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...WS OF THE WEEK.

EAST.

...e has sent a letter to the Mas... Catholic temperance union, encour... members in their work.

...Ely, the communist, who attempted ...kill Maj. Hanghorn, editor, in Jersey City, ...some time ago, has been sent to the state prison for one year.

Twenty mills and about two thousand operatives in Kensington, Pa., are idle owing to a strike for an advance of fifteen per cent. on the present rate of wages.

It is said that three thousand women in New York have offered their services to the conductors of the Union temperance prayer-meetings, to inaugurate war against King Alcohol.

The secretary of the treasury has in...e collector of customs at Baltimore ...e no further objections to the ...t the steamer Edgar Stuart, pro... ...ficer of the revenue, accompany ...checke immigration. ...January is smaller than for ...three steamers from Ham... ...lasgow, only 137 steerage ...ved, whereas it is usual ...ve by each vessel. It is ...he immigration will revive ...

...al report has just been made ...the fellows of the college of physicians re...lative to the autopsy of the Siamese Twins. Dr. Pancoat explained certain physiological peculiarities of the respective bodies; prominent among these was the experience of what Dr. Pancoat called the "fatty cord," which extended from the mucus membrane of the stomach, to which it adhered, in the direction of, but not quite into the band of ...There were ...in each body," together with ...r other abnormal growths rarely found in ...Whitman anatomy.

WEST.

The temperance epidemic has reached Manchester, Iowa, and Lincoln, Neb.

Petitions are in circulation in Chica... ...e congress for an increase in the ...paper currency.

...nis and St. Joseph rail... ...00,000 last week, and bought ...ondholders by Chas. W. ...

...hoemakers, of Chi... ...ago Crispin society, are on ...pt at issue between them ...being that the Crispins ...in a body whenever the ...any one house strike.

...g of the state grange, at ...last week, resolutions were ...ng the Kansas legislature to ...atory liquor law, and declaring ...o person who retails liquor shall be admitted to the order; declaring that the greatest good and highest happiness of an enlightened, virtuous and prosperous people are the legitimate results of thorough and practical education.

The hostile movements of the Indians on the Wyoming frontier, which have been reported for the last few days, indicate, in Gen. Sheridan's opinion, that a general outbreak of the Sioux is at hand. He has communicated this view to Gen. Sherm n, who orders him to repress the threatened disturb... ...w th all the force that he can collect. ...ng, of Nebraska, seems to be very ...He states that some 12,000 or ...oving in a southeasterly di... ...Big Horn Mountain and ...atty, threatening the settle... ...ttle.

SOUTH.

A dispatch from Baltimore announces the death in Galveston of Senator Wigfall, of Texas.

Page McCarty, the Richmond duelist, has been pardoned on the score of physical weakness.

The monitor Dictator, for the safety ...which much fear was entertained, has ar...ed at Key West.

...Atlanta, Ga., ...states that ...Muslim shot and killed Penn Bedell, ...ara gamblers.

The boiler of Raidt & Co.'s flouring mill, Louisville, Ky., exploded last week, demolishing one side and the roof, and severely wounding Prosser Kolen, engineer.

Bryan, Texas, was visited last week by a destructive conflagration, the principal business block of the town being destroyed. ...100,000.

...oiler at Cataclon furnace, ...Maryland, exploded and ...and wounded three oth...

...wart, a well-known ...miles east of Memphis, ...last week by his horse rear... ...and falling back on him.

The robbers of the Adams express agent, at Granby City, Mo., a few nights ago, have been discovered and the money recovered. No prosecution will follow.

Ex-Deputy Sheriff Conkling convicted of stealing $25,000 gold certificates from one Craft, of Virginia, while the latter was intoxicated, has been sent to the state prison for five years.

In Franklin county, Kentucky, the other day, a fight occurred at a dance, in ...young man named Humphrey Mar... ...ed a serious wound in the head ...shall drew a pistol and acci... ...g woman named Nancy ...inflicting a severe wound.

...y, the last survivor of ...Robeson outlaws, was ...per part of Robeson ...He was tuning his ...ing for some wagon... ...fired at him, tak... ...him instantly. ...as advices from ...Buell, with a com... ...parts of companies D ...h cavalry and fifteen Tonka ...mall camp of Comanches on ...fork on the 5th inst., killed ...n Indians and captured all their stock, consisting of 64 horses.

Some unknown person fired three shots through a window at Rev. Mr. Fairchild, president of Berea college, Madison county, Ky., while that gentleman was sitting in the room, a few nights since. None of the shots took effect, and the assailant escaped in the darkness. No cause is assigned for the act, nor no suspicions as to the person.

