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"They Say."

They say ah! well, suppose they do, But can they prove the story true? Suspicions may arise from naught But malice, envy, want of thought; Why count yourself among the "they" Who whisper what they dare not say?

They say-but why the tale rehearse, And help to make the matter worse? No good can possibly accrue From telling what may be untrue : And is it not a nobler plan To speak of all the best you can?

They say-well, if it should be so, Why need you tell the tale of woe? Will it the better work redress, Or make one pang of sorrow less? Will it the erring restore Henceforth to "go and sin no more?"

They say-oh! pause and look within; See how thy heart inclines to sin. Watch, lest in dark temptation's hour, Thou, too, should sink beneath its power: Pity the frail, weep o'er their fall, But speak of good, or not at all.

LEGALIZED ROBBERY.

A Lecture on the Crimes of the Day, and Striking Analysis of Them.

Rev. David O. Mears, of Cambridge. Mass., gave a lecture upon Vital Problems, the subject for the evening being Legalized Robbery. There are two standards, he said, in every Christian community by which the acts of each citizen are measured-the moral and the legal. The one is the expression of the Divine will, the other the expression of the principle of the State or nation. The one is never altered to suit the inclinations of the community; the other varies with public opinion. Our civil companies, legally equipped but pure code has been written by imperfect, fal- frauds. The number of men who, durlible men, and it by no means follows ing the last few years, have gained that because these imperfect, fallible men are not condemned by the laws of their expectations, we are told could be their own making, therefore they are without reproach. Inquiring into the wealth on 'Change, approximating to accouterments, and were then marched to Washington Hall, where a grand dindropped the pig, and, turning on the dog, had him in his embrace in a twink-ner was in readiness, and of which they without reproach. Inquiring into the validity of the legal standard, we notice first, the uncertainty of right and justice of the sales at the New York Stock Ex. in framing the laws. Lobbyists crowd change reaches considerably above twenour legislatures, and votes are bought ty-two thousand million dollars annually. and sold and traded on the most impor- Speculations which in former times tant questions. Second, we notice the uncertainty of the laws as to their execution. The same influences that work against right and justice in framing our laws over the street like a monsoon now produce mere ripples. But all this finited, and for two reasons. The country is legal, and the vultures sometimes are among the seemingly devout worshipers. against right and justice in framing our among the seemingly devout worshipers laws work against their execution. If of Christ, that Christ who, twice in bribes are powerless in defeating the his lifetime, cleared His Father's house expression of strict justice, they are of the men of traffic as heartless as their often powerful in defeating the execu-tion of justice. We have laws against men need our heartiest sympathy since gambling, yet under guard of the police they have to cope with the dishonest we may enter every gambling house in Boston. In the third place, we notice the uncertainty of the standard of law. What seems right in this generation of gold, and can be won only here. It may be overruled in the next; thus the must be left with the body. The racer may be overruled in the next; thus the legal standard as to the question of slavery has been reversed; and on the greatest question of to-day, the suppression of intemperance, the legal standards vary. From each of these points we are driven to the irresistible conclusion that it is morally wrong for us to rest satisfied in an appeal to the legal standard as the tribunal of man. He hasteth to gauging our conduct. Yet men almost be rich, but poverty shall come upon

The highwayman who plunders his victim is a robber. Another man, respected in society, under cover of the law defrauds his neighbor of thousands, and because it is legally done, he holds his position as before; the transaction is fact. We need a firmer public sentiment a legalized robbery. A moral wrong which, being stronger than the law, shall committed lawlessly or lawfully, is a keep back from destruction those who moral wrong still.

church, sitting at Christ's table together,

are never sure of a business transaction

until the papers are passed; not one

canceled.

We live in an age of great financial temptations. Wealth can build cities and whiten the ocean with the sails of commerce. It can erect palaces and bring to homes many a comfort and joy. It is a power, yet it cannot purchase contentment or love; cannot buy back the virtue once trampled in the dust; cannot bribe death or win heaven. It would ring counterfeit-like on the pavement of heaven; its mansions would look gross and mean beside those which Christ has gone to prepare. Yet men in their haste to be rich stifle the convictions of conscience by saying their transactions are legal.

