Fireside Department.

Easily Remembered.

A good and great man, who was blessed with a healthy body and mind, was once asked by a wealthy individual, "How is it, sir, that you are so strong, since you are never seen to taste strong drink?" He repied, "For the convenience of weak memories my answer is this: "Strong drink makes the drinker weak; weak drink makes the weak strong.'"

How to do God's Will.

A teacher was explaining to her class the words concerning God's angels, "Ministers of his who do his pleasure," and asked, "How do the angels carry out God's will?"

Many answers followed.

One said, 'They do it directly.'

Another, "They do it with all their heart."

A third, "They do it well."

And after a pause, a quiet little girl added, "They do it without asking any questions."

Patience.

"I learned a lesson once." said a lady, 'in a barnyard. It was a frosty morning. I was looking out of a window into the barnyard, where a great many cows, oxen, and horses were waiting to be watered. For a while they all stood very quiet and still. Presently one of the cows, in attempting to turn round, happened to hit her next neighbor. In a moment this cow kicked and hit *her* neighbor. She passed on the kick and the hit to the next. And directly the whole herd were kicking and hitting each other with great fury. I said to myself, 'See what comes of kicking when you are hit.'" A little patient forbearance will save us from a great deal of trouble.

Purity of Thought.

The law of God, unlike human enactments, takes cognizance of secret desires, passions and motives. The character may be outwardly correct while the heart is depraved. Over the beauty of the plum and apricot there grows a bloom and a beauty more exquisite than the fruit itself—a soft delicate flush that overspreads its blushing cheek. Now if you strike your hand over that, and it is once gone, it is gone forever, for it grows but once. On a frosty morning you may see the panes of glass covored with landscapes, mountains, lakes, and trees, blended with a beautiful fantastic picture. Now lay your hand upon the glass, and by the scratch of your finger, or by the warmth of the palm, all the delicate tracery will be obliterated. Young people are led astray often by the sight of the eyes or by debasing literature. Tastes are debased, the imagination is tainted, the blush of purity is gone, and the heart is corrupted before overt acts of sin are ventured upon. The law of God strikes at the root of all evil, at the hidden springs of action within. The law is only really observed when kept in spirit as well as in letter.

The Locked-up Pardon.

In the Isle of Man, as I was one day walking on the seashore, I remember contemplating with thrilling interest an old, gray, ruined tower, covered with ivy. There was a remarkable history connected with the spot. In that tower was formerly hanged one of the best Governors the island ever had. He had been accused of treachery to the king during the time of the civil wars, and received sentence of death. Intercession was made on his behalf, and a pardon was sent, but that fell into the hands of his bitter enemy, who kept it locked up, and the Governor was hanged. His name is still honored by the many, and you may often hear a pathetic ballad sung to his memory, to the music of the spinning wheel.

One must feel horror-struck at the fearful turpitude of that man who, having the pardon for his fellow creature in his posession, could keep it back, and let him die the death of a traitor. But let us restrain our indignation till we ask ourselves whether God might not point his finger to most of us, and say: "Thou art the man. Thou hast a pardon in thine hands to save thy fellow creature, not from temporal but from eternal death. Thou hast a pardon suited to all, sent to all, designated for all. Thou hast enjoyed it thyself, but hast thou not kept it back from thy brother, instead of sending it to the ends of the earth?"—*Hugh Stowell.*

The Tide Coming In.

At one of the noon-day prayer meetings the Rev. W. Arnot read the following passage from the writings of Dr. James Hamilton:

"When the tide is out,you may have noticed, as you rambled among the rocks, little pools with little fishes in them. To the shrimp in such a pool his foot-depth of salt water is all the ocean for the time being. He has no dealings with his neighbor shrimp in the adjacent pool, though it may be only a few inches of sand that divide them. But when the rising ocean begins to lip over the margin of the the lurking-place, one pool joins another; "their various tenants meet, and by-and-by, in place of their little patch of standing water, they have the ocean's boundless fields to roam in.

"When the tide is out—then religion is low—the faithful are to be be found insulated; here a few, in the little standing pools that stud the beach, having no dealings with their neighbors of the adjoining pools, calling them Samaritans, and fancying that their own little community includes all that are precious in God's sight. They forget for a time that there is a vast expanse of ocean rising—every ripple brings it nearer—a mighty communion— even the communion of saints—which is to engulf all minor considerations, and to enable the fishes of all pools—the Christians, the Christ-lovers of all denominations—to come together.

"When, like a flood, the Spirit flows into the churches, church will join to church, and saint and all will rejoice to find that if their little pools have perished, it is not by the scorching summer's drought, nor the casting in of earthly rubbish, but by the influx of that boundless sea whose glad waters of eternity, and in whose ample depths the saints on earth have, room to range.