The tow boat Mohawk, with five barges, from New Orleans to St. Louis, struck a snag near the foot of island 64 at 5:30, on the 20th, and within five minutes sunk so that only a ...on of the hurricane roof was left above wa... ...No lives were lost. The boat will doubtless ...barges were all saved. The ...ed by the Mississippi valley ...ny and valued at $30,000. ...Simmati and Wheeling

...hange of St. ...ted a resolution ...k Eades' plan, now ...ing the mouth of ...t recommends its ...to congress in the ...dance will secure to the ...est attainment of a con... ...eep water channel be... ...the river. The plan of ...poses to secure a channel six ...wide and twenty-eight feet deep ...st of $5,000,000, the channel to be ...ained for ten years at a cost of $500,000 ...r annum. When the depth of twenty feet ...is obtained $1,000,000 to be paid, and when each additional two feet depth shall be secured an additional million to be paid; provided, however, that no payment whatever shall be made until four months after twenty feet shall be secured—uninterruptedly maintained ...the payment of half a million per year to ...depend solely upon maintaining continually ...eight feet in the channel.

FOREIGN.

...ell in limiting his ...bers is generally op...

...t Gold Coast writes ...ce have been signed by ...the King of the Ashantees.

...Queen, at the recommendation ...Gladstone, has granted a pension of $1,000 per annum to the children of Dr. Livingston.

News has been received of the surrender of Coomassie, the capital of the Ashantees, and the king and family are prisoners. Much sickness is reported among the troops in Ashantee.

A special from Calcutta says 280,000 persons are famishing for the want of food in the districts of Finpool and Boglipooth. In the presidency of Bengal, 50,000 persons would perish.

The Duke de Broglie, minister of the interior, has a circular to prefects, directing them to keep a watch upon citizens who leave for Chiselhurst on the occasion of the prince imperial becoming of age.

Political disturbances are apprehended in Japan. Minister Iwakura has tendered his resignation, but the Mikado refuses to accept. The people clamor for war against the Correans. This or a civil war is inevitable.

Robert Moffatt, the celebrated English missionary to South Africa, is still in doubt as to the correctness of the report of Dr. Livingstone's death. He thinks ...ssible that Livingstone could ...ing died. He also says that the doctor's supply of provisions was ample.

Dr. Beke, an English traveler, reports he has discovered the true Mount Sinai. It is situated one day's journey northeast of the village of Akaba Arebis, at an altitude of 5,000 feet above the level of the sea. Dr. Beke says that he found the remains of animals that had been sacrificed. He also discovered Senaitic inscriptions which he copied

By the recent arrival of a steamer from Rio de Janeiro, news is received that Asiatic cholera is raging at Buenos Ayres with increased intensity, claiming from thirty to forty victims per day. The total number of deaths amount to 307. Fifty thousand persons had abandoned their homes in the city to seek refuge in the upper country. The president of the republic has also fled the city for a healthier residence on the island of Carapacha. This act of Saimento is unfavorably commented upon by the press.

A heavy engagement has taken place in the central department, of which the Havana journals give the following account: Gen. Boxcomes with 3,000 men and four pieces of artillery attacked the main force of insurgents near Narrango. The latter were 5,000 strong, under Marquis Santa Lucia, the Cuban commander-in-chief. The battle lasted seven hours, and resulted in success for Boxcomes. The Spaniards lost 50 killed and 180 wounded. The rebels took no prisoners. Their loss is not given. The insurgents in the central department are setting fire to farm houses in all directions. Garrell Marill has sailed for Spain.

The steamer City of Melbourne brings particulars of the death of the Hawaiian King Lunalilo, on the 3d inst. He was 39 years old, and died of a bronchical affection. His demise had been expected for several days. The members of the cabinet were called together at once, and ordered a meeting of the legislative assembly for the 12th of February to consider the condition of affairs. At a mass meeting on the 4th the people of Hawaii declared in favor of Dover Kalakiua as the king's successor. Kamehanea is also named as successor, and there will probably be a severe contest in the legislature over the succession.

The following is a list of members of new British government: First Lord of the Treasury, Disraeli; Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Northcote; First Lord of Admiralty, George Ward Hunt; Secretary of State for Home Development, Richard Cohen Cross; Secretary of State for Foreign Department, Earl Derby; Secretary of State for Colonial Department, Earl Carnarvon; Secretary of State for War, Gathorne Hardy; Secretary of State for India, Marquis of Salisbury; Lord High Chancellor, Lord of Cairns; Lord Privy Seal, Earl of Malmesbury; Lord President of the Council, Duke of Richmond; Lord John Manners is appointed Postmaster General.

A correspondent writing from Havana says: On the demonstration made there by the volunteers on Thursday evening, February 12, a large body of volunteers, unarmed, however, had assembled at the Plaza de Armas, in front of the captain-generals palace, and had demanded with loud cries, a change of the decrees regarding the draft, wishing to be allowed to go into the campaign by full battalions, and not be drafted into the service. In order to prevent riot, orders were given to clear the crowd, which was done by a squad of mounted civil guards, during which some persons were wounded and five killed. A strong force of armed volunteers was then rapidly stationed on all the streets in the city, opening in the square in which is the palace, and no one was allowed to pass. Pickets of cavalry were also stationed outside of Havana, and preparations made to put down any further disturbance. The day following the demonstrations, several arrests were made, the most notable of which is that of the excure of the cathedral, Father Castrio, who was distinguished in Havana for his fastidious habits and his radical republicanism. Senor Martinez, formerly editor of the Journal of this city, was also arrested. Both are accused of being concerned in the disturbances. So general seems to be the belief that it will go hard with them, that a report is current that Castrio and Martinez have already been tried and sentenced to death.

