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And vesper bells are calling.  
As fades the Sabbath light.  
Out from the temple stealing,  
In melody sweet and strong,  
Organ notes are pealing,  
While voices raise in song.

Louder the hymn is swelling,  
A glorious battle-cry.  
Of struggle and victory telling  
When hosts of sin are nigh.  
List how the strain triumphant  
Floats through the open door:  
"With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before."

One whose heart was aching  
Fused in the silent street,  
From saddest reverie waking,  
She stayed her hastening feet.  
Just when the hymn was closing  
She paused at the temple door:  
Hark!—"The cross of Jesus  
Going on before."

Old and familiar the measure,  
Only a meaning new;  
Ah, what a priceless treasure  
Came in the message true!  
Sacred light seemed falling  
On the cross she bore,  
From the cross of Jesus,  
Going on before.

What thought life-be-dreary!  
Hope and gladness flown!  
Child of grief, so weary,  
Thou art not alone.  
In the path of sorrow,  
Trodden o'er and o'er,  
Is the cross of Jesus,  
Going on before.

—Anna Raudnitzky.

### IN WITCHES THEY

Still Believe in Parts of the South.

This Had Led to Murders and Executions—Some Specimen Cases.

"When I was in Lincoln, N. C., a few months ago," said a New Yorker in the New York Press, "court was in session there, and I stepped into the court house to pass an hour or so away, listening to what was going on. A case had just been called for trial. It was the state against Chris. Letten, the charge being embezzlement. To say that I was astonished at the evidence in the case was brought out is to put it mildly. The story it developed was substantially this:

"Martin Smith, who lived at the time a few miles out of Lincoln, had a sister who, some weeks before, had been prostrated by a strange illness. Dettler, who lived in the vicinity, and had the reputation of being able to cure ailments by the aid of charms and spells, was called in to see the girl. He declared that she was bewitched. He examined the house and told the family that every nook, cranny and possible hiding place in it was full of witches, and that they had also taken entire possession of the patient. He then went to the house and told the family that in only one way could the invading horde of witches be dislodged and forced to break their spell on the girl, and that was to burn the house down.

"Believing firmly in the declaration of the witch doctor, Smith followed his advice and fired the house, leaving the sick girl in it until the last possible moment, as directed by Dettler, so that the smoke and fire might drive the witches out of her, too. While the house was burning Smith stood by a club to kill the witches as they came out. But none came out, he said. They had all gone up the chimney all but the old man, who, he believed, was the worst of them. He then went to the house and told the family that every nook, cranny and possible hiding place in it was full of witches, and that they had also taken entire possession of the patient. He then went to the house and told the family that in only one way could the invading horde of witches be dislodged and forced to break their spell on the girl, and that was to burn the house down.

"A fat pig belonging to Smith, dying all this time, Dettler discovered that the witches had fled from the house by the chimney and entered the pig. There is only one way to drive the witches out of the pig, Dettler assured Smith, and that is to thump it between the eyes with a fat piece of wood wrapped with a hair out of a white horse's tail.

"KILLED THE BEWITCHED PIG.  
"The credulous Smith followed the instructions of the witch doctor, and getting the fat piece of wood and wrapping the white horse hair around it, stood ready to thump the pig between the eyes. The pig was tied to a stump, and as Smith whacked it with the heavy piece of wood Dettler stood ready with a butcher knife to kill the pig's mouth. No whimpers came as the result of the first thump of the club.

"You didn't hit hard enough," said Dettler.  
"Smith put more force into the next blow, and the pig fell to the ground, gave a few kicks, and was dead. Dettler said that was unfortunate, for although the blow that had killed the pig had also killed the witches, it had made it impossible for any of Smith's family to eat of the pig without instant fatal results, but that it would have no such effect on Dettler—in fact, it would be better for him to take it away and deal with it, as then all possible retribution of the witches could be prevented. So the 'doctor' took Smith's fat pig.

"In the meantime Smith had moved into another house, and his sister's illness continued. Dettler at last informed Smith that he could do nothing against the witches so long as the family remained in that neighborhood, and that it would be necessary for Smith to remove to a place where there were more people, as witches did not like thickly settled surroundings. Dettler recommended Lincoln, and told Smith that he could get a suitable house for him cheap.

"Smith acted upon Dettler's advice. Dettler reported to him that he could get the house for \$300 cash. Smith gave Dettler the money, the house was bought, and the family moved to Lincoln. But the sick girl got no better, and at last a regular physician was called. Under his treatment she soon got well, and then Smith began to have his doubts of Dettler, and later on he learned that he had paid only \$150 for the Lincoln house, to buy which Smith had given him \$300. Then Smith consulted a lawyer, and the lawyer de-

cided that the best thing to do would be to prosecute Dettler on the charge of embezzlement, and he was arrested on the charge, brought to trial, convicted and sentenced to a long term.

