

PULPIT AND PEW.

There are 1,280,728 negroes who are members of the Methodist church in this country.

It is reported that a new church, called the American Methodist church, is about to be organized by some white and colored ministers in the south.

Bishop Tucker of Uganda ordained seven men to the ministry recently, two of whom are the greatest chiefs in the country and govern great provinces.

The Rev. Charles Houston opened a ball in Wolverine, Mich., recently, with a prayer in which he asked that none might be led away in their hours of amusement.

Sam Jones has been dropped as a member of the North Georgia conference. A pastorate in the conference is worth only \$1,000 a year. Sam is making a great deal more than that on the road.

The Rev. Mr. White of Brooklyn, known to fame as the "marrying minister," who never turned away a loving couple, is dead. In his life he made 14,000 people more or less happy, as he claimed that none of those whom he united ever returned to revile him.

PHILOSOPHICAL COGITATIONS.

Some people might as well be crazy; they have no sense.

Every one believes in friends until he has had occasion to try them.

It is said that a man either becomes a fool or a philosopher at 40.

The thoughts that disturb men most never enter a woman's head.

The trouble with bluffing is that some men are foolish enough to fight.

When a man has an ax to grind, he generally wants to use his neighbor's grindstone.

When people attempt the habits of angels, it is very easy for them to disgust ordinary mortals.

When a man realizes that he is not famous, he also reflects with a great deal of complacency that he is not dead yet.—*Atchison Globe.*

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

Jupiter has a red spot and a white spot, and both puzzle astronomers.

The expansion of water in congelation is such that 11 feet of water make 12 feet of ice.

A Russian scientist has succeeded in tracing all man's diseases to the fact that he wears clothes.

The observatory on Mont Blanc already reports proof that there is no oxygen in the atmosphere of the sun.

The venom of poisonous reptiles, insects, etc., kills by changing the shape of the blood corpuscles so as to make it impossible for them to circulate. This of course causes blood poisoning.

THE MOVING WORLD.

Sandwiches made by machinery are the result of a labor saving device just invented.

A Spanish musician has devised a system of musical notation by which the sharp and flat system is done away with.

Iron works at Troy, N. Y., have made for a Havana sugar mill an iron valve weighing 6,500 pounds. The firm claims it to be the largest valve ever constructed.

An oil stove 11 inches high, with a lamp that will burn 20 hours at an expense of 12 cents, and which will boil, roast, bake, fry and grill chops and steaks in 10 minutes, is advertised in London at a price of \$4.37.

MAIDS AND MOTHERS.

Mrs. Annie Besant is interested just now in a profit sharing industry.

Mme. de Stael always carried a bit of stick in her hand and played with it as an aid to conversation.

Mrs. Campbell Wilson, a prosperous florist of Cleveland, started in business with a capital of 15 cents and an indebtedness of \$100.

Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt was to "come out" this season, but on account of the death of her brother her debut has been postponed.

Mrs. Helen Campbell, author of "Prisoners of Poverty," is taking the post graduate course in social economics at the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Hetty Green is more watched and dreaded in her ventures on the street than most of Wall street's kings. She is reputed to be worth over \$40,000,000.

Mme. Fateno, wife of the Japanese minister, objects to the American dress because it does not permit her to sit on the floor comfortably Japanese fashion.

It is said that Miss Grace H. Dodge spends more than \$1,000 a year in promoting the organization of social and educational clubs among New York working women.

Mrs. Jenness Miller's home on Q street is a fitting setting in its handsome appointments and art treasures for this beautiful apostle of dress reform in her superb gowns.

Lady Gertrude Stock, nun, novelist, marquis' daughter and baker's wife, has just closed in the shelter of a convent in Europe a life of strange experiences. Her husband is in South Africa.

Miss Lucy and Miss Mary Reynolds of Washington have in their possession a large upholstered rocking chair which was worked and presented to their great-grandfather, President Harrison, by the ladies of Indiana.

Mrs. John A. Logan is credited with the statement that women who have to work for their living are less likely to marry than those who do not. She thinks that they are less attractive to the other sex in a business suit than in a pretty tea gown.

Fanny Davenport must have pepper-mints along with her Marc Antony and her educated snakes; Florence Rockwell declares she cannot play Ophelia to Keene's Hamlet unless she has peanut candy, and Ellen Terry has a passion for preserved pears.

Misses Anna and Ethel Hood, twin daughters of the late General John B. Hood of the Confederate army, are the eldest of the three sets of twin daughters of General Hood and are the adopted daughters of their great-uncle by marriage, John Morris of West Chester, Pa.

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