GENERAL.

Committees of the Catholic union are preparing for the pilgrimage to Rome and elsewhere by Catholics of this country. It is proposed to leave not later than the middle of May.

The country will hear with interest that in order to obviate the $7,000,000 deficiency in the postal service it is thought best to abolish the free delivery system and the postal cars. Luxuries are costly; and it is possible that those who are not willing to walk to the postoffice will have to pay a postman.

A Washington dispatch says there are rumors in that city that Mr. Schenck will retire from the London mission at his own request, and will be succeed by Mr. Fish, secretary of state. Mr. Bancroft is also said to have expressed a desire to retire from Berlin, and the Rev. Mr. Thompson, now in that city, is urged upon the president for his successor as the minister to Prussia.

The secretary of the navy has received a telegram from Commander Braine, commanding the United States steamer Juniata, dated Savannah, saying that he parted company with the monitor Dictator, which the Juniata had in tow, the night of the 15th inst. off Charleston, the weather being thick and the sea running heavy at the time, and that the Dictator had not arrived at Savannah on the night of the 16th.

In response to a resolution of inquiry, the secretary of the treasury has transmitted to the house of representatives statements in regard to captured and abandoned property fund, containing the following information: Total amount of money covered into the treasury as proceeds of sales of captured and abandoned property, consisting almost entirely of cotton, was $20,910,656. Of this amount there has been paid to claimants and awards of courts of claims $6,300,463; under judgment of the United States circuit court for New York, $97,784, and under awards by the secretary of the treasury, under act May, 1872 $97,734. The fund has also been diminished by $75,000 expenses of collection, leaving a balance in the treasury of $14,410,479. There remains unpaid judgments of the court of claims amounting to $1,834,011.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the senate, on the 18th, the chair laid before the senate a memorial from the Cincinnati common council, board of trade, and chamber of commerce, protesting against any reduction in the appropriation for work on public buildings in that city.... The senate resumed consideration of the bill to equalize the distribution of currency. An amendment was offered, providing that the secretary of the treasury shall retire or destroy a dollar of legal tender notes for each dollar in national ...ed. Several other amendments ...and discussed, but nothing def...decided.

...the house, on the 18th, a bill was passed providing that any person who shall be convicted of the crime of manslaughter in any United States court in any state or territory, or in the District of Columbia, shall be imprisoned not exceeding twenty years and fined not exceeding one thousand dollars; with the proviso that the act shall not affect any prosecution now pending, or the prosecution of any offence now committed; also making the punishment of extortion by officers or ...rsons acting under authority of the United States, a fine not exceeding $500 and imprisonment not exceeding three years. Also, providing that no person shall be prosecuted, tried or punished in any United States court for any offence not capital, or for any fine or forfeiture under any penal statute unless indicted, or information shall be found or instituted within five years, unless persons fleeing from justice.... A bill was reported to provide for the ...sion on ...ate ...two years, but to be allowed all necessary incidental expenses, and a secretary at $2,000 a year.... The bill to allow free transmission of exchanges, and of weekly newspapers in the county where published, was discussed but not acted upon.

In the senate, on the 19th, that body resumed consideration of the bill to equalize the distribution of currency. After several amendments were disposed of, the following was adopted: "That the committee on finance be instructed to report a bill providing for the convertibility of United States treasury notes into gold coin or 5 per cent. bonds of the United States, and also for free banking under the provisions of the national banking act." Pending discussion on motion to reconsider, the senate adjourned.

In the house, on the 19th, a bill was ...made for the election of two ...large for Alabama, unless ...otherwise provide by law ...the election. Also, a bill ...ates marshals and the ...ctics courts, who have received fees and emoluments in excess of their legal compensation, to deposit the same with the ...asurer of the United States. In case of refusal ...s are to be brought and future cases to be instituted as misdemeanors. Special agents are to be appointed to examine the accounts of these officials, who are to be paid out of the fees and emoluments received, but their total compensation not to exceed $3,000 in any one year.... A vast amount of talk was indulged in on the bill for the distribution of public documents printed by the authority of congress, seeds furnished by the agricultural department, and for the free exchange of newspapers between publishers, and for the free transmission of weekly newspapers within the county where published, and without waiting any progress the house adjourned.

