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Spencer and Beecher.
Herbert Spencer visited America in 1882 and on that occasion, a banquet was given in New York in his honor. Henry Ward Beecher was one of the after dinner speakers.

"I am asked," said Mr. Beecher, "how I reconcile Spencer with theology. I don't."

"A man who has a baldheaded deacon watching everything he does or a gold spectacled lawyer—not a fat one" (looking at Mr. Bristow), "but a long, lean, lank one" (looking at Mr. Everts)—"can't afford to talk Spencerism from the pulpit."

"It is to be borne in mind that when a man is driving a team of fractious horses that are just all he can manage, anyhow he is not in a state of mind to discuss questions with his wife by his side, who is undertaking to bring up delicate domestic matters."

It had been said that Mr. Spencer had no sense of humor, but he joined heartily in the merriment which Mr. Beecher's speech provoked.

Pitt's Foodness For Fort.

The ruin of Pitt's health was attributed to his physicians, who made him take port in large quantities in his youth, so that he could not do without it later. Lord Grenville has seen him swallow a bottle of port in tumblers before going to the house. His hands shook so much that when he helped himself to salt he was obliged to support the right hand with the left. Stothard, the painter, happened to be one evening at an inn on the Kept road when Pitt and Dundas put up there on their way to Walmer. Next morning the waiter said to Stothard: "How much wine do you suppose they drank last night? Seven bottles, sir!"—Rogers' "Table Talk."

The Way They Do In Iceland.
Icelanders never think of "locking up" at night, and yet only two cases of thieving have occurred in many years. One was a poor man with a broken arm, who stole several sheep to save his family from starving. The punishment meted out to him was that food was provided for his family, he was placed under medical care and work was given him when his arm had healed. The other case was of a foreigner who stole seventeen sheep. The law demanded that he restore the value of the thefts and then leave the country or be executed. Naturally he left.

Playing a Trick on McCullough.
Will McConnell and John McCullough were playing "Virginus" and McConnell was doing Idilius. When he had to go up to John and shake hands with him he put a hard boiled egg into his palm and left it there, and McCullough, being in the center of the stage and alone, could not get rid of it. He discharged Will, as usual, that night, but he never stayed discharged, and he was taken on again when they found him on board the train on the way to the next stand.

How She Felt.
"I hope," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that you didn't feel that you were de trop when you called the other day and found Mrs. Beesum present."
"Oh, no," replied her hostess. "That was just the back of my waist that I kept feeling. One of the hooks was loose, and somehow I couldn't help being in kind of nervous about it."

An Irish Gem.
An Irish journal had this gem in answer to a correspondent: "We decline to acknowledge the receipt of your post card."
Which is very much like the Corkonian who traveled into Kerry to an insulting enemy to "tell him to his face that he would treat him with silent contempt."

Only Two Occasions.
"You always appear to be nervous," remarked the friend solicitously.
"But really," replied the housekeeper, "there are only two occasions when I am nervous. One is when I have a servant girl, and the other is when I haven't."

Carefully Brought Up.
"Were you carefully brought up, my lad?" asked the merchant of the applicant for a situation.
"Please, sir, yes, sir; I came up in the elevator, sir," said the respectful youth.



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The cellar should receive a daily airing. This does not mean to leave the windows open long enough to freeze the vegetables and fruit, but in the severe cold weather let the windows be opened to allow a circulation of fresh air and closed quickly.

Jars, pots and barrels should be thoroughly cleared before putting away, and untiring watchfulness should preside over this portion of the house.

In the spring the walls should be swept down, sprinkled with water and a little sulphur be burned in the cellar. Upon a warm, sunny day, hot or cold, place a tablespoonful of sulphur in a little heap. Touch a lighted match to it and leave it to burn. It will slowly consume and will kill all unpleasant odors and disease germs.—Table Talk.

In her search for the ideal man a girl often overlooks a lot of real ones.



The crowning joy of womanhood is motherhood and the crowning joy of motherhood is to have healthy children.

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Mrs. W. J. Kidder, of Hill Dale Farm (Rensselaer County), New York, writes: "During the past year I found myself expecting maternity, and in rapidly failing health. I suffered from bloating and urinary difficulty. I was growing perceptibly weaker each day and suffered much sharp pain at times. I felt that something must be done. I sought your advice and received a prompt reply. Took twelve bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and also followed your instructions. I began to improve immediately, my health became excellent, and I could do all my own work (we live on a good sized farm). I walked and rode all I could, and enjoyed it. I had a short, easy confinement and have a healthy baby boy."

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

A Clergyman's Letter.

The following letter and editorial appeared in recent issues of the Calumet and Houghton (Mich.) Daily Mining Gazette. The letter was written from Denver by Rev. John B. Whitford, former pastor of the Lake Linden (Mich.) M. E. Church, and we understand the editorial is from the pen of Mr. Homer E. Guck, managing editor of the Gazette.

Both letter and editorial serve as way-marks in the progress of the Christian Science movement up to its present position of honor and prestige, and they reflect credit upon their broad-minded writers.

REV. MR. WHITFORD'S LETTER.

