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A FALSE STORY, LADY!

A palpably false story concerning a
"Mormon" student at an English col-
lege, is given publicly to, over no less
distinguished signature than that of
Lady Henry Somerset. The lady
claims that this Utah boy first called
attention to himself by asking for four
tickets for lady friends, for chapel,
which request was promptly denied.
Thus it was discovered that he was a
"Mormon," and he was promptly re-
moved to a less orthodox college than
that which he first entered. Again,
according to the lady's story, he aston-
ished one of the professors by his asser-
tion: "Our religion is exactly similar
to your own. We have exactly the
same sacred books, the Bible and the
Book of Abraham." The story con-
tinues:"What do you mean by the Book of
Abraham?" said the university profes-
sor.
"Why," he replied, "the book you
read in your churches with the Bible."
"I never heard of it," replied the
other.
"But, surely," said the bewildered
young man, "you must know it is
common to all Christian lands. It is
the book that was discovered by and
revealed to Joe Smith."The incident, says Lady Somerset,
has somewhat startled Oxford society.
No doubt!The story is, clearly, a fabrication.
No "Mormon" would speak of the Book
of Abraham as "the book that was dis-
covered by and revealed to Joe Smith."
This phraseology reveals the author of
Lady Somerset's little sketch as a
fabricator, and a mere tyro. No child
here would display the ignorance at-
tributed to this Utah student, who is
qualified to enter an English institute
of learning as a beneficiary of the
Cecil Rhodes scholarships. Wherever
the Utah students go, they become hot-
ted for intelligence, and their store of
knowledge, as well as for common
sense. The anecdote here referred to
bears every mark of the malicious and
clumsy romance.We do not intend to reflect on the va-
riety of the lady over whose name
the falsehood appears in print. She
has, no doubt, been imposed upon, but
may we not ask whether it is one of
the prerogatives of distinguished news-
paper correspondents to circulate such
fabrics with which college students
amuse themselves in moments of hili-
lary. We doubt not that the English stu-
dents have funny tales to tell of every-
one of their American fellow-students.
We know whereof we speak. Some of
these new-comers may be Presby-
terians, or Baptists, or what not. Why
then single out a college yarn about a
"Mormon" and parade it as evidence of
"Mormon" ignorance?The incident illustrates very well the
manner in which stories about the
"Mormons" are spread. Their authenti-
city is never questioned by those who
delight in circulating them, and by fre-
quent repetition they assume the char-
acter of truth in the minds of those who
seldom stop to investigate the difference
between fact and fiction.

UNITED STATES JEWS.