In the senate, on the 20th, the chair laid before the senate the message from the President, transmitting a resolution of the American Association for the advancement of science on the subject of cultivation of timber and preservation of forests; also a communication from the commissioner of the general land office on same subject.... Petitions were presented from citizens of Pennsylvania against any restoration of duty on tea or coffee or any additional internal taxation; from the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage association, protesting against the passage of the bill to aid in the execution of laws in Utah.... The senate then resumed consideration of the finance bill. Mr. Merrimon's amendment was adopted—31 to 23. The senate then committee to report as soon as practicable a bill providing for the increase of national bank circulation, so that the whole volume thereof shall not exceed four hundred millions of dollars. Adjourned to Monday.

In the house, on the 20th, made from Sunday ...personal explanations," and the ...elation of District of Columbia affecting the business, done was of minor importance.

The Dead Twins.

The examination of the remains of Chang and Eng, which has been proceeding very quietly in Philadelphia at the college of physicians, has been heretofore confined to taking casts of the different parts of the bodies, formations of various parts of the bodies, photographing the remains, and daily injections of chloride of zinc, to prevent the bodies from decomposing.

Yesterday the autopsy commenced. The dreaded scalpel was first used on the connecting band between the two brothers. The abdominal cavities were entered for the purpose of examining the viscera. This investigation was attended with most gratifying success, and the physicians were rewarded in their efforts in finding that the lungs, heart, pancreas, liver, spleen, and alimentary canal were excellently developed in each, and that all the parts above-named resembled those of ordinary mortals.

Approaching the band, the lower portion of the ensiform cartilage, or breast bone, in each joins by doubling or bending ...g, making almost a long union with a distinct joint at the central point of union on which the bodies hinge freely. This joint is somewhat similar ...complicated, as that ...The band at the small ...cumference of nine inches ...the link was stretched, and the ...were stood as far apart as possible, there was a space of eight inches intervening. Yesterday the skin of each body was cut through posteriorly, and thrown back from the band and adjacent structures, exposing superficial and deep facia or fatty tissues in the rectus muscle of each. The great question of whether they could have been separated in life was settled in the negative by various abdominal sections which were made. The peritoneum or membraneous lining of the belly in each was found to enter the band, and four pouches or *culs-de-sac* overlapped each other at the centre of the band. The most marked feature here was the presence of two such pouches from the ...of the larger brother, Chang, the ...shorter than the lower, but each lapping one from above and the other from below the single pouch of Eng. An almost exact idea of the arrangement of these *culs de sac* may be obtained by holding the first joint of the forefinger between the thumb and finger of the other hand. The astounding and curious fact was developed that a line passing down the centre of the band would sever all three of these prolongations and open the peritoneal cavity of each liver. If the knife had been used in life, death would have therefore most probably, if not necessarily, resulted.

The examination yesterday and last night also showed that there was a portal or liver circulation through the heart, as was ...the passage of the injecting ...embalming. The abdom...n close contact with the ...are not continuous in ...m.

To-day most important investigations take place by making deep sections into the band, with the view of ascertaining the umbilical connections, bearing on physiological manifestations in the foetal life of beings.—*Philadelphia Telegraph, Feb. 17th.*

NEW PLAN OF DELIVERING MILK.—A milkman at Elmira, N. Y., has introduced a new plan of delivering milk. In his wagon are arranged side racks, containing quart and pint bottles filled with pure, fresh milk, full measure. These bottles are delivered as required. The customer returns the bottles left the day before; and no pitchers, pails, bowls, or dishes are necessary. Another advantage of this system, especially in yarm weather, is that each bottle is tightly corked, and can be laid in a pail or pan of cold water, keeping it fresh and sweet, or put away in a cooler, taking up but a little room.

TO HAVE ideas is to gather. To think is to weave them into garlands.—*Mme. Swetchine.*

BARBARA BRAY.

In a little low cottage, just over the way,
Half-hidden by woodbine, lives Barbara Bray,
With a brow that is furrowed, and head that is gray.
Fall three-score summers have brought their bloom,
And three-score winters have brought their gloom,
Since first to the light of that little room
Came Barbara Bray.

Day unto day, and night unto night—
Walking by faith as well as by sight—
She seeketh the light for the sake of the light,
Plucking some thorn from the pillow of care,
Lifting some burthen not easy to bear;
To the cot or the palace—no matter where,
Goeth Barbara Bray.

A child of God; yet her portion is small,
In the broad estate and paternal hall,
For the "oldest brother" had gotten it all!
And day by day, as he rideth by
In his gilded carriage, she wonders why
That never he turneth a kindly eye,
On old Barbara Bray.

Patiently, cheerfully, all the same
Turneth the wheel of the ancient dame,
Stopping never for plaint or blame,
Want cares she for the world dance
Of men at the shrine of circumstance?
Gold can never the wealth enhance
Of old Barbara Bray.

Wealth that never can turn to dust,
Wealth of faith, and a holy trust
In him that giveth the daily crust,
Toiling away in the peaceful light
That shineth down from gates so white
Upon Barbara Bray.

Little she cares for creeds; indeed,
"God and her neighbor," is all of her creed;
Short enough, truly, yet large as her need.
Dry stalks may be gathered, and tares, it may be,
But God is the Lord of the harvest, and He
Will pay a'l His workmen, if faithful they be,
Saith old Barbara Bray.

