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#### OUR SUPERSTITIOUS AGE.

The credulity of some people in this age of schools and general education is almost beyond belief. It cannot be secounted for except on the supposition that many people, are but poorly equipped intellectually, or that they are too indolent to exercise such reusoning faculties as they may have been endowed with. A curious filustration of the case with which some people are deceived, is furnished in the trial of a charlatan of Baltimore calling himself a doctor. This fellow must have made a fortune by taking advantage of the credulity and superstitions of his fellow-men, and the number of persons thus afflicted must be legion; otherwise the traffic would not pay.

According to the testimony the fellow issued pamphlets in which he gave his clients advise on various subjects, Here is one of his recipes for the summoning of evil spirits, in case gmybody desired to make their acquaint-

"Place an egg before the fire and watch it without moving or uttering a sound until nightfall. Then the egg will sweat blood, and when the spooky will sweat blood, and when the spooky word 'abracadabra' is uttered a tem-pest will rise and all the evil spirits which were ever heard of since the world began will appear."

A charm warranted to arouse the tender passion of love consisted of two roots, which the dupe that bought them was directed to place in running water, while repeating a given form-

Finding treasures was one of the specialties of this fraud. At his dictation one witness had written a jetter to an inquirer, alleging that he had located \$452 with the aid of the spirits. The letter said in part:

"You ask me if I saw anything when I was digging up the chest of gold. I must confess that I did see some awful looking sights. A large black dog appeared before me nearly as large as a convenience at the white as large as a cow; also a big white horse, with two heads, and fire seemed to be flying out of his mouth. I also saw several spirits appear, and it thundered and lightened most fu-riously. The wind seemed to blow at the rate of a mile a minute."

A description was added of a great for eyes," which spoke to the writer of the letter, raying: "Fear not! I am a friend. I am the spirit that controls the earth."

Another witness, testified that she had studied the directions very carefully and followed them to the letter, but without discovering a treasure. She had dug in the garden, "because," she said, "the spirits whispered in my ears to hunt there." She also were one of the breastplates, "which was stuffed with prayers and powders and charged with magic solar fluid." At last she sent for a priest, she said, who amoint-This witness was asked:

"Q.-Did you see the spirits?"
"A.-No, but I heard them nearly all the time until the action of the priest killed them.
"Q.—Did the spirits lead you to the

"A.—They led me to the garden, where I was to search."

One would be justified in refusing to credit the statement that there are persons in this country who can be the dupes of such frauds, but there must be many such. It is claimed that the monthly mail expenses of that charlatan amounted to no less than In one month, it was alleged by the prosecution, no less than 2,400 people sent locks of hair and dollar bills for "life readings," which, by a singular coincidence, proved to be precisely similar in all cases. There were nearly 200 witnesses from thirty-seven States of the Union to testify at the

It seems to be an established sule that as the true religious conceptions of the relations between the visible and not visible, between man and his Maker, are discarded, credulity and superstition take their place. When Saul turns away from the prophet of God, he naturally goes to the witch of Endor. When truth is rejected, falsehood holds sway

## A SPLENDID PUBLICATION.

"The City of the Salms, in Picture and Story," Is the Utic of the best publication of the kind that has issued from the Sult Lake press. The Patos. ry" part is un epitoma of the events. occurring here from the foundation Inidby the pioneers under President Brigham Young, to the present date, willearticulars of the meat industries of Iftah and the progress of its business interests. The information, condensed illustrations, is valuable to residents. tourists and the general public. The pictures are in the very best modern style, and many of them are beautiful The most prominent buildings in this city and many of the private residences are given prominent place, and a number of the natural scenic attractions in different parts. of the State also serve to adorn the work. Splendid portraits of President Brigham Young and of the present First Presidency of the Church are given, and a new and striking out of the Prophet Joseph Smith in bust form, the face having been taken from the death mask of the original, forms a striking feature among the collection of portraits. It is printed on firstclass paper and is worthy a place on | place every parlor table in the State, It is also suitable to send to friends abroad

the world. The historical data were compiled by City Editor John E. Hansen, and the entire work is from the Deseret News office and is now on sale at the Deseret News Book Store, When we say that it is to be had for fifty cents a copy, our readers will agree with us that it is the cheapest as well as the hest publication of the kind ever produced in "The City of the Saints."

