

AN AID TO RELIGION.

Lord Kelvin, Distinguished Scholar, Pays Tribute to Science.

Takes Issue with Prof. Henslow's Statement That Science Neither Affirmed Nor Denied the Creative Power.

Lord Kelvin, the distinguished scientist, in moving a vote of thanks to Prof. Henslow for his lecture before the University College Christian association, denounced to the professor's assertion that science neither affirmed nor denied the creative power.

On the contrary, he said, science positively affirmed the creative power. Science made every one feel that he was a miracle in himself.

FROM LABORER TO ARTIST.

Ronchomowski, Recently an Unknown in Russia, Secures Place in Paris Salon.

The most noticed work in the French artists' salon, just opened, is that of a man who recently was an unknown workman toiling for 25 cents a day in Russia on the border of the Black sea.

Ronchomowski exhibits in the salon a sarcophagus of exquisite workmanship, with designs on the sides representing six epochs in human life.

SCHOOL BARS KIPLING VERSE.

Edulate (Wasa) Authorities Think "Gunga Din" Improper for Recitation for Pupils.

The high school authorities at Sedate, Mass., are opposed to Richard Kipling's descriptive poem "Gunga Din." Sedate has no love for this particular poem, and it will be cut off the forthcoming exercises at which the pupils are to speak.

DEAD SEA SHRINKING.

The Level Has Fallen Greatly, as the Result, It is Said, of an Earthquake.

Thercent earthquake in Palestine which took place on March 30 seems to have been most severe in the Valley of Jordan and round the Dead sea.

The level of the Dead sea has fallen considerably, and now, according to reports, the Jordan pours its waters into the lake from an elevation, whereas formerly it was nearly on the same level.

Evidently the bottom of the Dead sea must have subsided during the earthquake. The whole region of the Valley of the Jordan near the sea is volcanic.

VEGETARIAN PEDESTRIAN.

Englishman Lays Out a New Task for Himself of Walking 1,023 Miles in Twenty Days.

G. H. Allen, the vegetarian pedestrian, who holds the Leicester-to-London walking record of 27 1/2 miles in 20 hours and 22 1/2 minutes, will soon commence his formidable task of walking 1,023 miles in 20 days.

A start will be made from Glasgow, and the journey will terminate in London. In the interval Mr. Allen will visit nearly all the large towns and cities of England lying between the start and finish.

Another Closed Incident. Inasmuch as Gen. Baden-Powell says he has been misquoted, and that Uncle Sam's cavalry is all right, the incident, says the Chicago Tribune, may be considered closed.

STIRS UP NEW YORK GIRLS.

Offer of Chicago Millionaire for "Model" Servant Discovers Many Candidates.

John Farson, of Chicago, was reported in a morning paper the other day as being at the Waldorf hotel. The story of his offer of \$1,000,000 for a model servant girl had become known in New York, and the Herald tells what happened in the following fashion:

"Tall and majestic, with a gown which had the Paris stamp, she swept through the Thirty-third street corridor of the Waldorf-Astoria and presented herself before the room clerk."

"Mr. Farson, of Chicago, I wish to see him," she said.

"Went to Chicago last night," rejoined the clerk. "Suppose you came to see him about the servant girl proposition?"

"Precisely. For 20 years I've been hunting for the same servant girl he is offering \$1,000,000 for, and have not found her. I suspect that I know something about keeping house. In fact, I can do anything about a house except build one, and I would like to talk business with this Chicago multi-millionaire."

"Saying which, with a faint blush of embarrassment, she rustled out of the hotel. She was but one of the many women, young, aged, modest, quaint, shy and presumptuous, who called at the Waldorf-Astoria to see Mr. Farson about his offer to a servant girl whom she understood her business. Unless he locks himself in a safe deposit vault it is plainly evident that Mr. Farson is going to be kept pretty busy for some time. Half of those who sought him declared that they would start for Chicago at once to see him and find out if he meant all he had said.

"While the model servant may be a mere fancy, as thousands of householders believe, New York city has an abundance of persons who modestly confess that they are the climax of excellence."

AGREE TO DIE AT THIRTY.

Members of Newly Discovered Russian Sect Buried Alive with Their Own Consent.

Another religious sect having self-immolation as the cardinal article of its creed has been discovered in Russia. Its members contend that any man living longer than 30 years does so at the expense of other individuals, and they accordingly pledge themselves to die at that age. Like some other Russian suicidal societies which have been discovered in recent years, the manner of death is burial alive, the devotees being immured voluntarily in vaults with solemn ceremonies. The discovery resulted from the police surprising members performing the rites upon a member. Numbers of the adherents of the sect, which is said to have branches at Kieff and Odessa, have been buried alive.

