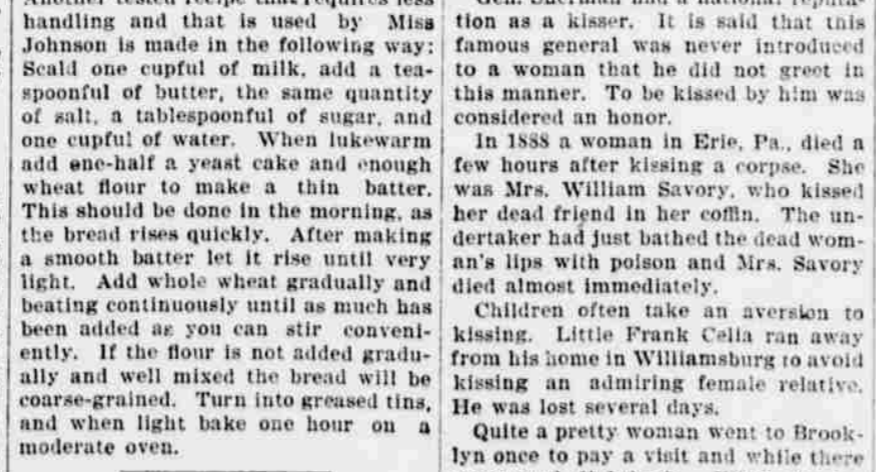
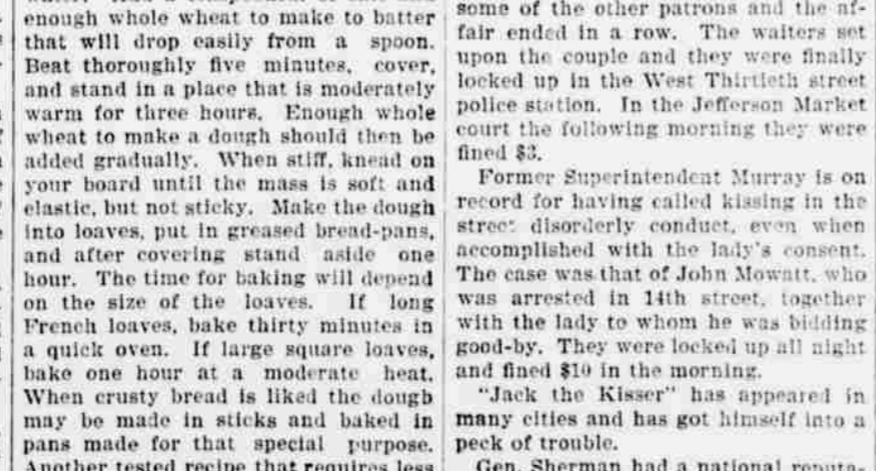
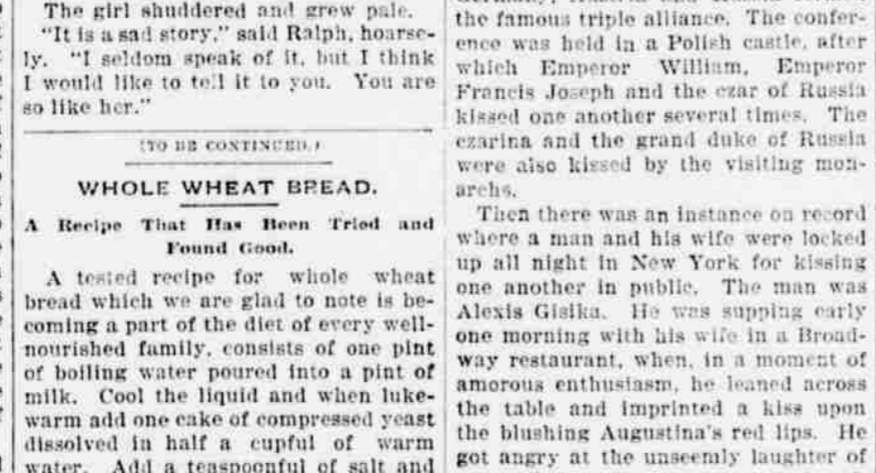
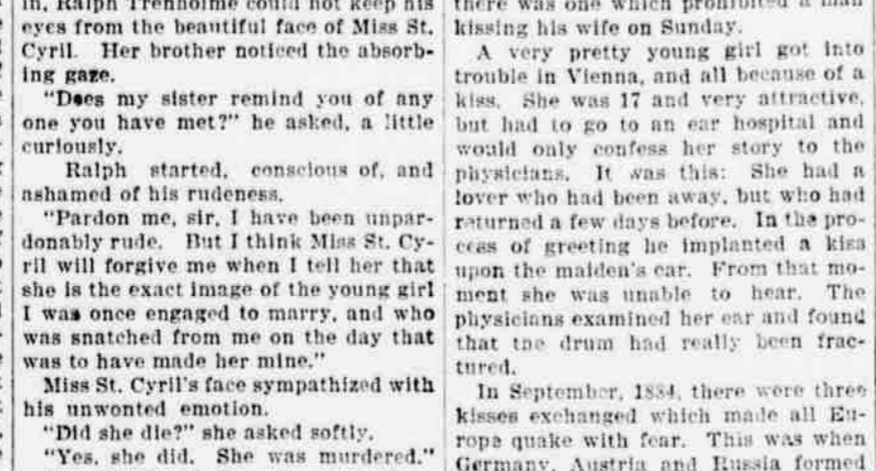
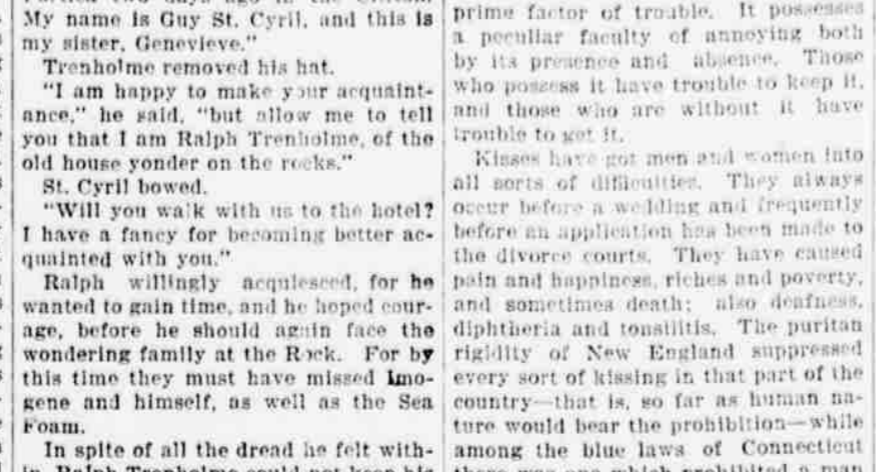
A priest of the Greek church in Thessaly died lately at the age of 102. During the last years of his life his memory became so much impaired that he often forgot whether or not he had dined, and sometimes he dined twice or thrice in succession.