We notice, first, fraud at home. We refer to the very common transaction of deeding property to the wife or children in time of approaching disaster. A man has \$25,000, but borrows enough to give him \$100,000 for his purposes. He takes \$15,000 and builds a house and deeds it to his wife, and this is a legal transaction. As a matter of fact, he is doing business to the extent of \$85,000 on \$10,000 capital, and as a matter of necessity, the odds are against him. What right has this business pretender -what moral right, to the house he has built? What moral right has he to hold it from his creditors in case of his almost inevitable failure? Yet the law allows it. "Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbor's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work; that saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is ceiled with cedar, and painted with vermilion. Shalt thou reign because thou closest thyself in cedar?'

Secondly, the credit system. tendency observable in the last fifteen years is alarming. Men borrow in order to carry on business, and if we are to trust the results, it is but a poor investment for the lender. Corporations admeetings and vote to construct a railroad or build a schoolhouse, and borrow stuff for potting plants and for flowers and eventually fail. Towns hold their These leaves, after having been two or ber of the English Parliament who, the money. Cities do the same. Churches vote to build houses of worship, and do as everyother organization, mortgage the building for the amount above what they have missed. If the words of they have missed. If the words of the serve true, "The borrower is servent to the lender," we are in a state of bondage indeed. From such a bondage indeed, From such a bondage indeed. From such a bondage indeed, From such a bondage indeed. From such a bondage indeed, From such a bondage indeed. From such a bondage indeed in this part of the p

male and female, above that limit would be compelled to pay over \$100 to liquidate the national debt. On the same basis \$60 would be required from every person to liquidate our State debt. Add to these the debts of counties and towns and the amount would be appalling; yet we go on carelessly adding burden to burden. The whole system is purely legal, but it can scarcely be termed

either scriptural or moral. Following this, we notice the system of bankruptcy. It has few terrors for men of business. The bankrupt to be places his property mostly out of his hands legally, and then takes up with the legal process; and when his affairs are settled he is congratulated upon the result. Corporations pay their dividends and double salaries, while the owner's certificate of stock is so much waste paper. And what corporations do individuals do under cover of the law. A case just entered in New York is in point: liabilities, \$143,000; assets, \$125 worth of wearing apparel, claimed to be exempted under the law. One man can legally carry on business until his assets cover only five cents on every dollar of liabilities. Another can legally borrow thousands of dollars to-morrow and fail just after. In the sight of God a thief is a thief; it matters not how, it matters now where or whom.

Thou shalt not steal! Fourthly, speculation or stock gambling. Speculation, robbery, despair, prison—these are the steps on the downward road. The mania reaches this side of Wall street. Respectable papers advertise the names of brokers whose advice can clear \$1,200 upon every \$100 invested, subject to call upon the Stock Exchange. The terrible scenes of "Black Friday" did not break the fascination of the ten thousand dreamers of wealth; They were then marched up Greene at once to the pen. They both jumped or cotton seed oil in so-called linseed oil in the woodplic and the first street, between Hanover and Perry, inside the inclosure, emboldened by oil? Answer. Petroleum may be described by the street, between Hanover and Perry, which the street of importance and the street of importance

who are shielded by the law. But what of the man who is in haste to be rich? The crown he aspires for is is born for two worlds; yet as he hurries forward he gauges his acts by human statues. He keeps the gains legally gotten from those whom God will defend. He hears the curses of those whom he to a God of eternal justice, and not to without exception act according to the him. What though he gain the crown legal standard; members of the same and wear it for a few hours? When he shall lay it one side and enter another existence, where shall be his hope? "The love of money is the root of all man in a thousand, becoming prosper- evil, which while some have coveted ous after once failing in business, ever after, they have erred from the faith pays the old debts which the law has and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

We must come back to the old time. We are to be judged by our motives: Fraud is a sin; neglect of the Divine law is a sin; and it is high time that the Christian church shall recognize this unwittingly are tempted thither.

United States Navy.

In the United States navy there are forty rear-admirals on the retired list, who receive \$4,500 per year salary. Following the list of rear-admirals there appears a list of thirty-eight commodores. Thirty-five of these commodores are on conveyance from time to time. the retired list and receive \$3,750 per year each.

