

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

A single church in Edinburgh, Scotland, has, in the last ten years, sent out from its own membership 26 missionaries.

The first woman to be numbered with the alumni of Oberlin college was a member of the class of 1838. In the class of the next year, 1839, there were six members, and the only survivor is Mrs. Sarah Capen Putnam, of Wichita, Kan.

The author of the popular Anderson's school histories is John J. Anderson, of Brooklyn, nearly 90 years of age, who recently entertained some children with stories of his own memories of the time of Lafayette, Burr and John Quincy Adams.

Of the 478 ancient and modern translations of the Bible, 456 have been made by missionaries, and the annual circulation in what are known as mission fields is over three and a quarter million of volumes, largely portions, but with nearly 95,000 entire Bibles.

American missionaries to the number of 54 are now in the Philippines. They represent ten Protestant bodies. They have an evangelical union which federates them and prevents overlapping. Thus far harmony and success have marked the workings of the federation.

There is a Christian printing company at Yokohama, issuing the Scriptures not only in Japanese but in Chinese, Thibetan, Korean and two dialects of the Philippine islands. Last year there were circulated in Japan over 138,000 copies, which is an increase of 39,000 copies over the previous year.

"The Girls' Letter Guild" is the name of a unique reform movement in England. Women of culture pledge themselves to write letters of friendly tone to the girls of the lower classes, to aid in their mental and moral uplifting. The object is to win the girls' friendship, encourage them and dissuade them of false notions and class prejudices. Good results are said to be already noticeable.

Johns Hopkins has an anonymous benefactor who wishes the university to take up systematic investigation of the history, activities and influence of labor organizations in the United States, and for that purpose has contributed \$500 for present use in the purchase of books, journals and reports and has made \$1,000 available to meet the expenses incident to the carrying on of the investigation during the next academic year. The investigation will be conducted by the economic seminary and will begin during the next fall term.

MARK TWAIN AND AN EMPEROR

The Famous Author's Funny Story of Himself and a Jealous Man.

Once I was received in private audience by an emperor. Last week I was telling a jealous person about it, and I could see him suffer. I revealed the whole episode to him with considerable elaboration and nice attention to detail. When I was through he asked me what impressed me most, relates Mark Twain, in the North American Review. I said: "His majesty's delicacy. They told me to be sure and back out from the presence, and find the door-knob the best I could; it was not allowable to face around. Now, the emperor knew it would be a difficult ordeal for me, because of lack of practice; and so, when it was time to part, he turned, with exceeding delicacy, and pretended to fumble with things on his desk, so that I could get out in my own way, without his seeing me."

It went home! It was vitriol! I saw the envy and disgustment rise in the man's face; he couldn't keep it down. I saw him trying to fix up something in his mind to take the bloom off that distinction. I enjoyed that, for I judged that he had his work cut out for him. He struggled along inwardly for quite a while; then he said, with the manner of a person who has to say something and hasn't anything relevant to say: "You said he had a handful of special brand cigars lying on the table?"

"Yes; I never saw anything to match them."

I had him again. He had to fumble around in his mind as much as another minute before he could play; then he said in as mean a way as I ever heard a person say anything: "He could have been counting the cigars, you know."

I cannot endure a man like that. It is nothing to him how unkind he is, so long as he takes the bloom off. It is all he cares for.

How American Women Travel.

Most American women abroad work hard. They travel in all sorts of discomfort, rising "while it is yet night," walking through miles of picture galleries, visiting ancient churches and cathedrals, and "doing" all kinds of places in which they take no interest. They go to so many cities and see them so superficially that they know nothing about any one of them, really. How can anyone know anything of a country, its people, institutions, language, art, architecture, morals, schools or anything else, just by racing through it with a party of nervous, hurried strangers, each member of it tired and worn to a frazzle?—Woman's Home Companion.

The Monkey's Father.

Mother—Willie, what did you do with that penny I gave you this morning?
Willie (aged four)—I gave it to the monkey.
"And what did he do with it?"
"He put it in his cap and then gave it to his father, who played the organ."—Tit-Bits.

PUZZLE PICTURE.



"WILL YOU CHOP SOME WOOD, ALBERT? WHERE IS ALBERT?"

HUMOROUS.

Tim—"Is your fadder in jail fer safe-keepin'?" Tom—"Naw. Safe break-in'."—Detroit Free Press.

"You do him an injustice by calling him a blowhard." "But he is one, isn't he?" "Not at all. It is easy for him."—Indianapolis News.

A Misunderstood Man.—Geraldine—"Did you ever have the feeling that people didn't understand you?" Gerald—"I often have; I use the telephone a great deal."—Smart Set.

Arthur—"Yes, I think Minnie loves me very much. She's a dear girl; she has a large heart." Harry—"A heart like a London omnibus; always room for one more."—Boston Transcript.

