

Texas Christian Advocate.

AN INCIDENT—A REMEDY FOR BLESSES.

I was busy trying to get up my confessions as it was almost conference and the old gentleman was at work on his wife's face. It is Satan's choice device for catching away that which is sown in the heart.

TO THE MEMBERS AND STEWARDS OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

Do you see the heading of this article? Do you know what it means? I will explain: At the beginning of this, another conference year, as your former pastor returns, or a new one comes in his place, tell him at the start you are going to turn him loose this year. Tell him he shall not be burdened with the responsibility of the various church collections.

THE SABBATH.

The spirit of the day, our model here is the beloved apostle, who was "in the spirit" on the Lord's Day. Everything depends in Sabbath observance on the preservation throughout the day of a proper frame of mind.

strengthen holy dispositions. The tongue has great power over the heart. Nothing tends so quickly to dissipate sacred impressions as frivolous or worldly conversation. The effect of many a good sermon is lost by the character of the conversation on the way home from Church or at the table afterward. It is Satan's choice device for catching away that which is sown in the heart.

"TIGERS, BEARS AND SNAKES."

Prof. Drummond has quite recently given to the world the benefit of some of his sage conclusions in regard to the origin of man in a very edifying address to the boys of a military school away beyond the waters, as the readers of the Observer will readily remember. Some extracts from the address appeared in the issue of September 7, of which this is a sample:

"I mean that you and I have in us something of the disposition of these animals. There is a tiger, for instance, in half of the boys even of this company, and a bear in three or four more, and a snake in another. Well, when you are tempted to be fierce like a tiger, or sly and curly like a bear, or to do a sneaking thing like a serpent, you at once know where that comes from. It is not you at all, it is the other fellow who lived long, long ago, and you are supposed to think it is he."

THE SECRET OF POWER.

"I do not see how I can tell God all the little troubles of my life as I would tell my mother, were she still with me." So spoke a pale, worried, nervous, anxious woman. "The mother-heart, the mother-sympathy, is wonderfully winning and adaptive," was the reply of the listening friend.

"If you think of God as a sovereign only, as an exalted ruler jealous of his dignity and of his rights, it is natural that you should hesitate to go to him as to a mother. But if you educate yourself to hold what I believe to be the right conception of him, you will soon be unable to help telling him all you will soon put away from your life everything that you can not tell him."

These marvelous theories and conclusions. Prof. Polygog admits that this is one fact that seems difficult to explain. But now allow me to carry out the profound reasoning of the learned Professor, and furnish some further illustrations, and draw some additional conclusions.

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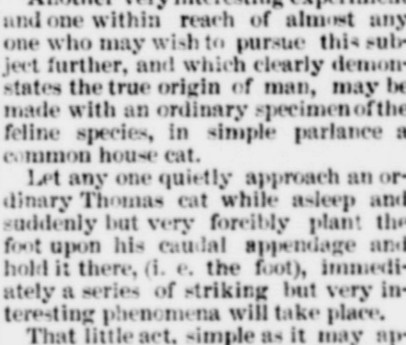
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Once more the irresistible conclusion presses itself upon us, and from which there is evidently no escape. That child has had a Thomas cat as its ancestor some where in the remote eras of the past, and those traits are simply reappearing as indubitable evidences of the fact; else why should both possess the same muscles to claw, run, fight, and wriggle and twist, and squall with as they evidently do have?

