

**A SOLDIER'S RELIGION.**

Chinese Gordon's Modest Estimate of His Own Powers.

Slightly built, somewhat below the average height, Gen. Gordon's most remarkable characteristic at first sight is a childlike simplicity of manners, says the Pall Mall Gazette. Notwithstanding his 50 years, his face is almost boyish in its youthfulness, his step is as light and his movements as lithe as the leopard. Although he is still excitable and vehement, those who know him best say that he has under much firmer control those volcanic fires which blazed out with fiercest fury in his younger days; as, for instance, when he hunted Li Hung Chang, revolver in hand, from house to house day after day, in order to slay the man who had dishonored and massacred the prisoners whom he had pledged his word to save. But there is that in his face at times, even now, that contrasts strangely with the sweetness of his smile, or the radiance which lights up his face when discoursing on his favorite author and the choice texts of the "Immitation" [Thomas a Kempis], which for the present seems to have superseded his old favorite, "Watson on Contentment." "This," said he, holding a small copy of the "Immitation" in his hand, "is my book. And, although I never shall be able to attain to a hundredth part of the perfection of that saint, I strive toward it—the ideal is here." Gen. Gordon carries with him the saintly ideal of the cloister into the rough realities of the camp. His selfless humility and absolute abnegation was broken only now and then by a morbid horror of publicity or praise. "No gilt, mind; no gilt. Say what is to be said, but no praise. Remember," he added, with a smile, "it is the superior who praises his inferior," an observation which, taken by itself, conveys a curiously false impression of the motive of his distaste of laudation. "In all my career," he once wrote, "I can lay no claim to cleverness, discretion or wisdom. My success has been due to a series of (called by the world) flukes. When one knows the little one does of one's self, and any praiseworthy, I, at any rate, have a rising in the gorge which is a suppressed 'Yon lie.' To him 'a true preception of the gospel is entire emptiness of self, and utter absence of any pretension, a complete and entire refusal to accept the world's praise or judgment. Who is he or who is any man, that he should be praised? I do nothing. I am a chisel which cuts the wood. The carpenter directs it. If I lose my edge, he must sharpen me; if he puts me aside and takes up another, it is his own good will. None are indispensable to him. He will do his work with a straw equally as well."

**A Minister's Experience with Choirs.**  
Is art a "service"? Does the exercise of it in divine worship partake of the spirit of the inspired counsel, "Whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant?" This trusting forward of a personality of display does not look like it. Once our alto asked me, as I was entering the pulpit, whether I had any objections to changing the closing hymn, for she was expecting some friends that evening, and they could not come till late, and she wanted to sing a solo. And once, at a week-day funeral, our tenor crowded me even to my embarrassment with a request that he might be permitted to precede the arrival of the train of mourners with a vocal piece in the gallery, for he had just heard that two members of the Music Committee of another congregation would be present, and he wished them to hear him, as he desired to secure the place of conductor there. "Art's a service mark?" But does it take the place of the rest of the service also?

This entire discussion turns at once upon the answer to the question whether the choir, the organ, the tune book, and the blower are for the sake of helping God's people worship Him, or whether the public assemblies of Christians are for the sake of an artistic regalement of listeners, the personal exhibition of musicians, or the advertisement of professional soloists who are competing for a salary. In our travels some of us have seen the old organ in a remote village of Germany on the case of which are carved, in the ruggedness of Teutonic characters, three mottoes; if they could be rendered from their terse poetry into English they would do valiant service in our time for all the singers and players together. Across the top of the key-board is this: "Thou prayest here not for thyself, thou prayest for the congregation; so the playing should elevate the heart, should be simple, earnest and pure." Across above the right hand row of stops is this: "The organ tone must ever be adapted to the subject of the song; it is for thee, therefore, to read the hymn entirely through so as to catch the true spirit." Across above the left hand stops is this: "In order that thy playing shall not bring the singing into confusion, it becoming that thou listen sometimes, and as thou hearest thou wilt be likelier to play as God's people sing."—Rev. Dr. Charles S. Robinson in the Century.