"I'm fixed," said the young doctor; "I've got a big enough practice to keep me in easy circumstances for life."

"But suppose you should lose half your patients?" "I'll just double my bills on the others."—Philadelphia Press.

A Needle in a Haystack.—"Miss Goldrox," began Mr. Forchen-Hunt, "I must confess that at last I have lost my heart, and—" "Too bad," she interrupted; "it's so small you can never hope to find it again."—Pittsburg Press.

"Will you please, raise my salary?" "Why, I gave you a raise only last week, because you told me that you had your mother to support." "I know, but my mother got married and now I have two to support."—Ohio State Journal.

"They're raising a safe into the tenth story next door." "Yes?" "Yes, and there are a lot of people down below who don't seem to realize that the safe side of the street is the side directly opposite to the safe's side."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard.

THE TURIN HOLY SHROUD.

Remarkable Photographs Have Been Taken of the Miraculous Winding Sheet.

M. Vignon read a most interesting paper at the last meeting of the Academy of Sciences and exhibited some photographs which he had taken of the winding sheet preserved at Turin and traditionally said to be that of Christ, states the London Lancet. This winding sheet has on it certain markings printed in a brown color which when photographed give a white imprint, as does a negative when printed from. These markings, therefore, act as a true negative, and M. Vignon has shown by certain very careful experiments that cloth impregnated with oil and aloes, as was the winding sheet in question, will receive an impression when in contact with ammoniacal vapors such as would be given off from a sweat very rich in urea, as is the case in a sweat of a person dying a lingering and painful death.

Any idea of fraud need not be considered, for no one has touched this winding sheet since 1353, and no painter at that date had the skill to reproduce such an exact drawing. The impression of the head is excellent. The wounds produced by the crown of thorns and the marks of the blood drops are quite obvious. The wound in the side and even the marks of the stripes produced on the back by the flagellation are also quite evident. Each of these stripes has at its end an enlargement such as would be produced by a cord with a ball of lead at the end. It is well known that this form of scourge was employed by the Roman soldiers and such a one has been found at Pompeii. Finally, the marks of the nails in the arms are not in the palm of the hand, but show that the nails were driven through at the level of the wrist. M. Vignon's paper has created an extreme interest both in the scientific and the religious world.

Tourists in Syria.

Tourist traffic has more than doubled in Syria during the last ten years. At present about 750 foreign tourists, exclusive of pilgrims and conducted excursions, pass through Beirut annually, most of them proceeding to Baalbek and Damascus. Twice this number go through Palestine. Galilee is also growing in favor among tourists. The Buffalo (N. Y.) surreys used between Haifa and Nazareth are likely to be superseded by automobiles.—Cleveland Leader.

SUDANESE ARMS AND ARMOR

A Demand for Weapons of the East Has Been Created by the Cozy-Corner Fad.

The growth of the cozy-corner fad has made a wide demand for the arms and armor of the races who are supposed to have invented that comfortable sitting arrangement in the modern salon and boudoir. As a matter of fact it may be questioned if there is a single cozy corner in Arabia, Egypt, or the Sudan. They have their divans, which are clumsy structures, half bed and half bunk. These are covered with rugs, skins, pillows and cushions, and are exceedingly comfortable to a recumbent person, but they almost invariably stand free from the walls, so that the breeze may be enjoyed by the occupants. The last place to occupy in a hot country is the corner formed by two house walls, says the New York Post.

The stylish American cozy corner must have a canopy, and this canopy should be upheld by two Sudanese or Arab lances. An ultra-fashionable cozy corner has a shield, a steel cap, and a yataghan or scimitar upon the wall just high enough from the ground to be out of reach of the head of one sitting upon the bench.

The so-called Sudanese arms and armor are very cheap affairs, and though coming from southern Egypt, northern Africa, or Arabia, are generally of European origin. Birmingham and Sheffield have long done a large trade in supplying the Children of the Desert with their picturesque weapons. The genuine arms and armors are very rare and expensive. Few are made at the present day, and the larger number, especially those worn by emirs and sheiks, are heirlooms, which they would not sell under any circumstances. Some of the spears are very handsome, especially where the shafts have been carved by their Arab owners. When made in England the shaft is a long pole of oak or other strong wood. When it reaches the Arab countries it is usually too thick and cumbersome for the purchaser. The Semitic races are smaller than our own, and their hands are, though muscular, more slender and graceful. They cut the shaft down until it is quite thin, and then polish and stain it, or else carve into it geometrical designs and lines from the Koran. When the shafts break, which is often the case in hunting or in village feuds, they replace them with whatever comes to hand.

