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"QUACKERY."

On the 1st of October, a law was to take effect in Ohio, compelling all physicians to suspend practice who have never received regular diplomas.

The above remarks are made in reference to the infamous law passed by the late Legislature of Ohio, intended and framed to prevent the practice of healing by spirit mediums.

The special pleading of "The Occident" for "able physicians" of the regular faculty, who, the editors think, do not receive the credit they deserve, on account of the intervention of "quacks," is not worth much.

An instance of the manner in which these diploma quacks line their purses with gold, even at the expense of the life of their victims, came to our knowledge recently.

paragraph quoted at the beginning of this article is an evidence of the sentiment which even now actuates them. All their efforts, however, even when joined with those of the other privileged professions, will be of no avail against the progress of truth.

THE "TIMES" ON VACCINATION.

This so-called "first-class" daily paper stultifies itself to the business of bolstering up the practice of vaccination, in the face of facts which are presented in its own columns, going to prove the positive worthlessness and even injurious effects of this method of pretending to protect the human family from small-pox.

An Important Meeting.

A special meeting of the San Francisco Association of Spiritualists has been called for the evening of Tuesday, the 27th of the present month.

The Earthquake.

The recent visitation has so deranged our calculations, in common with those of the public generally, that we are compelled to present less than half our usual quantity of original matter this week.

POWER OF THE ROMISH CHURCH.—A new and remarkable proof of the power of the Romish Church over her servants has just been given at Rome.

SPIRITUALISM.—Miss Eliza H. Fuller, of San Francisco, is lecturing on Spiritualism in Grass Valley.

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WHICH can travel the fastest, heat or cold? Why heat, you dunce—anybody can catch cold.

PHENOMENAL FACTS.

A Remarkable Test.

Entering a street car one morning some two weeks ago, I found it occupied by a couple of ladies, the other much younger, wearing a light suit of the style so much worn by ladies now-a-days.

I involuntarily drew a sigh, which I suppose was audible to the lady reading, for she raised her eyes for the first time since I had entered.

"Can you tell me what it is?" I asked; "can you describe it?" "A ring. A solid gold ring, plain underneath, with a square top—not quite square either; it is a little longer than wide, and at each corner a small diamond set; on the square are two letters C. W., the initials of the giver."

"Can you tell me where that giver is?" "He was buried in the sea, but is beside you in spirit, and through his agency I tell you this."

"He is about your height, slender built, very fair, high, broad forehead, light curling hair, blue eyes, which are dark and very pleasant, and above the right is a long, fresh-looking scar; wears a moustache and imperial, and his left hand looks much the smallest."

"I see you by a trunk, a large calf-skin trunk; a little longer than wide, and at each corner a small diamond set; on the square are two letters C. W., the initials of the giver."

Nine years ago, an only brother and myself went to California, remained five years, then started for home, and on the way we were overtaken by a storm, and my brother was taken with a fever, died, and was buried in the ocean.

The description of my brother was perfect, particularly the scar on his forehead, and the dwarfed hand.

Whether Mrs. Stevens is a noted medium or not, I do not know, but she gave me the best test I ever saw, and as good as I have ever read of.

The lady dressed in black, in the car with her, very closely resembled one on board the vessel which my brother was buried in, and which I had endeavored to reconcile me to the work of Providence, as she termed it.

me.—J. C. Williams, in the Present Age.

Physical Manifestations.

We have before alluded to the physical manifestations through the mediumship of Mr. Charles H. Read, who has been holding sances in this city for several weeks past, and now refer to him again.

There were present about a dozen ladies and gentlemen—skeptics, investigators, and believers—but all huculiously seeking for truth, and all found it, unalloyed with the slightest shade of deception.

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Ancient Hebrews.

According to the accounts given in the Bible, the ancient Hebrews were a cruel and barbarous people. The first leader or chief of the Israelites, Moses, sent them on a plundering expedition against the Midianites.

And even in a contest among themselves, when the tribe of Benjamin was beaten and subdued, by the other tribes of Israel, although the combatants were of the same nation and religion, the victors slew all of the Benjaminites they could find, without the least regard to sex or age.

And the Orthodox Christians claim that those brutal and barbarous leaders, chiefs, and kings of the Israelites, whose hands were stained with innocent blood, were the holy prophets and servants of the Eternal God, the rulers of the Promised Land, and that we are in danger of endless punishment if we do not believe that Moses held communion with God, and obeyed His instructions.

What a contrast between the teachers and pretended prophets of the Israelites and such wise men of other nations, as Plato, Aristotle, and Cicero, who were distinguished for both moral and intellectual greatness!

In this stage of improvement, almost everything is subjected to revision and alteration—not even the Bible itself. The idea of a revised Bible is a good idea which possibly be considered rather "blasphemous," if it was of infidel origin; but as it is Christian, it is of course orthodox, and comes within the "statute" provided for the revision of the Bible.