Strange that she should be toiling alone!
Strange, indeed, that there should be none
To share in the light of that old hearthstone!
Yet one there was, but he went before
Through the church-yard gate and the marble door!
And he waiteth above, on the golden shore,
For old Barbara Bray.

Others there were, but they faded away,
Like a life-dream, in the twilight gray,
And some in the pride of their summer day.
Yet oft, when the sunset hath lost its bloom,
And the shadows falls sharp in the deepening gloom,
Sweet voices come back to that lifeless room,
And to Barbara Bray.

And then, no longer alone, alone,
Old Barbara sits by her quaint hearthstone;
For the past with its treasures is still her own,
She dreams of love, and she talks with her mate;
She chats her darlings and patiently waits
For the angel that cometh to open the gates
For old Barbara Bray.

Nor waiteth she long; for already afar
Through the gloom of the night, like the glow of a star,
Is shining the light of her homeward car.
Whirling along over the track of the years,
Down through the valley of sorrow and tears,
Out from the field of the harvest it bears
Old Barbara Bray.

A moment, a breath! and the journey is o'er!
Her wheel at the window is seen no more;
But the tear-drop shall fall and the heart long and poor
Lay their garlands of love at the friendly door
Of old Barbara Bray.

CONCERNING WOMEN.

It is told of that disgusting creature called Diogenes, who worshiped dirt and lived in a tub without ever using water, that, passing once by a tree on which a woman was hanging, he cried out: "By Jupiter! would that all trees bore such fruit!"

There is a tree still standing in the Washington parade ground, in New York, on which, not above a half a century ago, such fruit might one day have been seen hanging by the cynic had he been living to see it; and it would be curious to know whether the unclean old philosopher's reflection was unconsciously echoed in the secret soul of any Knickerbocker who witnessed that lamentable sight. As the woman of the Washington parade ground was hanged for murdering her husband, and as there must have been at least two or three husbands then living in New York who knew that they deserved no better treatment at the hands of their own wives, it is not impossible, we think, that such a thought may have ...Yet, after all, it is probable that those men have the worst opinion of women who are conscious that women ought to have the worst of them. Such, at least, is the conclusion to which we had been brought by a lazy summer's meditations over the poetry of the ages concerning the female sex. The subject is one of universal interest if there be any truth in the famous inscription on the base of a statue of love:

"Qui que tu sois, voici ton maître,
Il est, il le fut, ou le doit être!"

or in Coleridge's peaceful development of the maxim:

"All thoughts, all passions, all delights,
Whatever stirs this mortal frame,
All are but ministers of Love,
And feed his sacred flame."

So let us call our readers of both sexes into council, upon these judges of womankind.

If we go back to the days of antiquity, we shall find that the wise men who believed in locking their wives up, and even in beating them whenever it was safe and convenient, had a rather low opinion of the sex. "A woman," said Solomon, "is more bitter than death." "Out of a thousand men," averred the same paragon of wisdom, "I have found one who was good; out of all the women in the world, not one."

"The sea," said the Greek Codrus, "has not so many fish, nor the sky so many stars, as a woman has thoughts of mischief."

"Whether women be handsome or not," observed Bion, reputed one of the seven sages, "does not signify; if they are ugly they turn one's stomach; if they are lovely they turn one's head."

"There are many ferocious beasts born by land and by sea," moaned the poet Menander, whom St. Paul himself, no great admirer of women, admired sufficiently to quote him in his epistle; "but a woman is of all beasts the most ferocious."

The scientific Aristotle, with his mania for analogies, compared woman to the panther among beasts, to the partridge among birds, and to the viper among reptiles. The same polite philosopher declared that "when nature missed making a man, she put up with making a woman." Over against which atrocious sentiment the ladies may properly set Burns' gallant couplet:

"Her prentice hand she tried on man,
And then she made the lasses, oh!"

They may have the satisfaction of reflecting too that Aristotle, though a very great sage, and much counted by princes, made a fool and a hobby-horse of himself for the sake of an extremely plump but questionable little "partridge;" while Burns, though a guager and given to strong drink, was a good husband and left a loyal widow behind him.

Propertius, who was a poet too, and passed his life in making love and verses, came to the conclusion that it was idle to "love many women, since a single one could inflict on a man all the sufferings of which human nature is capable."

Juvenal had too much sense to make such universal and sweeping statements. He confines himself to the assertion that both black swans and good women may undoubtedly exist, but that the latter are as rare as the former.

The fathers of the christian church, notwithstanding their great indebtedness to the piety of their female disciples, are scarcely less savage than their pagan predecessors.

"I am deeply interested," said St. Augustine, "to know whether women will rise at the last day as women; for it is to be feared in that case that they may continue to tempt us before the throne of heaven itself."

St. Augustine had earned the right to speak for himself on this subject, certainly; but he ought to have remembered his good mother Monica, when he was generalizing his proposition.