"The developments at the trial naturally amazed me, and after I had made some inquiry I was still more amazed, for I learned that belief in witchcraft was by no means rare thereabout nor in other parts of North Carolina. 'You will find among the mountains and isolated dwellers of Burke and other counties,' said a Lincoln citizen, 'an incredible number who believe in witches that can ride on broomsticks through the air, transform themselves into black cats and rabbits and other animals. They tell of a man up in Rowan county who was passing through the woods one day and saw three women sitting on a log. Before he got to them the women disappeared, and in their place were three deer, which stood a moment gazing at the man and then bounded away into the forest.

"These believers in witchcraft always associate the bewitching power with a woman, and the Sampson county method of shooting a witch on an ash tree is to cut the figure of a woman on the tree, and shoot into it with a bullet made of silver. This combination of silver and witch is something no Sampson county witch can hold out against and her baneful spell in that particular case is broken. One of the men hanged was a cattle had been bewitched, had no silver bullets, but remembering that a neighbor had, years before, under circumstances somewhat similar to the present case, made him in making the charmed missile, took several dimes, chiseled them into bits and loaded them into his gun as a substitute for the silver bullets. This he fired into the image he had cut on the ash tree, and none can make him believe that it was not as effective as a bullet or so the cows got well.

### THE CAUSE OF A HANGING.

"They hanged two men over the border in South Carolina not long ago. This was at Yorkville, and the names of the men were Amzi Dunavant and Frank Castles. The man they murdered was Ben Gore, and belief in witchcraft was accountable for the crime. Dunavant's child had fallen ill, and Aunt Nannie Bratton, a witch doctor, told him, after examining some coffee grounds, that the child had been bewitched. The witch doctor himself, but had missed him, somehow, and entered the child. Rabbings a horse shoe on the bottom of a cow, he told Dunavant to look into the kettle and he would see the person who had worked the trick on him. He looked, and saw Ben Gore as plain as day.

"Aunt Nannie told Dunavant that the only hope for his child was for him to get the roots and the conjure bottle. This Ben used in his fixing spells. He tied them in a bag and hung it over the child's bed. Dunavant did not succeed in getting Uncle Ben's outfit. Three days later the child died. Then Frank Castles's cow went dry, although she had a young calf. He consulted Aunt Nannie, who seems to be the accredited witch doctor of the county. He told him to get the copper kettle test, and he saw Uncle Ben Gore in the kettle as plain as could be. Remember, this is all just as the family told it. He told him to get the conjure bottle away from him at all hazards. They went to Uncle Ben's house one night, seized him, wound a rope around his neck and drew it by twisting a stick in it. Then they made the old man's stepson hold the stick, while they bunched up the roots and conjure bottle and threw them at the man. They found the roots in his trunk, and the conjure bottle in the pocket of his Sunday coat.

"When they came back to Uncle Ben he was dead. The two men were arrested, tried and convicted of the murder of Uncle Ben and were hanged, confessing to the killing of the old man, but believing that they were justified because of his injuring them by exercising on them his power as a hoodoo or witch."

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Two plays with Nell Gwynn as a center are listed for early presentation.

Blanche Bates is to be the leading actress in a Washington cut rate stock company.

Odetta Tyler owns a collection of King Charles and Ruby spaniels that is said to be the finest in this country.

Joseph Mayer, for many years the Christus of the Passion play, has been elected mayor of Oberammergau.

Marie Burroughs has engaged Maurice Barrymore to play the leading heroic role in "The Battle of the Strong."

It is reported among the theatrical agencies in New York that so far this season has been the most disastrous in years for small road companies.

After six months on Blackwell's island, New York, and two years' enforced retirement, Actor Edward J. Radcliffe is to shine again in the theatrical firmament.

Mme. Suzanne Adams received a bracelet composed of diamonds and sapphires from Queen Victoria as a souvenir for her performance of "Fanny" at Windsor castle recently.

The author of "Sweet Nell of Old Drury," the play in which Miss Julia Neilson has just made such a success in London, is Mr. Paul Kester, a young American playwright of much ability.

The wife of Dr. Robert Curtis Brown of Milwaukee, known as Jane Peyton in the profession, has been disinherited by her father, George B. Van Norman of Chicago.

Apparently not enamored by her mother's success, the daughter of Eleanor Duse, now 19 years old, has no intention of taking up the stage for her livelihood, but prefers to teach and is now studying in Munich for her chosen profession.

### THE ROYAL BOX.

The Duke of York has been appointed colonel in chief of the Royal Fusiliers (city of London regiment).

The Paris papers say that the German emperor is at work on an epic treating of his grandfather's life and the Franco-Prussian war.

King Humbert could never sleep, except upon a hard bed. He dispensed with the use of pillows and used sheets of the very coarsest quality.

The new king of Italy proposes to give his valuable collection of rare old coins to one of the state museums. He says that if he kept it he would give to its improvement time which his present duties will not allow him to spare.

Luncheon is Queen Victoria's favorite meal, and a sirlion of beef and broiled chicken generally appear on the bill of fare. Her majesty is fond of the flavor of cranberries, and cranberry tart is often served as a second course sweet.

Dr. Bachmann of Shanghai has recently stated in a letter to the Geographical Society that Kwang Su suffers from cancer of the throat and is unable to reign. The same view is taken by Dr. Dethere, a French physician, and by Dr. Sheng Liang, Peking, both of whom have examined the emperor.