There are thirty captains and commanders on the retired or pension list who receive an average of \$3,000 a year

After the captains and commanders come the lieutenants, lieutenant-commanders, masters, ensigns, and even midshipmen. A "starred," or retired. lieutenant-commander receives \$2,250 a year, a lieutenant \$1,950, a master \$1,500. an ensign \$1,150, and a midshipman \$750. After these come the staff officers, and the exhibit is somthing appalling. There are twenty-five medical directors at \$3,300 each, thirteen other medical officers at an average of \$2,000 each, fifteen pay officers at an average of \$2,000 each, and thirty-eight engineers at about the same average.

The Use of Fallen Leaves.

In the Gardener's Monthly a writer says: These have to be gathered up. They are excellent to mix with hot-bed material, and, where practicable, should be saved for this purpose. They do not heat so rapidly as stable manure, and in this have an advantage; as tempering the violence makes manure last longer and maintain a more regular heat. They are excellent material to put round cold frames to protect half-hardy plants. A board is put up to the height of the frame boards, and about a foot or more from them, and the leaves filled in between. If the plants are somewhat tender, the bottom of the frames may be

The Trenton Battle Anniversary.

The Trenton (N. J.) State Gazette thus sketches the mock capture of the Hessians in that city. It says: The troops, having taken their several positions, began to move about nine o'clock. The first division began to move down Greene street, in the direction of the Assanpink. The second division commenced the attack on the Hessians on eral Sullivan followed closely to Front street, through Front to Warren, down Warren to Factory, and through Factory to Greene, where they entrapped the enemy. The first brigade drove the ments were going on the streets were packed with people. The firing was rapid and exciting. The division that came down Greene street; when at the city hall, became greatly excited. Shouts rent the air. The poor Hessians were making very excellent time down Greene street, when a volley from the advancing Americans started them on a run, while the crowds that filled the streets shouted at the top of their voices. It was really an exciting scene. Isaac Ronner, aid to General Washington, rode directly through the enemy's line, amidst great tried to make themselves as forlorn look-ing as possible. The grand surrender took place at the Assanpink bridge. The swords of the Hessian officers were surrendered, and the Hessian troops reversed arms as an evidence of their capture. where the orders were read. The troops were then taken to the State arsenal,

Returning Home.

Whatever may have been the original numbers of the projected colony of reason why these immigrants should were showered upon have left their native land. There is an ler with the maul forced him to leave urgent demand in Brazil for industrial the girl before doing her any great inliberal and enlightened legislation, endeavored to attract colonies and individ- and retained possession of her weapon, ual agaiculturists and laborers. But. after various experiments with Europeans and Americans, it seems settled that house and bring the rifle and shoot the the Chinese are the only foreigners who take kindly to the country. To Americans, accustomed as they are to facile means of transportation, quick sales of products, and reasonably short credits, the primitive business habits of the Bra-He hears the curses of those whom he has defrauded, but whose only appeal is dilatory. The mines, like most mines, require a great deal of money to work them. Farming, which was held out as a profitable industry without serious the ground. He pressed Mrs. Buttlor labor, proved to be a delusion to the en into a corner, where she dropped in a ergetic American. Buckle has succinct ly summed up the case when he says of Brazil that: "The progress of agriculture is stopped by impassable forests, and the harvests are devoured by innumerable insects. The mountains are too the log and fired. The bear staggered high to scale—the rivers too wide to on his haunches and fell back dead. The bridge." If the American colonist was ball had entered and passed clean ambitious and hard-working, he eventu- through his heart, as was afterwards ally became discouraged and ceased to ascertained. contend with the forces of nature arrayed against him. If he was indolent and negligent ways of the country, and failed to make a living from a soil to which about one hundred of the refugees took passage on two United States men-of-war which had been ordered to give having the flesh torn under her arm sell, Sr., and Thomas J. Sheftall. I them this opportunity. The frigate Swatara has brought back the last installment-about seventy-five, all told. A few others have returned by private

Why she Should Go West.

According to the last census Massachusetts had, in 1870, 49,993 females more than males. The Boston Advertiser discards many theories in regard to men to Western States, some occult law governing births, etc., and attributes it particularly from Maine and Vermont. yet every State in New England, excepting Vermont, has a large excess of females. Maine has the smallest, viz.: about 7,000 each, and Connecticut 6,914. 1,000 males. New York State has an excess of 56,301 females, and the District of Columbia 7,316 more females than males. A proportionate excess of females over males is found in almost every Eastern and Middle State, and yet the census of 1870 shows an excess of 328,757 males over females in the aggregate population of the States and Territories. This excess is mainly found in the Western States and Territories, as, for instance, in California, where it reaches 138,000. The intuitive faculty of the female mind will readily comprehend why the "Go West" injunction of the late Mr. Greeley is especially applicable to such of the sex as are unprovided for in the East.

