The New Judaism.

"Children of the Book" is the poetic name Rabbi Pereira Mendes applies to the Jews. Rabbi Mendes is pastor of the Spanish and Portuguese Jewish congregation in New York city. He is a Jew of the modern time, and says distinctly that there is a new era before the Jews. They are stronger than they have ever been since the beginning of the Christian era, and their strength has come from the persecutions they have suffered. "Thanks be to God, our enemies have turned our strength." The medicine of a fourth boy and his forced conversion had founded a universal alliance among the Jews which extended from Paris to America. That alliance now unites Hebrews in Canada, India, England and Australia. The outrages on the Jews in Russia eight years ago gave still another impetus to close union among the Jews, and started international conference of men of Hebrew blood and religion from all parts of the globe.

Outrage and persecution cause their objects to gain strength. It is the universal law. Rabbi Mendes, however, believes the organization is not yet complete. Judaism can no longer exist in small groups. It must come out and mix against the world and take the friction of current thought. Judaism must organize congregationally, nationally and religiously. There must be a thorough understanding among all the congregations of the land for benevolent work and mutual protection. Union in benevolent work should be on the following basis:

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A Great Enterprise.

The project of passing from New York to Brooklyn upon dry land instead of over a bridge or upon ferryboats has loomed like a dream in the imagination of submarists for years. Another dreamer sometimes dies ere he at length takes real shape and body. Work has been commenced upon a great tunnel which will connect New York with Long Island at Long Island City, which is all one with Brooklyn except in the feelings of its inhabitants. It is north of Brooklyn and separated from it by Newtown creek.

The tunnel will be blasted through the solid rock that underlies New York city. It will run under Forty-second street the whole length of East Thirteenth, so that it will take freight and passengers from the Grand Central station. On the west side of New York the tunnel will start in at Tenth avenue. At the eastern end of Forty-second street it will be 114 feet below the surface of the earth, consequently below the water bed of Long Island sound. It will cross the sound, which New York people time out of mind have called East river, just at Blackwell's island. Thence it will sweep northward slightly and come out at Long Island City.

The tunnel will be twenty-six feet wide and twenty-two feet three inches high. It is built to facilitate the rapid transit of freight between Long Island and New York city. In course of time passengers will be whirled through the great brick tube under East river, but not at first. The New York and Long Island Railway company, who are building this gigantic engineering work, expect to get a mint of money from the freight that now passes so clumsily and expensively from New York to Brooklyn and the reverse. In the single item of coal alone, which must all be taken to Brooklyn from the mainland, the company expect to reap a fortune. It will require not less than two years to finish the work.

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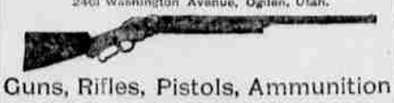

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