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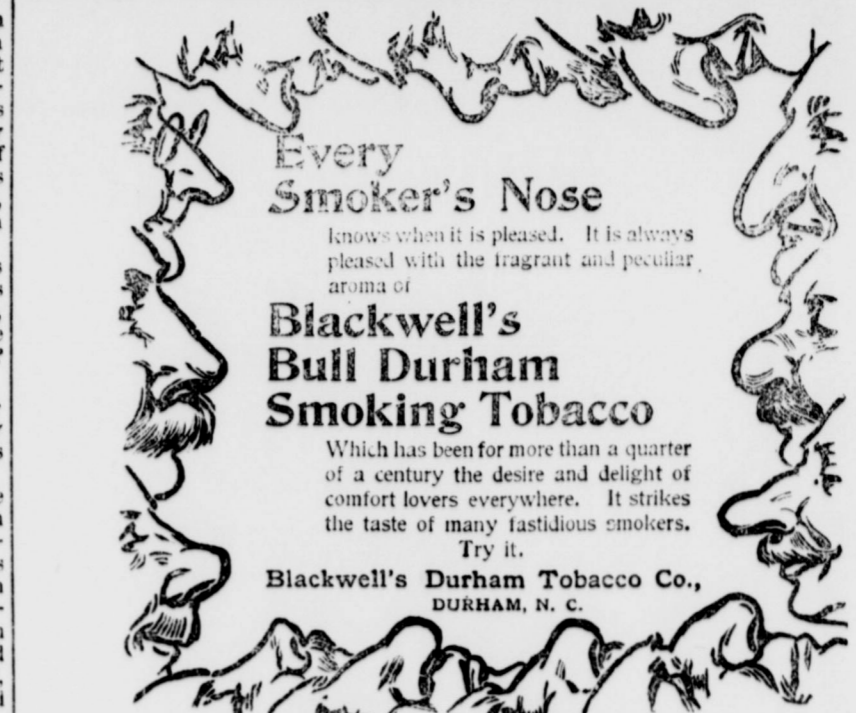
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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

NOVEMBER 22, 23. J. W. Sansom, sub. W. A. Coppedge, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. R. M. Chennault, sub. C. I. McWhorter, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub. J. L. Russell, sub. J. A. Greening, sub. A. M. Entonak, sub. NOVEMBER 21, 25.

Tom Reiley, a discharged railway employe, was found on the track at Seelye dead, having been run over by a train. Geo. Freney, colored, hung at Franklin, Robertson County, for the murder of his step-son last March. He protested innocence.

At St. Louis, Mo., November 23, the Knights of Labor refused to pass a resolution favoring abolition of the militia system, and passed resolutions urging restriction of immigration to such persons as have not money to support themselves one year.

tion. Already England threatens to withdraw if prolonged discussion is had. Negro preachers of Georgia are advising negroes to emigrate to Africa. Who knows but slavery will end in making negroes the civilizers and Christianizers of their native land?

The total number of dwellings in the Cherokee nation recorded by the census of 1890 is 6744; other structures, 12,695; farms, 6532; total number of acres enclosed, 114,831; number of acres in cultivation, 322,753.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 23.—Hundreds of meteoric showers shot across the sky to-night and any display of the sort has not been seen here for many years. At Keenwood Observatory Prof. Hule counted 100 in twelve minutes, and said sometimes they came faster than that.

The census shows that out of a total railway mileage for the world of 370,281 miles the United States has no less than 163,597 miles, or 44.19 per cent of the whole, and that the railway mileage of the United States exceeds by 3393 miles the entire mileage of the Old World.

The following shows the railway mileage of the world by countries: Germany, 25,960 miles; Austria and Hungary, 18,767; Great Britain and Ireland, 19,939; France, 22,586; Russia, including Finland, 18,728; Italy, 8117; Belgium, 3218; Netherlands, 1887; Switzerland, 1929; Spain, 61,771; Portugal, 1290; Denmark, 1223; Norway, 1028; Peru, 645; Roumania, 1589; Serbia, 327; Greece, 449; Turkey in Europe, Bulgaria and Roumania, 1697; Malta, Jersey and Man, 68; United States, 163,597; British America (Canada), 15,322; Newfoundland, 115; Central America, 329; Mexico, 6915; Cuba, 1039; Venezuela, 441; Republic of San Domingo, 71; Porto Rico, 11; Brazil, 5779; Argentine Republic, 5129; Paraguay, 149; Uruguay, 426; Chile, 1928; Peru, 645; Bolivia, 1095; Ecuador, 167; British Guiana, 22; Asia, 18,798, of which British India supplied 15,817; Japan, 968; China, 124; Africa, 3962; Australia, 11,137.

At Wylie, Nov. 17, Bro. Payne, one of our stewards, and also our City Marshal just before leaving his house, let his pistol fall to the floor. It fired and sent a 45 calibre ball through his left thigh and out the top of the house. It is only a flesh wound, and while very painful, is not serious. He is doing well at this writing. A. C. HENSON.

Texas Incidents. A syndicate has now control of the Fort Worth Packing House. Texas the past week has been stargazing in search of that comet coming this way so fast.

San Jones, the great evangelist, has been preaching in Galveston the past week to audiences of six thousand or more. The rail-makers have been bombarding near San Antonio. They got no rain, but will cost the people a good round sum.

