

Choose Your Friend Wisely.

Choose your friend wisely,
Test your friend well,
True friends, like rarest gems,

Superstition in the Highlands.

There is no subject that has given so much play to the fancy of the Highlanders as the sort of hide-and-seek game the spirits of the dead seem to play among the living;

heard the plaintive cry, and he fearfully asked the young man the cause of his wall.
"Alas!" he cried. "Alas! I cannot cease to wail, there is no rest for me while my false love—who vowed in this spot so often to be mine for ever, and whose false-ness caused my early death—sleeps nightly in the bosom of the man whom she married because he had more of the world's goods than I had."

British and Foreign Notes.

The net gain of Chinese in California in 1876 was 8,425. The arrivals in ten years have been 70,500.

The Sabbath schools of the United States gave about one-third of the contributions to missions last year.

The British Evangelical Alliance will hold their annual conference in the city of Oxford, next autumn.

Pope Pius has \$32,000,000 deposited in the Bank of Italy. He can probably keep the wolf from the door while he lives.

The Y. M. C. A. of Philadelphia reports 2,458 members. There is still a debt of \$79,400 on the new building and property.

PREPARATORY work for the Exhibition of 1878 in Paris is going on rapidly, and the foundations of the main building will soon be laid.

The Jesuits, according to an annual just published by themselves at Vienna, now number 9,546. France has a larger number than any other country.

A BIBLE colporteur in Brazil has been furnished with a wagon by Virginia Presbyterians, and with Portuguese Bibles and Testaments to fill it by a friend in this city.

ENGLAND, the land of roast beef and mutton-chops, is now drawing largely on Canada and the United States for both, and, moreover, pronounces the articles excellent.

NINETEEN young Liberians are in the colleges in the United States preparing for usefulness in their native land. It is said that 500,000 freedmen are willing to emigrate to Africa.

THERE are 127,059 members of the Evangelical churches in Philadelphia, of which 40,652 are of the different branches of the Presbyterian family, and 80,508 Methodists.

ONE of the rooms in the Y. M. C. A. Building in San Francisco is in future to be used by the French Reformed Church, the first of this denomination ever established in California.

THE Chinese government have secured the services of three English scientific gentlemen to go to China for three years for the sake of exploring a particular district for minerals.

FRANK BUCKLAND, the English naturalist, advises ladies to wear snake-skins for trimmings, on the ground that they would not only be elegant, but would cause the extermination of the deadly reptiles, a more desirable result than the wholesale destruction of song-birds which fashion requires.

It has been suggested that the Palestine explorers should visit Mount Nebo in search of the valuable treasures of the Temple, which according to the book of Maccabees Jeremiah was instructed to deposit there; they included the Tabernacle, and the Sacred Ark with the Tables of Stone on which the Ten Commandments were written.

JAPANESE intelligence of the latest date states that there has been great rejoicing throughout the country owing to a large reduction of taxes. The railroad between Osaka and Kiota was opened on Feb. 5th, in the presence of a large assemblage of Japanese dignitaries and most of the foreign diplomatists, who traveled from Tokio to Kiota by special invitation as guests of the government.

The Emperor of Brazil recently visited the Pope. He expressed the hope that the Pope would, in accord with the Brazilian government, assist in removing all ecclesiastical difficulties in Brazil. The Pope replied that the church was rather accustomed to smooth than to create obstacles. He hoped to be able to restore religious harmony, which had always been the glory of Brazil.

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