St. Cyprien, notwithstanding his name, was merciless to the daughters of Venus. "It is the form of women," he exclaims rather rabidly, "which tempts us to sin; it is from the substance of women that came the dread necessity of death! Far from us all be this pestilence, this contagion, this secret ruin!"

St. Jerome, who was sadly worried in the desert by his recollections of the dancing-girls of Rome, went a step further than Juvenal, and protested that "a good woman was more rare than a phœnix;" a phrase in which the saint's rhetoric can only be saved at the expense of his ornithology.

As for St. Basil, who devoted himself to improving the female mind and heart, his opinion of women puts her on the level with those flies and gnats in the midst of which St. Macerius passed forty days and nights, by way of punishing himself for having killed a gnat that bit him. All the saints of the church, let us make haste to say, are not so trenchant and truculent. St. Charles Borromeo ...no nobler gentleman was ...grace to own that ...but for the ... female sex," th... ...keeping open h... ...charming Bishop ...mptly at... ...de Sales, whom ...no use in ...tate and no slave ...Order of the ...and charity.

These, however, is will be observed, are modern saints; and as we come down with ages and find men more considerate, civil and decent in their own way of life, we meet at once with more rosy eulogies and more exhaustive criticisms on women. "God, who repented of having made man," says Malherbe, for example, "never repented of making woman."

"O woman! lovely woman! Nature made thee
To temper man; we had been brutes without you.
Angels are painted far to look like you,"

exclaims the pathetic and unfortunate Otway.

Shakespeare, who saw all things too clearly to make positive statements, or lay down general laws of anything, has a great deal to say about particular women, but not a single decisive word about women in the abstract, unless we choose to take Hamlet's passions for the poet's philosophy.

Alphonso of Castile, who had a practical plan for regenerating mankind by killing nine out of ten, and was sure that if he had been consulted about the making of the world it would have been better made, disposes of woman in these words: "She is a human being who dresses, bridles, and undresses."

Rousseau, on the other hand, who went about the worldequally convinced of a chaotic condition, and equally sure that he could "put it to rights," but was as sensitive as a plucked bird, and always in hot water, declares that "women are the fairest half of creation." He is forced, nevertheless, to admit that "it is women who unloose all the tempests which trouble the world."

Chancellor Oxenstierne, who found it easy to govern kingdoms, and bade his son to go note at Paris "how little wisdom sufficed to rule the world," frankly confessed that "a very little woman may be a very great burden."

Chesterfield, who looked on the whole of life as a gentlemanly game of whist, considered women to be children of a larger growth, who have the faculty of speech, and sometimes the quality of wit. "In my whole life," he adds, however, "I have never known one woman who had common sense or the reasoning faculty, or who could either act or reason consistently for twenty-four hours at a time." ...been at im...

VICTOR HUGO ...ronize himself as a person ...ing to ...the female sex, and was a sad Lothario in his youth, goes much further, because he goes much deeper, than the most malignant saint in the calendar in his physiology of women. "A woman," observes this amiable heir of the Provencal bards, "a woman is a highly improved kind of demon."

Casimer Deumas had already uttered the same thought in another form: "God may have begun to make woman, but the serpent completed the work."

Cajas is worse than Alphonse of Castile. "Woman," snarls this wretch, "are not properly to be included in the human species."

Montesquieu was more civil and more temperate. "Woman," mildly says the author of the *Lettres Persanes*, "has a heart of starch."

Moliere, who indeed had no great reason to respect the sex to which the fair Bejart belonged, thought the "whole sex created just to damn the world;" but Calderon, who has shown in *La Estatua de Apollo* how much justice he would do to womanly virtues, admits that "women are a dish worthy of the gods—when not seasoned by the devil."

Milton, whose dramatic experience was more varied than agreeable, inclines to the view of Aristotle, and pronounces woman a "dramatic mistake of nature." Balzac, on the contrary, who studied woman more profoundly than any man who ever put pen to paper, and who has frightened more women by sudden glimpses of their inner selves than any father confessor ever comforted, comes to the conclusion that "woman is the most perfect of creatures, and a transitional being between the man and the angel."

De Stendhal, who asked that it should be inscribed on his tomb *Visse, Amo Scrisse*, and who has crystalized the stuff of a hundred novels in his maxims and reflections *de l' amour*, made up his mind finally that a "woman is simply a delicious musical instrument, of which love is the bow, and man the artist." It follows from this simile, that, as a bad violinist ...soon spoil the best Cremone, ...the men who are really, after all, responsible when he women get out of time; a consideration worth pondering, alike by the judges of divorce courts and by those who have no ...to make their acquaintance!

Alfred de Musset, whose glorious genius burned itself out in disappointment and *absinthe*, avenges his life upon himself by recording his doctrine that "woman is just the ...of all known birds."

Alexander Dumas, the ...nger, with whom pulmonary consumption is the only female religion, as might be expected, has uttered a great many outrageous impertinences concerning women. "Heaven," he exclaims, "in its merciful providence, gave no beard to women because it knew that they could not hold their tongues long enough to be shaved."

