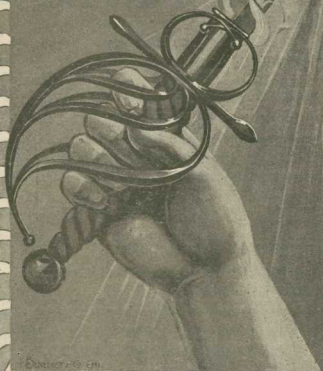


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"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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Universal Peace Through the Science of Organic Unity.

IF WE WERE discussing the monetary problem from the competitive point of view, we would be compelled to do so either from the basis of a sympathy with the money cormorants, whose chief business in financial legislation is to plunder the people, or from attachment to the interests of those whose industry creates the accumulated wealth of the world. There can be no disguising the fact that in the competitive world and from this point of view, the interests of the masses of the people are in open conflict with those of the millionaire. What is good for the bondholder is bad for the people; what is good for the people is bad for the bondholder. The money problem resolves itself to an irrepressible conflict, the solution of which is in the final destruction of plutocracy by a somewhat enlightened but enraged populace. We do not advocate this, but such is the inevitable *sequitur* of a system created to plunder the world and degrade the masses of its people.

The confession of the *London Times*, alluded to in Professor L'Amoreaux's article in a recent issue of *The Sword*, places the subject in a nut-shell of simplicity. The kind of money capable of carrying a nation through a great crisis, and which if continued, according to the *London Times*, "the mouthpiece of aristocracy," will make a nation prosperous beyond precedent in the history of the civilized governments of the world," is the money for the people, providing the people are determined to live under the competitive system. Says the *London Times*, if the money made by the government of the United States during its rebellion and its great financial crisis continues, "the brains and the wealth of all countries will go to North America. That government must be destroyed, or it will destroy every monarchy on this globe."

Then, England hated America. It will be noticed that as the secret of that hate was not in the fact that we are a republic, but that as a government ruled by the popular voice and supposed to be generally enlightened it would be impossible to beguile us into the suicidal policy which we have since voluntarily pursued, the money power of that country saw no alternative but to destroy us. Since then, we have been beguiled by the subtlety of the serpent (commercial wisdom perverted) to destroy our money and to sell ourselves to the bondholder. As England owns us now, body and soul, she has changed her policy and attitude, and loves us.

It is not in the province and purpose of that conscious force which determines the march of progress, to bring peace to the world through any phase of the competitive system; therefore it was not consistent with the highest principles of civilization for the masses of the people of this or any other country to become prosperous under a partially equitable adjustment of the financial methods of the world. The world is surely accelerating its progress toward the vortex of its impending revolution, and the crisis hastens proportionately to the rigidity of the lines of demarkation between the people who create the wealth of the world, but who through misapplied economic principles are robbed of their right to its appropriation, and those whose superlative skill is operative to usurp and control industrial development and pervert its uses. We would not prolong the agony, therefore we do not advocate a system which at best could only for a time insure a treacherous and transitory prosperity.

Equitable distribution is just; and in the rapid progress of human enlightenment, through a baptismal

potency foreordained and predestined to revolutionize all human thought, the world is making ready for the final display of God's majestic presence in the evolution of his kingdom. There can be no patches on the effete garment of a spurious and fictitious righteousness which is hastening the world to its inevitable doom. The old world, with its degenerate Christianity and its competitive commercialism, is rotten; and every new effort to cobbler the disintegrating fabric only reveals a more degenerate phase of its corruption. Christianity is not a progressive evolution. The Lord Christ and his church were planted in the race; their regeneration is subject to the modifications of a progressive development depending upon the introduction of principles which did not belong to the stage of progress attained in the age when original Christianity developed, but which will unfold a higher and more extended civilization, not to be known as Christian. So called Christian socialism is the *debris* of recidivation.

There will come an organic communism as fixed in its gradation as the stars are fixed in the degrees and glory of their magnitudes; it will come while the doom

of chaos rests appallingly over human achievement, prostituted by church and state to the unholy uses of perverted and lustful aggrandizement; it will come amid the ruins in which the old Christianity terminates, when all that is old shall pass away. "Behold, I make all things new!" saith the Lord. With the besom of destruction, the abomination of desolations shall be swept away, and that which is utterly new shall arise as the crowning glory of the dispensations.

Labor, and price, and cost, and money, and exchange, and finance, are terms which will find no place in the new vocabulary. The collection of the products of nature and industry and their equitable distribution, will be as simple as the adjustment of the demand and supply of a disciplined and properly regulated army of a million people. God's kingdom, for which the world was taught to pray, is that United Life in which the laws of order will have their most extended application, and in which the grades of classified products and industry will be equitably adjusted to every want. Koreshanity alone is the solution of all questions now agitating the world; it alone has promise of the reward of inheritance ordained of God and entailed upon the seed of Abraham.

The Universe a Gigantic System of Imperialism.

THE ACORN is the involved product of the oak tree. When planted, it will unfold the oak because the acorn is the oak tree in its least form. It can put forth no tree but the kind involved by virtue of its relations to the laws of order in its development. This law is uniform, eternal, all-pervading, and applicable to every domain and sphere of vegetative activity. The universe is a tree. The apex of its vegetative life is the biume (two-in-one) man, in whom the male and female principles combine in the perfection of their unity. This man—both the origin and product of the universe as a whole—is the form and function of the universe in its least form, and constitutes the archetypal germ of the universe in its greatest form.

In the beginning of the piscatorial (age the dispensation now drawing to its close), humanity brought forth, through the laws of order, the unique, magnificent product of its progressive effort; the perfect man, the Son of God, offspring both of Deity and of the race of humanity. The kingdom of God in its least form was as absolutely in the Lord Jesus, as the oak tree is in the acorn. If we know the Lord Christ in his individual character, the germinal form and function of the kingdom, we may know the character of the unfolded kingdom when the Lord shall have matured in the development of the sons of God. The Lord was the kingdom, not, however, in its amplification, but in its germinal archetype.

The coming of the Lord is the coming—through the laws of order and development—of the Divine Empire, unfolding into the amplitude of its regenerative maturity. If the organic structure of the Lord's life, in its formate and funestate capacity, constituted a social democracy, then the unfolded and amplified empire proceeding from that germinal beginning will be a social democracy; but if the brain and body of that acme of creative perfection is in the form of an empire, over which the senso-motory nucleus reigns supreme and regulates its subordinate functions, then the product of that germ will be—as has been predicted—the Kingdom of God.

There can be no greater farce, and no greater denial of the genuine laws of order, than the effort to project into the social field a Christian fabrication called the Christian social democracy, or Christian socialism, founded upon democratic principles exclusive of the imperial system inaugurated by the creative power of the universe. The type of the final Christian system was that into which the Jewish race developed when it attained its perfection in the glorious triumph of the reign of Solomon. This was a type of the New Jerusalem when it shall have attained the glorious triumph of its ultimate achievement. Nowhere is it recorded that man was taught to pray: "Thy social democracy come; thy will be done;" but rather, "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

It is nothing short of consummate ignorance that impules men to attempt to inaugurate a social fabric supposed to fulfil the purpose of the creative power and the aspirations of men, in violation of all the laws of organic unity. The so called social democracy is an ignis fatuus, a delusion and a snare. "Christian socialism," on democratic lines, is the product of cracked brains—the result of the mental aberration of lunatics. It is, however, one of the efforts and processes of the forces of disintegration that shall precede the final evolution of an organic whole, from the chaos of a declension which has its culmination in the dissolution of continuity in the recidivating dispensation.

