

WHAT THEN?

After the joys of earth, After the songs and mirth, After its dreams so bright— What then?

YEN.

'Twas only a word so small, And to the whole world heidle. It meant just nothing at all, And it meant—

How like a girl was, though then, I only knew 'twas then, I like no nearer heaven when I see the golden hair.

But then 'twas there, and since, oh bliss! To hold my heart in too small Three letters all in all, The word was only yes.

Scott.

Queen Victoria's Hallucination.

Whatever may be the truth in regard to the report that Queen Victoria intends to abdicate the throne of England, it is known that she has been laboring for some years past under at least one phase of mental infirmity.

She has a firm conviction that Prince Albert is always present with her, and that her private rooms are arranged as they were when he was alive. His chair is placed opposite her own in the library, and the books which he delighted to read to her are arranged lovingly in order upon the table.

A carefully prepared article on New York life, in the Courier des Etats Unis, contains the following statements: There are not less than ten thousand families in New York whose annual expenditures for mere livelihood are at an average of \$10,000.

Most people like to be handsome. Notably, the greater power which any person may have when he has a good face, and who attracts you by good looks even before a word has been spoken.

The Last King of Ireland.

Roderic O'Connor, of the ancient line of Connaught, was the last king who sat on the throne of Celtic Ireland. His character and exploits are painted with no flattering hand by the monkish writers, who longed for his destruction, or later historians, who have written in the interest of the Roman Church.

A swim for life: We copy as follows from the Memphis Appeal of the 29th: For several days past all water furnished to the jail has been pumped from the Wolf river through pipes leading into the reservoir.

Such a habit of mind and heart is wrong because it sets one into a wrong tendency that fills him for duty. I planned to have a garden in my yard, and the one I had in mind was the other.

Among the parishioners of Welsh village there was a model woman: so pious, so clean, and moreover such a scholar, for her station in life. She lived to a great age; and, in her illness, she sent to the parsonage to beg a little preserve.

There seems to be in certain crimes a tendency to become epidemic. About the middle of the seventeenth century, Lasparada and his crew, on the coast of Italy, committed the crime of poisoning, and almost simultaneously the crime of execution of Madame de Brinvilliers gave rise to a mania for poisoning in France, which lasted more than a hundred persons had been executed.

Crimes—Are They Epidemic?

Between 1588 and 1635 occurred the murder of William of Orange, the Duke of Guise, Henri III., Henri IV., the Duke of Buckingham, Waldenstein, and perhaps Gustavus Adolphus, whose fate is surrounded in mystery.

There is a singular kind of dance on the greens of country villages in Russia. The dancers stand apart—a knot of young men here, a knot of maidens there—each sex by itself, and silent as a crowd of mutes.

Who are Crooles. A correspondent asks, what is the meaning of the word Croole? We answer, that the strict and original definition of the word was a person born in the colonies of French or Spanish parentage.

Causes of Summer Diseases. The Journal of Health for June, under a different heading, states the following facts concerning the causes of diseases:

The mistletoe bough, like the Spanish moss, which drapes the trees of southern swamps in such sad funeral garb, is a growth outside of the natural condition of the tree; it is a parasite, a fungus; a very low form of life, exceedingly slow in development.

There are similar growths or products in the animal world, called "cell" life. Vegetables come from seed, animals from eggs, but cell development, and these cells or eggs are as animals in their fecundity as fungus growth.

Between the effects of fungi and cell products, the vegetable world and the animal egg, world, there is a development, and these cells or eggs are as animals in their fecundity as fungus growth.

Whoooping cough is apparently of vegetable growth; for when the expectoration of a child suffering from it is examined, it is crowded with spores. On one occasion a small amount of it was introduced into the windpipe of a healthy young rabbit; in a few days it had a troublesome cough, and on examination a countless number of these same spores were found all along the throat, windpipe and lungs.

Plague and pestilence, and all those diseases called epidemic, which suddenly fall upon a whole community, such as fever and ague, bilious fever, yellow fever, diarrhoea, and dysentery, are caused by marsh miasms.

The Boston Advertiser has an acquaintance who remarks that he has often heard the proverb, "A friend in need is a friend indeed," but he says he can't see where the laugh comes in. He has a friend in need who is always borrowing money of him.

There are seventeen free salt-water baths in full use in Boston, twelve of them are for women. These establishments originally cost \$25,000 and the cost of each bath to the city is about four cents additional.

Arrangement of Rooms.

Give your apartments expression—character. Rooms which mean nothing are characterless indeed. Study light and shade, and the combination and arrangement of drapery, furniture, pictures. Allow nothing to look isolated, but let everything present an air of sociability.

Makes little study of effect which shall repay the more than usual observer, and do not leave it possible for one to make the criticism which applies so many homes, even of wealth and elegance—'Fine carpets, handsome furniture, a few pictures, and elegant ornaments—but how dreary!' The chilling atmosphere is felt at once, and we cannot direct ourselves of the idea that we must maintain a stiff, a severe demeanor to accord with the spirit of the place.