"For the sake of women," observed the same individual, "men dishonor themselves, ruin themselves, kill themselves; and in the midst of this universal carnage the creature who brings it to pass has only one thought in her mind, which is to decide whether she shall dress herself so as to look like an umbrella or like a dinner-bell!"

"Women themselves have not always been very complimentary to their sex. Their criticisms on woman indeed point to the saying that "there is nothing fixed, no duration, no vitality in the sentiments of women for each other. They are mere pretty bows of ribbon, Orestes and Pylades have no sisters."

Madame Necker, the clever mother of a cleverer daughter, was cruelest in her verdict when she meant to be kind; she says of her sex: "Women fill up the intervals of conversation and of life like those wads of cotton with which baskets of china are packed; nobody thinks anything of the wads, and yet without them all the basket would be broken!"

Mirabeau, whose stormy life was one long whirl of trouble about women, gives them a like value, when he exclaims that "the aberrations of a comet are not more difficult to calculate than the movements of a woman's heart, and mind, and self-love. The more I see of them," he says, "the more convinced I am that self-love is almost the only key to their characters. Now, character is made up of habits of the soul and of the mind, mingled, it is true, in unequal doses; and I am strongly led to believe that the sex of which clever men have said that nobody can understand it, owes its mysteriousness to an almost total absence of character."

Jean Paul Richter, who had learned as much of life, though in a very different way, as Mirabeau, flings the same thought into one of his incom... ...ole images: "Women are like ...sh ...houses, which have many ...and few windows. You may fine... ...in easily enough; but, on... ...can't ...easily find your way o... Po... ...y, after al, this simple ...the sum of wisdom concerning ...as theory ...and pretty women!"

Church-Going Dogs.

Everybody knows how the Eurick Shepherd pleasantly tells of the dogs that used to accompany their masters to church, in the pastoral district in which he lived—how they lay quiet and patient during the whole service, till the last psalm was sung, and the minister and congregation stood up for the blessing, when their delight at the prospect of immediate emancipation could no longer be restrained, but expressed itself by joyous barking. In the pastoral districts of Scotland, the number of dogs present during divine service always very much attracts the notice of strangers. We heard from the minister of one of the most strictly pastoral parishes in Tweeddale the following curious anecdote. When he entered on his charge, being a stranger to the district, he was both surprised and annoyed at the presence of the numerous dogs in church, regarding it pretty much as the husband of Jennie Deans, regarded the tobacco-pipe with which the Highland gentleman solaced himself during the service, and condemned it from the pulpit as unseemly, requesting the owners of the dogs to leave their dogs at home. The shepherds, perhaps wondered a little, but the request was generally complied with for a time. However, there was one spl nid collie that soon made his appearance again, and took up his place on the pulpit stairs, which he had long specially appropriated to himself, lying very quietly, with one ear cocked, if he ventured to set foot upon the stairs, as intrus on which he would not permit. One day, the minister met the shepherd, the owner of the dog, accompanied, of course, by his faithful attendant. The shepherd immediately referred apologetically to the subject. "Ye see, sir," he said, "after what ye said to us, we tried to keep the dogs at hame; but this was the only gleg (too sharp) for us. We steekit (shut) him in for twa Sabbath-days, but ever sin' that, we ne'er see him on the Sabbath mornin', he just slips awa some way on the Saturday nicht, and the next we see o' him is on the pulpit stairs, when we come to the kirk." The intelligence displayed by the dog in the anecdote will be duly appreciated by those who know lower animals, possessing a remarkable strength of will, for the dog certainly lost a breakfast, and probably also a supper, to gratify his desire of occupying his place of honor on the pulpit stairs.

We once witnessed an extraordinary scene in which shepherds' dogs were the actors. Edinburgh minister was to preach a sermon, on a summer evening, in an empty wool-barn in one of the most lonely dales of the southern highlands in Scotland, and the inhabitants of the dale, mostly shepherds and their families, were assembled to hear him. The wool-barn was in the upper story of a two-story ed building, and the approach to it was by an outside stair without a railing. The congregation consisted of some forty or fifty people, and the barn would have held a much greater number, and there was a wide open space between the table at which the preacher stood and the near seat placed for his hearers. This the dogs which the shepherds had brought with them at once appropriated to themselves as a fit place for amusement. They evidently did not suppose themselves to be at church, and were under no obligation to quiet and orderly behavior. They were in a very frolicsome humor and at first it seemed doubtful if divine service could be proceeded with. Occasionally, they all rushed out by the open door and down-stairs, but soon returned again to resume their gyrations on the barn floor. Fortunately, however, it happened, cre long, that one of them, in rushing out, touched an earthenware plate which was set upon the landing-place at the top of the stair for the collection, usually made in Scotland, on every occasion of public worship, and knocked it over the edge. The plate was broken, and the coppers scattered on the ground, but the service went on without further interruptions from the dogs. Immediately on the smash and jingle being heard, every dog disappeared from the barn, and not one of them showed face again till the congregation was dismissed. They evidently knew that they had committed a fault; one of them had done the mischief; they were all art and part; and taking blame to themselves accordingly, they fled ashamed. What communications they had among themselves out of doors, and whether or not any chastisement was inflicted on the careless dog that overturned the plate, we cannot tell.—*Robert Chambers.*

A Bark Attacked by a Whale.