Rev. Dr. George W. Miller, now of St. Andrew's Methodist church, New York, has accepted a call to succeed Rev. Dr. Richard Harcourt of Grace church, Baltimore. Dr. Miller has had charge of the largest church of his denomination in Kansas City, was formerly pastor of Grace church, Wilmington, and began his ministry in Chambersburg.

Canon Duckworth tells an interesting story of absent-mindedness. It relates to a worthy clergyman of his acquaintance who, having been presented to an important living, preached his first sermon from the words: "All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers." He was surprised and distressed when the church warden afterwards hinted to him that his choice of a text had been a little hard on his predecessors.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate and one of the best known men in the Methodist church, while in Indianapolis recently visited a Methodist church, whose pastor did not know his name. The pastor suspected from his appearance that he was a minister and asked him to preach. He understood him to say that his name was Butler, and the editor was introduced as "Brother Butler, a stranger from New York."

In the very same moment that a man doubts God, he begins to believe the devil.



ALL SPAIN IS MAD.

MOB TRIED TO ATTACK UNITED STATES CONSULATE.

And all because the Senate Passed a Concurrent Resolution Looking to the Independence of Cuba—Important Question of Law Has Been Raised.

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Storm in Connecticut.

Hartford, Conn., March 2.—The great rain storm which was in progress all day Saturday, Saturday night and yesterday caused the greatest damage to property throughout the state known in twenty years.

The bursting of the old copper mining dam in the town of Bristol yesterday morning caused the greatest flood ever known in that section.

Victoria, B. C., March 2.—The last week of February will long be remembered by residents of the Australian colony by reason of the fact that it witnessed the most horrible gales and floods ever known on the Queensland coast.

Townsville, a small city on the northeast coast of Queensland, seemed the center of the storm, as not a vessel in the harbor escaped.

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CUBAN INSURGENTS.

SENATE PASSES A RESOLUTION IN THEIR FAVOR.

In Nicaragua the Government Troops are Advancing on the Rebels, Having Captured Two Towns, the Inhabitants Fleeing from the Bombarded Places.

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Miss Overman's Confession.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 29.—Rev. Dr. Brown, after two months' absence, has given his defense to the public. The story is the most startling which has yet been told in the scandal. It was related by Miss Martha Overman, who is first in the sensational case to confess herself a blackmailer.

Miss Overman's manner was striking. She spoke so quickly that even members of the council were forced to draw forward until their chairs formed a small semi-circle on the platform.

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JESUS STILL REIGNS.

A THRILLING SERMON BY REV. DR. TALMAGE.

Golden Text for Last Sunday: "Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."—Gen., xlix: 10.—Getting Near the Christian Standard.

THROUGH a supernatural lens, or what I might call a prophescope, I look down through the corridors of the centuries until he sees Christ the center of all popular attraction and the greatest being in the world, so everywhere acknowledged.

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make it up. In due season and give it up. For he saw Sierra Nevada beyond and Matterhorn beyond, and waving his hands back to us in the plains, he says, "Pat finding out; unsearchable, that in all things he might have the pre-eminence." You notice that nearly all the sinners mentioned as pardoned in the Bible were great sinners—David a great sinner, Paul a great sinner, Magdalen a great sinner, the Prodigal Son a great sinner.

There are people who think Christ will come in person and sit on a throne. Perhaps he may. I should like to see the scared feet going up the stairs of a palace in which all the glories of the Alhambra and the Taj Mahal and the St. Mark's, and the Winter Palace are gathered. I should like to see the world pay Christ in love for what it did to him in maltreatment.

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to-night carried captive into the den of vagabonds; never to come back to me? How if it had been my sorrow looking out of the window, watching and waiting—that sorrow worse than death? Then when they found her why did we declare the news all through the households, and everybody that knew how to pray said, "Thank God!" Because we are all one, bound by one golden chain of sympathy. Oh! yes, but I have to tell you that if you will aggregate all neighborly, manly, wifely, motherly sympathy, it will be found only a poor starving thing compared with the sympathy of our great Shiloh, who has held in his lap the sorrows of the ages, and who is ready to nurse on his holy heart the woes of all who will come to him. Oh! what a God, what a Savior we have! * * *

There are people who think Christ will come in person and sit on a throne. Perhaps he may. I should like to see the scared feet going up the stairs of a palace in which all the glories of the Alhambra and the Taj Mahal and the St. Mark's, and the Winter Palace are gathered. I should like to see the world pay Christ in love for what it did to him in maltreatment.