It costs the people of Great Britain \$175,000 a year to man the three royal yachts, though they are in service a few weeks in the year only. The playthings originally cost \$1,000,000.

**How a Blizzard Approaches.**

A Dakota paper gives the following description of the recent blizzard: "Until about 4:15 the day was sunny, pleasant, and with temperatures as mild as spring. The streets were filled with people—ladies predominating in the enjoyment of the 'ethereal mildness.' Suddenly and without the slightest warning a solid white wall of frost and snow appeared in the northwest. It seemed as if the bluffs in that direction had suddenly shot upward to a height of a thousand feet, so sudden and compact did this icy wall appear. In a second of time the storm burst with appalling fury, and the windows which had by madness of the atmosphere become clear of frost, were heavily coated with clinging snow on the outside and heavily frosted particles on the inside. The air grew terribly cold, and was darkened by flying frost and snow. The high walls of the hotel directly opposite were not to be seen. All objects were hidden by the flying and rapidly driven snow. People on the streets sought shelter and the stores were temporarily closed for protection from the fierceness of the howling blast. Darker grew the atmosphere to such an extent that business in the office was stopped until lights were procured."

Read what the people say concerning the ability of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil to cure asthma, catarrh, croup, colds, etc. Mrs. Dora Koch of Buffalo says: "For croup it is decidedly efficacious." [Mrs. Jacob Mellissor of Marion, Ohio, says the same thing.] S. S. Graves, Akron, N. Y., writes: "Had asthma of the worst kind, took one dose of Thomas' Electric Oil and was relieved in a few minutes. Would walk five miles for this medicine and pay \$5 a bottle for it." Druggist C. R. Hall, Grayville, Ill., says: "Cured an ulcerated throat for me in twenty-four hours." "Sat up in bed and coughed till the clothing was wet with perspiration. My wife insisted that I use Thomas' Electric Oil. The first teaspoonful relieved me." E. H. Perkins, Creek Centre, N. Y., Thomas' Electric Oil is "TIP-TOP" external application for rheumatism, cuts, scalds, burns, bites, bruises, etc. When visiting the druggist ask him what he knows of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil; if he has been long in the drug trade, he sure he will speak highly of it. Sold everywhere, 50c. Thomas' Electric Oil—1.00. Foster, Milburn & Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

**Fearful Cyclones at the South.**  
A terrible cyclone passed near Rockingham, North Carolina, late Monday night, the 18th inst., killing from fifteen to thirty people and wounding a great number. The cyclone that swept through Alabama on Monday caused the loss of a great many lives and a vast amount of property. At Leeds, the residence and premises of Dr. W. E. Wright, a railroad contractor, was demolished. The body of Dr. Wright's mother was found an hundred yards from the house, fearfully mangled. Aggie, Jennie, Thomas, James and Edward, children of Dr. Wright, have arms and legs broken. Harriet Metcaw, a cook was killed. Of twenty-four cars, two wagons and three horses in the place, nothing remained but the carcasses of one horse. Latest intelligence but adds to the horrors of the woful story. From the names of the dead already published it appears that hundreds of lives were lost. From Georgia the reports are of the same tenor as those from Alabama and in North Carolina, also, and in South Carolina, the lists of the dead are frightful. The cyclone was of the same character as those of previous years, bounding from point to point, creating terrific winds for ten miles on each side of its track. Southern Illinois, Missouri and Southern Ohio had a touch of the cyclone, and a good deal of property was destroyed, but there were not many fatalities.

Mr. I. Carpenter, 463 Fourth avenue, New York, after running a gamut of eight years' rheumatism, used St. Jacobs' Oil, the great pain reliever, by which he was entirely cured, and has had no return of his complaint.