Investors in Velasco are demanding of the syndicate to proceed with the work, to redeem their pledges and save them loss. The M., K. and T. and the St. Louis Southwestern Railroads are in a war at Waco—the former endeavoring to build a track across the latter.

A mad dog at Newton, Texas, some time since bit a cow, a dog and two hogs. The cow developed a case of hydrophobia, when all the wounded animals were killed.

The Trinity River Navigation Company will launch their snag-boat and "channel cleaner" within the next two months, and expect to clear the river to the gulf by next spring. Gov. Hoag, Judge A. W. Terrell, Bryan Callahan and Harry Owens have been near Rockport shooting ducks. Rockport has already shipped 10,000 ducks. One party killed 700 in three days.

Celery growing is becoming quite a profitable industry in the Concho valley. J. C. Barrett, manager of the Bismarck irrigated farm, situated a few miles south of San Antonio, has fifteen acres devoted to celery, which is being placed on the Texas market. It is claimed that celery produced here is far superior to the famous Kalamazoo article. There are 15,000 plants to the acre, which will net, it is claimed, \$500 per acre. The Concho celery finds a ready market throughout the State.

The way the people do out here in Tom Green and adjacent counties as a practical method of exterminating Johnson grass is to break up the infested land thoroughly in the fall, sow it in rye and the following spring turn their sheep upon it. The sheep keep everything grazed down so closely that they effectually kill out all the vegetation upon the ground, though it may take two years to fully exterminate a well-set Johnson grass sod. It is well known that a flock of sheep are very valuable in exterminating weeds of all kinds on the farm by close grazing in the early spring.

The representative business men of El Paso met to listen to the proposition of Jefferson Reynolds for the building of the El Paso and Denver independent railroad. Mr. Reynolds stated that Las Vegas had subscribed \$100,000, Denver \$500,000 and that he asked El Paso to subscribe \$150,000 to the preferred bonds. He presented letters from Eastern bankers in which it was demonstrated that if \$1,000,000 was subscribed along the route of the proposed road as a token of good faith, that the remaining \$9,000,000 necessary would be forthcoming. He accepted El Paso's proposition that work should be commenced at this end simultaneously with the other and also that her subscriptions should be paid in ten equal parts, each for every tenth part of road completed between this point and the coal fields of White Oaks. A committee of fifteen was appointed to confer with and agree upon specifications and conditions and also solicit subscriptions.

Mrs. Hancock was killed by explosion of an engine at a gin-house near Paris, Texas. Samuel Newman, of Washington County, was killed by his wagon passing over his body. Raphael Ajallo, a Mexican female vendor at Youkum, was murdered by unknown parties.

Henry Lorry, colored, living near Henderson, killed his wife by mashing her skull with an ax. Ym. Posey was accidentally shot and killed by his brother Joe. Both sons of J. G. Posey, of Bazzett. Mrs. H. Pascent drowned herself in the San Antonio River. Domestic trouble was the cause. W. B. Cooley, of Houston, shot and killed his wife and then put a bullet through his own brain.

H. B. Thomas, a bookkeeper at Navasota, died from effect of a wound accidentally received while hunting.

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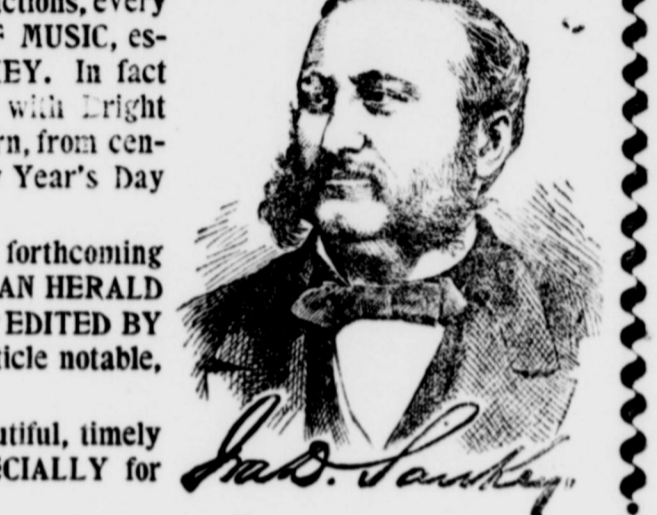
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