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Norway House, N. W. T., is in town
visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. W.
Drew, and other relatives. He has
not been here for about twenty
years.

Miss Nellie Unsworth spent the 24th in Detroit with her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Crags.
Mr. M. V. Morrill, of St. Mary's, was in town a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil, of Rutherford, were the guests of his brother and sister-in-law on Sunday.
Rev. Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Doan Rev. Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Doan are attending conference this week. Mrs. Risk and little daughter have returned to their home in Detroit after several weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Dobyn. Mr. and Mrs. James T. Webster left last week for a visit to their son in Chelsea, Mich.
We have had some very cold weather, which may prove serious to crops.
Mr. Doan, the Methodist junior pastor, preached to the children last Sunday evening. The choir was comwhile into a pillar of sait, every one remembers from childhood how Noah was warned of the doom impending over the children of men and how he constructed a huge ark in which he did live, himself and his family and two of every heart of the field and former.

of Africa. The story, of course, varies material-Ine story, or course, varies materially in the multitudinous traditions, but the gist of it remains substantially the same—namely, that the earth was once visited by a great flood in which nearly visited by a great flood in which nearly every living thing was overwhelmed and lost. Thus in the Koran we read that Noah constructed the ark with divine assistance and was railed at for his pains by the wicked. When the time prescribed for the punishment of mankind arrived, water was seen to flow from the burning oven of Noah's wife, and immediately all the veins and arteries of the earth broke and spurted out water. spurted out water.

STORY OF THE FLOOD

THERE ARE MANY AND VARIED VER-

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Genesis is that devoted to the wonderful story of the deluge. Together with

the accounts of Adam's fall, the slaying of Abel and the turning of Lot's

wife into a pillar of salt, every one

Noah was then admonished in these words: "Take and bring into the ark two couples of every kind of animal, male and female, with all your family, except him who has been condemned except him who has been condemned by your mouth, and receive the faithful and even the unbelieving, but few only will enter." The Koran also says that the ark was built in two years and that it contained three stories, the upper one for the birds, the middle one for the men and the provisions and the hold for the beasts. Canaan, the son of Ham, refused to be saved. Therefore Noah cursed him, and his posterity became black and were enslaved. The Persians assert that Ham incurred his father's malediction as well. When The Persians assert that Ham incurred his father's malediction as well. When six months had passed the ark rested on the top of Mount Djondi (Ararat), after having made the circuit of the world. Tabari says that two sorts of animals left the ark which had not entered it—the pig and the cat. Concerning the latter we have this interesting piece of information: When the rats bepiece of information: When the rats began to make trouble the voyagers com-plained to Noah. Whereupon the patriarch "passed his hand down the back of the lion, who sneezed, and the cat leaped out of its nose. And the cat ate STORES the rats."

According to the Talmud, Noah and his family and one pair of each kind of beast were to be saved in the ark, but of every clean beast seven were to en-ter in. The rhinoceros, however, had to be left out, for the simple but sufficient reason that its neck alone was three miles long. Nevertheless all the rabbinic writers agree that the rhi-noceros survived the flood; hence it is reasonable to suppose that the huge beast was taken in tow by a rope attached to its horn. Some authorities likewise declare that Noah extended likewise declare that Noan extended his hospitality to another outsider in the shape of Og, the glant, who climb-ed on the roof of the ark and received his daily food through a hole bored in

the side of the vessel. Ararat has been known under this name for 3,000 years, and an Armenian writer declares that an entire country was so called after Arai the Fair, an ancient Armenian king, who lived about 1750 B. C. He fell in a bloody battle with the Babylonians, and the scene of his death was thenceforth known as Arai-Arat, or the Fall of Arai. Josephus refers to the mountain as Nazuana and declares that the re mains of the ark were there to be seen

carefully preserved.