**Scotch Fife Wheat for Seed.**  
General Northwestern Freight Agent Bowden of the Milwaukee & St. Paul, on the 21st inst., issued the following order: The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway have made arrangements to furnish the farmers on the lines of the Minnesota, Iowa & Dakota, Sioux City & Dakota and Hastings & Dakota divisions with pure Scotch Fife wheat for seed. Without this wheat the reputation of Minnesota cannot be maintained for producing the finest flour in the land. The millers must have it. It is bringing 7 to 10 cents per bushel more than the soft varieties to-day, and we intend that on all the divisions above named a "farm price" shall be made on the next crop, provided the farmers will raise Fife wheat and keep it separate. The first 80,000 bushels will be delivered on board cars at \$1.65 per bushel and shipped at the following low schedule of rates in car loads: Twenty miles or under 2 1/2¢ per 100 lbs.; 25 miles, 3¢; 35 miles, 4¢; 100 miles, 5¢; 150 miles, 6¢; 200 miles, 7¢; 250 miles, 8¢; 300 miles, 9¢; over 300 miles, 10¢. Agents of the company will furnish farmers with any quantity of this wheat at \$1.10 per bushel.

The best and oldest medicine for cure of liver diseases is Dr. Sandoz's Liver Invigorator.

**Young Ladies.**  
If you want your hair to have that peculiar rich, glossy appearance that always adorns the head of beauty, use Carboline, the natural hair restorer and dressing.

**My Six Year Old Daughter.**  
Dr. C. D. Warner—Dear Sir:—I received the complimentary bottle of White Wine of Barberry you so kindly sent me. Our little six year old daughter had a very sore throat, badly ulcerated, and coughed incessantly. We gave the medicine according to directions, and she began to improve immediately and soon got well. Please accept thanks. Mrs. Graves and I have recommended it to others. I shall want to get some of it at the beginning of winter, as I consider it a superior medicine.

Yours very respectfully,  
Rev. H. D. Groves,  
Clarksville, Mo. Pastor M. E. Church.

Minnesota had 8,000 marriages and 200 divorces last year.



**I owe my Restoration to Health and Beauty to the CUTICURA REMEDIES.**

Disordering Humors, Humiliating Eruptions, Itching Tortures, Scrofula, Salt Rheum and Incurable Humors, cured by the CUTICURA REMEDIES. CUTICURA RESOLVENT, the new blood purifier, cleanses the blood and perspiration of impurities and poisonous elements, and thus removes the cause. CUTICURA, the great Skin Cure, instantly allays itching and inflammation, clears the Skin and Scalp, breaks Ulcers and Sores, and restores the Hair. CUTICURA SOAP, an exquisite Skin Beautifier and Toilet Requisite, prepared from CUTICURA, is indispensable in treating Skin Diseases, Eruptions, Humors, Salt Rheum, Chaps, and Oily Skin. CUTICURA REMEDIES are absolutely pure, and the only infallible Blood Purifiers and Skin Beautifiers. Sold everywhere. Price CUTICURA, 25c. Resolvent, 51c. POTTER DRUG and CHEMICAL CO., BOSTON, MASS.

They who work early and late the year round need, occasionally, the healthful stimulus imparted by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. To all its impurities and ailments it is a remedy and preventive of disease. It checks incipient rheumatism and neuralgic symptoms, restores the appetite, dispels dyspepsia and biliousness, arrests premature decay of the physical energies, invigorates the nerves, and restores the system to its normal condition. For sale by all Druggists and Dealers generally.

**FREE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOUTHWEST.**  
Kansas, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Old Mexico. OFFER THE BEST FIELD for Farmers, Public Land, Stock Ranges, Capitalists, Merchants, Miners and Mechanics of all trades. Maps, papers and pamphlets, giving detailed information. MAILED FREE. Address: PATENT OFFICE, C. B. SCHMIDT, Controller of Immigration, A. T. & S. F. R. R., Topeka, Kansas.