The universe is not a democracy. Its form is that of an empire; its functions are governed through the

mutual relations of a center and circumference in such combination as to enforce the laws of restraint and liberty in the reciprocal activities of an indissoluble unity of organic perfection. When perfected in external form, the kingdom of humanity comprises the encephalic mass and apex of the Universe. It is the voluntary and involuntary source of all the forms and motions of cosmogonic integralism; and as the brain of the individual man is the involved form and function of the entire organic structure of the individual, so the organized integralism of empire must be in the amplified form of the individual brain, and must perform the correspondent functions of the same. The human brain in relation to its body is absolutely the type of the kingdom of righteousness which shall be established in the earth.

The Egotism of Knowledge and the Presumption of Fallacy.

BY PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

NO GREAT truth has ever yet come to the world without some man coming to bring it; and surely this greatest of all, because sum of all, truth will not so come. But the apostle says: "How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard; and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent; * * so then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Jesus, a personality and not a mere principle, was this Word of God—the Logos. Being seed—God's seed, as the Scriptures explain—when he comes again he will come as seed comes; not as spirit only, as some would have us believe, but as spirit in the body of that spirit, which was the way they saw him go, and in which the two angels declared that he should come again. "This same Jesus [not his spirit] which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Of egotists, as of all things else, we have the true and the false. The true egotist—*I-tist*, speaking from actual knowledge (as did Jesus)—has the right to, and must, surprise the "Scribes and the Pharisees—hypocrites," of his time, by speaking with authority, and not from ignorance, as they must needs do. If he spoke otherwise, he would make himself a liar and a fraud, such as they are. Jesus said: "It is my Father that honoreth me; of whom ye say that he is your God: yet ye have not known him; but I know him; if I should say that I know him not, I should be a liar like unto you: but I know him and keep his sayings."

All the would-be teachers of Jesus' time condemned him as an egotist and a deceiver; but the world has since learned, albeit imperfectly, who were the false egotists and deceivers. So it will be when he comes again, as He promised. As prophecy declares, and

as is the law of such coming, he will come with a new name, as did Jesus; but both his name and his teachings will be, are being, set at naught and rejected by the self-conceited wise men of his time. As Jesus was the founder and sum of the Christian dispensation, but was not known until he went away, so he, the Stone of Israel—the stone that smote Nebuchadnezzar's image on the feet and crumbled it into dust, and then grew until it filled the whole earth, the humanity for a grand cycle—will not be recognized for what he is until he goes away into humanity and the glorious results appear, that will follow his going away. Such is his own statement, and it is corroborated by history in a similar case. Then it will appear who is the true egotist and who the pretender. Until then we were more seemly for onlookers—who show by their words that they have no real knowledge—to obey the injunction of Jesus: "Judge not that ye be not judged."

What right has any man to say what God's Messenger should do? Were Elijah and Jesus Messiahs after this fashion? If so, then the record is at fault. For the man who has the truth, to tell it is not to display egotism in the present perverted sense of that term; but to reveal himself as the true egotist, the one who has the right to say "I say," with regard to the deep things of God and nature, that are now entirely hidden from all the world. That the men of the present do not understand the Messenger of the Covenant, militates nothing against the rectitude of his course, or the truthfulness of his claims. If they did understand him, he would be like them—of little or no real use to the world, and only a pretender instead of God's genuine Messenger to a lost and ruined world. But men will understand him when he goes away, as did Jesus, and his spirit goes into the humanity that receives him. Then the stupendous results will follow, that have been the burden of prophecy for ages.

The Pilgrim and the Ancient of Days.

Part II.

BY W. H. PAVITT.

"I HAVE heard, O Sage, that tradition called the seed of the fruit, Osiris; the earth, Isis; the natural heat, Typhon; and because the fruits are ripened by the natural heat and collected for the life of man, and are separated from their natural tie to the earth and sown again as winter approaches, they consider this the death of Osiris; but when the fruits, by the genial fostering of the earth, begin again to be generated by a new procreation, this is the finding of Osiris; but your interpretation gives it much greater significance, and puts a high value upon it as containing wonderful truths."

The Sage pondered for a moment and then spake: "Man has—by this tradition, which shows forth the interpretation of these rites upon the vegetable plane of production and reproduction—furnished the key whereby we may unlock the mystery upon every plane of life; for be assured that the law which operates in one domain holds equal force in all other domains. Osiris is the seed, the germinal beginning of a new race; the man in the image and likeness of God—the God-man. He was sown in the earth of sensual humanity, where he died; for a seed cannot reproduce itself except it die. He went into the grave (or the hells), which was the animal man in two forms, male and female, and caused them to separate themselves from propagation on the animal plane, thereby conserving their energies to the end that the twain might become one flesh, the Seed—the God-man, the one who holds the possibilities of reproduction within himself as the container of the male and female principles, the creative energy of the universe. In one of his aspects, Osiris is worshiped as the ox or bullock, which symbolizes commercial liberty. The restraint of liberty in procreation upon the sensual plane, and the conservation and application of that energy to higher uses, constitute the alchemic of alchemy which transmutates the mortal to the state of immortality."

A deep silence followed the words of the Sage; both the Sage and Pilgrim seemed buried in thought.

"My soul yearns for truth, even as the thirsty traveler in the desert yearns for a cup of water. You have unfolded the hidden mysteries which the centuries have kept secret, and which were buried in legends until the fulness of times. Discover to me the riddle of Isis, who declares herself to be Nature—the parent of all things, the sovereign of the elements, the primary progeny of time! Across the temple of Isis was this inscription: 'I, Isis, am all that has been, that is, or shall be, and no mortal hath ever unveiled me.' I would penetrate this mystery."

The Sage gazed long and earnestly at the Pilgrim, then replied: "So much as is lawful for you to hear now, give I unto you; but rest assured that the hidden mystery—the secret of the Motherhood of God concealed in the rites of Isis—will be revealed in the near future, in that superb being of whom the Scriptures declare: 'She shall

be called the Lord our righteousness.' But little is known of the import of the rites of Isis, for the secret cannot be understood by mortal flesh. In one aspect, the rites are taken to show forth the decaying and renovating powers of Nature. It has been hinted by some, that initiation into her mysteries bears a close resemblance to a voluntary death, with a precarious chance of recovery. This shadows forth the voluntary and incorruptible dissolution of the flesh and its conversion to energy, the conspiracy of that energy, both in the physical and spiritual aspects into the visible, tangible Motherhood, who by virtue of the office of Priestess of the Messianic law, transforms the mortal from this segregated state of male and female, into the neutral state of wholeness, the male and female united in one form, the image and likeness of God.