#### RICHARD SEDDON

The death of Hon. Richard Seddon, the prime minister of New Zealand, which was announced a few days ago, suddenly removes from this sphere of action one of the most gifted statesmen of this age. He was a "self-made" man, in the sense of the word that he rose from the ranks of the people to the highest positions of trust and influence. Perhaps that was the very reason why he understood so well the needs of the people and devoted himself to their cause so successfully that he focused the attention of the older states of the world upon the experiments in advanced democracy of the government of New Zealand. A contributor to the Arena summarizes the work of Mr.

"No statesman of modern times in a responsible position has done anytors or the masses as Mr. Seddon. nder the liberal government of New-caland, land for settlement laws have been supplemented by the building of homes for workers and the selling of them on terms to encourage home building. Conciliation or arbitration laws have abolished strikes and lockuts and thus saved to the workers ast sums while removing from the ople the hitherto ever-present menace which strikes and lockouts involve and the enormous burden of increased cost incidental to these war measures between labor and capital. Factory legislation favorable to the toflers, age pensions, workers' compensation, employers liabilities, wage protection and provisions for the higher educaon of the children of the people are only a few of the radical measures carried into successful operation under the liberal government of New Zealand looking toward increasing the appiness, security, prosperity and development of the wealth-creators. Then he general provision for marketing the products of labor and the operation of the railways and all public utilities in the interest of all the people are other typical examples of what a twentieth century civilized government can successfully carry forward when the wel-fare of all the people is not subordinated to the rapacity and greed of a

The ideal which Mr. Seddon sought to realize was this: "Justice for all the people and the making of a commonwealth where there shall be no uninvited poverty on one hand and no unearned fortunes on the other." We hope his mantle will fall upon someone capable of continuing his policy, for the good of New Zealand, and the world in general.

#### "A GLIMPSE OF UTAH.

The railroads centering in this city have published many interesting and useful brochures, giving particulars and pictures of the scenic attractions along their respective routes, but nothing of the kind that we have seen omes up to the standard of one rement of the Denver & Rio Grande raffroad. It is called 'A Glimpse of Utah, Its Resources, Attractions and Natural Wonders," as described by Judge Edward F. Colburn. The name of the author is a sufficient recommendation for the reading matter contained in the work, and one has to give the pictures but a passing glance of the illustrative art. The cover itself is exceedingly attractive, giving promise of the beauties to be found Inside, and the Rio Grande company has exhibited great enterprise in puted her and destroyed the breastplate, ting forth such a work, for the information of the traveling public, presenting an array of facts that can be depended upon for accuracy and which do justice to the much misunderstood people and the condition of affairs and attractions in this inter- church edifice in one day is something

## ISLAM REVIVING.

Students of the current issues of the Mohammedan world are of the opinion that a great revival of Islam is among the probable events of the not far distant future. At one time it looked as if the followers of Mohammed were destined to overrun Europe and turn every famous church into a mosque, but the Cross finally gained the asturjes Mohammedanism has been looked upon as a stagnant pool, devoid of active force in the development of world events. But this view must, perhaps, he abandoned. It has long been known that the disciples of the Arabian prophet are extending their influence in Africa and in Asia, and now attention is called to the peculiar fact that so-called Christian domain is also successfully invaded. Associaflors calling themselves "Pan-Islamito" have established centers in London, Paris, Geneva and the United Flates, and numerous publications are devoted to that cause. Has Islam, possibly, still a mission in the civilized

It should be remembered that Islam flooded Europe at a time when nearly all the barriers of true Christianity had been broken down. The "candle sticks" had been removed through almost universal apostasy weak light that shone through Islam, the world would have become plunged pagan darkness. As it was, the mechanics, medicine, grammar, architecture, mathematics, astronomy and even geography. Islam would never have gained the power and influence it had in Europe, except for the degeneracy and intellectual exhaustion that characterized Europe during the long the Mohammedans would have held sway, had they not themselves degenerated, is not discussed. The fact is that they were given power over a portion of the world that had rendered Beelf unfit for leadurship in the march of progress, and they held that position until corruption and satiety undermined their influence and

a revival of Christian endeavor took These well known, historical facts receive new significance at this time of