AND THE STORK CAME BACK.

Big Bird Caught in Poland Goes to India and Then Makes Its Way Home.

A Warsaw journal relates the following story of an experiment made by a Polish nobleman to ascertain how far storks migrate during the winter. He caught a stork and attached a plate to its neck on which were inscribed the words: Hage cionin ex Polonia (this stork comes from Poland).

In the following spring the same stork was found in the nobleman's park with a bundle round its neck, containing several precious stones of great value, and the metal plate with these words on the other side: "India cum donis remittit Polonia" (India sends him back with presents to the Poles).

FAILS TO FOLLOW RECEIPT.

Austrian Doctor Shows Harm in Tobacco and Then Goes On with His Smoking.

A few days ago Dr. Peonaro Caplesco lectured at Bucharest on the dangers of smoking. In order to demonstrate the deleterious effects of the habit two dogs were dragged to the platform and treated with injections of concentrated solution of nicotine. The poor animals very soon perished amid fearful convulsions, and unable to endure the terrible sight, the audience hurried away, while many ladies fainted.

Dr. Caplesco, apparently satisfied with his success, left the hall—smoking a cigarette.

SPADES OF ROYALTY.

Those Which Have Been Laid When Commemorative Trees Were Planted to Be Put in Case.

The spades used by the king and the members of the royal family on the occasions when commemorative trees have been planted are preserved at the royal gardens at Frogmore. Many of them are of silver. There are the full-sized spades used by the King and prince of Wales and the miniature spades used by the little princes and princesses. The whole set will now be ranged in a glass case with the date and occasion on which each was used.

Scientists to Dig in Idaho. Prof. J. C. Merriam, of the department of geology, will go to the southern part of Idaho this summer to search for reptilian remains in a portion of the triassic formation lower than any of those in which such remains have previously been found.

Herbert M. Vans will assist Prof. Merriam. They will be accompanied by Prof. James Perrin Smith, of Stanford university.

AN ENGLISH MYSTERY.

Strange Case Baffles the Authorities for Four Years.

Aged Woman Disappears, But Banks Cash Checks Signed by Her Name for Years and Then Discovers They Are Forgeries.

"Murder, though it have no tongue, will speak with a most miraculous certainty. What is called the mystery of the Mount house in England has been solved at last. For some six weeks past it has been discussed by everybody, and recently it has been the topic of talk everywhere.

It is an extraordinary story. Just over four years ago a man named Douglas, along with Camille Holland, a middle-aged gentleman, bought an old farm surrounded by a wide, deep moat, in a remote part of the country, far away from any other habitation. Shortly after the purchase the woman disappeared most unaccountably, but the woman died down and the woman was forgotten.

Suspicious that anything was wrong, Douglas reached the bank and was duly honored in Miss Holland's name for nearly four years. Then the question arose: Where was the woman? This went on, and it is questionable if the mystery would ever have been revealed had it not been for the presumption that Douglas, made bold by success, carried the forgeries of Miss Holland's name too far, and was arrested on that charge. Then the question arose: Where was the woman?

The mystery was in the first place, how her relatives all that long time never had their suspicions aroused and secondly, how a woman of her years, of such gentle nature, religious views, and benevolent character, could have consented to ally herself to Douglas without any marriage tie.

Fool play being suspected the work of draining and digging the moat began. It was a hard, unpleasant, dirty task, but the police kept at it. In a short time the country was excited by the report that the body of the woman had been discovered in a ditch near the moat. The features were unrecognizable, but the clothes, boots and other unmistakable signs proved the body to be that of the unhappy Camille Holland. A surgical examination revealed the fact that she had been murdered by a shot through the head by some person from behind.

Douglas, while not yet charged with the murder, is stamped with the crime, as the evidence shows he was the last person seen in the murdered woman's company. On the night she disappeared Douglas drove away with her in a trap and returned shortly after, saying Miss Holland had gone to London but would be back the same night. She was not, and then Douglas himself left, and the disappearance of Miss Holland was forgotten until Douglas's arrest for forging her name recalled her sudden departure.

PHOTOGRAPHS LIONS IN AUTO.

Herr Seeth's Machine Is Then Demolished by the Playful Antics of the Pets.