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—Spend your cash with S. L. Robertson and save money.
—There has been a fresh outbreak of the measles in town this week.
—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sherrill were presented with a daughter on Thursday evening.
—Come to Carney & Courtwright's and you will see what you ought to wear and you'll want to wear what you see.
—Capt. B. H. Dodson returned home on Thursday evening from a trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.
—Carry your furs and hides to J. G. Owens and get the best market price for them.
—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Keister entertained several couples of the young people on Wednesday night, each being a leading feature of the entertainment.
—A full line of artistic, sentimental and comic valentines at F. G. Alexander & Co's.
—Our very liberal offer of the Gazette and Free Press for \$1.60 is bringing in some new subscribers.
—Mrs. W. T. Jones, having decided to have her music class represented in the carnival, has chosen Miss Minnie Jones as the representative.
—Messrs. Alexander & Co. tell us that our town is getting a good trade from Stonewall county now.
—Miss Glycerian Adams of Kaufman, arrived this week and took charge of the millinery department of Messrs. Carney & Courtwright's store.
—If you want to save money, live happy, please your wife and sweet-heart and especially your mother-in-law come and see our bargains in dry goods. Carney & Courtwright.
—Mr. F. G. Alexander got home on Monday from his trip to St. Louis. He was accompanied by Miss Lena Wilson, who will have charge of his millinery department.
—Next Friday night is the time set for the trades carnival and musical concert to be given by the ladies of the Baptist aid society. Everybody is invited to come. Admission 25cts.
—Now is the time to have your dental work done. Dr. Coil is at the Lindell Hotel.
—Mr. Theo. Reed left for Fort Worth on Tuesday to meet his mother there and be present at the dissecting of a cancer from her face, from which operation it was feared she would not recover, she being about 72 years of age.
—Before the vernal equinox draws the line over which grim winter dare not step our store shall bud and blossom with a strange beauty. Carney & Courtwright.
—Carney and Courtwright will receive a fine bill of goods to-day. Among other things they will receive 37 dozen pairs of boots and shoes, so come and get yourself shod.

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—Mr. F. G. Alexander, of F. G. Alexander & Co., has returned from St. Louis, where he spent two or three weeks in making the spring purchases for his firm. In speaking of his purchases Mr. Alexander said that he had gone about it very deliberately and had exercised unusual care in selecting a superior class of goods in the various lines carried by his firm and that he felt well satisfied with his work, as he believed that the study he had given the matter had enabled him to make selections of styles and fabrics that would more fully meet the requirements of the local trade and come nearer pleasing the fancy of their lady friends than ever before.
Their stock of millinery, he said, was purchased of one of the leading importing houses of the United States, and with such a stock as they would have in this line, aided by the accomplished services of Miss Wilson he thought they would be able to meet all demands in this department. The millinery goods will begin to arrive in a few days, meantime Miss Wilson will be pleased to meet her future lady customers at the store.

—A few of the celebrated Vineless Yams, also red and white seed potatoes, Triumph Irish potatoes, and Spanish peanuts. Apply to L. P. Wade or Sherrill Bros. & Co.
—Postmaster Long showed us a postcard the other day from Mr. C. W. Lucas, written at Taylor. After requesting that his mail be sent to him there he says, tell the people to stay in Haskell county, that it is the best place yet. He states that he will return as soon as he can.
—We stated to the public some days ago that we had secured the services of a Miss Billingslea of Tyler, as a milliner for our firm, but she afterwards decided not to accept the position. But we have now secured Miss Glycerian Adams of Dallas, Texas who has been in the wholesale establishment of Nathan & Manheimer for quite a while, and is up to date in every sense of the word as a milliner. She comes to us highly recommended by that firm. She arrived this week and will be found ready to serve you at our place of business. Carney & Courtwright.
—On Wednesday last death took from her home and family Mrs. W. A. Fields, who has been afflicted with consumption and gradually sinking for several months. She was entered in the Haskell cemetery on Thursday, a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends attending to pay the last sad rites of love and respect. Besides numerous other relatives she leaves a husband and two small children to mourn her loss.

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To the L. Q. Vs.

So vague was the exposition Of the L. Q. Vs. intention, That the boys in single station Feel a little aggravation About this organization Of the virgin population, Who seek the gratification And glorious consummation And exalted elevation Of a pleasurable sensation, By their sisterly relation And mystical operation. In our ignorant condition, We shall wait with consternation A complete exposition Of the august operation Of this secret institution. —ONE OF THE BOYS.