"The Initiate was clothed in fine linen," continued the Sage, "and taken into the inner sanctuary itself, from which the priests of all the profane were far removed. Fine linen signifies the righteousness of the Christ. To clothe one in fine linen is to put on the flesh of chastity. This becomes necessary to enable one to approach the heart of the Temple of Isis,—the temple signifying the dwelling-place of the Motherhood. One Initiate says of this rite: 'I approached the confines of death, and having trod the threshold of Proserpine [place where death is destroyed], I returned therefrom, being borne through all the elements. At midnight, I saw the sun shining with its brilliant light, and I approached the presence of the gods beneath and the gods above, and stood near and worshiped them.' This signifies that in the harvest, at the end of the cycle of its development, those in whom the Christ seed was planted must not only put on the Christ life, but must be borne through all the elements, which is the dissolution of every particle of the mortal flesh and its transmutation to the energy corresponding to all the elements of its construction—the dross being burned out and precipitated through the fires of the Sun of righteousness shining in the darkness, though the darkness comprehends it not."

When he had finished, the Pilgrim fell at the feet of the Sage to worship him, but the Sage said: "Arise, O man, and worship God; for like others, I am mortal and give only what has been given unto me."

"Your words make me marvel much, O Sage; while I long for more light, I hesitate to trespass upon your time."

"Ask what you will."

"Tell me what Horus represents in these mysteries."

"Horus is the son of Isis and Osiris. In the highest sense, he represents the Son of God, the biune being. Osiris represented the male, active, or generative power of nature, Isis the female, passive or prolific power. When Osiris was the sun, Isis was the earth; Horus, the product or seed of reproduction, the fruit. Osiris was sometimes called Nilus or the river god. When he

was the Nile, Isis was the land of Egypt fertilized by the overflow. Osiris is claimed to have been a great and powerful king, who left the throne of Egypt in charge of his brother Typhon, and traveled over the whole world, leading a host of satyrs and other fabulous beings, an

actual army. He civilized the whole earth, and taught mankind to fertilize the soil. The wanderings of Ceres, the travels of Dionysius and the Masonic Legend of the Craft express the same idea, and were no doubt founded by Initiates in the Egyptian mysteries."

Observations and Reflections.

BY AMANDA T. POTTER.

DAILY NEWSPAPER.—"No mind except the perverted, malignant one of Altgeld could have seen in the peace jubilee which is to be held in this city next month, a partisan scheme designed to aid the republican party."

IMPARTIAL OBSERVER.—Ahem! that "perverted, malignant" he, is but recently Ex in the most honored seat in the gift of the proud sons of Illinois. Looks bad for the proud sons; looks bad for the politics; and what about the jubilee?

CLEVELAND LEADER.—"They are talking of holding a peace festival in Chicago. Strangers who attend it will do well to go thoroughly armed and leave their valuables at home."

JEREMIAH.—"They have seduced my people, saying, peace; and there was no peace."

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YOUNG AMERICA.—"Pa, what is an infernal machine?"

PATER FAMILIAS.—"The machine of the other political gang."

Y. A.—"Pa, the paper says that Altgeld is to make fourteen harangues. What is a harangue?"

P. F.—"If you are a republican, it is the political speech of some democrat."

Y. A.—"Isn't it a harangue if I'm a democrat?"

P. F.—"Oh no! It's a masterly, oratorical effort; a manly, concise, and truthful statement of facts, closed by an eloquent peroration."

Y. A.—"And, Pa, would the men who listen to Mr. Altgeld be 'idiots and knaves' if they were listening to a republican?"

P. F.—"Why, that depends on the politics of the newspaper man who writes them up. Let's see what you've got there. Ah, yes! the Chicago Tribune reporter would always see 'idiots and knaves' listening to Altgeld."

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DAILY NEWSPAPER.—"It will not be contrary to the spirit of the American constitutions and institutions, to hold indefinitely the newly-acquired domain as territories or subject dependencies."

IMPARTIAL OBSERVER.—Well, no, not unless it should prove disadvantageous to private pockets.

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SUCCESSFUL POLITICIAN.—"Majority rule is *sine qua non* of our democracy."

IMPARTIAL OBSERVER.—If that saying comes true during fifty coming years of the present industrial scheme, the United States will be under a tramp government.

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"The gold output of the world this year will be about two hundred and seventy-five million dollars. That exceeds by ninety millions the combined gold and silver product of 1870." A gain to the few who possess it, but how about the destitute many from whom it is locked away, while labor, the sole key to its attainment, is beyond their reach? It is on a par with that specious apportionment of money *per capita*, wherein the hungry, muddy tramp rises to his round without a nickle, the widow drudges on at starvation rate, and the orphan is forced into paths of vice to ward off starvation.

Some one has said he could control the destiny of nations if he could but write their songs. Give the hearts of the nations to God, and their song will be "the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest."

If press accounts be true, something more effective than billingsgate is in order for the authors of the murder of our soldiers. If the press accounts are false—well, what can be done about it? The public will continue to smile on the murderers of reputation if they but fill their columns with sensational articles.

"They [Alger's accusers] cannot or do not perceive that every volley of billingsgate abuse fired at General Alger hits not him alone, but every officer of the Government, besides every newspaper that advocated immediate armed intervention to stop the unholy war in Cuba."—Detroit Tribune.

We sent men and munitions to Cuba. "Cuba Libre!" Grateful Cuba! she sends us a cargo of poison (tobacco and cigars) to kill off our fools.

In the Editorial Perspective.

BY THE EDITOR.

THE EXISTENCE of hundreds of religious, scientific, and sociologic fads in the world, is a demonstration of the fact that it is easy to invent and promulgate a false theory. The world is full of new metaphysical theories; an army of teachers pretends to know all about the mind. Theories about the mind are out of reach of the common people; they are easy to promulgate, for they are beyond test. It is extremely remarkable how the modern mental scientist can know (?) so much about the mind, and miss it so badly regarding material things! It would seem that the material world would be easier to investigate and to understand. The world loves mystery; the people love to be humbugged. If the science of the universe were generally known, there could be no difference of opinion regarding it; there would be no opportunity for inventors of new theories. How many people differ regarding mathematics? The reason the metaphysical field is so prolific of fools is because the theories have no premise, and they evade test and demonstration; they do not endeavor to prove their assertions, and for that reason they are swallowed by the gullible public. It is obvious that the mind that invents a theory of metaphysics and cannot tell us anything about the universe of matter, does not understand the laws of relation of mind and matter. Will some of the mental science wisecracks who know (?) so much about the invisible, mental world, without investigation or proof, settle a few points concerning the visible, material cosmos? Koreschan University is the *science* of the universe; it does not overlook any part, form, or function of the entire world of mind and matter. It premises its conclusions; every statement is made referable to some basis of proof or demonstration. It is complete; it settles the points the world is wondering about. It is not accepted, because the world delights to wonder; the intoxicating mental sensations of ignorance forbid disillusionment. If the prevailing hallucinations and fallacies were dispelled, thousands of devils would be brought face to face with the eternal truth and stripped of their power and stock in trade. The world is hungry and is craving for some stupendous, exciting, thought vibrating, intoxicating humbug to soothe the nerves of the dying dispensation.