The craze for original photographs induced Herr Julius Seeth to make a remarkable experiment with his lions at the London hippodrome. He had a few of his 30 lions photographed in an automobile. Never having seen the machine before, it was amusing to see them investigate the fearful and wonderful thing.

At first they did not care for the swell patrol, but after a little persuasion with chunks of steak, Herr Seeth induced four to sit in the auto. He took the steering wheel himself, and the photograph was taken.

While some of the lions were being caged the others tore off the tires, and generally played havoc with the machine, which presented a sorry appearance when they had finished sporting with it.

Seeth has been an animal trainer all his life, his first experience having been with his father in Germany and Russia. He is a native of Schleswig-Holstein. He says his most remarkable experience was when he appeared before Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, some years ago, starting that monarch by boldly entering a cage of lions he had never before seen.

RECLAIMING ALKALI LANDS.

What the Agricultural Department Is Accomplishing to Redeem Waste Tracts of West.

The agricultural department of the United States government is about to undertake to demonstrate to the farmers in the Yakima valley that many thousands of acres of alkali lands in that vicinity can be reclaimed and within two years made the most valuable agricultural lands in the section. Similar demonstrations are to be made in other parts of the country, all with the view of turning the 4,000,000 acres of alkali lands in the west, which in their present state are worthless, to farming use.

Thomas H. Means, an agent of the department, has arrived in Seattle from Washington. He will proceed to North Yakima, and in the Wide Hollow valley will build the experimental station.

If the Shoe Fits.

Before making any harsh reply to Gen. Baden-Powell's criticisms of our army, says the Chicago Tribune, it might be well to make sure that there is no truth in them.

A RELIGIOUS THEATER.

Herbert Booth to Attempt to Teach the Gospel Through the Medium of the Eye.

To teach the gospel through the eye by means of a religious theater, is the plan of Herbert Booth, son of Gen. Booth, whose resignation from the Salvation Army is still a mystery.

Mr. Booth, who has arrived in New York, is not unlike his brother, Baltington. He came to New York almost directly from Zion City, the headquarters of Dowieism, but he denies that he has joined the Dowie movement.

"The movement I am going to start in New York," said he, "is meant to solve the problem of the unreached masses. It was for that my father started the Salvation Army."

"My appeal is to the eye. I am going to form in this city a great theater, with a powerful company of Christian actors. My movement is to be known as the Scientific Evangelization society, and it will be for the purpose of sending broadcast illustrated Bible dramas. I expect to get such great writers as Canon Farrar to write powerful dramas for me. This I will have told in continuous pictures by the cinematograph."

MASONS FORBID USE OF WINE.

California Templars Take Action Which Will Stop Use of Strong Drink at Future Banquets.

There will be no wine at the banquets of the Knights Templar, of California, hereafter. When the members of the order come together at social affairs no liquor or fermented beverages of any kind will be allowed on the table, and the guests will have to content themselves with only the softest kind of drinks. This was the decision reached unanimously by the annual convolve of the grand commandery, held recently in San Francisco. The innovation has been introduced, it is said, so that the order on the coast might fall in line with a general movement of the same kind in the east, and because the use of wine in the lodgerooms or official functions of the order is contrary to the principles of masonry.

It is said that the grand lodge of masons, at its annual meeting next October, will take the same decisive action, and order that all banquets given under the name of any masonic lodge of the state be strictly temperate.

SHOWS TENDER HEART.

Mrs. John G. Carlisle Nurses Her Charge Horse While It Lies Dying in the Streets.

Mrs. John G. Carlisle, wife of the former secretary of the treasury, was driving on Fifth avenue, New York city, the other afternoon, when one of the horses slipped, bursting a blood vessel.

Mrs. Carlisle was on the way to the Thirty-fourth street ferry, when the horse fell. While waiting for a veterinary who had been summoned Mrs. Carlisle sat on the asphalt pavement and put the animal's head in her lap. She patted and rubbed it, and talked softly to the horse, endeavoring to soothe it, while a crowd gathered and watched the actions of the elderly woman seated in the middle of the street.

AN ALLIGATOR FIGHT.

Big Creatures at the New York Zoo Have a Stunning Mixup Until Separated.

Big Mose, the 14-foot alligator in the New York zoo park, fought a pitched battle with Three Legs, the next in size, Saturday afternoon in the alligators' pond. Mose got a tight grip on Three Legs, and the way the two animals made the water splash brought the keepers in a hurry to the scene.