Princess Louise, duchess of Argyll, prefers to retain her royal rank, but Princess Louise of Wales desires to be designated Duchess of Fife, she identified herself with her new surroundings and, although, of course, addressed as royal highness by friends and dependents, yet resigned her right to a lady in waiting and receives no allowance from government.

### PERT PERSONALS.

The number of Alfred Austin's poetic license must be 13.—Portland Oregonian.

Mr. Paul Leicester Ford may now write the story of a love that has been told.—Boston Transcript.

Mr. Charles T. Yerkes has begun the business of astonishment in London in true western fashion.—Boston Globe.

The Duke of Abruzzi is not like other explorers. Instead of going on a lecture tour he is going back after the north pole.—Indianapolis Press.

The shah of Persia has purchased 60 bicycles and seven automobiles. His highness must be contemplating the living of a fast life in the future.—Denver Post.

Olga Nethersole has had to pay a fine for taking unmuzzled dogs into Great Britain. Olga had broken away from her manager she had last year, but she is apparently employing the same old press agent.—Chicago Times-Herald.

### ANIMAL LIFE.

Horses have a great dislike to camels. Sand eels bury themselves in the mud by means of their long, horny, projecting lower jaws.

A carrier pigeon let loose from La Lorraine, 413 miles out at sea, returned safely to its cot at Rennes. This was a record.

A goose that is nearly 50 years old belongs to a Yorkshire woman. This old goose has laid for nearly 40 years, and each year since 1854 up to two years ago she has hatched and raised goslings.

A strange thing about the house cat is that, if allowed to run wild in the country and get its food by killing rabbits, chickens and such live things, it will gradually but surely take the color and stripes of the regular wildcat and act and live like one.

### CHIPS FROM CHINA.

China's motto is, "If at first you don't succeed, lie, lie again."—Washington Star.

The Canadians in China take a fortnight and then to remind the Chinese that the main question is still unsettled.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

By withdrawing from Peking and leaving a guard the allied forces would probably have the excitement of rescuing the guard later on.—Chicago Record.

### TURKISH ODDITIES.

In Turkey the disappearance of the sun at night is accounted for by the poetical retirement of that plume luminary for prayers and religious reflection.

The Turkish mother loads her child with amulets as soon as it is born, and a small bit of mud, steeped in hot water, prepared by previous charms, is stuck on its forehead.

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### LOCAL BRIEFS.

Tisbury North is to have four new separate schools.—St. Francis, Stony Point, St. No. 2, and Union St. Nos. 10 and 11.

A runaway horse found its way into John Young's blacksmith shop, yesterday, through the window, the door being closed.

The Lake Erie have issued an attractive bill advertising the reduced Christmas rates. It has a cut of one train rushing along through a snowstorm "coming home."

William Merrifield, of the Queen's hotel, and Miss Maudie, daughter of Mr. George Rokey, were married at Chatham on Tuesday. A host of friends extend congratulations.—Ridgeway Dominion.

Miss Mabel M. Sealey, M. A. Hamilton, has been engaged as assistant to Mr. Porter for the continuation classes of Comber school. Miss Sealey is to receive a salary of \$350 per annum.

Mr. Odell Deschamps, a pioneer of Tisbury North, died on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1900, at the advanced age of 93 years. The funeral was held in the day, the remains being interred in the Stony Point Cemetery.

The Liberals of Leamington intend giving a complimentary banquet to M. K. Cowan, M. P., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 18th. The Hon. Isaac Tarte has accepted an invitation to be present. Other prominent men are expected.

License Inspector Beaton, of West Egan, has been dismissed from office. It is said that J. D. McDiarmid, president of the Liberal Association, will get the office.

Arch. McDiarmid, one of Howard's most progressive farmers and stock raisers, is attending the big provincial fat stock and poultry show at Guelph this week.

J. B. Coates was the successful tender for 219 dead pine trees and the fallen timber on Rougeau Point. The amount was about \$500. Several tenders were in, that of Mr. Coates being the highest. It means considerable employment for local boys.

J. H. Coates has bought the Bart farm, near Turin, in Oxford. The farm includes 75 acres of timber. The price paid was \$3,800 cash. Mr. Coates is an enterprising citizen, and his mills a good thing for the town.

### DIED AT WINGHAM.

James R. Reynolds, a former well-known resident of Morpeth, died at Wingham on Nov. 30th, after an illness of several weeks. The Wingham Times says—Mr. Reynolds was born December 16, 1816, and therefore had passed the fourscore limit, being nearly eighty-four. He was born at Kirby Moorside, Yorkshire, England, and came to Canada in August of 1844, spending the first year in Cobourg; afterward he removed to Morpeth, Kent county. He came to Wingham in 1876, and has ever since been a resident of our town, highly esteemed by all who came in contact with him. He chose as his life partner, Miss Charlotte Reeder, of Ridgeway, and for nearly fifty-five years they traveled life's pathway together. Mrs. Reynolds, six daughters and two sons mourn affectionately for their loss.

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