Having incidentally made a reference in a former article to the spacious and magnificent temple of the Christian Scientists now nearing its completion, and having been told of their wealth and intelligence, I yielded to the solicitation of friends and went to their prayer meeting one Wednesday night. What I saw and heard were to me a revelation. I have seen nothing comparable to it in Denver. The size of the audience astonished me. The capacity of the building was tested to the utmost. Nor was this exceptional, but a common occurrence. Imagine a building of such dimensions as the Calumet M. E. Church filled in every part, gallery included, and you have the vision. I have not seen such a prayer meeting since my boyhood days in Cornwall, where the great chapels were filled with jubilant and songful people. But what about the people? Radiant faced, joyous, exuberant, optimistic, and expectant as the skylarks in the morning. They gave every evidence of culture, refinement, and wealth. It is not extravagant to say that the Christian Science in Denver represents some of the very best from all the churches. It is a confluence of many streams, a gathering of many forces, a concentration of diversified experiences.

Promptly at 8 p. m. the service commenced. There was a hush, a profound quiet like the coming of night on a ruined city. As the strains of the organ, like soft, enchanting lays, filled the building, the atmosphere seemed laden with reverence, idealism, sublimity, and "God. All the conditions were favorable to serene contemplation. The very air seemed quivering and healing, as though angels were winking it with their wings. Then came the opening hymn, with its choral and full-throated melodies. What a volume of song! But it was stateliness, majesty, reverential, suggestive of other Kingdoms and a divine world. Here again I was reminded of the congregational singing across the sea. Following this choral outburst a refreshing and uplifting song came the reading of the Holy Scriptures in a natural and impressive manner. And how the people listened. They listened as if for the first time the simple and oft-repeated words had condensed broad areas of light into flashes of brilliant and iridescent beauty. After a careful survey of the audience I could not discover the slightest trace of difference of reverence. Everywhere there was order, devotion, harmony, as though the people were under the sovereignty of magnificent and boundless Love.

Readings from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" then followed. After this order of exercise there was perfect silence. Had a stranger crept into the room with no particular liking for the things of the Spirit, he would have been caught and held in sweet captivity by Blondel's sweet song caught and chained the ear of the non-hearted prince. This silence gave full scope to thought as space, full of ether. After a few minutes of silence the audience broke out into the Lord's Prayer like a great chorus. The volume, the sweep, the majesty and grandeur of the prayer seemed to melt all horizons, dissolve all boundaries, and looked out into the illimitable vastness of worlds. The very dome of the sky seemed lifted, and amber streams of gladness went rippling along the firmament and sparkling to the edge of the remotest constellations. I have listened to the great orators and have seen thousands swayed to and fro and they poured forth melodies plaintive and tender, tumultuous and overwhelming, but the Lord's Prayer uttered by a thousand voices, deep, full, measured, and musical is a rare experience.

Another hymn and a brief address and we are in that part of the meeting devoted to testimony or demonstration; and those who stood on their feet revealed in a moment that they had a message to deliver. Several of them quoted from the Bible with exquisite felicity. At the close of the testimonies another hymn was sung and the people went their several ways, a great throng like unto a Sunday audience addressed by some famous preacher. Even Mark Guy Pearse, of London, England, with all the Methodist churches to draw from, did not face a finer audience while in Denver. And yet at this mid-week meeting there is no preaching, no paid quartet of trained voices, no sensational advertising, and the edifice is not large enough to hold the people.

At this service and all the services, there is no preponderance of women over men. Both sexes seem to be equally divided. The men are intelligent, sagacious, and far-seeing business men. Many of them have large interests under their control. They represent the professions of the city. Some of them were widely traveled extensively, and were at one time members of the orthodox churches. Those who think Christian Scientists do not equal in intellectual measurement the other sects have only a superficial knowledge of the



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subject. I have not seen a more cultured audience in many a play than the one I saw the other night, and I have not heard saner testimonies in any meeting. As I saw this multitude of people, the most of them once members of orthodox and liberal churches, I could not refrain from asking, What is the secret of Christian Science and where is its magnet? It has been assailed, ridiculed, and branded as a heresy. Scores of writers have vehemently branded it as anti-Christ. And yet the truths I heard that night hover in the van of the race, five in the proudest chancellings of the sculptor, and breathe in the deepest thoughts of the poet.

Mark Twain, in an elaborate article in a great review, harried his keen and glittering darts of wit at it (Christian Science); and when his wit, piercing as a two-edged sword, failed, he pounced upon it the flaming petroleum of his ridicule, and still it is unconsumed. Other levitians of the sea of controversy have attacked it, but it dives and grows in the very teeth of opposition. It has its being in something more substantial than poetic dreams of human perfectibility. Did it have no rootage in reality it would pass away like the mottled splendor of the sea

after the sun is out of sight. Without discussing its philosophy, I simply note it as a fact to be reckoned with. It is here. Is it here to stay? Will it gradually absorb the strength of the churches and make orthodox creeds more tolerable to the expanding intellects of the age? Does it present a fine thought of God and man and proclaim a richer constellation of truths? Or, as a system of thought, will it yield to another more refined and ethereal? Whatever the future may reveal, not one glint or ray from the central orb of truth will be quenched. Isms, sects, cults are but acads of foam upon the boundless deep. But the great and wide sea of humanity, heaving, tossing, now tremulous with liquid gold, then dark with fearful frowns; now tragic, then comic, will remain, and no sect will ever be so broad as to minister to all its creeds. Each sect is a segment of the circle and not the circle itself. They sustain the same relations to the allness and wholeness of truth that leaves do to a forest and single notes to a symphony. Christian Science claims to be more of this circle than any other sect. Posterity will decide, and the decision will be reached in the electric light of the historian's impartial pen.—Advt.



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