

SELECTIONS.

CARPETS are bought by the yard and worn out by the foot.

A MILWAUKEE editor has had returned to him a book borrowed twenty-seven years ago, and begins to have hopes of humanity after all.

WHAT SUSTAINED THEM.—What sustained our revolutionary sires in their struggle for liberty? A solid pedagogic of one of his pupils, and was astonished when he answered—"The log-sir."

A white garment appears worse with slight soiling than do colored garments with such soiling, as a little fault in a good man attracts more attention than a great one in a bad man.

NOVEMBER.—A Western editor, in answer to a complaint of one of his readers that he did not give news enough, advised him, when the news was scarce, to read the Bible, which he had no doubt would be news to him.

MR. R.—"Good morning, sir; I come to tune your piano." "Dear old gent on the porch—Eh? didn't understand what you said?" "I come to tune your piano." "O, you come from Louisiana, do you? Well, that's good; sit down and tell us all about it."

THE ANTIQUARY.—Tourist in Cornwall.—"May I be permitted to examine that interesting stone in your field? These ancient Druidical remains are most interesting." "Certainly," said the antiquary, "May be very interesting," said the tourist, "but we do stick 'em up for the cattle, an' call 'em 'residual' pastures."—Punch.

CURIOUSLY RECOVERED.—Some travelers were recently visiting at an elegant private garden at Palermo in Sicily, and among the little ornamental buildings they came to one upon which was written *Non spech*—that is, "Don't open." This prohibition only served to excite their curiosity, and they very unceasingly endeavored to disobey their hospitable owners' injunction. On opening the door a forcible jet of water was squirted full into their faces.

WHO MADE IT.—Sir Isaac Newton, a very wise and godly man, was once examining a new and fine globe, when a gentleman came into his study who did not believe in a God, but declared that the world we live in came by chance. He was much pleased with the handsome globe, and asked,

"Who made it?" "Nobody," answered Sir Isaac; it happened.

The gentleman looked up in amazement at the answer, but he soon understood what it meant.

REMARKABLE VISITATIONS.—In Moses' day the ten plagues were hurled upon the land of Egypt because the "King of the Gods" would not let the Israelites go. And now are we not having a series of American plagues? The grasshoppers, hurricanes, potato-bettle, and admonitions of earthquakes, and inundations were surely enough; but these came lately in Western Missouri and Iowa a tremendous outpouring of frogs; Detroit had a tornado; and now the breezes waft to us a bill from South Carolina, alight at a fearful rate made upon the States by countless myriads of fleas, against which neither man, woman, child, nor beast can possibly be protected. *The Christian at Work.*

A MODEL STUDENT.—The Rev. Dr. Ritchie, of Edinburgh, though a very clever man, once met with his match. When examining a student as to the classes he attended, he said, "And you attended the class for mathematics?" "Yes." "How many sides has a circle?" "Two," said the student. "What are they?" "What a laugh in the court the student's answer produced when he said, "An inside and an outside." The Doctor next inquired, "And you attended the moral philosophy class also?" "Yes." "Well, you would hear lectures on various subjects did you ever hear one on 'Cause and Effect'?" "Yes." "Does an effect ever go before a cause?" "Yes." "Give me an instance." "A man wheeling a barrel." The Doctor then sat down, and proposed no more questions.

EDUCATION OF THE FLEA.—Mr. Bortolotto, the well known advertiser of the fleas, now in New York exhibiting his curious success in this line. The insect he employs appears to be the species of flea common to dogs. The first lesson, he says, is to put the insects in a small circular glass box, where by jumping and knocking their heads against the glass for a day or two, the flea is finally beaten into them that it is useless to jump, and during the remainder of their natural lives, to wit, about eight months, they are content to crawl. Having corrected their intellects in regard to jumping, the instructor fits a delicate pair of wire nippers to the middle part of the flea's body; to the nippers any desired form of miniature wagon, such as a wheelbarrow, a cart, a harness, a trot with the load, to the great amusement of the looker-on. The professor harnesses his insect pupils into a great variety of other positions, and makes them perform many curious duties such as the operation of a fortune teller wheel, orchestra playing, rick, etc. They are allowed to feed twice a day upon Mr. Bortolotto's arm. It remains for Mr. Bortolotto and his companions to determine what effect this system of insect education is likely to have upon the habits and development of future broods.

The Hindus and Mohammedans almost universally concede the depravity of the race. Among the illustrative examples furnished from one of the chief men of Lucknow—"The sinfulness of man," said he, "is easy enough understood when we remember that in disposing of a good thing—for instance, milk—we have to carry it to the market; but when we wish to furnish that which is evil—theie, to sell pigs—we have but to open a shop, and the good thing is immediately converted into a bad one."