**WHITE BEAVERS COUGH CREAM.**  
HEALS DISEASED LUNGS AND CURES COUGHS AND COLDS. Made only by Dr. Frank P. King, Chief of the Winnebago Indians, LA CROSSE, WIS. Sold by all Druggists.

**DR. SPINNEY'S NERVE TONIC.**  
A Positive Remedy for all forms of Nervous Debility, Dyspepsia, Neuralgic Affections, Chronic, Spinal, Rheumatic, Paralytic, and other Diseases of the Heart, Liver and Kidneys and all other Nervous Disorders. Price: 40¢ per bottle or 6 for \$2.00. Sent by express on receipt of money. Send stamp for circular.

The **DRYERS' GUIDE** is issued March and Sept., each year: 216 pages, 8 1/2 x 11 1/2 inches, with over 3,300 illustrations—a whole picture gallery. Gives wholesale prices direct to consumers on all goods for personal or family use. Tells how to order, and gives exact text of everything you use, eat, drink, wear, or have fun with. These invaluable books contain information gleaned from the markets of the world. We will mail a copy free to any address upon receipt of the postage—7 cents. Let us hear from you. Respectfully,  
**MONTGOMERY WARD & CO.**  
227 & 229 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

**AN UNPARALLELED CIGAR.**  
Who require clothing that is strongly made and from tightly woven cloth that will wear well, should ask for clothing made by TUCKER, CALDER & CO., UTICA, N. Y., or if they want a handsome business suit, equal to the finest custom work and at half the price, ask for one of their "Box Suits." If your dealer does not sell it send them your name and they will tell you who does.

**AGENTS WANTED** for the best and fastest selling Fictional Books and Bibles. Price reduced 25 per cent. National Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill.

**SEEDS**—Our catalog is ENTIRELY NEW. Descriptive catalogue of Flower, Vegetable and Field Seeds, sent free. Page & Kelsey, Seedsmen and Florists, Des Moines, Iowa.

**SEED**—NORTHERN GROWN, VERY EARLY. Also Flower, Vegetable and Field Seeds. 44 New Varieties of Potatoes. Order early. Catalogue Free. **FRED. N. LANG, Baraboo, Wis.**

**CONSUMPTION.**  
Have a positive remedy for the above disease; by its use thousands of cases of the worst kind and of long standing have been cured. Indeed, so strong is my faith in its efficacy, that I will send TWO BOTTLES FREE, together with a VALUABLE PRESCRIPTION, on the disease, to any sufferer. Give Express and P. O. address. Dr. T. A. SLOCUM, 751 Seventh St., New York.

**CATARRH**—Ely's Cream Balm when applied by the nostrils, will be absorbed, effectually cleansing the head of catarrhal virus, causing healthy secretions. It allays inflammation, protects the mucous membrane of the nasal passages from additional colds, cures the most obstinate cases of the disease, and restores taste and smell. A few applications relieve. A thorough cure is guaranteed. Agreeable to use. Send for circular. Price 50c. ELY BROTHERS, Owego, N. Y.

**SAMARITAN NERVE**—A SPECIFIC FOR Epilepsy, Spasms, Convulsions, Falling Sickness, St. Vitus Dance, Alcoholism, Opium Eating, Syphilis, Scrofula, Kings Evil, Ugly Blood Diseases, Dyspepsia, Nervousness, Sick Headache, Rheumatism, Nervous Weakness, Brain Worry, Blood Sores, Biliousness, Costiveness, Nervous Prostration, Kidney Troubles and Irregularities. \$1.50.

**AN OPTICAL WONDER**—A NEW, original, cheap lantern, for projecting and enlarging photographs, chromographs, unique pictures and objects. Works like magic, and defies all other lanterns. Everybody. Send for our full and free descriptive circular. Price 75c. Address: HUBBARD BROS., Publishers, CHICAGO, ILL.