The Book of Job. The book of Job was written by an Hebrew of the same family of that of the Prophets, but the books were written by different authors, when they were first known even the extent of such a thing as an alphabet, as a work of high repute, and the name of Job was not known until the time of the rise of the Hebrews, and fell into an expression, a widely extended geographical knowledge, the book of Job was written by a man of every intellectual faculty of the civilized world.

What ancient work on the ethical relations of man towards his Creator has more freedom and embracing thoughts than that from the pen of the Hebrew Prophet? As a monument of intellectual power and grace, this idyllic work stands comparison with any of the most beautiful compositions of any of the civilizations. We estimate the moral grandeur of Homer's Iliad, Greek dramatic power by Eschylus and Sophocles, and English by Shakespeare. What shall we say of the Arabian mind that produced, and the people preserved the book of Job? Have you his idyllic beauty, grace and power been surpassed? What has equalled its content gifts?

The MAMMOTTE. In Europe the mammoth was known but never applied for as a fossil. An Icelandic writer, Arn Frode, makes the first mention of it near the year 1100, stating that he had seen a mammoth, a famous pirate went in search of Iceland under the guidance of three monks, trained for the purpose, since in those days sailors of the northern region did not yet know the use of the compass, and he called it the land of boiling water, from which our tradition is derived. Even this historian, however, knew only a mammoth suspended by a thread, and the compass itself was yet undiscovered. At first, the mammoth was used with unusual success, as we learn from a manuscript dated 1238 in the Royal Library in Paris. An ugly black stone, called mammoth, was taken out when nights were dark, and a needle rubbed with it brightly; the latter was then suspended by a thread, when the point would indicate the north.

George Washington was a man of extraordinary talents, as appears from the following memorandum made by him when Commander-in-Chief. By such a man, it is not surprising that he should have been the author of several valuable works on ethics and politics. The second of these, 'The Principles of Morality,' was a treatise on the subject of morality, which he published in 1791. He was a Northern man, having been graduated at Brown University, and was an intimate friend of Augustus.

These who use hard soap will find it very convenient, instead of trying to use the last bits of a piece of soap to keep a bowl, jar, or little keg, into which they may be thrown and covered with water. Crumbs made by cutting and reduced pieces from the toilet soap dishes may also be saved in this way. This liquid soap is good for washing or for any household purpose; often as in washing bottles, more convenient than any other form.

COLLEGE LEWIS W. WASHINGTON, the head of a branch of the family to which the first President belonged, died on October 1st, after a brief illness near the Ferry, West Virginia. He will be remembered as the most conspicuous of the gentlemen who were seated and held as hostages by John Brown in his famous raid on Harper's Ferry, in October 1859. He possessed a valuable collection of relics of Washington, among others the elegant sword with the inscription, 'From the oldest general in the world to the great.'

In the city of New York, sewers are dug by machinery. The streets are dug in the middle of the street near two rows of tracks, which raise the dirt in patent coal-pole-bucks.

How to Rest.

The best mode of resting, when fatigued depends upon the cause of the fatigue and the condition of the person at the time. There is one thing, however, which will always rest a tired person, and that is a sponge or towel laid over the entire surface of the body, followed by a thorough rubbing and friction of the surface. Of course the temperature of the water and the vigor and amount of the rubbing must be graduated to the strength of the person.

How to be Handsome. Most people like to be handsome. Notably, the greater power which any person may have when he has a good face, and who attracts you by good looks even before a word has been spoken.

Hints to House-Builders. Avoid such lots as will require your house to face North. Have your living rooms face South always if possible. Put your hall on the North side of the house, and your main entrance windows by stretching a piazza outside which will keep the sun away. Live in your pleasant room. Build no parlors to shut up what is good enough for your good enough for visitors. Have a bow window in your living room. Make your windows large, and enough of them. Have plenty of closets. A goodly pantry and a closet should be connected with the kitchen. Build a fire-place to your living room. The height of your rooms should be one-third the sum of the width and length of your living room.

SPAIN.—From official tabular statistics, it appears that the area of Spain is 129,902,000 or 130,000 square miles. Of the 12,500,000 acres in Spain, there are 6,500,000 of 34 per cent. cultivated, and 3,300,000 per cent. uncultivated. The population of Spain is 15,675,536 persons, of whom 2,435,241 are landed proprietors. The census number 25,635, and the agricultural laborers 2,435,119. The five staple of all kinds number 30,022,313 head, as the statistics also includes arable and pasture lands, the forest plantations, it is stated that 40 per cent. of the country is entirely waste.

COMA TORREZIO MARIANA, formerly a personal friend of the Pope, and a member of his Cabinet, regards Romanism as a failure. It has produced, he says, only superstition among the lower classes, indifference elsewhere, and among thinkers, infidelity.