Throckmorton Times.
Messrs. E. P. Davis, W. T. Andrews, Dr. A. B. King, J. P. Harris, and C. B. Hester composed the party that went to examine the coal discovery in the Hay Rick mountains yesterday. They say that prospects for coal are good and that some of the coal was dug up and burned. The land is owned by Mr. Davis and is about 5 miles from town. Mr. Davis will have the matter looked into thoroughly.
C. B. Hester discovered the coal while out hunting several days ago and brought back a lump picked up from the surface.

TWO LIVES SAVED.
Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill. was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results of which these are samples that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at A. P. McElmore's Drugstore. Regular size bottles 50 cents.

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At a recent term of the district court of Kaufman county, to which his case had been transferred from Dallas county, Major Randall was acquitted of the murder of Ed. S. Randall, which occurred in Dallas about two years ago. The continuances, mistrials and final warring out of this case, by means too common in the administration of our criminal laws, are of the kind that help to trench Judge Lynch in his strong hold.
—We see from an item in the Bremond Star that W. H. Taylor, who will be remembered by many Haskell people as a printer who worked on the Star during its brief scintillations here, has entered the ministry as an independent preacher and is now traveling and delivering lectures. He is spoken of as being quite flowery and eloquent in his delivery.
—In future we will expect all accounts to be paid promptly on the first of the month, unless special arrangements are made for longer time. We positively cannot run open accounts on longer time. Our prices will be made on a cash basis with this point in view, and we earnestly solicit your trade, believing that we can make it to your interest as well as to our own for you to trade with us. Respectfully, W. W. FIELDS & BRO.

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Waco, Texas, Feb. 24, 1896.
GENTLEMEN—Your attention is called to the paper on "Standard Cotton Bales" read to the American Cotton Growers' Protective Association at Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 23, '96 and at the meeting of the Texas Division of said Association held in Waco the 18th inst., at which meetings a standard size of 28 inches in width by 58 inches in length was adopted, and the same has been approved by the Maritime Associations and Cotton Exchanges. Smaller bales are not objected to, but they must not be large.
The reform advocated in this paper is of vast importance to the cotton growers and handlers of Texas, and we have no doubt the ginners will be moved by their public spirit to aid in the movement.
The compresses have long felt the injustice of paying large claims for recompression at the ports, of bales which it was impossible to properly compress in the first place, and they will soon give notice that they will no longer pay such claims; the railroads will then protect themselves by charging the claims up to the shipper, the buyer in turn will refuse to buy the large bales except at a discount; and this will leave the farmer to stand the discount or else have his cotton ginned at a gin which makes a standard sized bale or less.
If your baling box turns out a bale larger than twenty-eight by fifty-eight inches you will at once alter it to conform to that standard?
Yours very respectfully,
E. S. PETERS, President.
P. S.—All farmers into whose hands this may come are requested to urge the ginners to conform to it.

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The Chattanooga Book.
Our readers have no doubt noticed the striking advertisements that have appeared in the Free Press for several weeks, calling attention to the Wine of Cardui Treatment of Female Diseases. The Chattanooga Medicine Company, the owners of McElree's Wine of Cardui and Theodors Black Draught, the medicines used in this simple treatment, are giving much attention to their Texas business this year, and advertisements similar to those appearing in the Free Press are seen in all the leading papers of the state. These medicines are already well known here, and are sure to have increased popularity from this increased advertising.
Rev. R. L. McElree, the renowned discoverer of McElree's Wine of Cardui, with the assistance of eminent specialists, has just published a book on "Home Treatment of Female Diseases." The book contains 128 pages, with illustrations, and gives information of value to every lady. This book is sold for 25 cents, but the publisher has had one edition printed, in paper covers, that he tells us will be sent lady readers of this paper who have no copy of the book, on receipt of five cents for postage. We have seen the book and know it to be a very complete publication of its kind. To get it, address, Rev. R. L. McElree, St. Elmo, Tenn.

Mitchell Wagons.
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