He Boiled It.

HEROIC WOMEN.

Encounter of a Mother and Daughter with a Bear-A Terrific Struggle, Ending in Victory for the Heroines.

Two women, mother and daughter, named Butler, living on the spur of the Catskills of which Mount Prospect is the termination, recently had an encounter with a bear, in which was manifested der? Answer. Take tartaric acid five West Hanover street, and drove them to Willow, through Willow to State. General Sullivan followed closely to Front against ferocious beasts and still more sieve, and keep free from moisture. ferocious Indians.

Mrs. Butler is a woman about thirty-five, and her daughter Jennie is sixteen. enemy through State street to Green to the Assanpink creek. While these movetimes two or three days, leaving his wife and daughter alone with a good watch dog and rifle in the cabin. About five o'clock one day, the daughter, Jennie, was preparing the evening meal for the my fingers and thumbs are badly cracko'clock one day, the daughter, o'clock one day, the daughter and thumbs are badly crack-old of the could have run easily in the ordinary groove up the hill of knowledge; the track is there ready laid; the laziest passenger is dragged up almost against his will. But in this neighborhood of well-fed planters, whose stables were filled with the best racing stables were filled with the best racing of the State, and whose bookan exciting scene. Isaac Ronner, aid to General Washington, rode directly their surprise to see a large black bear with a shote weighing sixty or seventy pounds, tucked in under one fore leg applause, on Greene, where they took a stand. There were many laughable scenes in the odd movements of the adscenes in the odd movements of the adalready by the inroads of bears or other animals, and the women resolved to resaminals, and the women resolved to resaminals, and the women resolved to resaminals.

making a great fuss on the outside of the pen but was afraid to jump inside and attack the bear. Mrs. Butler seized a heavy maul, used in driving wedges in the logs, and her daughter snatched the ax from the woodpile and the two moved forts of the women to dispatch the bear were redoubled. The bear was now raging with fury, and advanced with his jaws distended upon the girl, who was wielding the az unmercifully. With one bear. The girl jumped from the pen.

her clothing nearly all torn from her form minute particles of hard glass. person, and hurried after the gun. The blood from the wounds inflicted on the bear by the ax and maul poured on the floor of the pen and over the shaggy coat of the monster. Round and round the inclosure the contest waged, until at last the bear struck the woman's weapon crouching position and placed her hands over her eyes, expecting to be torn to pieces the next instant. Just then her daughter returned with the rifle. She pushed the barrel through a chink in

With the removal of the great tension on her nerves, Jennie fell lifeless to the fond of his ease, he readily fell into the ground, and it was a long time before her mother could summon strength sufficient to climb out of the pen to her he brought neither his own labor nor aid. She finally got her into the cabin and succeeded in restoring her to conwhere the bear seized her, and being was followed by these parties from the considerably scratched about the body.

A Canadian Romance.

light in Canada, with a girl and \$400,- rest stood around with their hands upon 000 to make it sufficiently spicy. An their arms. If I had attempted to use advertisement lately appeared in the the privilege that the law accorded me London (Canada) Free Press, offering a on this occasion I had not been here handsome reward for the disclosure of now to make this statement to the court. the whereabouts of one Hannah Dutton, If I had yielded to the impulses of a this excess, such as the migration of a woman now thirty-four years of age. man and of the moment I would not When a pretty girl of fifteen, it seems now be here. If the premeditated at Miss Dutton was either kidnapped or tempt to assassinate me had been sucsolely to the incoming of women from 'induced to leave her home in Canada, cessful it would have been only accomother States to work in the factories, and, a diligent search failing to find her, plished in order that crime and crimithe parents subsequently removed to nals might go unwhipped of justice. If This seems a somewhat plausible theory, the England. Recently this woman, if yet every State in New England, except-living, has fallen heir to an estate of would have been arraigned at the bar of £80,000, and, under this stimulus, the this court for the violation of that law father has returned to Canada, and is which I have solemnly sworn to maintain 700; New Hampshire and Rhode Isl nd making another strenuous effort to dis- and uphold. I have determined, if your cover his daughter, and thus incorporate honor please, at my own instance, and by Vermont in 1870 had an excess of about the handsome fortune descended to her the advice of wiser and cooler heads than into his family.

