ticity of the Book of Mormon." He is also the possessor of the original manuscript of this book, or "Mor-



mon Bible," as it is sometimes called. The truth of this Book of Mormon depends on its divine origin, and lieve this book to be a divine revelation on which their religion is founded then are they proteeted by the con-

stitution in the "free exercise" of their religion. But there has long been a suspicion that their creed has been "doctored" to meet the desires of the "Lat-ter Day Saints." This fact seems to be conclusively proved from a recent interview with Mr. Whitmer. The old gentleman still clings tenaciously to his faith in the inspira-tion of the original Book of Mormon, though he will seldom speak on the subject to those who are possibly skeptics. To those who are intimate with him he describes the circumstances of the "vision" in which the "gold plates, held together by three rings and inscribed with strange characters, were de-livered by an angel to Joseph Smith in the presence of Oliver Cowdery, Martin Har-ris and myself." He also describes the transparent stone spectacles called "Urim" and "Thummim, through the aid of which the characters on the gold plates were deciphered and the manuscript produced which he holds of the Book of Mormon, Mr. Whitmer, Cowdery, Martin Harris and others left the church, or, as they claim, the church left them in 1838. He retained the manuscript which has been since much sought after by the church. The gold plates were

lost or stolen, so that the only cre-dentials the Mormon church possesses is this manu-script of their bible. They have bible. tried in every way

to get it out of Mr.
Whitmer's hands, SPECTACLES AND PLATE
In 1879 two of the Mormon ap siles, Orsea Pratt and Joseph F. Smith, visited Mr. What mer for the express purpose of obtaining these to them, precious sheets. Apastle Pratt said "Pather Whitmer, we desire to purchase the manuscript, and we are authorized to say that you may name your price, and (wit patronizing air) be sure you put the high enough, for the church has plenty money in the treasury, you know." Mr Whitmer replied, with quiet emphasis "Elder Pratt, there isn't gold enough in the world to buy it." Before leaving Richmon. Orson Pratt told the hotel proprietor that they would willingly have paid Mr Whitmer \$100,000 for the manuscript One reason why the Mormon church was so anxious about this document is shown in the accompanying fac-simile reproduction of a portion of one of its pages. Mr. Whitmer kindly permitted an accurate tracing to be made, from which our engraving is produced. It is taken from the second book of Jacob, sixth chapter. To

assist the reader we give this passage in type: Behold David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abomin-able before Me, saith the Lord. Wherefore, thus able before Me, saith the Lord. Wherefore, thus saith the Lord, I have led this People forth out of the land of Jerusalem by the power of mine arm, that I might raise up unto Me a righteous branch from the fruit of the loins of Joseph. Wherefore, the Lord God, will not suffer that this People shall do like unto these of old. Wherefore, my Brethren, hear Me and hearken to the word of the Lord foot them shall not a unan angue, you have Lord, for there shall not a man among you have save it be one wife, and concubines he shall have none, for 1, the Lord God, delighteth in the chastity of women.

The language of the first portion of this paragraph is so strong against the vice of polygamy that it would not bear reproduction here, but that which we have given

proves that this doctrine is at direct Les many some some herfore there was the fit force of more the force of more the force of the low all the contract of variance with the teachings of the "Divine Revelalation of polygamy with endagments for the standard and the last are four figures, two male and two reaches the four policiest represent the four policies and the four policiest represent the four policiest re

Whitmer insists, was a buly of profile posed refinement to make the from-ical remark that it would be a good thing it a revelation could be had declaring the use of taxes plenty of time for things. Philadelphia a revelation could be laid declaring the use of tobacco'n sin, and commanding its suppres-sion.' The matter was taken up and joked about, one of the brethren suggesting that the revelation should also provide for a total abstinence from tea and coffee drinking, intending this as a counter 'dig' at the sisters. Sine enough the subject was afterward taken up in dead carnest, and the 'Word of Wisn' advising against the use of tobacco, tea and coffee was the result."

That Mr. Whitmer was imposed on originally by Jearnh Smith as to the Mermon Fills being a divine recolation in 1823 is no bengar questioned by those outside of the Moranon church. Forty-six years ago there were

THE BOOK OF MORMON.

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Their Auxiety to Obtain It.

In the town of Richmond, Mo., is still living at the age of 82 years David Whitmer the only living witness to "the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon." He is also the research of the worked of Mormon." He is also the remanded and published was "reventation" in 1820.

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HENRY M. STANLEY.

Arrival of the Noted Explorer Who Wants to Cross Africa Again.



The picture hare given of the African explorer will present him to our readers in a new face. The portrait of him familiar to most people is that of a worn, thin looking young man with white hair and a black mustache. He showed in every feature the perils he had passed.

Here, however, we have a handsome, well fed man, who looks as if the world went very well with him. Let us hope it does. There is nobody in America who tries to belittle the services Stanley performed for geogcaphy. It took the savants of Europe to do that. Stanley has just acrived in his own ountry, to make a tour of lecturing this vinter. May be be successful. He is a cave man and true. Besides that, he is a ewspaper man, and these deserve success in heir undertakings if anybody does. They abstly work hard choosin. It is said Stan-ey's hair turned front white to dark again tter be you rested from his Congo explosi-

A compatible history is Stanley's. An orphone sylum in the Old World is hardly the place cleare genius and frame would take their e, yet themse starts Strickey. He was her Denoigh, Wales, and his original name sees our Howards. He had a right to change in the wanted to, and he did so. Samley vas the name of power. Orleans merchant for whom the boy worked. When he was 33 ars old be left the orphan asylum in Wale and started out to shut for nimself. The shipp d as eabin boy from Liverpool to New Orleans, and thus be first came to America. Few men have had so adventurous a life. Ouring the war he served both in the Conberate and the Union armies. Then he wa dered away to find Livingstone, and in mother journey explored the Congo. Those are his two greatest exploits. After he found Livingstone, Queen Victoria presented to the nameless orphan Weish boy a gold snuff box. His Congo explorations opened up to civilized man a water way nearly 6,000 miles long, through a rich and populous country.

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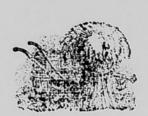
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was so warmed up with patriotism after the contennial e labration of 1883 that she advertised for models for a statue of G. W. The invitation was extended to foreign and native sculptors. The successful design is the one here shown. It was exhibited at the recent Berlin emposition, and, we are told, attracted much attention. Dr. Fendler, vice director of the exposition, wrote of the figure that it was a "convincing portrait of the calm, clear thinking, self reliant man." The general

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The testimetry of claim at and witnesses to be taken before Goo. R. Ciark, indge and exacilies clerk of produte court, at Coopersown, Grygsenny, D. T., on the stir day of Dec. 1886, at his effice.

Horace Austra, Register, 4146

Neticker Feore-land effect Farge, D. T. Oct., 6th, 1836; Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her mission to make final proof in support of her cidiu, and secure final entry thereof, vizi.

Esther Gundersen H. E. No. 8124, for the northwest quarter of sec. 30, tp. 146 n. r. 57 w. and names the following as her witnesses, vizi. Ole P. Balkan, William Hendersen, Ole Halvoedson and Sten Neison, all of Mardell P. O., Griggs county, D. T.

The restimany of claimant and witnesse to be skew before A. T. Drakely, judge and officiolicity of the product count, at Sharbeok, Steele county, D. T., on Menday, he 7th day of Desember, A. D. 1856, at his office.

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The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before the judge of the probate court for Griege county. D. T. at Coopersisten. D. T., on the court of the probate of the probate.

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