Leading Hebrews in this country are
making arrangements for the celebra-
tion of the 25th anniversary of the
first settlement of that race on Ameri-
can soil. The event will occur some
time next fall. The intention is to
hold suitable exercises in every syna-
gogue in the country. They are also
contemplating the publication of a his-
torical souvenir, and the erection of a
permanent monument.We agree with the view expressed by
a prominent Rabbi that the landing of
the first Hebrews here was an event
of world-wide importance. The opening
of a city of refuge to a persecuted race
had the effect of modifying intolerance
all over the world. To this country it
was a great boon. For the Jews have
aided materially in the accumulation
of national wealth. They have filled
up the ranks of literary men and pa-
trists, and held useful positions in ev-
ery branch of public life.At the beginning of the last century,
the total number of the Jewish popula-
tion in the United States was estimated
only at 2,000. The rapid increase com-
menced in the latter part of the cen-
tury. By 1880 the number was esti-
mated at 250,000. Today there are 1-
600,000 Jews in the country, or nearly
one-seventh part of the entire race.Russia and Austria-Hungary still have
more Jews than the United States, but
if the emigration continues at its pre-
sent figures, it will not be long before
the United States has a larger number
of Hebrews among its citizens than
any other country in the world.A curious statement was made re-
cently by Dr. Maurice Fishberg in an
address before the anthropological sec-
tion of the New York Academy of Sci-
ences. It was to the effect that about
ninety per cent of the Jews are no longer
ethnologically pure, but have a mixture
of Slavic, German, and "Hun" blood.
That is the conclusion he has arrived
at, by a long and careful study of the
anthropology of the Jews in New York.
The problem, the report says, which the
doctor set himself to work out was
whether there was any truth in the
statement generally accepted by an-
thropologists that the Jews of today are
direct descendants of the Israelites of
ancient times and that little, if any, in-
termixture had taken place between
them and the various peoples among
whom they had lived. Dr. Fishberg
observed about two thousand persons
as to stature, cephalic index, eye color,
and hair color, and found by com-
paring the averages of these several
measurements with those of the corre-
sponding characters of the Christian
races of the countries where the Jews
had been born, that Jews coming from
Russia, Germany, Poland, Galicia, and
Rumania resembled in type the Chris-
tian inhabitants of these countries.
Thus the Galician Jews, he had found
to be the shortest, while the Lithuan-
ians are the tallest. Very striking is
the fact that the tallest Jews corre-
spond to the countries where the tallest
native Christian population exists, and
so on with regard to the other grades
of stature. This can be no mere coin-
cidence, he said, and points strongly to
intermarriage with the native Christian
population. The possibility of racial
intermixture is strengthened by the fact
that the Jews have lived in these coun-
tries for many hundred years, monu-
ments proving conclusively that
they have been in southern Russia for
2,000 years, and in Poland for 900.These conclusions are quite interest-
ing. If the long, and we must
admit, noble struggle of the Jews,
for national purity has been un-
availing, as far as nine-tenths of the
race is concerned, the total disappear-
ance among the nations, by intermix-
ture of the stragglers of the wander-
ing Ten tribes, who remained along the
route of their journey, is easily under-
stood; also the wide distribution of
their blood throughout all the nations
of the world. But this scattering of
the seed of Abraham has been a neces-
sary provision of the Allwise Ruler of
mankind. It was necessary to the sal-
vation of the world, as will appear
clearly to all, when the re-gathering
and the reunion of Judah and Israel
shall have been accomplished.

WHERE THERE IS NO DIVORCE.

Friends of a loose marriage system
argue in favor of lax divorce laws as
a refuge for unhappy married per-
sons, especially women, from an in-
tolerable situation. Those opposed to
such laws point out that the wider the
door is made, the greater will be the
crowds that avail themselves of the
opening. They claim that there would
be fewer unhappy homes, if it were
less difficult to obtain separation. They
claim that the divorce laws, because
of the opportunities they offer, are the
cause of a great many cases of unhap-
piness, and the consequent breaking up
of homes.South Carolina, it appears, is a State,
and the only State in the Union, which
makes no provision for the granting
of divorces. In view of the controversy
on that subject, it is of interest to read
what the editor of the Columbia State
has to say in Public Opinion about the
situation in South Carolina. We quote
the following:"There are domestic tragedies in
South Carolina, there is incontestable
evidence; there is unhappiness in some
families. But I believe the number of such
happened homes is fewer in proportion
to population than in any other State.
There may be no means of clearly es-
tablishing that contention; it is one of
the things on which neither the census
nor the encyclopedias throw light, but
the personal knowledge of many men
of wide acquaintance should be accepted
as the best evidence of its truth. The
divorce courts in other States re-
veal a degree of domestic infelicity
there existing; and the increase in the
number of divorces recorded is testi-
mony either of an increase in immorality
or of which the old scriptural warning
for divorce is given or an increase of
intolerance between husband and wife.
As the courts have removed the ob-
stacles to separation, the petitioners
have come with more or less reasons
for severance of the 'holy' bonds.
What is the case in South Carolina?
The courts of other States are, of
course, closed to citizens of this com-
monwealth who desire divorce. But
North Carolina and Georgia are readily
accessible and the conditions are not
harsh. Yet I know not one divorced
man or woman in the 'society' of
Columbia, Charleston, or any other
town in the State. And if there are, in
fact, quite extensive circles of plea-
sure domestic unhappiness, the skeletons
are securely locked within the closets.
They are unknown to the public."

WISE WORDS FROM ROME.