A Costly Republic.

When the insurrection in the island of own person. Cuba broke out in October, 1868, there

1	were on the island.
	Regulars of all arms
	follows:
	In 1869
	To 1870
	In 1871
	In 1872 9,260
	In 187312,536
	Iu 1874
	10 1874
	In 1875 (as above)27,940

Racing Statistics.

Questions and Answers.

How can I cement emery together? Answer. Use the best glue.

How can I make a good washing fluid? Answer. Make a strong solution of washing soda, and render it caustic by the addition of quicklime.

How can I make a good baking pow-Is it healthy to keep plants in a sleep-ing room? Answer. Plants in a sleep-

very injurio .s.

ing apartment are not considered as

make them fit for such use? Answer. In a short space of time, by the use of soap, the barrels will become deodorized and will suit your purpose perfectly.

By what means can I detect petroleum inside the inclosure, emboldened by oil? Answer. Petroleum may be de-which the dog also leaped over and tected by its property of imparting a tected by its property of imparting a have been a conservative, holding to every commenced harrassing bruin in the rear. fluoresence to animal or vegetable oils, atom of his power; as it was, he was a The women rained blows heavy and and by its aromatic odor on burning.

> stant use of copperas water. Can you suggest a remedy? Answer. You may avoid this by wearing a pair of india rubber gloves, so as to avoid contact with the iron solution. Use a little good glycerine or glycerine soap as a remedy.

people; and there never was any good the pen; but the terrible blows that into pieces, by being rubbed by a small distrusted him. It was a time when the ignition of certain woods in contact and property being in the balance; with air. The ash is to be placed on leaders were put to sharp, decisive trial; immigration. The government has, by jury. He rushed furiously upon Mrs. the glass and briskly rubbed over it with there was something rotten, everybody Butler, who managed to elude his grasp a flat piece of wood. Are the cutting felt, beneath all of this man's courage particles crystallized carbon, and can and love of liberty. The measures which she used to good advantage. She they be utilized? Answer. When plants, shouted to Jennie to hasten to the etc., are burned, a portion of the silicic acid (sand) and soda, lime or potash be- to their defence; yet when they were come fluxed together by the heat to adopted, he was left in the lurch, with-

I am straining my eyes by working in white wood and reading by lamplight. I want to use spectacles, but I am told that if I once use them I must always use them. Is this so? Answer. Spectacles of the proper kind may be used to assist the eyes to see indistinct objects : but if there is not light enough to see well without them, their use would certainly be injurious .- Scientific Ameri-

A Noble Example.

According to the Savannah (Ga.) News, a very unusual scene occurred in the supreme court at that city. Upon the opening of the court, after the usual preliminaries, Colonel Albert R. Ramar, the soliciter-general, arose and said: May it please the court : Before the

grand jury retires I desire, in my place and as the first officer of this court, to make the following statement: As left the court-room during a recess, was assaulted on account of official action by Philip M. Russell, Jr., Isaac Russell, just at the court house door. I was abused by Philip M. Russell, Jr., in the most opprobrious terms, and struck A curious romance has just come to in the face by the same man, while the my own, to ask that the majesty of the law be vindicated in its officer rather than that an officer of the law should attempt to vindicate the sanctity of his

The grand jury being promptly charged, found indictments against the Russells, and they were all held for trial.

Knowing People. There are almost always some people

in every community who imagine themelves, to use a common phrase, "very smart," and they are generally of the could point to no good work which busybody kind. One of these can do should serve as his monument, nor to more harm in a town or neighborhood one human being who would shed a tures forty miles of cloth per hour, and more harm in a town or neighborhood than a dozen good people can set at rights. No minister ever comes into a place but what these "smart" ones can has gone.

