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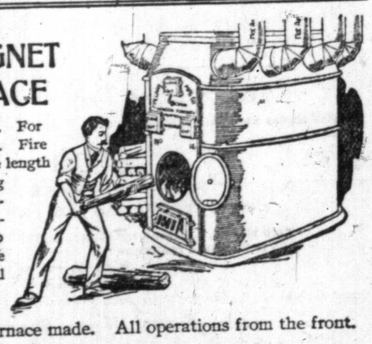

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CUPID'S ARCHERY.

I watched the blind god's archery;
Each arrow sped straight to its mark.
I asked myself how this could be,
Since he was shooting in the dark.

"I need no skill to play this game,"
Methought I heard Dan Cupid say,
"My foolish victims watch my aim
And hasten to get in my way."
—Isaac Anderson.

A FIGHT FOR LIFE.

Li Hung Chang Says China is Prepared to Make One.

He Warns the Powers Against any Proposal to Partition the Empire.

New York, July 25.—A despatch to the World from Shanghai says: Li Hung Chang, who arrived Saturday on his way to Pekin, talked of the situation. He said:

"The members of the legation are still alive, but an advance of the alied troops on Pekin from Tien Tsin would probably be the death herald of every white man in Pekin. Then the conservative element would be entirely overpowered by the radicals.

"The causes of the present situation were the lack of backbone and a wrong policy on the part of the Chinese government, while the drastic measures of the foreign powers aggravated the situation.

"We thank the Americans for their friendship, which we have always appreciated, and Rear-Admiral Kempff for his justice and forbearance in refusing to join in the bombardment of the Taku forts. We are trusting America to stand by the integrity of the Chinese empire.

"I will say that if the powers do attempt to partition China, then the southern and central provinces, which are now peaceful, will no longer be neutral, but all the Chinese of all classes will fight the foreigners with every means in their power.

"With a strong hand to fight for the policy of the integrity of the empire it can be maintained and efficient reforms can be made."

Despite his extreme age, it is generally understood that Prince Li's ambition is to have a foreign army at his disposal to pacify the rebellious districts and maintain order throughout the empire after the present insurrection is suppressed. He was asked if he could restore order with 20,000 white troops.

"With less," he answered. "The boxers are a rabble not to be considered. I would turn to my side the imperial troops, too, but the powers do not want them and would not permit it. I do not know when I shall get to Tien Tsin to take up my duties as viceroy of the metropolitan province of Chihli."

"SACRED EDICT."

Interesting Sample of Inflammatory and Boxer Poster.

It Almost Precipitated a General Massacre in Tien Tsin.

New York, July 25.— Rev. Dr. John Fox, of the American bible society, today received a translation of one of the inflammatory posters used by the boxers. This was forwarded by Rev. Dr. John R. Hykes of Shanghai, who received it from Rev. Charles F. Gammon, at Tien Tsin. It is a sample of many varieties, of which 200,000 copies were distributed in Tien Tsin on June 4. Only the prompt arrival of foreign troops prevented a massacre. It is as follows:

"SACRED EDICT."

"Issued by the lord of wealth and happiness.

"The catholic and protestant religions being insolent to the gods and extinguishing sanctity, rendering no obedience to Buddhism and enraging both heaven and earth, the rain clouds now no longer visit us; but 8,000,000 Spirit Soldiers will descend from heaven and sweep the empire clean of all foreigners. Then will the gentle showers once more water our lands, and when the tread of soldiers and the clash of steel are heard heralding woes to all our people, then the Buddhists patriotic league of boxers will be able to protect the empire and bring peace to all its people.

"Hasten, then, to spread this doctrine far and wide; for, if you gain one adherent of the faith, your own person will be absolved from all future misfortunes. If you gain five adherents to the faith, your whole family will be absolved."

The proclamation goes on to provide a remedy of herbs for all who have drunk water from wells "poisoned by foreigners."

A cablegram sent by the Protestant Episcopal Missionary society to Bishop F. R. Graves at Shanghai to-day, was as follows:

"We are anxiously waiting an answer. Our last telegram to you was dated July 16. Make any arrangements you think best. Employ all possible means for safety. Leave China if life imperiled."

MISS LANDIS SPOKE AND DIED.

Lancaster, Pa., July 25.—Miss Susan H. Landis, of Ephrata, who recovered her speech a week ago after a silence of nearly six years, is dead. About eight years ago she was taken sick with an affection of the spine. In January, 1894, she lost her power of speech, and physicians failed to restore it. She startled her family about 10 days ago by calling for her sister, the first words she uttered in six years.

A very simple remedy to whiten and soften the hands is made of two teaspoonsful of lemon juice, one of glycerine, one of colorless almond oil, and a few drops of the triple extract of violets.

"What an artistic pipe you have," said Miss Hicks to Barber.

"Artistic?" returned Barber. "Not a bit of it. You can't make it draw."

CHRISTIANITY IS DECLINING.

By Felix Adler.

In the light of the new astronomy our earth has dwindled. We have learned that we live on the outer shell of a little globe, which is but a mere speck of dust amid the infinities, not as we formerly supposed the center of the universe. We pigmies dwell in a few protected nooks of this outer shell of the earth. A little too much heat or a little too much cold and we perish. Underneath our feet still blaze the eternal fires that were kindled when this earth lay on the bosom of its parent

DR. FELIX ADLER.

sun. Above our heads we can see the unending array of young worlds and old worlds and dead worlds.

