

A lady sent a note to the new-paper to get a recipe to cure the whooping-cough in a pair of twins. By a mistake a recipe for pickling onions was unconsciously inserted, and her name attached; and she received this reply through the 'Answers to Correspondents': 'Mrs. L. H. B., if not too young, skin them pretty closely, immerse in scalding water, sprinkle plentifully with salt, and immerse them for a week in strong brine.'

General Grant is a modest man, and proud of his wife's popularity. As the steamer brought this itinerant couple to the wharf at Portland, Or., the General looked at the vast multitude of people gathered on the shore to welcome him, and remarked, 'I think this demonstration must be in honour of Mrs. Grant. When I landed here alone, twenty-seven years ago, not half-a-dozen people came down to meet the steamer!'

Here is a story that shows that ancient saints—we will not say enjoyed but—possessed privileges altogether denied to modern Christians. The Dean of A— (now Bishop of B—) was in the habit, at his weekly pastoral visit, of 'expounding the Scriptures' to two maiden ladies of uncertain age, much to their gratification and edification. It so happened that the first Book of Kings formed the subject of one of these discourses, but the poor dean was somewhat startled in the course of his remarks by one of his hostesses saying rather abruptly: 'May we really believe Mr. Dean, that King Solomon had 700 wives?' The expounder having assured his fair questioners that he had no reason to doubt the fact, was greeted with the following remark from the second of his attentive listeners: 'Ah, my dear Mr. Dean, what privileges those early Christians had, to be sure!'

Certain Americans were recently entertained by certain London university men. A toast in honour of the guests was proposed. It was—'The United States, bounded on the north by Canada, on the south by the Gulf of Mexico, on the east by the great Atlantic, and on the west by the broad Pacific.' This, however, did not satisfy the more Republican members of the university. They proposed—'The United States, bounded on the north by the North Pole, on the south by the Antarctic Ocean, on the east by the Gulf Stream,

and on the west by the illimitable ocean.' Even that did not satisfy one member of the party. His toast was—'The United States, bounded on the north by the aurora borealis, on the south by infinite space, on the east by the procession of the equinoxes, and on the west by the day of judgment.' The toast was drunk with great applause.

THE GENESIS OF MATERIALISM.—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 the book of Genesis:—

1. There never was a beginning. The Eternal, without us that maketh for righteousness, took no notice whatever of anything.

2. And Cosmos was homogeneous and undifferentiated, and somehow or other evolution began and molecules appeared.

3. And molecules evolved protoplasm, and rhythmic thrills arose, and then there was light.

4. And the spirit of energy was developed, and formed the plastic cell whence arose the primordial germ.

5. And the primordial germ became protogene, and the protogene somehow shaped eozoon; then was the dawn of life.

6. And the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its own kind, whose seed is in itself, developed according to its own fancy. And the Eternal without us that maketh for righteousness neither knew nor cared anything about it.

7. The cattle after his kind, the beast of the earth after his kind, and every creeping thing became involved by heterogeneous segregation and 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 man, and behold he was the most cunning of all animals; and lo, the fast men killed the slow men, and it was ordained to be so in every age.

10. And in process of time, by natural selection and survival of the fittest, Matthew Arnold, Herbert Spencer, and Charles Darwin appeared, and behold it was very good