Pan-Islamiterevival. The ascendancy of the Crescent would indicate a condition of weakness and corruption among the professed bearers of the Cross. And therefore the movements of Islam are worth watching. They are of intense interest. The Mohammedans themselves are watching the Christian world, and they find encouragement in the prevailing unbellef, indifference, sensuality. and other vices. "God," they say, "has made the Christians mad so that Mo-

hammed may come to his own." We are told by a contributor to The North American Review that one of the strong brotherhoods of Islam is becoming well known in journalistic circles of Europe. This society is the Senoussi. The keynote of the propaganda of this order is, "resistance to European fafluence and a return to the early, militant spirit of Mehammedanism. As the Sultan of Turkey is a member of this brotherhood, his policy in his varlous disputes with foreign powers is striking developments of modern Islam. They have, we are told, adopted an active missionary policy and have spread southwards through heathen Africa. while their organization has been framed with the idea of including and co-prdinating all existing brotherhoods. The Senoussi have established in all countries where the Moslem is governed by an alien race a system of occult government side by side, and coinciding in its boundaries, with the state administration. The objects aimed at are so to revive the religion of the Prophet as to restore the prestige of the East, and to form new Islamic groups for the preservation of the faith. And the means for accomplishing these ends are to be the coalition of existing Islamic states or the organization of religious forces to work throughout the Moslem

As already stated, the activity for the revival of Islam is of world-wile parish, interest. It presents a new phase of the Turkish problem.

Today down in Kentucky begins "returning home" week.

The Longworths are having regular Prince Henry times in Europe.

More Americans are going to Europe this year than ever before. Have they seen America first?

The German government says that Denmark has tried to send bad meat to Germany. Something rotten in Denmark, eh? "How will it seem to convention del-

egates to have to pay their railway

fares?" asks the Cleveland Plain Deal-

er. Like the seamy side of life, of Senator Newlands proposes that Congress shall aid San Francisco in her rebuilding or know the reason why. Prospects now are that he will know the

In this meat-inspection bill it is the substance and not the form that the President is after. Or in other words, it is the meat and not the shadow that

San Francisco bricklayers and belpers demand seven dollars and five dollars a day respectively. Such wages are not likely to appeal to Congress to lend its aid to the rebuilding of the city.

The prosecution in the Le Doux mur-

der case says defendant's statement

that Joe Miller witnessed McVicar's death and put his body in the trunk, has no more foundation than one of Joe Miller's jests. During his ocean trip passengers on the Deutschland declared John D. Rock-

efeller was the most democratic person abroad, yet at home he is regarded as ultra Republican. Change of air may account for it. "An attendance of 35,000 in a single

that never happened in Boston before."

says the Transcript in reference to the

dedication of the Christian Science ternple. And probably never will again. Newport is all agog because the Duchess of Marlborough will be one of the visitors there this summer. The visits of Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt to the famous watering place never

caused such a commotion Any fire insurance company that tries to beat down its San Francisco policyholders is in small and despicable business. Prompiness in paying losses, dollar for dollar, is the very best advertising an insurance company can

## THE PEEK-A-BOO WAIST.

It is an invaluable asset

Nauvoo Independent. Now it seems there is to be a critsade on the peck-a-boo waist. Two wow men who attended a Catholic church in were ordered out by the priest. "Go home," said he, "and take off those bathing suits. This is a church, not a bathing house." It is said that the purity organizations of Pittsburg are going to take up the subject with a view to suppressing the residual to a suppressing the residual to the suppressing the residual to a suppressing the residual to the suppressing the suppression to the sup view to suppressing the peck-a-boo. This wave of reform seems to spare

## TELLING TIME BY FLOWERS.

Philadelphia Bulletin.

The professor of botany paused under an oak and the young girls in white grouped themselves prettily about him. "To tell time by the flowers," he you should all be able to do that Think how convenient it would be ut

It is 5 a.m. when the sow thisticens. It is 5:30 when the daudellonens. It is 7 when the white filly op-It is 8 when the hawkweed opens. At 11:12 a. m. the sow thistic closes At noon precisely the yellow goat's beard closes. At 2 p. m. the hawkweed closes. At 5 the white Illy closes. The

Since Plloy's time forty-six flowers have been known to open and shut with great punctuality at certain hours of the day and night. It would be possible, with a little labor, to construct a garden whose flowers, folding and unfolding, would make a first-rate clock."

## JUST ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Our Dumb Animals.

Few persons today stop to realize how different things were in this country a century ago. Here are a few things to century ago. Here are a re-think of: Merchants wrote their letters with quill pens. Sand was used to dry the ink, as there was no blotting paper. There were no street letter boxes; letters had to be carried to the nd should be circulated throughout | more or less successful attempts at | postoffice. It cost 18% cents to send

a letter from Boston to New York, and 26 cents from Boston to Philadelphia. Every man-Washington, for examplea queue; many powdered their Imprisonment for debt was common. Virginia contained a fifth of the whole population of the country. The Mississippi valley was not so well known as the heart of Africa now is. Two stage coaches carried all the trav. elers between New York and Boston and six days were required for the journey. Stoyes were unknown. Al cooking was done at an open fireplace. of the streets were unnamed, and houses were not numbered,

## JUST FOR FUN.

Order Revised.