The keeper got a big pair of ice tongs, and after several minutes succeeded in breaking Mose's hold on his antagonist. Mose grabbed him again. The ice tongs and poles were brought into play once more, and this time Mose was clubbed into submission, and the fight ended with Mose still the champion.

IMMIGRATION FROM IRELAND.

It is Nearly Double What It Was Last Year—Large Proportion Are Young Girls.

Great increase in immigration from Ireland is shown by the record of the first four months of this year, compared with the same period of other recent years. Statistics just given out show the arrival of 8,209 Irish immigrants for the four months ending April 30, against 4,902 for the same period last year. For several years there was a falling off in Irish immigration.

All other nationalities which come here show a larger percentage of males than females, but of the Irish coming this year about 70 per cent. are females. Many are girls in their teens.

A Whistling Mouse.

J. H. Davidson, a grocer, recently captured a whistling mouse. For several weeks noises like the whistling of a canary bird were heard in his store, coming from boxes, barrels, etc., says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Mr. Davidson set a trap and captured a mouse, which whistled and sang like a canary bird. The little animal was on exhibition at the fire station the other night, when it died.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL.

The Game as Played in This Country Likely to Be Revolutionized.

The Intercollegiate Football Rules Committee Has Under Consideration a Rule Changing the Method of Handling the Ball.

American college football bids fair to be revolutionized next fall if the Intercollegiate football rules committee carries into effect a regulation which it now has under consideration. This rule provides for nothing less than that the ball has to pass through the hands of only two men before being regarded as in play. At present it is necessary for it to go through the hands of three men.

By the proposed rule the center can snap the ball to any man on the team who may then rush with it. It will be possible, therefore, for the quarterback to carry the ball, an important innovation, and because of the fact that any man may take the pig-skin without the quarterback's previous assistance all sorts of puzzling combinations will be feasible. Backed in the opinion of experts, football under these conditions would be almost entirely new game for the first season at least, and would resolve itself largely into a question, "Who's got the ball?"

With this regulation in effect, the present form of mass play which has aroused such opposition would, it is believed, largely be done away with and a more open and less dangerous style of play come into effect.

BRIDGE CRAZE MAKING HAVOC.

King Edward and the Duchess of Devonshire Are Among the Enthusiastic Players.

The bridge craze is making havoc in London society, especially among the women. Some prominent people have started an anti-bridge league, but as the greatest social leaders, notably the king and the duchess of Devonshire, are among the most enthusiastic for bridge players, the members of the league find themselves rigorously boycotted. Young girls and young married women get heavily involved in debt, and it is said that grave consequences have frequently ensued where they have become indebted to unscrupulous men.

As restaurant dining is destroying the private entertaining, which has been a distinctive feature of English social life, so bridge playing, which goes on all the afternoon and evening, is causing conversation to become a lost art.

Motoring is another influence, distinctly inimical to the old order of English social life. So many social necessities, for whose entertainments the London season has depended mainly for its success, are now being outside the metropolis and motoring to and fro, that the season is no longer what it was.

FROGS IN SANDSTONE.

Three Were Found Buried by Workmen at Muskegon, Mich., and All Were Alive.

While excavating for a basement under a store building at Muskegon, Mich., the other day, workmen unearthed three live frogs in the sandstone 50 feet below the surface. The soil in which the frogs were found is a mixture of hard, dry sand and rock, and it is certain the frogs have been buried at least 50 years. The spot on which the building stands was at one time the shore line of Muskegon lake, but as the city grew the edge was washed in until now the water's edge is nearly 300 yards from the building and a brick pavement street now runs where 20 years ago the lake's waters rolled. All three frogs hopped about after they had been exposed to the sun for a few minutes. All three were entirely blind. The frogs were green-black in color, and their skin was tough and corrugated.

MECHANICAL TIME FUSE.

Invention of German Watchmaker Sold to Krupp Proves to Be a Remarkable Discovery.

A watchmaker of Berlin, Germany, named Fritz, has sold a mechanical time fuse for projectiles to the Krupp company for \$50,000, and a royalty of 25 cents for each device used. The scientists of France, have acquired the rights for Latin countries and Vickers Sons and Maxim have secured the rights for the United States and Great Britain. The mechanism can be adjusted so as to explode in an astonishingly short time, at long distances, or immediately after penetrating a resisting substance, such as a ship's armor plate or a fortification wall. The new fuse is regarded as being especially useful in exploding shrapnel shells.

Site of Galliotine Said.