Pope Pius has issued an encyclical
letter to the spiritual leaders of the Ro-
man Catholic church. According to the
reports and brief extracts of the docu-
ment, that have come within our ob-
servation, the Roman Pontiff speaks
words of wisdom on several important
and timely topics. Some of the teach-
ings embodied in his letter might profit-
ably be studied by priests and pre-
lates outside the pale of his jurisdiction.
According to the Roman Pontiff many
of the sins of our age, such as hatred,
and the sins of greed, are really due to
the decline of the Christian faith among
men. On this point he says: "There are
today vast numbers, continually being
recruited by fresh accessions, who are
utterly ignorant of the truth of reli-
gion, or who at most possess only
such knowledge of God and of the
Christian faith as to lead the lives of
idolaters. In consequence of this igno-
rance, they regard it as no crime to cher-
ish hatred against their neighbor, to en-
ter into the most unjust contracts, to en-
deavor to possess themselves of the prop-
erty of others by enormous usury andto commit other iniquities not less re-
prehensible."On another subject the document is
equally timely. It speaks about the
preaching that has become fashionable
of late years, and which is known as
"topical." The Pope says that it hap-
pens too often that ornate sermons
which win the applause of crowded con-
gregations, serve only to tickle the ears
and fail utterly to touch the heart. He
condemns the priests who devote much
time and labor in writing books, and
urges them to go back to the teaching
of the simple and elementary truth,
which, he says, never fails to profit
those that listen to it.This shows that the head of the Cath-
olic church has thoroughly grasped one
of the great defects of present religious
activity in the world. Mankind has
never experienced any great benefits
from the eloquent oratory, that is very
well likened to "tinkling symbols and
sounding brass." The regenerating
forces have been brought to bear upon
human society and human institutions
only by the earnest, simple declaration
of truth, under the inspiration of the
Holy Spirit.Was it Pat Crowe in proprio personam?
Metaphorical high heels are very
much worse than the real thing.Hammering away at the Beef trust
does not make beef any tenderer or
cheaper.It's about time for those Chicago
teamsters to strike for home and coun-
try.There are ten bankers in the Ohio
state prison. That is a strike for jus-
tice and plundered depositors.When the President says that every
man is entitled to a square deal it must
not be inferred that he is in favor of
gambling.It is doubtful whether a territory that
is subject to such tornadoes as Okla-
homa has just experienced is fitted for
statehood.Some people would never be satisfied
even if they could have everything done
just as they want it. Such people make
first class knackers.A New York doctor says that women
are less graceful than men. But could
anything be less graceful and gracious
than such a remark?Nan Patterson has refused an offer
of \$45,000 to go on the vaudeville stage.
Other and more pleasing engagements
prevented her acceptance.The state will back the mayor of
Chicago, and the nation will back the
state if necessary. Cold comfort that
for the strike demagogues."A Russian victory is absolutely nec-
essary. Russia cannot make a shame-
ful peace," says General Kuropatkin. A
kind of case of the boy and the rabbit.President Roosevelt has said many
many and fearless things in his official
career, but he never said, and never
will say, a more manly thing than he
did to that committee of Chicago strik-
ers—"The union must obey the law."
What a revelation to its members it
must have been.There is said to be some trouble in the
Agricultural college. We trust it is not
so. It is intimated that it is being
fostered by the University. That is most
contemptible, for anyone who knows the
University regards such mean and petty
tricks. The mind that can conceive and
utter such thoughts is too small and
mean to hold anything but spite. If
there is any ill feeling between the
State's leading educational institutions
it is owing to the malicious busybodies
who have no more sense of truth and
decency than to throw out the intima-
tion that the University authorities are
trying to create trouble in the Agricul-
tural college faculty.

WELCOME THE SAINTS.