The announcement of the discovery of a new planetoid by the European Union of Astronomers, reminds us of two things: First, that the astronomers of the world are members of societies, associations, or unions for the purpose of helping any of their members into prominence who may make any kind of a discovery, and to oppose any astronomical work, theories, or discoveries made by any one outside of their organizations. Second, we have brought to our mind again, the utter absurdity of the Copernican planetology. These planetoids are supposed to be only a few hundred miles in diameter; they are supposed to be located between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. This new planetoid, however, laps over the orbit of Mars, so that it is nearer the earth than Mars is. The mass, speed, and distance of Mars are nicely adjusted by the modern astronomer; if it were any larger, it would greatly alter its speed or its distance. Now if the mass, speed, and distance of Mars constitute an equation that is constant, we would like to ask the astronomical mind, how it is that a planetoid with only one ten-thousandth the mass of Mars, can revolve in nearly the same orbit in about the same time? We are not asking this for information; we are asking it to puzzle the astronomer. We know where the trouble is, but we don't want to give it away just yet!

There is much discussion about who is responsible for the alarming mortality of the soldiers in organized camps this summer; the blame has been shifted back and forth between the various field officers and the war department, and every one has had something to say in his own defense. It is simply marvelous how typhoid and yellow fevers spread in the camps; these maladies took the war department by surprise, and what could the war department do? The blame has been located at last, and what do you suppose it is? Do not imagine for a moment that the physicians of America would let the matter be settled without advertising their fads. The fact is, the army had too many big guns—both human and metallic; smaller guns were needed, with microscopic lenses; the enemy has been seen, but not conquered. The little typhus germ, the almighty and subtle microbe in the water which the soldiers drank, is what did the mischief! It is wonderful what big things so small a being can do; and equally remarkable what small things some ponderous organisms perform. Put the blame on the microbe; he is too invisible to notice, too small and insignificant to punish. The microbe creates, and the microbe destroys; he is one of the gods of the modern physician.

It was a one-sided question—the question of the tides; now there are two sides, because there are two tides in twenty-four hours. Newton's gravitation craze led astronomers to undertake to account for the ebb and flow of the ocean on the supposition that the moon lifted the water by attraction. It is a well-known fact that there never is a moment when the moon is on *both* sides of the earth at the same time; but it is equally a fact that when there is high tide at any one point on the earth, there is also high tide on the opposite meridian, with two low tides between. How do they account for it? They do not account for it; they endeavor to do so and fail. The most amusing explanation that we have ever seen in all modern literature, is by Prof. Geo. H. Darwin, in his article on the Evolution of Satellites, in the *Atlantic Monthly*: "On the nearer side the moon pulls the water away from the earth, and on the further side, she pulls the earth away from the water, thus producing the apparent repulsion of the water to an extent equal to the attraction on the other side." This is nonsense and non-science, but on a par with the usual conclusions to which the "scientist" is driven from his false premise of the earth's convexity.

The *Islamic World* continues to puzzle itself concerning the star of Bethlehem, as though it were afraid it might turn out that some astronomical fact might be found to indicate the truth of the declarations of the disciples of Jesus, or that the *Islamic World* is anxious to find something with which to disprove the records concerning the birth of the Founder of primitive Christianity, whether the records be true or not. This esteemed advocate of Mahomet resorts of course, to the theories of the Christian astronomers, such as Copernicus, Galileo, and others, to show that the universe is so vast and eternally infinite in extent, that no star billions of miles distant could ever stand over Bethlehem. Why, of course not!—but what about the astronomy upon which our contemporary so eagerly and confidently relies? Does it suppose for a moment that the mythical god of such a vast, infinite, and impossible universe, could or would stoop to notice such an ant-hill as the earth, or even a man, though he be the founder of Islamism?

Industrial Freedom has gone into the astronomical business

for the benefit of school children and others. "All in a Nut-shell" is the convex earth placed in different positions in the half shell of a cocoon, to illustrate the cause of day and night and the change of the seasons. Of course this is all right with the popular mind,—the use of a shell for the sake of illustration, if the shell does not mean anything. You can picture anything you please so long as it is evident that you do not believe it, and the people will not object. Ask the author of the "astronomy on the half shell" to complete the shell and mean what the picture would convey, and there would be a serious objection expressed. The universe is enclosed in a shell; it is the shell of the earth, the inner surface of which is inhabited. So long as reformers build their astronomy or their economy upon the fallacious premises of modern science, they will contribute absolutely nothing to the well-being of humanity.

Another modern fad is being exploded; Sandow's system of muscle building by persistent physical exercise is that fad. Years ago, Sandow surprised the world by his transformation from weakness to strength, from a puny man to a giant. His system at once became the fond hope of thousands, because Sandow announced that he had discovered the secret of restoration to perfect health and manhood. His system produced abnormal results; what is thereby built up, must be maintained by the same process of excessive exercise. Cessation of exercise is attended by a collapse of the physical system, and a rapid degeneracy of the muscular fibre. There is but one way to obtain or retain health, and that is by obedience to the laws of life. We do not mean the "laws" of modern hygiene, but the laws of scientific physiological relations and functions.

A modern scientist, in his endeavor to contemplate the bigness of an atom, and the littleness of the universe, conjectures that even the smallest division of matter conceivable might constitute a universe, inhabited by myriads of kinds of beings. He asks the question, "Is not our world an atom, and our solar system a molecule in the stellar bubble of an unknown mightier creation?" Does such a question suggest to the modern mind that an atom of matter is as large as the universe, or that the universe is as small as an atom of matter? It suggests that there are billions of universes, right in the face of the fact that there can be but *one* universe! The universe is *not* made up of millions of solar systems, but contains the one solar system of the great alchemico-organic structure of the present and only universal form.

If there were only one man in the universe, all the various theories of individualism ever taught could be readily applied; the man could govern himself, be strictly selfish and have everything his own way. However, there are millions of people in the world, and each man sustains a *natural* relation to every other man; that relation, in economic affairs, is communistic.

The universe is constructed on the communistic plan. There can be no organic unity without it; hence it is a law. Communism ignored is hell; accepted and applied, and co-ordinated with all of the corresponding societal relations and functions, communism is heaven in earth.

Everything that is imperfect is unholy. Jesus the Christ was holy because he was the perfect, biune man, possessing in himself all the functions necessary to regenerate himself. Man as he exists today is segregated and imperfect, male and female in two forms; this is the plane of mortality and death. So long as man dies he is corrupt. There is no such thing as holiness in humanity today; millions of people claim to be holy and immortal; but the fact that they seek to enter heaven through the *underground route*, is a positive denial of the claim.

Under the delusion that the medical fraternity can do all that it claims, millions disregard and violate the laws of life with impunity. If it were generally known that the consequences of the violation of law are inevitable, there would be conscious consistency in the conduct of humanity. The only way to be restored to health is to be re-stored—restocked with the vital energies of life; these energies are human, they are mental, not mineral nor vegetable.

Helpless industries are the only kind of industries that need protection. The giant monopolies that have reached the stage of alarming oppression of millions of people, should have protection neither from concerns of foreign countries nor from the terrible vengeance of justice!

