

fear. We regret that *Mercury* has relegated the children to a subsidiary position.

*The Moslem World* and *The Crescent* are published in the interests of Islam in the west, and it is to be wished that Christian readers could have access to these journals and learn what this great religion really teaches. From *The World* we learn that a new translation into English is being prepared of The Koran. It is being made in India and will be published in English-speaking countries. Very few Christians who condemn their Moslem brethren as heathen have ever read this great Scripture, though Sale's version gives a tolerable idea of the original, leaving out of account the gratuitous assumptions of his notes. An authoritative translation like that now announced will leave no grounds of excuse for the ignorant.

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## THE MYSTERY OF THE MOON: Or the Laws and Logic of the Lunatics.

A SATIRE.

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The adoption of the flag was productive of much good in a general way, and also engendered a national spirit that was very pronounced. Lunatics vied with one another in lauding the natural resources of Luna and the tact, push, energy and public-spiritedness of the citizens generally, as compared with the semi-barbaric tribes in adjacent countries.

Under the fostering care of the government, industry of every kind flourished apace. Inside of three generations from the adoption of the national flag, wealth of every kind increased amazingly, particularly bonds and debentures, bank stocks, and insurance and mortgage securities. The only kinds of wealth that were as hard to procure as formerly, and for many scarcer than ever, were bread, boots, beef, boards, bricks, butter, and such like truck as was useful to the poor; but these exceptions only marked the rule, because the better qualities of these commodities were to be had in plenty by the holders of bonds, who, in a very charitable spirit, erected various public institutions where the deserving poor were looked after, and where, by judicious management these institutions became self-supporting and even yielded a revenue, their annual reports showing much progress and profit.

There was but one thing on which all Lunatics were of one mind, and that was that there was *but one true religion and one true God*; yet in this there were difficulties presented that were not set at rest for many centuries. Thus, while they were agreed that there was but One, several existed, or were looked upon as existing in the many differing conceptions of the One, and the supreme difficulty was, which one? Each of several leaders, representative of various sects, claimed for his favourite deity and religion a superiority over all others in richness, greatness, goodness and truth. As the debate increased in vigour, one delegate called another a liar and said that his God could do more things, was more in favour of peace and good-will and more