

ZIONISM AMONG THE JEWS.

There is a Tremendous Yearning to Be Better Jews in Order to Be Better Men.

Richard Gotthell, Ph. D., professor of Semitic languages in Columbia university, himself an ardent Zionist, contributes an essay on Zionism, voicing the aspirations and longings of his race, to which the Jewish universalists are opposed.

For there is an ancient Zionism also. "How can we sing the songs of Zion in a strange land?" said the exiles in Babylon. And yet these Jews sang them. They continued to sing them even after the second dispersion.

The Russian atrocities in 1881 seemed to have brought the Jews to those low depths of misery of which the old rabbi spoke. But even then the burning words of Pliner in his "Autobiography" of Ruif, and of Rosenfeld in the "Dawn" ("Dawn"), fell to no effect upon the ears of the Jews in western Europe.

Some outlet must be found for these millions of human beings, whose only crime seems to be that they have been born Jews—some sure outlet, with no uncertainties, or possible recurrence of old evils.

The growing success of the Jewish colonies in Palestine is a warrant that a Jewish polity can be built up which shall have as its basis the normal connection of the people with the soil upon which they live.

It is not in vain glorious pride, but in courage born of a strong hope, that I repeat the words of Disraeli, the great Jewish Zionist, when quite spent in years, said to a Jewish boy, "Never forget that you and I belong to a race which can do everything but fail."

Queen Victoria has sent a "little personal Christmas present" to each of the more than 70,000 soldiers who are fighting the battles of the empire in South Africa.

Not Appropriate. "It is dead wrong for a political party to use the eagle for an emblem."

Dix—Why is it? "Because the eagle never thinks of feathering its own nest."—Chicago Evening News.

WASHINGTON'S TOMB.

Circumstances That Make It Impossible to Open Its Gates for the President.

The one hundredth anniversary of the death of Washington, observed at Mount Vernon on December 14, recalls an act of vandalism of the civil war.

The grounds of Washington's home and tomb were neutral during that conflict. They constituted the one spot upon which union and confederates could meet and fraternize. And it was while the pickets of both armies were thus at free quarters that an attempt was made to desecrate the sarcophagus.

The logacious individual who has the post of guard and guide informs visitors that on December 14 the gates were to be open, and that President McKinley would place flowers on the receptacle containing the remains of Washington.

After the double gate was constructed the outer one was locked and the key thrown into the channel of the Potomac river. The channel was chosen because the Potomac is the haunt of garter dredgers and fishermen, and they operate in the shallows, and the men who threw the key away was specifically instructed to drop it in the channel of the stream.

Pilgrims of recent years to the shrine will recall the old guard, Gilbert Parker, now dead, who was the last of the Washington family's domestics.

That is One Reason Why the Piracy Business Has Fallen Away to Nothing.

A son of the old-time yachting captain, Jack White, of Red Bank, picked up a Mexican silver dollar of 1854 on Sandy Hook the other day.

"Mexican silver dollars," he said, "were the money of the commercial world during all the early part of this century and you could find them whenever there were wrecks. Nowadays prating would not pay, but in those days every ship had to carry a lot of money every time she went on a voyage."

"It was very different a generation ago. In those days a captain had to take out with him money enough to last him for the whole voyage, and something for emergencies besides. He often had big sums aboard, also, that were used in trading, or that represented a cargo sold."

"It was not uncommon in those days for a ship to start out with a full cargo, bound for some foreign port, where the captain would have to hunt his own market. If the cargo wouldn't sell well there, he had power to go to any other port to hunt a profitable market.

Florida. As to why Ponce de Leon gave the name of Florida to the territory now known by that name, an old book published in 1763 says: "Gave it the name of Florida because it was first seen on Easter, called Pascua de flores in the language of his countrymen, or, as Herrera alleges, because it was covered with flowers and the most beautiful blossoms."

Must Be Microscopic. A traveler says ham plays about the same part in a railway sandwich that truth does in a horse trade.—Chicago Daily News.

PITH AND POINT.

It is wonderful how many different ways there are of being miserable.—Athenian Globe.

The swell of the ocean makes people sick and some of the swells one encounters on land have a similar effect.—Chicago Daily News.

Teacher—"Now, if a boy smites you on the right cheek, what are you to do?" Johnny—"Why, just give it to 'imwime left, of course, mumm."—Ally Shopper.