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." It would be a strange earth that could be full on the outside! Contents are within; that which the earth contains is on the inside. We are living in the universe, within the environ of the great celi, the hollow globe.

The earth is not a speck of matter in a vast and infinite universe of millions of stars; the millions of stars are points in the earth which contains the universe.

The modern reformer imagines that he is a world builder; if there is a new sensation to be created in the world, he wants to plan-it.

The bosom of the ocean heaves when the physical universe respire.

When the signs of the times are read, this will be a blue world.

It is not enough to deny fallacy; truth must be affirmed.

There is too much modern com-moonism.

The name of fallacy is legion.

Query, Chat, and News Department.

BY THE EDITOR.

The Koreshan Institutions and Colonies.

(1) Why do you publish your paper in Chicago, and not at your Colony in Florida? (2) On what terms do you receive members? I would like to have a sketch of your colony. (3) I am greatly interested in Koreshan Science. I am so carried away with it that the people call me a crank. I am tired of the competitive system. There are about five sins that I do not have to account for: Whisky, tobacco, coffee, profanity, and voting the democratic ticket. How much more does a man

have to quit before joining your colony?

(4) I have not yet seen your new book, THE CELLULAR COSMOGONY; I have been looking for it for two or three months. I hope it will come after awhile—the sooner the better I will like it. I expect to try to sell all I can. (5) Where can I obtain the truest history of Jesus the Christ?—S.H.C., Kingston, Tex.

(1) We publish THE FLAMING SWORD in Chicago because our large printing plant is here, where we conduct a print-

ing business; and because we have more institutions than the one at Estero, Fla. We are attacking the enemy at more points than one, you see. Finally, we expect to aggregate all our forces in the South, to inaugurate the greatest religious-commercial system the world has ever seen.

(2) We send you a copy of our Scientific Colonization, and also of Response

to Inquirers, which will give you some information concerning the Koreshan System of United Life. The terms on which we receive members depend upon the Order in which membership is desired. There are three orders in the System: the central order, the marital order, and the co-operative order. The central order is the Church Triumphant, communistic and celibate, where properties are held in common, and where sex relations are prohibited. The co-operative order is the most external; and individuals may be members of this order without endorsing the Koreshan theology. The relations such members sustain to the System are involved in the social economy, the production of industry, each member receiving *all*, not a part, that he is able to produce.

(3) We are glad to know of your deep interest in Koreshan Science; it is the only science in the world, and you are to be congratulated upon having rational faculties sufficient to recognize the truth of the System; the world at large is not yet able to perceive it. You have a good moral basis to begin your relations with us. What you would be asked to relinquish, would depend upon your convictions and progress in the United Life System, though to begin with we might have to ask you to stop voting the *republican* ticket! Our standard of purity is the highest in the world; it is a rational and scientific standard. Gradually the old loves and desires are transformed to new ones, until sensuality in all its forms is eradicated from the human system. Our social system is educational; we believe in refinement and culture, and encourage music, art, the drama, etc. We adopt the superb, admire the sublime. It is the genuine system for the pursuit of human happiness, in love to the neighbor and spirit of true communism.

(4) The *CELLULAR COSMOGONY* will soon be upon the market; we hope to print and bind the entire edition within two weeks. It is a work that will sell, and we desire representatives and agents in every part of the country. We will fit you out with instructions and circulars, and trust that you may succeed in stirring up the people of your vicinity to investigation of the Koreshan University.

(5) The books written by the disciples of Jesus, now extant in the New Testament, are the most reliable, for they contain the truth. The Koreshan System contains the only science of the life and character of Jesus. The so called lives of Christ are more or less obscured by the absurd theology of modern times. They are written by modern men, and of course

they take the narratives and traditions that are available, and unite them into the form of a biography. The best works of this kind are by Canon Farrar and Cunningham Giecke. For information concerning these works write to Messrs. Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati, O. The work by Ernest Renan, of France, is also good for discriminating readers. The author repudiates the doctrines of the church concerning Jesus; and also excludes from his work the false reverence which makes the church walls gloomy. It might do you good to read it. You can obtain this work from us; illustrated, fine cloth binding, gold top, and gold stamp, 75 cents, post-paid.

Koreshan Astronomy in the Schools.

I have seen a copy of your paper, *THE FLAMING SWORD*; I kept the address, though I lost the paper. If I remember correctly, in the copy I saw there was an advertisement of a book about ready for the market, which should contain an exposition of your system of teaching on the subject of the earth's shape. I should be very glad to receive a copy of the book. I was much interested in studying the last page of the journal I saw, which contained a chart of views of the world according to your teaching. Hoping I may receive the book soon, I am, Yours truly,—C. P. DAWSON, Principal Meade Public Schools.

You are correct regarding the advertisement of the book on Koreshan Astronomy, and we will take pleasure in mailing you a copy when it is ready, which we hope will be in two weeks. It is now on the press and will be ready very soon. We are glad to note your interest in the wonderful system of Koreshan Science, which, unlike the popular astronomy, is founded upon a demonstrated premise. While we are aware of the fact that studies introduced in the public schools must receive the sanction of the school boards, and that it will be hard to have the Koreshan System taught to any great extent at the present time, outside our own lines of propaganda, we nevertheless urge investigation of Koreshan University on the part of teachers in all parts of the world. We know that we have that which is startling and of supreme importance, and that which should attract world-wide attention.

In the study of the prevailing system, the youthful mind is strained in the endeavor to rest upon something tangible. Modern astronomy begins with an hypothesis, amid numerous foregone conclusions. There are too many things to be taken for granted; and at the outset the student is asked to accept without question, scores of suppositions—and he is lost in a maze of worlds! It is impossible for the mind to entertain a concept of the *form* of the universe according to modern astronomy, because it is *formless*, without center

and circumference, and consequently the system is without a basis of rational conclusion. In the Koreshan System a simple, tangible, and demonstrated fact is the basis. From the relations of the chord and arc, the contour of the earth is proven; conclusions of the universal form are evolved, and the purpose of our existence is revealed. Every step in the Koreshan System of education is rational and logical, and every idea has some purpose in the genuine solutions of the great problems of the universe, so simple as to be grasped by the juvenile mind, and yet unknown to even the *savants* of the world under the present reign of fallacy.

We invite investigation of Koreshan Science by the fraternity of teachers; we are sure that we can interest them, not only concerning *what* we have to teach, but also concerning *scientific* methods of imparting instruction. We discard artificial methods; the Koreshan teacher does not stuff the mind, but induces thought from principles. The science of the mind is invaluable to the teacher; and we claim that Koreshan University *alone*, reveals the science of the processes of thought and consciousness.

Modern Science and the Bible.

A friend has been telling me of your views concerning the Bible. I would be very glad if you would send me a list of your publications, with prices. What do you suggest for my study? I am fifty years of age, and have taught school for twenty-five years. I do not believe in the literal "fish" stories of the Bible.—J. S. T., Jamestown, O.