Almost all the Asiatic traditions closely resemble the Biblical account. Berosus in his Chaldee history (B. C. 260) speaks of ten kings, who appear to correspond to the ten patriarchs in Genesis before the flood. The last of these kings was called Xisuthrus. Berosus relates that "Kronos appeared to Xisuthrus in a dream and warned him that all men would be destroyed by a deluge on the 15th of the month Daesios and commanded him to write down all the learning and science of men and to hide it in the sun city Siparis and then to build a ship and enter it along with his family and rela-260) speaks of ten kings, who appear enter it along with his family and relatives and nearest friends and to take into it with him food and drink and beasts and winged fowl. When he was asked whither he was about to sail, he was bidden to reply, To the gods to pray them that men may prosper."

Xisuthrus did as he was commanded, and when the flood showed signs of abating he sent out three birds in succession. abating he sent out three birds in succession. The first and second came back, the latter with mud on its feet, but the third returned not. Soon after this the ship was stranded on a mountain, and Xisuthrus disembarked with his family, offered thanks to the gods and vanished. Subsequently the remaining survivors heard his voice in the heavens, bidding them fear God the heavens, bidding them fear God and to take his writings out of Siparis



Tree 6,200 Years Old.

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The distinction of being the oldest living thing undoubtedly belongs to one of the glant trees, and many attempts to locate it and determine its age have been made. A century age De Candolle found two yews, one at Fortingal, in Perthshire, and one at Hedsor, in Bucks, that were estimated to be respectively 2,500 and 3,240 years old. Both are still flourishing, and the older tree has a trunk twenty-seven feet in circumference. A gigantic baobab in Central America, with a trunk twenty-nine feet through, was thought by Humboldt to be not less than 5,150 years old. Mexican botanists believe that they have now discovered a life span even greater than this, and from the annual rings a cypress of Chapultepec, whose trunk is 118 feet in circumference, is assigned an age of about 6,200 years. constructed a luge and his family and two live, himself and his family and two of every beast of the field and fowl of the air, for the space of 190 days, or until the waters subsided and the dry land appeared. But the Biblical recital of this terrible visitation of divine wrath is by no means the only one. In fact, the most skeptically inclined must believe that something of the sort actually occurred long ago, for it has been perpetuated not only in the Talmud and Koran, but in the legends of almost every nation and race that ever lived on the face of the earth, including the Chinese, the ancient Aztecs of the Chinese, the ancient Aztecs of the Chinese. the Chinese, the ancient Aztecs of Mexico, the Indian tribes of North and South America and even the savages about 6,200 years.

Woman's Trials.

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The bitter trail in a woman's life is to be childless. Who can tell how hard the struggle may have been ere she learnt to resign herself to her lonely lot? The absence of this link to bind marital life together, the absence of this one pledge to mutual affection is a common disappointment. Many unfortunate couples become estranged thereby. Even if they do not drift apart, one may read the whole extent of their disappointment in the eyes of such a childless couple when they rest on the children of others. To them the largest family does not seem too numerous. In many cases of barrenness or childlessness the obstacle to child-bearing is easily removed by the cure of weakness on the part of the woman. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been the means of restoring health and fruitfulness to many a barren woman, to the great joy of the household. In other, but rare cases, the obstruction to the bearing of children has been found to be of a surgical character, but easily removable by painless operative treatment at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute. Buffalo, N. Y., over which Dr. Pierce of the "Favorite Prescription" fame presides. In all cases where children are desired and are absent, an effort should be made to find out the real cause, since it is generally so easily removed by proper treatment.

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Ja of Opobo, was educated at Glasgow, while his grandson, Prince Eugene S. Ja Ja, the twelve-year-old son of the present King, is now being educated in an academy in the west

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Libel Her Features.

Marie Corelli, the well-known novelist, has applied for an injunction to restrain A, and E. Wall, of Stratford-on-Avon, from publishing picture postcards purporting to depict scenes in her private life. Miss Corelli is good looking and it is alleged that the cards like has features. The action again races a legal point that has never yet been decided.

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Miss Corelli resided at Stratford-on-Avon, Mr. Eve, K. C., explained, and had taken some part in the social life of the district. Early this month it was arranged to hold a Shakespearlan festival to commemorate what was alleged to be the birthday of one William Shakespeare, (Laughter.)

In anticipation of a large number of visitors being attracted who would desire to become acquainted with the other notable people of Stratford-on-Avon, the defendants produced sets of picture postcards, entitled "The Distinguished Authors Series, No. 1."