This new conception of the earth does not logically contradict the old dogmatic beliefs, but it creates an attitude of mind unfavorable to them.

For instance, the orthodox doctrine of a redeemer rests upon the assumption that a man must be perfectly good in order to be acceptable to his maker. This doctrine implies that a man is either altogether good or not good at all. It is plainly contrary to the modern idea of development, which teaches that the impossible is not required of us. Absolute perfection is unattainable, but we know that the road to perfection lies open and that if we would be men in the highest sense we must travel it.

The early Christians knew that no human being could be perfectly good, and yet they believed that perfection was required of them. Hence a redeemer who could impart to them his goodness was necessary. With the wider outlook we have to-day we see that such a miraculous intervention is not needed. Our idea of perfection has been modified by the discovery of the laws of human development. Just as we perceive that it is nearer to the truth to believe in a boundless instead of a narrow world, so also we accept the idea of progress and character culture. In short, a new temper of mind has been created, which is unfavorable to the acceptance of the old dogmas.

Many are unable from sentimental reasons to give up the old beliefs, even though they have accepted the new teaching of astronomy and biology. Others draw a curtain over the dogmas and declare that action is more important than belief.

But in the latter case the dogmas are only kept in the background, not abandoned. Again, the ministers of too many churches take their ideas of good from the mere surface of things. They preach socialism to-day and imperialism to-morrow. In fact, the pulpit tends to become in too many cases just the echo of the newspaper.

We are told by Dr. Briggs that the great aim is to reconcile science and religion. But is this readjustment possible to religion as traditionally delivered?

What we must have is a clear rational basis for our goodness. It is not true that the deed is independent of the creed. Every false idea we hold materially affects our conduct.

We must constantly be prepared to receive new ideas and entertain new outlooks. The contribution which Jesus made to the moral teachings of the world is invaluable, but it is not final. There is room on the ethical tree for a higher branch.

We cannot get sufficient help in our political or conjugal or industrial duties from the teaching of the New Testament. The doctrine of brotherly love in the abstract is not enough. The whole social problem is how to properly apply the principles of brotherhood. How shall love express itself? That is the crucial question.

There is an intrinsic flaw in the mind which will not allow us to conceive of infinity. We cannot imagine what an infinite being is. We cannot think of a God like us, and therefore we cannot in any adequate sense take an infinite being as a pattern. Man cannot be godlike; but he can feel that he is susceptible to influences that come from a divine source. More and more we are learning to rely upon human effort and not upon miraculous interference. We depend upon the development of our own ideas and powers, not upon any special revelation or imputed righteousness.

RECORD OF SCHOLES.

John S. Scholes has won more fights than any amateur boxer in the world. He came into prominence first by knocking out the champion lightweight and champion welterweight of Canada in one night. Since that time he has won three championship battles in New York, four in England, and five at his home in Canada. At the recent tournament in San Francisco, Scholes easily beat every man he met in his class. Charley White and Frank Hart think he is one of the cleverest boxers in the ring.

TO RUN EMPIRE TRACK.

The Empire City race track will pass into the hands of Philip J. Dwyer, President of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, this season, who will act as manager. John B. Sexton, one of the executors of the estate of the late William H. Clark, is authority for this statement.

The executors of the estate tried recently to sell the track to several members of the Jockey Club, but the terms were not acceptable and the prospective sale fell through. It was then that P. J. Dwyer's aid was sought. Mr. Dwyer is an old friend of the family, and it was suggested that he take hold of the place and run it.

WOMEN'S BANK STOCK.

The amount of national bank stock held by women in America is estimated at $120,000,000, and the amount of private and State bank stock at $137,000,000.

Bed-Time.

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Mrs. Willhelmina Worm—A sad bereavement befell our family to-day. My husband, while in the house tending the baby, was bitten in two by William, the farmer's son.

Not So Bad as She Charged.

Judge Broyles's clerk called aloud, "Clarence Mason and Sally Simpkins!" Clarence stepped up, a pretty well dressed, intelligent-looking darkey. Then came Sally, a soot-sinned, side-stepping Sally, switching her skirts with a large, loud hat tilted down in her face.

"Clarence," said the Judge, "you are charged with cursing this girl. What about it?"

Sally broke in: "He did, Judge; dat he did. He used talk to me dat no gentleman would say to a colored lady!"

"No, sir, I never did, Judge."

"He did! Dat her did! I heered him, Judge!"

"Well," said the Judge, "what language?"

"Judge, hit would make me blush ter tell it."

"Well, out with it: what did he say?"

"Judge, it would make you blush."

"Clarence, what did you say to her?" the Judge impatiently asked.

"I don't remember saying nothing that would make her blush. I don't reckon I could do it."

Sally fired up, turning a glare on Clarence, and shouted: "Judge, he's a story, sah! I'll tell you what he said; he called me er hot baby. Dat's what he called me, too, now!"

"What about it, Clarence?"

"Judge, I never. I just called her a tepid infant."

He who has made the acquisition of a judicious and sympathizing friend may be said to have doubled his mental resources.—Robert Hall.

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