Ethyl (to Gladys, who has wienessed game of football for the first time)-Was Reggie on the eleven? Gladys-Well, dear, from where I sat looked as though the eleven were on him-Lippincott's.

### Imperfect Facilities.

easily accounted for. The growth of "You're not going to give up your the Senoussi has been one of the most cozy little flat, surely?" "Yep; doctor's orders. He lusists that every morning when I rise I must stand perfectly erect and expand my chest a dozen times or so."-Philadel-

#### Difference and Distance.

"Aren't you afraid that horse will run away with somebody?" "Frlend," said Broncho Bob, "it ain't nothin' in uson Gulch for a hose to run away with a man; its when a man tries to run away with a hoss that there's danger."-Washington Star.

#### A Deadly Pun.

A speeding automobile met a smoothit said to the cutter, "where are you going?" "Sleighing, of course," replied the cutter. "And you?" "Slaying; shouted back the automobile, with gliding cutter on the road. horseless laugh .- Lippincott's Maga-

On a recent Monday morning the pastor of a church in Virginia was the recipient of a basket of strawberries brought to him by a little girl of the

"Thank you very much my dear." said the minister. "These berries are as fine as any I've ever seen. I hope, however, that you did not gather them yesterday—the Sabbath." "No, sir," replied the child. "I pulled 'em early this mornin', but they was a-growin' all day yesterday."-Harper's Weekly.

#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Medical Talk and Vim have now consolidated with Health and appear, three in one, under that name. Among the many subjects on which papers appear in the June number are the following: "The Theatrical Side of Physical Culture." "The Occasions of Physical Culture." "The Occasions of Disease," "Practical Beauty Hints for the Busy Women," "Climatic Health Studies," and many others of practical value. There is a "Home Depart-ment," also an "Editorial Department," a "Physical Culture Department," and several other features. The magazine is very attractive in appear-ance and well illustrated.—321 Fifth avenue, New York.

The new management of the Broadway Magazine announces an entirely new policy for that publication. It is proposed to make it of a more general character than it has been. The June number is a good sample of the new magazine. It is brimful of articles of metropolitan flavor. A society girl describes "La Sorella," a new dance. "Raising Three Million for Charity" shows New York in its most generous The Slum and showing the gradual demolition of the former sink-holes of misery, and another on "The Evolution of Broadwhich shows the changes in that street in the last seventy-five years. The publication has such departments as "The Month in New York." "The Stage and Its People," covering theatricals, and "Current comment in New York," being extracts from pub-lic statements by its leading citizens.—

The July issue of Ainslee's Magazine contains the opening instalment of "Audrey Craven," a new serial story by May Sinclair, who wrote "The Divine Fire" and "Mr. and Mrs. Nevill ion." The novelette in this number a tale of ranch life, entitled "The Range Dwellers," by B. M. Sinclair, Short stories are contributed by Zona Gale, Henry Davenport, W. A. Fraser, Eugene Wood, Johnson Morton, Mar-garet Fawcett, Sarah Guernsey Bradley, and Anne Warner; essays by Mary Manners and Anne Rittenhouse. Some good poetry and the customary depart-ments devoted to theatrical matters sok reviews complete the num-The cover design shows a very Gilbert.-New York.

Will Carleton's Magazine Everywhere for June opens with a poem by Mi Carleton, entitled "The Long Ambush. for Art's Sake," by Thomas The first in-"Art for Art's Sake," by Thomas Fielding is continued. The first installment of a paper on "Dowie's Zion," by Samuel H. Osgood is given. There are several little stories, and poems, and an interesting paper on "Diseases that Animals Bring home." It is a good little magazine. It contains a great deal of useful information, as well as entertaining and amusing reading.—Everywhere Pub. Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Among the subjects discussed in Health Culture for June are the follow-ing: "The Medical Profession:" "Occupations and Health;" "Clothes and Health;" "Sait Eating and Health;" "Hot Weather and Health," and "Mis-cellaneous Health Hints." This is a magazine that is always full of practical advice and common sense suggestions—151 West 23rd St., New York.

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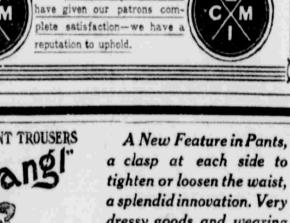
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