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DEE SPIDER UNDER THE FLY. I reads in Yacov's story book. A couple weeks ago, Von first relic boem, vu I dints Der beebles all should know I'd ask dis good conundrum, too. Vich v should profit by, "Vill you into mine parlor walk? Seys der spider off der fly."

On Central Park a smart young man Says: "Straus, how vos you peen? Und dake me kindly py der hand, Und ask me off mine Katrine. He vants do shange a fifty bill, Und says hees name vas Schneider-May, perhaps he is all right; Mosd like he vas a spider. Most efty day some swindling chap, He dries his leggie game; I cuts me outt dot spider biecc Und put it in a frame; Nighd last mine store I hangt it oup, Und near it on der shly, I keeps a glub, to send it guick outt, Those spiders "on der fly."

THE BIBLE OF MODERN SCIENCE. The preparation of the new Bible, which is to be inspired by sweet reasonableness, has not made much advance yet. We lay before our readers the improved version of the first chapter of Genesis:

1. There never was a beginning. 2. And cosmos was homogeneous and undifferentiated, and somehow or another evolution began and molecules appeared. 3. And molecules evolved protoplasm, and rhythmic thrills arose, and then there was light. 4. And a spirit of env vas developed and formed the plastic cell, whence arose the primordial germ. 5. And the primordial germ became protogene, and protogene somehow shaped eocene; then was the dawn of life.

6. And the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding seed after its own kind, whose seed is in itself, developed according to its own fancy. 7. The cattle after his kind, and the beast of the earth after his kind, and every creeping thing became evolved by heterogeneous segregation concomitant dissipation of motion. 8. So that by the survival of the fittest there evolved the simiads from the jelly fish, and the simiads differentiated themselves into the anthropomorphic primordial types. 9. And in due time one lost his tail and became a man, and behold, he was the most cunning of all animals. 10. And in the process of time, by natural selection and survival of the fittest, scientists, skeptics, infidels, and scoffers appeared, and behold it was very good. - London Freeman.

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Well, I have at last found positive proof of my general statement right here in these mountains by the Pacific sea. Briefly and simply, I have found a piece of petrified wood with a little vein or thread of gold in it. How did that gold get into that piece of wood? Was it placed there by the finger of God on the morning of creation, as men have claimed was the case with the gold found in the veins of the mountains! Nonsense! Gold grows! Certain conditions of the air, or certain combinations of earth and air and water, and whatever chemicals may be required, and there is a rock, a piece of quartz, or petrified tree, for the gold to grow in, and there is your gold crop!

Of course, gold grows slowly. Centuries upon centuries, it may be, are required to make the least sign of growth. But it grows just as I asserted years ago, and here at least I hold in my hand such testimony as no man in this world will be rash enough to question - a portion of a petrified tree with a thread of gold in it. - Joaquin Miller.

WASHINGTON LETTER. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26, 1886. There is much speculation just now in regard to the complexion of the Fifteenth Congress. There is great diversity of opinion, of course, as to which party will have a majority. As Hon. S. S. Cox said; "there will be many holes in the House. The places of many prominent men will be filled by new ones." But Senator Kenna thinks the democrats will have at least twenty-five majority. They have such a large majority in the present House that it is not believed it can be overcome unless apathy shall prevail to a much greater extent in the democratic than the republican districts.

The boldest declaration of the present campaign was made by Blaine in a recent speech in Lewiston, Maine, which was in effect that the republicans would repeal the civil service law and at once turn over every democrat in the service of the government. Civil service commissioner Obery, taking Blaine to task, said that having endeavored to make himself acceptable to the temperance people, the laboring men and every shade of religious opinion, he now seeks to commend himself to that portion of the democracy opposed to civil service system, in order to make his "calling and election sure." In the campaign of 1884 he promised to purify politics by introducing the very system which he now deprecates so strongly, if the people would honor with their votes. Mr. Obery remarked that it was the boldest statement Blaine had made so far, and showed his swivel-like proclivities.

A gentleman from New York, a leader of the democratic party in that city, who was here during the week, was speaking of the president's natural anxiety in regard to the success of the party in New York this fall. He has been on trial for eighteen months, and he thinks the people of the state which put where he is will express their opinion of the administration and its method at the polls this fall. He believes they are with him, but he does not know it certainly, and that renders him anxious as to the result. "Yes," continued he, "Cleveland's present term is experimental." But if the Democrats carry the next general election they are in for twenty five years of power, and nothing can stop them.

The Journal of the House of Representatives for the first session of the present congress has just been issued, and it is exactly one half larger than ever before. It was so bulky that it had to be bound in two parts of sixteen hundred pages each. Some heroic remedy is needed for the bloated Congressional Record, and it has been suggested that Congress adopt a rule that no man shall make a speech from manuscript. That would take out the worst trash which now seeks a harbor within the official chronicles. Mrs. Cleveland is employing the pleasant autumn days in overseeing the improvements and repairs upon their country house. She drives out there almost every afternoon, accompanied by her mother. The interesting stage of decoration has been reached, and the important question of ceilings, carpets, and draperies is under consideration. Since the purchase of his little farm the president has been much interested in agricultural matters. He intends to sow twenty acres in clover, and an orchard of New York pippin trees is to be set out. Grape vine arbors are being added to the place, and several cows of fine breed and other blooded stock are to be stable on the premises. Mr. Cleveland has been advised that a man of his full habit, doing so much mental work, needs something more invigorating than riding out for an hour or two.

So he is anxious to do some of the granger work himself this fall and next spring, if only for exercise. The farm is so far from the road that a passer-by would have to scan the premises with a field glass to recognize anyone. He can work to his heart's content, consequently, without being watched. The President will find a great deal of comfort in this place after the business of the day is over, and he is entitled to it, for he is working his life out in office.

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