one numan being who would shed a tures lotty limes of hose per minute! The tear over his grave. He has time to fifty pairs of hose per minute! The beginning of this enormous business think of these things now, wherever he has gone. place but what these "smart" ones can has gone. pick any amount of flaws in his everyday walk, or his sermons are always too voter, sent him a pineapple from the stakes which reach the aggregate value other imaginary imperfections which the hothouse. "I hope you liked it," he of \$390,000. These stakes have been dissid to the old man, when he made him a pineapple from the stakes have been dissided to the old man, when he made him a pineapple from the stakes have been dissided to the old man, when he made him a pineapple from the stakes have been dissided to the old man, when he made him a pineapple from the stakes have been dissided to the old man, when he made him a pineapple from the stakes have been dissided to the old man, when he made him a pineapple from the stakes have been dissided to the old man, and a numared of the came back to his mother looking of the came back to his mother looking man, no matter how sound his principles of \$390,000. These stakes have been dissided to the old man when he made him a pineapple from the stakes which reach the aggregate value of \$390,000. These stakes have been dissided to the old man when he made him a pineapple from the stakes which reach the aggregate value of \$390,000. These stakes have been dissided to the old man when he made him a pineapple from the stakes which reach the aggregate value of \$390,000. These stakes have been dissided to the old man when he made him a pineapple from the stakes which reach the aggregate value of \$390,000.

A STORY FOR THE NEW YEAR,

A Life Picture Carefully Drawn and Closely Figured up.

The brief account of a life which ended in 1875 may prove a suggestive story with much direct bearing on these motives and plans of ours. It was hardly what you could call an obscure life; the man from his earliest boyhood had the man from his earliest boyhood had been suggestive story with much direct bearing on these motives and plans of ours. It was hardly what you could call an obscure life; the man from his earliest boyhood had sun extinguished from its place, both the purpose and knack of keeping dissembler; he had a keen sense of jus- Thus all things end! ah! said we so? tice and of human rights, and never Can aught have end that lives below? espoused a cause which did not advance both. He first made himself known as the advocate of the public school system conducting to health, and some of the medical authorities claim that they are education was at its lowest ebb. He was in one of the border slave States, where a young fellow-not eighteen at the time-working at the anvil by day, and studying Latin, and Constitution, and Dugald Stewart, at night. In a New England village he could have run easily

As for those colonels and majors whose horses he shod, who loaned him books, who patronized and boasted of him as a species of Blind Tom or learned pig, he hated them all with the viru-lence and force which a heavy-jawed, fat, lymphatic man puts into his hate. If he had been one of them, he would radical, a believer in public schools, newspapers, abolitionism — anything which should turn the wheel, lift him and his congeners, and grind his patrons in the dust. His articles (in behalf of the public schools) roused a fury of debate in the country, but they somehow did not help the cause a whit.

The war gave him a chance to reach the surface. He was a member of the with the iron solution. Use a little good glycerine or glycerine soap as a remedy.

A pane of window glass may be cut and force, but somehow his own party the white ash obtained from every man became a judge, his own life which he urged were the best measures : nobody brought such logic or eloquence office or emolument. He went into the army; became captain, colonel, briga-dier-general. Titles were cheap. He deserved them too, probably. No volun-teer officer had a better knowledge of tactics, or cooler courage in the field. But his men did not follow him readily. of a generous purpose; of any purpose, indeed, outside of himself.

It was soon discovered that he was not ment and foresight that approached intuition. He made money hand over hand, and then suddenly withdrew from the market. His aims were not to be a simply rich man. He herame a member simply rich man. He became a member of a leading Christian sect; his name hold of the insurance money I intend to was forever blazoned in the papers as foremost in every good word and work, and there can be no doubt that the man was faithful to the doctrines he professed as far as he understood them. The trouble was that he understood them solely by the light of his own tremendous egotism. Christianity was a fitting completion—a polish to his pubcourt-room and accosted on the street lie character; he adopted it, therefore, just as he would have done Mohammedanism. For the same reason he was known as an eminent humanitarian; he founded libraries, endowed a female school for the blacks in a Southern city, used the Sunday-school, missionary and Christian works and enginery for his own advancement and success as he had used Wall street or his military office. Now comes the odd part of the story. He never advanced or achieved any success beyond that glare of puffery of which everybody knows the worthlessness. His library and college were con-

> looked suspiciously at every benevolent society or undertaking which carried his name as a flag of triumph. Quiet, devout believers reminded each other that the Great Master did not sound a trumpet in the streets. Meanwhile this great philanthropist had no personal friends. Intolerant selfishness always throws off the cloak of religion by the hearth at home or at the table. child after another left his roof to shift for themselves with a sense of indignant wrong, his wife subdued into a dull, silent woman, perplexed perhaps with the strange aspect which honor and life, and even God himself put on, through the medium of this man's influence. One day he died. Suddenly, without time to consider that dying he

beneficiaries, but as advertisements of

the "public-spirited donor." People

In our own little plans for the New Year, it would be well for us to take the facture cotton by machinery. In that time to consider that it is the motive of year Major Josiah Fletcher erected a

The End of the Year.