It is at this point the variety is obtained which all observers have doubtless noticed. Sometimes the new shaft is of bamboo, the lightest and strongest of all the vegetable tissues; sometimes it is a reed similar to the malacca cane. It is very light, but is brittle, and will not stand a considerable transverse strain. Often it is made from pitch pine, Oregon pine, or other timber derived from sailing craft or ships in the Mediterranean or Red sea. Rarely it is made from native timbers grown in the oasis of the desert lands or in the magnificent forests of the Sudan.

Of the metallic armor sold not one per cent. is of Arab origin. A variety which is genuine and extremely interesting is composed of the shields and bucklers made from the hide of the rhinoceros, hippopotamus, and African elephant. These are cut and treated with a few simple herbs, dried in the sun upon a mould, so that the finished shape shall be moderately convex, and completed by inserting a boss or sharp spear-head in the center.

Evolution of the Ice Man.

"The prehistoric mosquito," said the learned professor, "had a bill ten feet long—a bill that certainly would alarm any man in these days." "Professor," asked the man with the inquiring mind, "was the prehistoric mosquito the prehistoric ice man?" If so, I begin to take some stock in Darwin's theory of ancestral traits."—Baltimore American.

Indiana Soldiers.

Of 155,578 men who enlisted in this state, 140,638 were American born, and of these 58,204 were born in Indiana. Of foreign-born soldiers who served in Indiana regiments Germany furnished 6,456, more than twice as many as any other country.—Indianapolis Journal.

A CELERY CAMELIA.

The Flower Was Missing and the Vegetable Was Made to Serve Instead.

While speaking of the serio-comic side of stage life recently, relates the New York Times, Miss Clara Morris told the following story as an experience of her own:

"Somewhere in the wide world," she said, "there is an actor—and a good one—who never eats celery without thinking of me. It was years ago when I was playing Camille. In the first scene, you will remember, the unfortunate Armond takes a rose from Camille as a token of love.

"We had almost reached that point when, as I glanced down, I saw that the flower was missing from its accustomed place on my breast.

"What could I do? On the flower hung the strength of the scene. However, I continued my lines in an abstracted fashion, and began a still hunt for that rose or a substitute. My gaze wandered around the stage. On the dinner table was some celery. Moving slowly toward it, I grasped the celery and twisted the tops into a rose form. Then I began the fateful lines:

"Take this flower; the life of a camelia is short—if held and caressed it will fade in a morning or an evening."

"Hardly able to control himself, he spoke his lines, which ran: 'It is a cold, scentless flower. It is a strange flower.'"

"I agreed with him."

THE "CALL" WAS A "RAISE."

Story Related by Well-Known Minister to Illustrate the Guilelessness of Preachers.

Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage tells the following story, of which he claims not to see the point, to illustrate the guilelessness of members of his profession, says the New York Tribune. A clergyman and a prosperous layman were one day discussing the various aspects of the minister's occupation. Finally the layman said, a little bit scornfully:

"The trouble with you parsons is that you are not practical."

"But I insist that that is exactly what we are," replied the clergyman, warmly.

"No, you're not," said the layman, firmly. "Well, how do you make that out?" inquired the indignant parson.

"Well, I'll tell you. You had an offer to go to Boston at a salary of \$5,000 didn't you?"

"Yes."

"And you're getting \$3,000 here?"

"Well, what of that?"

"Nothing—except you said you had a call, didn't you?"

"Yes."

"Well, that wasn't a call at all. It was a raise."

Millions of Fish.

Great attention is being paid this year by the Wisconsin Fish Commission to the stocking of the streams and lakes of that state. Fifteen million pike fry and two million muscalonge are to be distributed in the Wisconsin lakes, and it is proposed by the Wisconsin authorities to give the visitor to that state this summer plenty of sport with rod and line.

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Transference of Impulse.

Bardlet—Do you know, my friend, that I have become a firm believer in the mysterious transference of impulse? You recall that spring day of mine, when I said and was an inspiration? Well, as I told you before, when I wrote that I was fired by an irresistible impulse.

Friend—Yes, I remember.

"Well, sir, I submitted that inspiration to the editor of the Bombardier, and—would you believe it, sir?—I was fired again, but this time the editor had the impulse."—Richard Dispatch.

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Good Guess. A Georgia woman, who tried to discover if marriage is a failure has buried five husbands, and says: "There'll be trouble up in Heaven if we know each other there."—El Paso Times.

A—"Why didn't you congratulate Lorimer on his marriage?" B—"I couldn't conscientiously do that; I don't know his wife." A—"Well, then you might have wished her joy." "I couldn't reasonably do that, for I do know Lorimer!"—Ladies Field.

At the Menagerie.—"What does the tiger remind you of?" asked the mother of little Dorothy, expecting, of course, she would say "kitty." "Why," replied Dorothy, seriously, "he reminds me of a barber pole."—Ohio State Journal.

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