**BUY NORTHERN CROWN SEEDS.** Produce by all odds the finest for use. Send for our catalogue and we will give you the largest stock of pure Farm Seeds in the West. Beautiful Plants and Roses by the 100,000. JOHN A. SALZER, La Crosse, Wis.

**AGENTS \$100 PER MONTH**—MANNING'S STOCK-BOOK. Are making \$100 PER MONTH. ILLUSTRATED. 400 Illustrations. Rightly prepared by such eminent authorities as the President, Vice Pres. and Sec. of the College of Vet. Surgeons, etc. Demand increasing. Farmers, Stock Raisers and Gamesters will find it a most valuable and profitable work should send at once for full particulars and terms. Address: HUBBARD BROS., Publishers, CHICAGO, ILL.

**DIPHTHERIA**—CROUP, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT (For Internal and External Use) will instantly relieve the terrible disease, and will positively cure many cases out of ten. Information that will save many lives sent free by mail. Don't delay a moment. Free. Hacking Cough, Whooping Cough, Diarrhea, Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Hysteria, Hoarseness, Lame Back. Sold everywhere. Circulars sent FREE. E. S. JOHNSON & CO., Boston, Mass.

**Home Items.**  
—"All your own fault."  
If you remain sick when you can Get Hop Bitters that never—Fail.  
—The weakest woman, smallest child, and sickest invalid can use Hop Bitters with safety and great good.  
—Old men tottering around from Rheumatism, kidney trouble or any weakness will be almost new by using Hop Bitters.  
—My wife and daughter were made healthy by the use of Hop Bitters and I recommend them to my people.—Methodist Clergyman.  
Ask any good doctor if Hop Bitters are not the best family medicine on earth.  
—Malarial fever, Ague and Biliousness, will leave every neighborhood as soon as Hop Bitters arrive.  
—My mother drove the paralysis and neuralgia all out of her system with Hop Bitters.—Ed. Oswego Sun.  
—Keep the kidneys healthy with Hop Bitters and you need not fear old age.  
—Ice water is rendered harmless and more refreshing and reviving with Hop Bitters in each draught.  
—The vigor of youth for the aged and infirm is Hop Bitters!  
—At the change of life nothing equals Hop Bitters to allay all troubles incident thereto.  
—The best periodical for ladies to take monthly and from which they will receive the greatest benefit is Hop Bitters.  
—Mothers with sickly, fretful, nursing children, will cure the children and benefit themselves by taking Hop Bitters daily.  
Thousands die annually from some form of kidney disease that might have been prevented by a timely use of Hop Bitters.  
—Indigestion, weak stomach, irregularities of the bowels, cannot exist when Hop Bitters are used.  
A timely use of Hop Bitters will keep a whole family in robust health year after a little cost.  
—To produce real genuine sleep and child-like repose all night, take a little Hop Bitters on retiring.  
—That indigestion or stomach gas at night, preventing rest and sleep, will disappear by using Hop Bitters.  
—Paralytic, nervous, tremulous old ladies are made perfectly quiet and sprightly by using Hop Bitters.

**THE DINGEE & CONARD CO'S BEAUTIFUL EVER-BLOOMING ROSES.**  
The only establishment making a SPECIAL BUSINESS OF ROSES. 60 LARGE HOUSES FOR ROSES alone. We give AWAY, in Premiums and Extras, more ROSES than most establishments grow. Strong 1st Plants suitable for immediate bloom and safe, postage paid, any post office. Send your order, your name, all labels for \$1.12 for \$2.10 for \$3.20 for \$4.30 for \$5.75 for \$10.00 for \$15.00. Our NEW GUIDE, a complete treatise on the culture of roses, sent free. THE DINGEE & CONARD CO., Rose Growers, West Grove, Chester Co., Pa.