Miss Corelli at once took objection to the cards, and if his lordship would look at them and at a recent photograph of the lady he would see what a gross libel had been perpetrated on her features. (Laughter.)

One of the cards was called "Shakespeare and his contemporaries," which looked as if the defendants wished to suggest that Shakespeare was a contemporary of Miss Corelli. (Laughter.) The publication of the cards had caused Miss Corelli presenting a cup to the Stratford-on-Avon Boat Club, and the defendant said he was present on the occasion and it was the best representation he could give from memory of the features of the lady who was so gracefully presenting the cup. Another card showed Miss Corelli in a gondola, and the defendant said it depicted what had occurred last summer on the Avon. A card styled "Sweets to the Sweet" displayed a pony carriage outside Miss Corelli's house, and a further picture depicted the lady playing with a pet dog on a lawn. The latter was admitted to be purely imaginary. Miss Corelli had no dog.

Counsel said he thought there was a case here which would have to be tried, as to the right of a person not only to her own features, but to features which did not belong to her. (Laughter.)

Mr. Beck Hiss Corelli in this case. The gondola picture was ridiculous as a work of art.

His Lordship—The work of art is sold at a halfpenny, I suppose? (Laughter.)

His Lordship—The work of art is sold at a halfpenny, I suppose? (Laughter.) Mr. Percy Wheeler submitted that the only question was whether Miss Corelli had suffered any legal injury. It must be a very sensitive age if it was to hold a person up to ridicule and contempt to say that she played with a dog on a lawn. (Laughter.)

His Lordship said the inference was that the picture was taken in the lady's garden, and that she was a person who liked to be advertised in this way.

Mr. Wheeler—It might have been taken over the garden wall. (Laughter.) His Lordship—The work of art is sold

Mr. Wheeler—It might have been taken over the garden wall. (Laughter.)
The affidavit was read by Miss Corelli, who stated that she went to Stratford-on-Avon for the purpose of obtaining privacy, and that the cards were calculated to expose her to unjust contempt in relation to her private life, and prejudice her in her profession as an authoress.

an authoress.

The second defendant, Miss Edith

their photographs taken looked posi

their photographics itvely hideous. (Laughter.) Mr. Eve: Speak for yourself, Mr. Wheeler. (Laughter.) His lordship said he would consider

Ancient Church Restored.

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Situated just below the steep slope of the Lincolnshire Wolds, near their southern extremity, ites the village of East Kirkby, which possesses one of the most interesting churches of the district. The original Saxon church was replaced by one of the fourteenth century; this building has undergone extensive restoration, and the work was dedicated on the 21st by the Bishop of Lincoln. 'The church contains an early perpendicular screen, which retains fits panelled doors. In the north wall of the chancel is a remarkable recess, perhaps used as an eastern sepulche, covered with diaper-work, below which are half-figures, probably of the three Marys, each holding a heart, or (as others explain) a box of spices. A singular basin projecting from the font is supposed to have been an offertory district for the "creeping silver" offered during the penitential period from Maundy Thursday till Easter Eve. Thomas Goodrich, Bishop of Ely, Cranmer's coadjutor in the first communion office, Thursday till Easter Eve. Thomas Goodrich, Bishop of Ely, Cranmer's co-adjutor in the first communion office, was a native of East Kirkby. The funds for the restoration of the church were bequeathed by the late Mr. James Banks Stanhope, of Revesby Abbey.

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Wall, in reply, retorted in her affidavit that so far from seeking privacy during her seven years' residence at Stratford, Miss Corelli had courted publicity in every way.

Mr. Wheeler followed this up with a declaration that had the portraits of Miss Corelli been flattering nothing would have been heard of this action. Few ladies, he said, would admit that a portrait did them justice and he assumed that Miss Corelli was no exception to the rule.

If these cards were a libel, every exhibition of the Royal Academy would be a collection of libels, (Laughter). Photographers, too, would be liable to be sued, for it was common knowledge that most people when they had their photographes taken looked roots. Luxury In Bottles.

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