A piece of land with a history has been sold in Paris. It was the Place de la Roquette, where the galliotine has stood since 1851. During that time 209 heads have fallen under the knife, among them many notorious criminals. The ground is divided into two lots. One sold for \$10,250 and the other for \$8,000. Doubtless, within a short period Parisians will be dancing, dining, and otherwise enjoying themselves where so many answered for their crimes.

Asking Questions.

"Why," asks an exchange, "does a tree on a hillside grow straight up?" Never mind that, says the Chicago Tribune. Why does a pigeon bob its head when it walks?

LAY CLAIM TO HARLEM.

Heirs of Dutch Freeholders About to Begin Action to Recover Valuable District of New York.

Most of the land owners in Harlem are not the rightful possessors of their holdings, according to a lawyer of Dutch freeholders of 250 years ago, some thousands in number, on the authority of this lawyer, are owners of Harlem, of a large part of Central park, and of about all of the water front property on the East river, from Seventy-fourth street to Harlem river, along the Harlem river, and down the Hudson to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street.

The present day value of the property is conjectured to be one billion dollars.

Prominent among the descendants of the alleged rightful owners are President Roosevelt, Gov. Odell and Putnam Bradlee Strong, son of the late Mayor Strong.

In 1667 the duke of York, through Colonial Gov. Nichols, gave grants and charters to 25 men, who were created a corporation known as the Town of New Harlem, and later further grants and patents were issued to the 25, and to their heirs, successors and assigns forever.

The plan of the lawyer in charge of the matter is to gather a majority of the descendants, and, as he says they are all by inheritance members of the corporation, have them hold a meeting, elect officers, and proceed the land among themselves.

It is argued that any claims, heirs or deeds executed by any descendants of the grantors are void, because no individual had a right to dispose of the property, but only a right to vote at the corporation meeting.

President Roosevelt, who traces his ancestry to the Bretons, of colonial times, will, it is announced, appear at the meeting of the descendants.

HAS AX THAT LINCOLN USED.

Dr. M. B. Emery, a St. Louis Physician, Says He Was Offered \$5,000 for the Ax.

Dr. M. B. Emery, formerly of Canton, Mo., but now of St. Louis, has in his possession an ax which he declares was used by Abraham Lincoln in splitting rails.

Dr. Emery says that the ax was given him by Lincoln in the early fifties, when he and Lincoln were both residents of Springfield, Ill. Dr. Emery, who lived close to Lincoln, went over to the Lincoln home to borrow an ax to cut kindling. Mr. Lincoln gave him the ax, telling him that he could keep it if he liked.

Ever since Dr. Emery has carried the ax with him, and declares that he has been offered \$5,000 for it, and it refused.

He will exhibit it at the world's fair, and is getting up a subscription to make for it a good sealhead.

The blade is rusted, and the handle is old-fashioned and made by hand. Dr. Emery has it on exhibition at a downtown store decorated with flowers.

HER LATEST CHARITY.

Miss Helen Gould Opens a Cooking School Upon Her Estate at Tarrytown.

Because Miss Helen M. Gould is determined that nothing on her estate which may be made useful to the public shall remain idle, workmen are making ready several buildings on the grounds, which have not at present any special use, so that they may be the homes of Miss Gould's philanthropic projects.

Improvements on a stone building, which is to be used for a cooking school for the girls of Irvington and Tarrytown, are almost completed and in readiness for the school to open.

Besides the cooking school, Miss Gould has donated another building to a sewing school. Here, too, the girls of Irvington and Tarrytown will be the students. The school already has been started.

MAY WED WEALTHY LORD.

The Reported Betrothal of an American Girl to a Wealthy British Nobleman.

London society is much interested in the report that Muriel White, the daughter of United States Embassy Secretary Henry White, may become engaged to Lord Howard De Walden, who is only just of age, and one of the very richest members of the peerage, owning a vast amount of real estate in the west end of London. The story at present is only a rumor. Mr. White has taken pains to deny the report that the young people are already betrothed.

Auto to Sprinkle Streets.

M. Bouché, one of the chief engineers of the city of Paris, has invented a new electric water sprinkler which will sprinkle the streets at a rapid rate. It will be an automobile, and will be able to water the Champs Elysees and Avenue Louis de Hollande in 15 minutes. The machine only costs \$3,000. If successful the city will order a large number.

Have Handsome Carvings.

The most attractive portions of the woodwork and decorations of the Hubbard mansion, at Norwich, Conn., which is being demolished for the new post office, will be transferred to the Connecticut building at the St. Louis exposition. The front doors and the interior carved and molded work are of rare beauty.