**FREE**—Returns mail, Full Description of the New, Tallor System of Dressmaking. S. S. S.

**CAUTION.**  
Swift's Specific is entirely a vegetable preparation, and should not be confounded with the various substitutes, imitations, non-secret formulas, "Success Alternates," etc., etc., which are now being manufactured by various persons. None of these contain a single article which enters into the composition of S. S. S. There is only one Swift's Specific and there is nothing in the world like it. To prevent disaster and disappointment, be sure to get the genuine. Swift's Specific is a complete and reliable cure for Taint, Blood Poison, Malaria, Poison and Skin Humors. J. DICKSON SMITH, M. D., Atlanta, Ga. I have had remarkable success with Swift's Specific in the treatment of Blood and Skin Diseases, and in Female Diseases. I took it myself for Catarrhes with happy effect.

I used Swift's Specific on my little daughter, who was afflicted with some Blood Poison which had resisted all other remedies. The Specific cured her permanently, and I shall use it in my practice. W. E. BOSTON, M. D., Cypress Ridge, Ark. Our treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free to applicants. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Drawer 3, Atlanta, Ga. New York Office, 150 West 23rd St.

**STROWBRIDGE BROAD-CAST SEED SOWER.** THE BEST, CHEAPEST and SIMPLEST. Sows all grains, grass seeds, lime, salt, ashes, fertilizers and everything requiring broadcasting—any quantity prepared, better and faster than by any method. Sows most by sowing it perfectly even. Sows single or double cast, all on either or both sides of wagon. Not affected by wind, as the seed is not thrown up into the air. Perfectly simple, readily attached to any wagon. Lasts a lifetime. Can be used wherever a wagon can be driven. Team walking one mile sows four acres of wheat. Crop one-fourth larger than when drilled. Send stamp for circulars giving terms and testimonials. Mention this paper. C. W. DORR, Treasurer, RACINE SEEDER CO., Des Moines, Iowa.

**SEED SOWER**—The Best, Cheapest and Simplest. Sows all grains, grass seeds, lime, salt, ashes, fertilizers and everything requiring broadcasting—any quantity prepared, better and faster than by any method. Sows most by sowing it perfectly even. Sows single or double cast, all on either or both sides of wagon. Not affected by wind, as the seed is not thrown up into the air. Perfectly simple, readily attached to any wagon. Lasts a lifetime. Can be used wherever a wagon can be driven. Team walking one mile sows four acres of wheat. Crop one-fourth larger than when drilled. Send stamp for circulars giving terms and testimonials. Mention this paper. C. W. DORR, Treasurer, RACINE SEEDER CO., Des Moines, Iowa.

**STEM WINDING MUSICAL WATCH.** Each Watch is finely made, silver plated, and the greatest novelty ever offered to the boys and girls of America. It is a COMPLETE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, size and shape of a Watch, with Music Box attachment connected within, so arranged that when wound at the stem plays one of the following tunes: "Home Sweet Home," "Yankee Doodle," "The Bonnie Blue Bird," "Swanee River," "Carnival of Venice," "Grandfather's Clock," "Water Polka," "Schottische," and "Walk with the Clouds Roll By." The notes, time and tones are correct. It is made and entertained both old and young.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**—To introduce our beautiful Family Magazine, filled with charming stories, poems, sketches, and everything that is good, we send it gratuitously on trial, and the Musical Watch, for 45c. (or 25¢ if postage stamps). Just think of it. A Beautiful Magazine a month for 45c. Get 5 persons to join you, and send us \$2.50, and we will send you a subscription and a Watch free. Address, Boston Visitor Magazine, Box 2188, Boston, Mass.

**LADY AGENTS**—The only persons who can sell our beautiful Family Magazine, filled with charming stories, poems, sketches, and everything that is good, we send it gratuitously on trial, and the Musical Watch, for 45c. (or 25¢ if postage stamps). Just think of it. A Beautiful Magazine a month for 45c. Get 5 persons to join you, and send us \$2.50, and we will send you a subscription and a Watch free. Address, Boston Visitor Magazine, Box 2188, Boston, Mass.