from the Garden of Eden; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden a cherubim and a flaming sword, which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life."—Gen. 3: 22, 23, 24. Could the essence of fundamental truth be couched and presented in plainer, common-sense language? What moved the God-head to this momentous precaution of guarding to sacred seclusion of this immortalizing, life-imparting, inestimable tree and its fruit? Does not the twenty second verse unfold the mystery? Clearly, if he would "Take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever." But to corroborating witnesses, "What, in his times, he will show who is the blessed and only potentate, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light, which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen, nor can see."—First Tim. 6: 15, 16. Who will sustain and teach for God's truth the Roman master-stroke of impiety, an *immortal devil?* Can rational men be rash enough to attempt to explain away such explicit revelation? This sums up the whole matter of the indwelling of immortality in God alone, unfolding to easy comprehension the manner, or channel, through which God assures us we are to attain immortality, unerringly made manifest to men alone by the bleeding Saviour. The appearing of Christ "Brought life and immortality to light."—Second Tim. 1: 10. He commands us "By patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality."—Rom. 2: 7. This testimony surely dismantles the contused mystery and the design of the hiding, shutting out, or taking away from men's sight and temptation to touch, taste and be immortalised in sin, imperfection, misery and degradation, which God never designed. It is a demonstrable, divine truth, that no human being never has, nor ever will be immortalized, only through the channel God opens to view and purposes; Christ Jesus being the only beacon light and way to immortality. "The things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are unseen are eternal."—Second Cor. 4: 18. The body and the life, or living soul, in all its manifestations, are certainly seen, and temporal; subject to death, decay, and without doubt to be changed. At death "The spirit shall return unto God who gave it."—Eccl. 12, 7. This is the only semblance of immortality in man's makeup, and God draws it immediately unto himself as soon as the body is no longer a fit abode for it. No historian hints at the necessity of its being changed, only its place of abode; irrefutably demonstrating that immortality is not an innate essential and parcel of man's composition, but hid alone in God; closed in and sealed from every outside view by the flaming swords or burning presence of the Son and surroundings of God.

[*Concluded next week.*]

The Philosopher of San Marcos on the Financial Situation, the Next Transit of Venus, the Pyramid of Cheops, Etc.

For the Free Press.

The newspapers are full of arguments on the financial problem; but is all conjecture with no definite argument; because it takes more than routine bankers, Wall street or treasury science, to comprehend the origin and workings of the mighty dollar, or devil, all the same.

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There is a certain passage in the Cheops pyramid with an angel of nearly the dimensions of the sun's paralax, according to the transit of 1769. A comparison with the transit of 1874 and 1882 will throw some light on the subject of "where we are drifting to." According to the Bible, the world has had ends and beginnings. Solomon says, "There is nothing new under the sun." The people who built the pyramids did not build them for time, but for eternity. It is customary to put the number of the year on the corner-stones of public and other buildings, but if the earth should resolve into chaos, and remain so a few thousand years, as it has done before, the inhabitants of a future creation could not get any sense out of A, D and a cypher. The pyramid builders had a larger comprehension of astronomy, time and eternity. The earth is moving to and from the sun at intervals of ten thousands of years, as regular as clockwork or the movements of a living organism.

Children comprehend hours, days and weeks; common grown people months and years; men of learning, decades and centuries; but the builders of the pyramids knew the beginning and end of their world, by measuring the solar paralax at the transits of the planets over the disc of the sun, and thereby preserving the time of their event of their existence in the universe for eternity. It is nonsense to assert that arts and sciences have grown constantly from the building of the Egyptian antiquities to the present day. They have grown from as far back as reliable history dates. The antiquities of Egypt are prehistoric, belonging to a bygone world. There is no reason for the belief that the originals of those half-naked figures engraved on those antiquities were not as much civilized as people nowadays. Railroads, telegraphs, stovepipe hats and bustles, resumption and repeal of resumption acts, were, perhaps, antiquities with them. They knew how to live happy without some of those relics of a barbarous age.

I believe the Cheops pyramid is in the universe what a grain of seed is in the vegetable kingdom; that is, "the most important remnant of the last crop of empires on earth," and in its interior construction may be found the requisite knowledge to create or generate a perfect empire.

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CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Hays County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon, by publication of this citation in some newspaper published in Hays county, for four weeks prior to return day, Thomas S. Parker, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Honorable District Court of Hays county, to be held at the Court house thereof in the town of San Marcos, on the 2d Monday in March, 1878, then and there to answer the petition of Annie Laura Parker, filed in said Court against the said Thomas S. Parker, alleging in substance as follows: That plaintiff is an actual *bona fide* inhabitant of, and has resided in the county of Hays, in the State of Texas, for six months, next preceding the filing of said suit; that plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married on the 10th day of March, 1873, in Nueces county, in the State of Texas, and lived together as husband and wife until the 1st day of Feb 1875; that during said time, a child was born unto them, the issue of said marriage, now aged four years, and in the custody of plaintiff; that, on said 1st day of Feb. 1875, defendent voluntarily left plaintiff, with the int ntion of abandonment, which said abandonment has continued for more than three years prior to the filing of this suit. Plaintiff prays for citation by publication, for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony between plaintiff and defendant; for the custody of said child; for costs, and general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but make due return of this writ as the law directs.

Given under my hand and the seal of said District Court, on this 15th day of February, 1878.

ED. J. L. GREEN,
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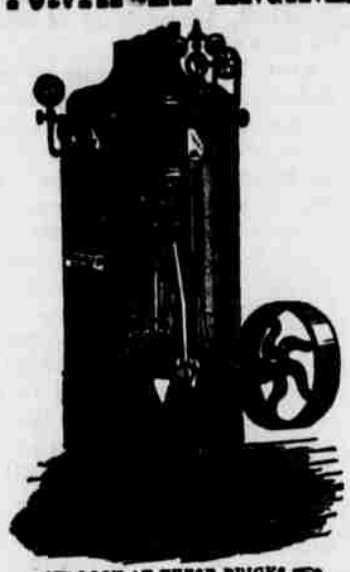

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By order of the Board,
JAMES E. MORRIS, M. D.
Jan. 26-2m Secretary.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all persons interested in the welfare of the persons and estates of Mary J. and Sarah A. Morgan, minors:

Henry Cousins, guardian over the estates of said minors, has filed an application in the County Court of Hays County, praying to sell the undivided half interest of said minors in Lot No. Six, in Block No. Three, of Lindsey & Harvey's addition to the town of San Marcos, in the County of Hays, in the State of Texas, for the purpose of paying the debts and cost of guardianship, which will be heard at the Court House in the town of San Marcos, in said County of Hays, on the first Monday in April, 1878, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same if they see proper to do so.

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