OMOF HYPOCRISY e hear much of martyrs and of those who were slain by ord, or consumed in the fire; but little of that still larger num by the mere threat of persecu e been driven into an outward nent of their real opinions, and thus forced into an apostacy the their lives in the practice of a constant and humiliating hypocrisy. It is this which is the real curse of religious persecution. For in this way men being constrained to mask their thoughts, there arises a bad habit of securing safety by falsehood, and of purchasing impunity with deceit. In this way fraud becomes a necessary of life; insincerity is made a daily custom, the whole tone of public feeling is vitiated, and the gross amount of vice and of error fearfully increased .- Buchle

A Pleasant Anecdote.—The following story told of Rev. Thomas Alexander, an English Presbyterian minister, recently deceased, is vouched for by the London correspondent of the Presbyterian:-

"This winter Mr. Alexander observed a curate frequently passing his window in the cold mornings without a great coat cold and uncomfortable, with that look of genteel penary which too often attaches to the poorly paid curates of the English Church. He went out to his tailor:-Can you make a coat without seeing the man who is to wear it?'

"That was doubtful. "Can you make the coat if you see the

man, without measuring him?"

"The tailor thought he might,

"Then be ready when I call you.," "The next day accordingly, when the curate was seen approaching, Mr. Alexander hurried out to the tailor, and the two walked some little distance behind the unsuspecting man.

"'Now take a good look; make sure of your measure. Are you satisfied?, " 'Yes.

"Then,' said Mr. Alexander, 'make that poor fellow a good coat, of good cloth, at once. Ascertain his address and send it to him; but mind you, if you give him the slightest inkling that I sent it, you shall never do for me another

"So the two parted. Mr. Alexander lived to see the curate go by his house with the great coat on, an excellent fit and well buttoned up in welcome

THE VOICE OF THE SHELL. - When a shell is held up to the ear, there is a peculiar vibratory noise, Philosophi-cally investigated, the peculiar sound thus recognized is a phenomenon that very much perplexed learned gentlemen for a long while. The experiment Steam is easily made by simply pressing a spiral shell, common in collections, over the celebra of either ear. If a large shell, the sound is very much like that of a far-off cataract. Now, what causes it? Every muscle in the body is always in a state of tension. Some on a stretch than others, particularly those of the fingers. It is conceded that the vibration of those in the fingers being communicated to the shell, it propogates and intensifies it, as the hollow body of a violin does the vibration of its strings, and thus the acoustic nerve receives the sonorous impressions. Muscles of the leg below the knee are said to vibrate in the same way, and if conducted to the ear, produce the same result. - E.cchange.

A farmer, whose cribs were full of corn, was accustomed to pray that the wants of the needy might be supplied; but when any one in needy circumstan. ces asked for a little corn, he said he had none to spare. One day, after hearing his father pray for the poor and needy, his little son said to him:

"Father, I wish I had your corn." "Why, my son, what could you do

with it?" asked the father. The child replied, "I would answer your prayers.—Selected,

A woman's suffrage convention was recently held in London, where the hall was so arowded that when the speakers arrived they could not get in. Mrs. Prof. Fawcett and othere climbed in by a ladder at a window, back of the stage, and when she came to speak, she said : "We are told that women have not so much energy as men, I deny it. A moment ago, I was outside of this room in the thick of a crowd, with Mr. Arthur Arnold. Mr. Arnold is still in the crowd. I am here." The little woman was roundly applauded.

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