A candle in its socket lying, Flickering, fading, brightening, dying ; The autumn leaf fast rustling by, A strain of music's latest sigh, A sun extinguished from its place, A system vanishing in space

Thus all things end save God ! Is nothingness the end of strife? And void the crowning point of life! Annihilation! is there aught Save madness in the monstrous thought? We boldly say a thing is ending-We mean some change is o'er it pending ; For matter changed, and changed must be Forever, like some changing sea; Thus all things change save God !

The year is ending, quickly flying, Yet lingering still among us, dying ; With faltering footsteps, failing fast, A few more days and then the last. His books are closed; each broken vow Recorded there against us now In fearful sameness there must stay : Each thought, each scene, now passed away; Aye, past and ended though they be, The end of all things we shall see; But that end is not yet.

Where goes the candle when it dies? The leaf, the music, summer's sighs? A finish'd thought, a world, a death, Where is the home of parted breath? Where goes a year, an age, nay, thine? Where is the end, the great sublime? All, all but center round their Being, The Great, Omnipotent, All-seeing! Unending, and unchanged forever; In vain the end from Him we sever-Ali ends are hid in God!

Items of Interest.

It requires less philosophy to take things as they come than it does to part with them as they go.

"If there is anything which will make my mouth water," said, an old toper, "I don't want to see it."

Mrs. One-Who-Holds-the-Lodge-Pole-With-Hands was before a Dakota grand jury as a witness the other day. A schoolmaster said : "I am like a hone—I sharpen a number of blades,

but wear myself out in doing it. An Indianapolis witness testified the other day that he kept a fire burning in his stove all night to save matches.

A girl of San Lais, Mexico, struggled with a burglar and assaulter for three hours, at the end of which time she killed him.

The lady who fell back on her dignity came near breaking it; and the man who couldn't stand it has taken a seat, and is now quite comfortable. A nice point for casuists has just been

raised in Montreal. Two men were quarreling on St. Francis Xavier street, There was no sense of kinship between him and them; he lacked the magnetism horse, alarmed at the struggle, kicked B on the head and killed him. What is A guilty of?

A simple looking country lad, to whose efficient in the field, and he was shelved; and after the war was over his brief military record was forgotten. He came to New York, went into Wall street with but little capital, but a keenness of judgmarsh, sir," whiningly replied the redhaired urchin.

> have a fur cape and muff just like that lady has on over there."

In Germany there is popular hostility to Americans because the latter are sup-posed to have favored France in the late war, and because American travelers make hotel living dear. The German government and its newspapers, how-ever, try to cultivate friendly relations with us.

To all whom it may concern. A philosopher says: I never yet heard a man or woman much abused that I was not inclined to think the better of them, and transfer any suspicion or dislike to the person who appeared to take a delight in pointing out the defects of a fellow

An enthusiastic young produce dealer, a few evenings ago, in a serenade to his inamorata thus recorded his high resolves: 'I'll chase the antelope over the plain, and the wild spring chicken I'll bind with a ducted not in the mode to help the chain; and the cauliflower, so fierce and neat, I'll give thee for a nosegay sweet.

It is over six years since the terrible disaster at the Avondale coal mines in Pennsylvania, which resulted in death of 110 men by suffocation. The sum of \$155,146.41 was subscribed throughout the country as a relief fund for the families of the victims, and this sum was increased to \$174,222 by interest. The fund has just been exhausted.

The Baltimore dealers in terrapins keep them in nearly air-tight che packed layer upon layer, and deprive them of food. They grow fat under this treatment, although the fatness doubtless is the result of disease. They must each measure seven inches acro the under shell before they are con-sidered fit for the table, and are then sold at \$24 a dozen.

According to a recent calculation Lowell, in Massachusetts, now manufac tempt was made in America to manu-