The bark Kate Williams, Capt. Hale, of the regular packet line between Boston and Fayal, which arrived at Boston on Friday last, had a remarkable escape on her passage. The Boston Journal thus describes the incident: "About 7 o'clock one morning a seaman aloft cried out that there was a whale on the port bow. Capt. Hale stepped to the port quarter, and almost immediately could have laid his hand upon the upper jaw of a sperm whale, which had paid an unwelcome visit to the vessel. It was a cow whale, about sixty feet in length, which had set upon them, and had she struck the vessel a little further under, the Kate Williams would probably never have been heard from after leaving Fayal. As it was, the vessel received a pretty good shock, and lost a portion of her mizzen chains. This monster had seen the bark about the time the sailor discovered her, for she immediately sunk and came up with great force right at the vessel's stern. Capt. Hale thinks her mouth measured at least fifteen feet, and her under jaw was felt to scrape the bottom of the vessel as she glided swiftly away from her unexpected enemy. The whale fared as badly as the bark, no doubt, for the quarter-deck was covered with pieces of the leviathan's outer skin and the "mud" that is found between it and the rougher hide. The Kate Williams was sailing rapidly at the time, and in about fifteen minutes the fish was out of sight. While the latter could be seen, she appeared swimming about looking for the vessel, and evidently in a rage."

EXPERIMENTAL philosophy—asking a young lady to marry you. Natural philosophy—looking indifferent, and saying you were only in fun when she refuses you.

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Sarah's ... things. To be su... little startling, ... scaring her listener... ...ts; but that only ...ht-fully exciting.

By this time ...ting a hint of the comm... ...gan to crowd around, and ...

"Now, all you ... must sit ...mazin' still if I ... tell a story."

Nings and ... ...ally occupying the only ... chairs, ...Rush sat on the wood-box, and the ...gest John... ...on a keg, while the ...children squatted around ... making a close ser...

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Pa... much to do w... had with Sarah ...

Quieting her ... "clearing 'em all out ... began in a low, solemn ...

"Once upon a time, ... Kentuck', there lived a *man* ... a-w-f-u-l rich, and had heap ... heaps o' nice things in his dark ce...ar. Bottles an' bottles o' wine, bar'ls an' bar'ls o' cider, an' lots an' lots o' hams, bar'ls and bar'ls o' bacon, an' bins an' bins o' apples, an' jars an' jars o' ...meatmeats, an' boxes an' boxes ..., an' O! piles o' good things to eat, ... that dark cellar."

Sarah paused to see the ... Rush smacked his lips, an... ...y the whole Johnson fam... ...y turned to her work.—*St. Nicholas for March.*

State Grange Patrons of Husbandry.

At a recent meeting of the State Grange of Missouri, the following resolutions were reported by the committee and adopted.

1. That we fully endorse and approve the declaration of principles adopted at the late meeting of the National Grange at St. Louis.

2. That as cultivators of the soil we have been too long governed and controlled by the great moneyed power of the land, and by rings which are against us simply because we have been ignorant of our own strength in our defense, or have wasted it wrangling with each other.

3. That as retrenchment and reform is our motto, as true patrons we should begin at home, and while we demand, as we have a right to, that our legislators and rulers shall be economical in the expenditure of public money, let us not be prodigal in expenditure of our private means; while we condemn extravagance of public officials and complain of wrongs inflicted upon us by those whom we have entrusted with power, let us not still further wrong ourselves and families by living above our income and involving ourselves in debt, thus sacrificing peace, comfort and independence at the shrine of fashion and show.

4. That we invite the hearty support and co-operation of the sisters of our ...and the divinely sanc... ...helpmeet to man, therefore her place is by his side. Hers is a high and noble position, and if rightly improved, will render her moonlight ...more durable than marble, and leave an inheritance to those that will come after her more to be prized than wealth or honor.

5. That in republican government all power is vested in the hands of the people, and in ours a majority of people belong to the producing classes; yet the power and strength of these classes have been used by a less numerous and unscrupulous class for the advancement of their own selfish purposes.

6. That although ours is not a political organization, and especially ignores political or partisan questions, yet we call upon our representatives in congress and state legislatures to listen to the appeal of more than one hundred thousand patrons of Missouri, to economize the resources of the government and to stop currents of extravagance which have borne us to the very verge of bankruptcy and ruin.

National Grange Circular.

The National Grange circular for January shows an increase, since the 13th of December, when the last circular was issued, of 1,566 granges. The total at that date was 9,296; the total at that of the last circular was 10,