The Automobile—"Get out of the way there, you old stiff! You're a has been." The Horse—"Perhaps. But will you please tell me from what part of your anatomy they cut the porter-house steaks?"—Omaha World-Herald.

Our Country Relatives.—Student—"Heat expands and cold contracts." Professor—"Correct. Give an example." Student—"During the summer the affections of city people for their country relatives expand, and in winter they contract."—Ohio State Journal.

No More Books.—Mr. Snaggs—"My dear, has Mrs. Penn returned that book we lent her a month ago?" Mrs. Snaggs—"No; I must ask her for it." "Well, hereafter we lend her nothing but the cat." "Why?" "The cat will come back."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

LEE'S ARROW WOUND.

An Unknown Incident of the General's Participation in Indian Fights in Texas.

It has often been noticed that whenever Gen. Fitzhugh Lee visits the white house he stops to have a chat with Capt. Loeffler, who stands guard at the president's private office and the cabinet room.

Before the civil war Lee was a lieutenant in the old Second cavalry, afterward reorganized as the Fifth. Loeffler was a trooper in this regiment and later a non-commissioned officer.

A charge was made upon the log fort, and Lee, who was a dashing officer and a wonderful favorite with his men, was the first one to scale the breastwork.

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A SINGULAR WILL.

The Testatrix Makes Some Queer Provisions for the Disposition of Her Body.

The will of the late Mrs. Pauline Lees, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, is an interesting document. The command given in the opening paragraph relative to the disposition of the body of the testatrix after death is as follows:

"Immediately upon my death notice thereof shall be given to the president of Miriam lodge and Adolph Resenrater. The latter shall perform the funeral services and be paid \$15 therefor, and he shall also telegraph information of my death to Jerusalem and also allow only such persons who do not touch fire on Saturdays to stay and watch over my remains."

The testatrix directs that a suitable grave be purchased for her and that a monument, the maximum cost of which shall be \$100, be erected over her head.

MEDAL OF HONOR. Few People Would Know the Rare Decoration of Congress If They Saw It.

The medal of honor granted by congress for some conspicuous act of gallantry is so rare that hundreds of officers have never even seen it, says the Cincinnati Enquirer.

The bow knot worn in the button-hole in lieu of the medal goes unrecognized, except by the very few. The medal is of black bronze, and is often mistaken for the grand army insignia.

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KAISERIN NO HOUSEWIFE.

Dinners Ordered by the Emperor, But the Empress Supervises the Dressmaking.

It is a popular custom to represent the German empress as being above all a good "hausfrau" and one interested in little else than household management.

The little daughter of the emperor is receiving a careful education in all domestic branches, but the empress takes no interest in any except that of dressmaking.

How Arcadia, a New York Town, Found Its Way into the Post Office Guide Book.

After an existence of nearly 60 years a little post office in New York state that had its origin in a sort of political bunco game has ceased to be, says the Buffalo Courier.

The post office officials failed to detect the little figure, and Arcadia secured her post office. Ever since then mail has come daily to the little post office for dispatch to the towns around about.

A woman newspaper reporter, who is now a well-known author, once called upon Miss Grace Dodge, the millionaire organizer and leader of the New York Working Girls' Club.

Why One Call on Miss Grace Dodge Was All That She Cared to Make.

WORK OF A JEALOUS DOCTOR. The Inhuman Way in Which a Prominent Philadelphia Man Was Made Blind.

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Are you a reporter? she asked the newspaperman. "Yes? I am very sorry you should have come up here this rainy day to see me. You know, I never talk about my plans for publication, but we can have just as nice a time talking about books and pictures. Won't you have another cup of tea? Must you be going? I am very sorry. Wait a minute and I will have the coachman drive you to your office or your home. Come up some day when we can have more time, and I'll tell you all about the Working Girls' club, but of course you won't print any of it."

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HE COULDN'T SHAVE.

And Yet the Barber Was a Man of Rare Attainments in Scientific Learning.

A famous archeologist went to his club recently, his countenance disfigured at several points with sticking plaster, says the Homiletic Review.

"What is he a barber for?" exclaimed the younger man, "with all those accomplishments?"

HE WAS A GAME HORSE. A Renner That Galloped Home a Winner with a "Twit" on His Nose.

"I've seen many a thing on race tracks, but I think the greatest race I ever saw was at New Orleans a few years ago," remarked a track follower the other day.

It was several years ago at New Orleans, and one of the best horses to be seen on was Duke of Milpitas, owned by Alderman Casey, of Chicago.

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