We comply with your request for information regarding our literature. The work we are now publishing, the *CELLULAR COSMOGONY*, is just the thing with which to begin your study of the Koreshan System; it contains the facts of demonstration of the premise of the entire system of Koreshaniam. We would refer you to the chapter, "The Hollow Globe and the Bible." Modern so called science and astronomy are not only out of harmony with the Bible, but also contradict the facts of universal form and function. We claim and demonstrate that the Bible is *thoroughly scientific*; and that to be understood, it must be interpreted scientifically. It is written in terms of symbology, which are as absolute and certain in their meaning as any word in the language. When you have made a careful study of the Koreshan System, you will be able to perceive the harmony of the Bible and Nature, the two great expressions of the divine mind. No Bible, legend, fable nor parable, nor any system of mythology, can be understood when taken in the *perverted sense* of the modern mind. In addition to the study

of the work referred to, we would advise your careful perusal of the pamphlets we publish, and especially **THE FLAMING SWORD**. We shall be glad to hear from you further, with such questions or objections as may be suggested to your mind.

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Chat With Readers.

Impress us with your impressions.

Genius is egotism vindicated. There is no self-recognized genius that is not egotistic. The world presumes to despise egotism; in reality, it is made up of it; the masses are full of the *egotism of fallacy*. The modern Christian system in its now rapid disintegration, repudiates *one* egotist, that all may be egotists. The modern social systems repudiate the egotism of the monarch, that all may presume to decide for themselves the best rules of action. Under the reign of fallacy and ignorance, when no one can disprove the claims of another, there are millions of egotists. But the *egotism of knowledge* is a different thing; it is the thing that is despised by the other kind of egotists. The egotism of Koreschany is the egotism of knowledge, coming fresh from the mind of the genuine Egotist, who is not afraid to say just what he means! Jesus was an egotist—he was supremely egotistic; every teacher of positive truth is full of bristling, unmistakable, self-assertive, irresistible, world-moving, humanity-impulsing potency of egotism! The nature of his work necessitates genuine cheek, gall, shrewdness, perspicuity, to intrigue, inveigle, and entrap the enemy. There is more about egotism this week in **THE SWORD**, under the name of **PROF. L'AMOREAUX**. We have used the word egotism often enough to impress it on the mind, and the next thing is the meaning. Egotism is the acting out of self-conceit. Self-conceit is the actual faculty of intuitively knowing a principle or truth; it is the faculty of conception or understanding. The man who has the science of the universe is the most conceited man in existence, the most egotistical and positive. There are two kinds of egotism—two kinds of self-conceit. The conceit of ignorance makes fools; the conceit of knowledge makes heroes. The demonstration of the Koreschany Cosmogony is the vindication of the egotism of Koreschany. The other kind of egotism cannot be vindicated.

Your first impressions concerning Koreschany—that's what we want! We want you to express them in your own way—how you came to investigate the System, what particularly and specially attracted you, and other features that would tend to intensify personal interest. We want to get our readers into the way of writing more; you have the opportunity of expressing yourself in the world's

greatest journal! It can be made the medium of expression of your appreciation of the system; it can be the meeting ground of all your *finer sentiments*, where you can cultivate the feeling of congeniality and brotherhood. There is nothing like embracing every opportunity to extend your circle of acquaintance and influence. You have come into special and close sympathetic touch with the writers of **THE FLAMING SWORD**; you should now create a ground of sympathy for each other. It will be extremely and personally interesting to each of our readers, to know how the wonderful system of Koreschany influenced others into investigation of it. Many who have accepted the Light of Ages have felt unbounded joy; the blood was made to tingle with newer life and love for humanity—and now you want to tell it!

There are certain finer faculties of the mind brought into requisition when you seem to sense the character of a man you meet; you do not dispute your interior judgment. You can readily distinguish between the noble-minded and the debauchee; human sensibilities are susceptible to the sensations of attraction or repulsion upon meeting an individual. You feel something similar when you receive a letter; you get both good and bad. It's the same with your papers; you do not like little, scrappy, dirty, poorly printed sheets. Nothing that they could say would appeal to you. You instinctively feel when you take up a copy of **THE FLAMING SWORD**, that there is something extraordinary about it, whether you would admit it openly or not. It is open faced, honest, forceful, combative, and supremely interesting and entertaining. The church people read it behind the door, and place it under lock and key; but it will work out. **THE FLAMING SWORD** is an intellectual tonic, a mental stimulus, a hope reviver and a conscience prod. You want it—you can't do without it!

The universe is a gigantic system of imperialism, an imperialism of definite and fixed relations and interdependence, the imperialism of communism. There can be no scientific production and distribution of wealth that are not in accordance with the scientific relations of the central solar sphere and the circumference of the earth, and therefore, no system of communistic or socialistic effort will ever amount to anything that is *not* founded upon the science of the form and function of the universe. The Koreschany Social System, as shown in this issue by the Founder of Koreschany, is founded upon the laws of universal reciprocity; the article contains more truth and more economic science than all the reform press of the world has ever printed!

Your first impressions concerning an object depend upon the angle at which it is viewed. To some, the Koreschany System looks dangerous—it appears to be a fraudu-

lent scheme of a designing mind, a net into which weak minds are inveigled. Others are struck with the force of argument, its strange and startling features, its science, theology, and social system; others with the high standard of purity, and the manifest integrity of its Founder. It is rational and scientific; it satisfies your longings. If it does not, it is a demonstration of the fact that you have not longed long enough!

You can help us to make **THE FLAMING SWORD** bristle with interest. We desire our readers to send us their thoughts—your first impressions concerning Koreschany. Our correspondence department is of inestimable benefit to all—keep it up. Let us have your questions; think up a number of things that have been puzzling you for years—questions and problems in which you take a personal interest, then kindly write us what they are. **THE FLAMING SWORD** answers questions!

First impressions made upon meeting a new face may not always be correct; some men appear to improve with acquaintance. Your first impressions concerning Koreschany may not have been as they should; whatever they were we would like to have you express them for the benefit of our readers. The more, the merrier; the more striking, the better.

The first impressions of the new book, the **CELLULAR COSMOGONY**, are made this week; the next thing is to make some distinct impressions on the mind.

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First Impressions of Investigators of Koreschany University.

An Editor's Unconditional Surrender to Koreschany.

Having become convinced of the truth of Koreschany, partly through a letter received from Rev. E. M. Castle, which cleared away a good many doubts and misunderstandings, I wish to send you greetings, and hope to become better acquainted with all of you. I trust that Koreschany will write to me personally; I have misunderstood his work. The air was laden with lies, and the poison of asps was under the tongues of the liars. I cannot say that I have anything to regret; regret gives way to rejoicing. The waters have gone over my soul, and the past is washed away in the flood. I feel as the world might have felt after the deluge—covered with slime and ooze.

I would like to join you when it becomes possible or practicable, in order to get the benefit of training and discipline which I sadly need, having been in a state of chronic rebellion against the laws and authorities of the dispensation for many years. The effect of this is very demoralizing; one loses the self-control that can only be acquired by continued and persistent obedience to the laws of life.