PAUL AND THE RESURRECTION.—The character of the person called Paul, according to the accounts given of him in the great book of violence and fanaticism; he had persecuted with much heat as he preached afterwards; he strove to kill those who had changed their minds, without altering his constitution; and, either as a Jew or a Christian, he was the same zealot.

THE FINEST HIM.—A lady riding in a car on the New York Central Railroad, was disturbed in her reading by the conversation of two gentlemen occupying the seat just before her.

BONES.—Old folks who sit down in an editor's sanctum and read newspapers to him. Mothers who force disinterested people to notice their children, when they are not wanted.

MARRIAGE.—Considering how few poetical friendships there are, it is remarkable that so many are married. It would seem as if men yielded too easy obedience to nature without consulting their genius.

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A QUAKER CONUNDRUM.—Not long since, "down on the Island," a Presbyterian clergyman had been catechizing a "Friend," much to the latter's annoyance, who turned suddenly upon his interrogator, and said, "Let me ask you a question: 'Where was Jacob going when he was turned ten years of age? Canst thou tell that?'" "No, nor you either," said the clergyman; "Yes," replied the Quaker, "he was going into his eleventh year!"

NOTHING exhibits greater ignorance of the history of the church and of the history of mankind, nothing is more fitted to reduce the intellect to a state of torpor, and to carry back the race to barbarism, than the idea that we have nothing more to learn, that Christianity has come down to us pure and perfect, and that our only duty is implicitly to receive the lessons of our catechisms.—Channing.

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At a church in Utica, N. Y., recently, some of the congregation were horrified, and others amused, at seeing a fashionably dressed lady take down her black hair and scratch her head.

Fals Imprisonment for Insanity.

We have noticed lately frequent discussions of the necessity of creating a more accurate standard by which to determine the degree of lunacy requiring confinement, and to prevent the confinement of persons who are not lunatics by interested parties.

We scarcely thought it possible to abuse a sane individual by sending him to an asylum; but a young man called upon us this morning who had escaped from the Central Lunatic Asylum of this State. Out of regard to his relations he declines to give his name.

The facts are that this gentleman, a young man twenty-two years of age, was in the marble business at Parkersburg, Va.; that he had about \$5,000 of property; that he was sick for some time, and his brother, a physician, got out a power of attorney to manage his property and business.

THE BODY SOLD.—I remember a few years ago, a poor man went round from town to town and from city to city, all through the country, exhibiting himself to medical men and students, because he had an enormous tumor, which disfigured him frightfully.

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LYCEUM DEPARTMENT.

"Angels wherever we go attend Our steps, whatever be, With watchful care their charge defend, And evil turn aside." - CHARLES WESLEY.

NOTICE.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN'S PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM will assemble on Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the Mechanics' Institute Hall, Post street, near Kearny.

WITHOUT THE CHILDREN.

O, the weary, solemn silence Of a house without the children! O, the strange, oppressive stillness Where the children come no more!

Strange it is to wake at midnight, And not hear the children breathing, Nothing but the ticking of the clock, Ticking, ticking by the door, Strange to see the little dresses Hanging up there all the morning; And the gaiters—ah! their pattern, We'll never see it nevermore.

What is home without the children? 'Tis the earth without its verdure, Life is withered to its sunshine, And we leave this dreary desert, And we follow the good Shepherd, To the green pastures where, Where the lambs have "gone before," With the Shepherd evermore!

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ANSWER TO CHARADE IN OUR LAST.—Three members of the San Francisco Lyceum gave a correct answer, which is, "Catacomb." Answered by Frank Lemon, Lottie Wood, and Ettie Harrington.

In a Balloon.

"Are you not dizzy looking down from a balloon?" This is a question often asked, and its answer is, that dizziness or giddiness is something entirely unknown in aeronautic travelling, and therein is one of the most surprising facts in ballooning. You look down with the same steadiness and composure with which you look off from a mountain top. Another strange feature is, that the balloon seems to stand perfectly still.

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CHEERFULNESS.—Don't be afraid of a little fun at home. Don't shut up your houses lest the sun should fade your carpets; and your hearts, lest a hearty laugh should shake down the musty cobwebs that are about to bury your sons, let them think that all their kind and social enjoyment must be left on the threshold when they come home at night.

A WORD FOR LITTLE GIRLS.—Who is lovelier? It is the little girl who drops sweet words, kind remarks, and pleasant smiles, as she passes along; who has a kind word of sympathy for every girl or boy she meets in trouble, and a kind hand to help her companions out of difficulty.

"FATHER, I think you told a fib in the pulpit today," said a little son. "Why, what do you mean?" You said, "One word more, and I have done." Then you went on and said a great many more words. The people expected you'd leave off, "cause you promised them. But you didn't, and kept on preaching a long while after the time was up."