"Yes, our churches are the standing pools along the beach with just enough of their peculiar element to keep their inmates living during the ebb-tide period of the Church's history. But they form a very little fellowlowship—the largest is but little: yet is there steadily flowing in a tide of universal life and love, which, as it lips in over the margin of the little pool, will stir its inhabitants with an unwonted vivacity, and then let them loose in the large range of the Spirit's own Communion.

"Happy Church! farthest down the strand! nearest the rising ocean's edge! Happy Church! sectarianism shall first be swept away in this inundation of love and joy; whose communion shall first break forth into that purest and holiest, and yet most comprehensive of all communions—the communion of the Holy Ghost.

Farm, and Household.

Pine Apples.

The history of the pine apple dates back for three or four centuries. Columbus found it in Guadaloupe in 1493. The Javanese cultivated it as early as 1599, and it is supposed that it was first brought to Europe from Java. It appears that this fruit was transplanted from South America to Asia and Africa, for in 1592 it was carried to Bengal and China from that country. It thrives in Brazil, and, according to Humboldt, grows wild in the forests of Orinoco. They spoil very easily, and sometimes during the voyage here the whole cargo of a vessel is spoiled. It is considered a good trip if three-quarters of the cargo is in good condition when the vessels arrives. This depends not only upon the length of the voyage, but also on the bad weather experienced, thunder showers being particularly destructive to them. It is estimated that 4,200,000 pine apples are brought into this port annually. The business of canning this fruit is becoming quite extensive, and likewise profitable, in this city, and several firms are engaged in its preparation, and they put up at least a million pine apples in cans every year.—*N. Y. Spectator.*

To the above may be added, what will appear strange to many that the finest pine apples in the world, and the largest perhaps, are raised in cold climates, especially in England. It is one of the fruits the flavor of which is improved by cultivation under glass with artificial heat. Cultivated in this way, in a pinery, the fruit attains the weight of twelve pounds and is free from the fibrous matrets which characterises it when grown in open air.

Steam-Boiler Explosions.

A practical river man of St. Louis makes public a new and not altogether unreasonable theory of boiler explosions at certain seasons of the year, and in certain localities when the Ohio River and its Cumberland and Tennessee tributaries are all at flood height. His theory is simply this—that when the latter rivers are at flood height they pour out waters strongly impregnated with the limestone sediment of the region through which they run, and that this sediment mingling with the clayey deposits of the Ohio forms a putty-like paste, which under the influence of the extreme heat when it accumulates in the boilers is soon roasted into a thick indurate state which coats the inner surface of the boilers and thus renders it all the easier for the fires to burn the iron of which they are composed. On this theory the writer accounts for the recent Crescent City calamnity, and he says the only sure way to avoid such occurrences at flood-tide of the rivers is always, after running three hundred miles, to stop and give the boilers a thorough cleaning.

The importance of the subject demands that every atom of suggestion that looks in the slightest degree plausible regarding the use and treatment of steam boilers shall receive careful consideration. The theory set forth by this correspondent is, it is true,a very simple one, and does not touch upon elaborate scientific and mechanical phases of the question, which have heretofore been almost exclusively considered. The writer's is in all respects an eminently practical one and it is not the smallest feature of its practicability that it is so easy to test it by actual experiment. Men whose duty calls them into familiarity with the service and danger of steam boilers should test the theory for themselves. They need not wait for Congress or any of the authorities to move in the matter, but can at once, with simple contrivance and at very small cost, put the idea to the test of proof. It seems, indeed scarcely necessary even to suggest that such practical tests be made at once.—*Cincinnati Times.*

Mississippi has had "a matchless shower of sulphur." Else the editor who said so had let his fancy anticipate something of his own future surroundings.

Buying Horses.

There is no branch of dealing in which every class of society is so frequently taken in, as in the purchase of horses. There are no specific rules by which persons can conduct themselves so as to avoid these impostures, but they may, at any rate, decline placing confidence in those with whom they have no previous acquaintance. In transactions which are fair, the negotiating party is anxious that every facility be given to a purchaser to see that he is being treated with in good faith; and we should pause the moment we detect undue haste or reservation, as in nineteen cases out of twenty, we may depend upon it, there is something suspicious in the transaction. The only safe way is a trial of several days, and the disinterested opinion of an experienced veterinary surgeon.

A great portion of horse buyers, however have to to thank themselves for being cheated in their purchases, because they will rely on their own judgment without its having had the benefit of experience. Almost every man, in fact,wishes to be thought a good judge of a horse, which, from the various points to be taken into consideration, not only of form, but as, relating to action, for several purposes, is of all others the most difficult to judge of correctly. But such is the case in other matters than horse dealing, and the experience which often comes too late for our own use, is rarely accepted for that of others.

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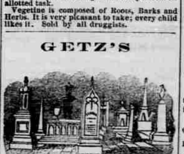

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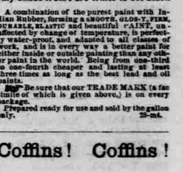

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