In the October number of my paper I will announce my conversion to the doctrines of Koreschany, and make some explan-

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ations. The September number has been printed for some days. I was not a Koroshan then; I do not think you will find much difference in the teachings, but now there is a great deal of difference in the way I feel! "The Beauty that Hides in the Heart of the Stone," by Rev. E. M. Castle, completed my capture, and I wrote as soon as I could get my breath, to that Anroral Goddess, offering my unconditional surrender. I do not claim to be worth keeping, but I suppose that you take "any old thing," as they all have to be built over again, anyhow! Your converts, I would expect to be largely recon-contrados; for the people have to get down to the state of the prodigal son, away among the swine, before they will be ready to start on the return journey. The old has to be killed before the new can come in.

Please send me two or three copies of August 19, containing the article above mentioned. I have given away all the August numbers, but after this THE FLAMING SWORD will be among my necessities of life! I will get some subscribers. I never tried it before, because I was always so full of doubts and suspicions. Now my faith is established. Better not publish this letter, as I will have to consider carefully what I have to say in my paper on the subject; have to break it gently, you know. Be sure to write me.—*

Shut Up Inside a Hollow Globe.

EDITOR OF THE SWORD:—When I first came in contact with the Koroshan System of Universology, as presented by THE SALTATOR AND SCIENTIST, I was struck somewhat rudely by its unique cosmogony. The other features I could readily pass by, but I was not willing to be put inside of the earth and allow myself to be hermetically sealed within its metallic walls, without doing a little kicking about it! The only reply I received to my hasty letter was a copy of THE FLAMING SWORD, which, as usual, was completely charged with mental energy of such high voltage that I concluded it was better to go slow and handle it with caution.

The promise to uncover all mystery and to give a national cause for every phenomenon of Nature, was the first feature to strike me favorably. This was something I had long been looking for in vain. I wanted the genuine, scientific truth at all hazards, even though I had to spend eternity inside of a cell. I have been reading THE SWORD for about two years. In the wonderful completeness of the system of Koroshanity, and the beautiful harmony of all its parts, I read the evidence of its divine origin. "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid." It covers all the ground.

In adjusting my mind from modern fallacy to the solid rock of scientific truth, I experienced the greatest difficulty in getting away from the mythical god of the nineteenth century, whose existence is diffused everywhere in a mist of mysteries, called ether, and to get back to the God of the Bible. I find it a great relief for the mind to return from its search for the Creator in unlimited nothingness, to come home to the logical conclusion that the primary cause of all things resides in its own peculiar seed, each seed bringing

forth after its own kind. The Seed then, that produced man in his own image and likeness, was himself a man—the Seed-man fully ripened.—M. G. W., Terre Hill, Pa.

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Coming Into the Koroshan Unity?

The best institution for education and co-operation in Social and Economic Reform. There is a place for everyone, every trade or business; extensive system of co-operative exchange now being organized. We need you; but don't rush in without knowing something of the situation. For full particulars as to membership, admittance, etc., in any branch of the Koroshan Movement, address, with stamp, VICTORIA GRATIA, Pre-eminent of the Koroshan Unity, or her private Secretary, VIRGINIA H. ANDREWS, 6310 Harvard ave., Chicago, Ill.

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The World's News.

Wednesday, Sept. 14.—Lucheni, the Italian anarchist, boasts of his assassination of the Empress of Austria.—Chicago police raid the Hawthorne race-track, and arrest a number of betting sharks.—British Admiral in Cretan waters issues ultimatum to Turkish governor of Crete, demanding surrender of riot leaders and disarming of Mussulman troops.—Gen. Gomez resigns from the Cuban army.—Order of United American Mechanics meets at Cleveland, O.—Weyler makes a furious speech in Spanish senate.—Dreyfus case continues to agitate France.—Chino-Japanese alliance said to be under way.—U. S. senators may reap fortunes from Cuba.

Thursday.—Turkey is defiant; refuses to accede to demands of England to withdraw troops from Crete; blames the British for riots.—President of France bitterly opposes Dreyfus revision.—Terrific hurricane in West Indies destroys 300 lives and renders 20,000 homeless on island of St. Vincent; huge tidal wave sweeps island of St. Lucia; large ships driven ashore, and numerous vessels destroyed.—Aguinaldo, the Philippine insurgent, evacuates Manila.

Friday.—French papers declare that no European nation will interfere with America if complete annexation is made of all territory in question.—German press concludes that American pork is all right.—Newspapers at work on another uprising in Spain.—Aeronauts Berson and Spencer ascend in balloon 27,500 feet; temperature 61° below freezing point.—Returned soldiers kicking because they could not get enough pie, tobacco, candy, and toilet perfume and tooth-picks in Santiago de Cuba.—Hebrews the world over, celebrate beginning of the Jewish year.

Saturday.—Great Britain makes concessions to Russia concerning Chinese territory.—Chaplain of battleship Oregon to be court-martialed for too free criticism of

naval officers.—Hot time in Spanish senate over action of the Sagasta cabinet.—Gen. Toral attacked by mob in Vigo, Spain.—England and France run amuck in Africa; England demands Fashoda, and Gen. Kitchener starts from Khartoum to meet French General Marchand.—Attempted assassination of king of Korea by poisoning.

Sunday.—Col. Esterhazy threatens to divulge the facts in the Dreyfus case; crisis for France; the republic may not be able to survive the revelations of gross injustice and rottenness of army and nation.—Zola consents to become a priest; will lose the respect of thousands of admirers.—Wisconsin Methodists endorse war.—Peace commission sails from New York for Paris.

Monday.—Austrian Consul-General Proskowitz ground to death by train at Ft. Wayne, Ind.—French cabinet takes a step toward revision of Dreyfus case.—Gen. Garcia resigns from Cuban army and retires to private life.—France gives up Fashoda; Gen. Marchand to go to Cairo.—Spanish cabinet instructs Spanish peace commission to retain the Philippines.—Robt. I. Hitt succeeds Col. Hay as ambassador to Great Britain.

Tuesday.—Movement on foot to make a complete change in the catholic clergy of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines; Spanish clerics may return to Spain; new priests in demand.—Sec. Alger resigns from the cabinet.—Church conferences passing resolutions to retain the Philippines.—Mt. Vesuvius in active eruption; grand pyrotechnic display; tourists in Europe flocking to Naples to view the spectacle.—China adopts a postal system throughout the empire.—Destructive hurricane in southern Spain.—Spanish friars at Manila attempt assassination of Aguinaldo by poison.—Strike riot at Cleveland.

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In Reform Journals.

INHUMAN CONDITIONS.

Women and Children Starving in Pennsylvania.

In the coal regions of Pennsylvania, women and children are starving because sturdy, industrious men, injured to the hardships of mining and unable to brave its perils, can find no work. Gaunt misery is afire in every mining town. The wolf is at every door. There life at its best offers to little children nothing but stinking food in debasing associations, to women naught but squalid poverty and that aching fear of the future which makes motherhood a burden instead of a joy, and to such a denial of opportunity for advancement that every high aspiration is stifled, and such a daily round of worry that the pleasures which brutalize and stupefy are the ones that most appeal to natures which may justly envy the brute.