READY TACT.—The Rev. Dr. McElhenry, one of the Presbyterian fathers of Western Virginia, was distinguished for the courtliness of his manners.—But his dignity was not of that kind which could not unbend itself. He was fond of jokes which were without a sting, and were exceedingly happy at repartee. As he advanced in years his long ministerial friends got one joke upon him which he found a little difficult to parry. He was called into the country to attend the funeral of a lady. In some way he received the impression that it was her husband who had died, although in reality he was living and present. The Doctor, under this wrong impression, proceeded to make an address in which he spoke of the *deceased husband* as well known and highly esteemed in the community, and made to the same effect. At this point a lady addressed him that it was Mrs. —, and a Mr. —, who was dead. The doctor paused but for a moment, and then remarked, "All that had been said in regard to Mr. —, may with equal propriety be said of his wife," and went on as if no blunder had been made. When his young ministerial friend called him for preaching the funeral he said, "I had a man who was not dead, his good humored answer was that he had been preaching the funeral sermons of the dead all his life and had seen very little good results from it; he had therefore concluded for once to try the effect of a funeral sermon for the living."

Great expectations had been raised by the reports of the one who had heard Rev. George Douglas, D. D., President of the Canadian Methodist Conference, and it was with much surprise that the announcement was made that he had reached our city. Dr. Douglas is a man of commanding presence. He bears the marks of long and severe physical suffering. He was for a number of years a Wesleyan preacher in the West Indies, and there became the subject of a material affection, the result of which still lingers in his system. His removal to Canada saved his life, but his present constant and valuable services are the result of a heroic victory over depressing physical infirmities. Dr. Douglas is one of God's noblemen. One feels almost rebellious, at first, at the affliction that must so constantly limit his usefulness. He is now, in addition to his duties as President of Conference, securing the establishment of a Methodist Theological School in connection with the McGill University in Montreal. The Doctor's sermon on Wednesday evening, in Music Hall, was the most finished and eloquent discourse that has thus far been heard in the course. The eye of thanksgiving dimmed the audience, and the familiar enunciation of the speaker hindered the more distant hearers from catching the falling inflections of his sentences; but all that heard distinctly were greatly gratified and profited. The sermon, when published as it will be in a few days, will be much sought after. His subject, introduced by a remarkably picturesque description of Csesar in the days of the Roman emperors, and of the some attending of Christianity to the intellectual and moral decline of the Empire, was founded upon Paul's remarkable words, "I am not mod, most noble Festus," "The eloquent speaker showed that the Christian disciple was not irrational in his views of God, nor in his trust in the Holy Scriptures. His eulogy of the divine Word was a marvelous climax of eloquent appeals. The Christian is not beside himself, the speaker continued, in his view of sublime revelations of the soul to come. How these few decisive points were clothed with a glowing rhetoric, and strengthened by a closely adjusted logic, can only be appreciated by reading the sermon itself. Dr. Douglas carried back with him the best wishes and hearty respect of those who had the pleasure of meeting him during his visit.—*World's Herald.*

You can't be a Christian because there are hypocrites in the Church? Then you had better get out of the world as soon as possible, for three quarters of the world are hypocrites, and there are only hairs in hell, but there won't be one at the marriage supper of the Lamb.—*Meady.*

Moses took of the blood, and touched with it the right ear, right thumb, and right toe of the High Priest, the ear because only those redeemed by blood can hear the voice of God, the hand, because only they can render Him acceptable service, the foot, because no one else can walk with God.—*Meady.*

There was a vessel wrecked in Cleveland harbor, though the upper lights were all bright, because some one's carelessness had let the lower ones go out. God will take care of the upper lights but he has left the responsibility of the lower ones to us.—*Meady.*

God's people are ardently loved by Him they are His jewels. He protects, blesses them, and considers the favors bestowed on them by others as conferred on Himself. Even so small a gift as a cup of cold water to the humblest of them he notes and rewards. God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which ye have showed towards His name in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Heb. vi. 10. Let us hear this in mind every season, but especially the winter season, when so many of God's people may be suffering for the necessities of life.

Marus Aeneas is said to have chained two lions into his triumphal car. There are two lions which can never be yoked together—the Lion of the tribe of Judah and the roaring lion who goeth about seeking whom he may devour.—*Meady.*

I wondered how the shepherds in the East could know every sheep of their flock individually, till one told me that they had a little spot, that one has a piece out of his ear that one has a hump, etc. He knew a lamb that he owned, by the way, he knows all his sheep, not by their perfect-

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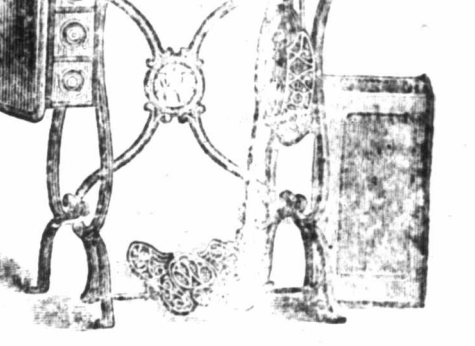
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