Los Angeles Express.
From the City of the Saints to the
City of the Angels is no longer the far-
cry of old. No more does transit be-
tween Salt Lake and Los Angeles in-
volve the wild detours and the vexatious
delay of days, and the great expense.
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world wide, though so dissimilar, have
been brought close together by the
completion of the Clark railroad is to-
day signalized in appropriate manner
by the coming of a trainload of guests
from the great inland salted sea to the
shores where Pacific travelers have the
scent of a sun-kissed land. Members
of the Salt Lake commercial club are
welcome in this city today. Although
certain men already here may have
experienced the joys of this region,
it remained for the new road to
disclose to them the business possi-
bilities of a closer union. Los Angeles
reeds the federals of Utah and the
other things, including tourists that
can be expected to come hither by way
of Salt Lake. In return, there is of-
fered here a matchless galaxy of plea-
sure resorts; an entrepot of fruits and
wines and other delicacies; a com-
mercial center; a harbor that shall be
the gateway to the Orient and things
more or less correlative and desirable.
This visit of the saints, to be returned
later by the Angels, must result in
mutual good. Meantime, this city is at
the disposal of the guests.

DAMP-PROOF LIBRARY.

Oyster Bay Pilot.
The new addition to President Roose-
velt's house at Sagamore Hill is, ac-
cording to the terms of the contract,
to be completed by June 10. The addi-
tion comprises one large room. It is
to be a damp-proof library, the struc-
ture being of tile and brick. The work
is being pushed rapidly forward.

MENTAL SUGGESTION.

Kansas City Journal.
A Macon young man took his girl to
a show recently and soon after the
curtain was raised she complained of
feeling faint. The young man took
something out of his pocket and whis-
pered, "Put this tablet in your mouth."
She quickly placed it under her tongue,
but it would not dissolve. However,
she soon felt much better. When the
show was over she slipped the tablet
under her glove. When she removed the
glove at home she found the tablet was
a button.

THE RECORD OF EMOTIONS.

Philadelphia Inquirer.
We cannot always change it to old
age when we find our foreheads arecrossed with a distressing network of
tiny lines. It is not always age that
makes these disagreeable rows across
our foreheads and around the eyes.
There are some grandmothers whose
faces have hardly a wrinkle and some
granddaughters whose brows are as
smooth as they might be at sixty. Time
is not responsible for these vexing little
lines. A good many of them may be
charged up against worry. If one sits
in the way of fretting over everything
that has gone wrong and everything
one thinks likely to go wrong, the re-
sult upon one's face will be a mark
which is hard to erase and is far sadder
than the lines the happy years bring.

TRIUMPH OF CIVILIZATION.

Kansas City Journal.
The Indians of Kansas are now fully
civilized. The act was completed when
the United States Supreme court re-
cently decided that they had the right
to live in front of a bar and drink
whiskey just like white folks.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Recreation for May presents an en-
tirely different appearance from the
old Recreation. The changes have been
made by Dan Beard, the new editor.
The cover design is from a drawing of
Canada geese, by Lynn Hogue Hunt.
The leading story is by W. William Bee-
bee, curator of ornithology, New York
Zoological park. It is magnificently
illustrated. Lee Woodward Zeigler, the
artist, has written a story on Old Mex-
ico, illustrated by himself and Alden
Piereson. L. B. Spencer, director of the
New York Aquarium, tells how to start
and run a balanced aquarium. Charles
Livingston Bull and Walter K. Stone
have correlated in the illustration of a
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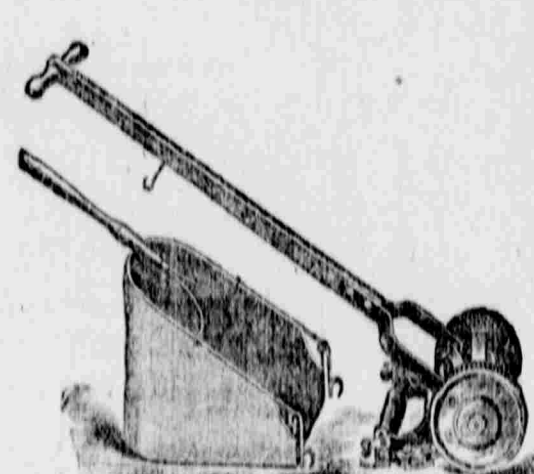
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