Such is the situation in the anthracite

regions. Such it long has been, and newspapers of every varying shade of political belief and social honesty have described it and denounced it. In the midst of a nation which went to war to relieve the sufferings of the reconcentrados, exists, and long has existed, a condition of destitution and wholesale starvation hardly outdone under Weyler. This is matter of common notoriety. The nation cannot plead ignorance in its own defence, for within two years the whole miserable misery of the anthracite coal miners was given the widest publicity when some thirty miners, who thought to protest, under the protection of the American flag, were shot down by rifles in the hands of the coal companies' servants.

This execrable and un-American situation is the outcome of corporate greed, and corporate greed is about to make it more unbearable still. The presidents of the anthracite coal lines met in a New York office and agreed to raise the price of coal to the consumer and lessen the amount of work for the miners. Hitherto the miners have had the fruits of two days' labor a week on which to support their families. Now they are to have but one day's work, on which to starve. Who profits by this senseless economy at the pit's mouth? Not the consumer of coal, for the very men who cut down the miners' pay put up the price of the product.

How long shall the inhuman conditions which surround coal mining in Pennsylvania be permitted? How long shall a trust, fortified by its control of railroads, be allowed to rob consumers of hard coal and slowly murder its producers and those dependent upon them?—*New York Journal*.

Microbe Hunting.

The favorite winter amusement of the medical profession, likewise of many other scientific gentlemen, may be said to be microbe hunting, and neither in summer do they relax the pursuit. They have heralded to an admiring world the discovery of the microbe of typhoid fever, of small-pox, of diphtheria, of consumption, of malaria, of yellow fever, likewise of the cattle plague and hog cholera. If any new disease should start up, beyond doubt a hundred men would stand ready to catch the microbe of it in their little microscopes.

'Tis well, perhaps. Mankind cannot know too much of science, but one point in this microbe hunting strikes the plain outsider as odd. Logically, if there are microbes of disease, there must also be microbes of health. There cannot be evil without good; there cannot be darkness without light; there cannot be disease without health. If we are nothing but an aggregation of millions and billions of microbes, then there must be more good microbes than bad ones, or the race would have been extinct long ago. Why, then, do not the doctors undertake the discovery and propagation of the microbes of health? In the blood of one who is perfectly well there must be beneficent microscopic germ growths that eat up the bad germs and maintain the individual in health. Why has not some scientist who has the good of his fellow man at heart hunted for these, segregated them out and propagated them, inoculating diseased persons with the health cultures? That is what we should like to know. If it could be done, if mankind can be infected with disease

through germs, then also is health infections and people can be inoculated with it. We propose a new style of microbe hunting. Let some expert microscopist search for the microbes of perfect health and cultivate them. Then let physicians inoculate all mankind with them.—*Leavenworth Standard*.

Evading the Tax.

The corporations are escaping, as usual, paying their fair share of the burden arising from war. An attempt was made to force them to do what is right, and it was supposed, for instance, that the telegraph companies were going to buy revenue stamps, but such is not the case. When you go down to send a telegram, a stamp is put on your telegram and the amount is taken out of the sender, thus enabling the corporation to escape. If everybody would unite and refuse to stand the expense of that stamp, it would not be a very great while before the company would be glad to pay for the stamp in order to get business. Banks are escaping in the same way, but no one feels very much grieved or surprised, because as a general thing, bankers never do anything toward sustaining government anyhow. It is not their scheme. They are like a lot of robbers and highwaymen, always have been and always will be. They look upon the people as their legal prey, and they believe they have a perfect right to rob everybody and decline to pay anything in return. The revenue stamps you have to not "asked" by the bank in any way, whatever; you have to pay every time a stamp is put on your notes, checks or drafts. It is the old story: "Unto him who hath shall be given; unto him who hath not shall be taken away." But this sort of thing shall some day come to an end.—*Denver Road*.

Didn't Believe What He didn't Understand.

Years ago, Dr. Geo. P. Hays told the story about that old German in Pennsylvania who, meeting the young man who was to speak in the school-house in the evening, said: "Is you de young man vot is to selpeck dis geyning?"

"Yes, sir; I am."

"Vell, vot you selpeck about?"

"My subject, sir, is this: 'Resolved, that I will never believe anything that I do not understand.'"

"Oh, my! ish dot it? Vell now, you shoost take von leetle example. Dere, you see dat field—my pasture, over there? Now, my horse he eats de grass, and it coom up all hair over he's pack. Den my sheep he eats shoost the same grass, and it grow vool all over him. Und now, vot you tink—my goose he eats de grass, too, and sure's I tell you, it coom all over him fadders. You understand dot, do you? Hey?"—*K. C. Mail*.

Cheap National Pride.

The cheapest sort of pride, says Schopenhauer, is national pride; for it betrays in one infected with it a lack of individual qualities to be proud of, else he would not resort to that which he shares with many millions. Whoever is possessed of important advantages will rather see the errors of his own nation the more distinctly, as he keeps the constant in view. But every miserable simpleton

who has nothing in the world to be proud of, grabs at the last means—to be proud of the nation to which he chances to belong; here he recovers himself and is gratefully willing to defend with night and main, all errors and follies belonging to it.—*Commonwealth*.

The Consolations of Scientific Religion.

The Tigress had been eating her cubs. Having a little indigestion, she was inclined to repent, but philosophy came to her aid.

"Rapine," she reflected, "is the law of existence; see how the fleas are biting me." She licked her chops. "The survival of the fittest," thought she, "is the way of progress for the race." She looked at the last cub. "Great rewards and fearful punishments" (she sighed as she crunched its head) "are necessary to make us do our best." She settled herself to sleep. "There will be no change," she added drowsily, "till consciousness awakes in cubs."

Society is a Tigress.—*Bolton Hall*.

Morgan's Political Proverbs.

Politics is a mocker and demagogues are razing.

Prejudice is the halter by which the devil leads the ignorant.

The road to hell is lined with the prayers of those who vote different from the way they pray.

We imagine that it was for trimming the platform that the devil was kicked out of heaven.

When principles are about to be dropped, the devil puts on his blandest smile.

What your enemy wants you to do is usually the thing you ought not to do.

Every bond issue takes a wrinkle out of the devil's face.

The chief end of man seems to be to make some other man rich.

The devil has quit lying—the politicians are doing that work for him.

The day is past when noise can carry elections.

Prejudice smother's intelligence and contracts the heart.

If all church members had a praying machine, half of them would forget to wind it.

The greatest evils of our times owe their existence to good men who are too indolent to combat them.

The wicked fleece the men who vote for them.

They that make the laws praise the wicked and receive gifts and campaign funds from them.

He that tiltheth his land shall have plenty of bread—for the tax collector, the usurer, and the corporations.

He that stealth from the poor shall not lack, but he shall sit in the United States Senate and receive the homage of preachers.

When the wicked reign, the fools carry torches and follow brass bands and drink bad whisky.

The bloodthirsty hatched the poor working man, and ordereth out the troops to shoot him down.

A fool uttereth all his mind and maketh speeches in Congress to be used as campaign documents.

If a ruler harken to lies, all his cuckoos are wicked and say vain things.

When the wicked are multiplied, trans-

gression increase, therefore there is a chance for the republicans.

The prudent man foreseeth the evil and changeth his vote, but the simple vote or straight and wear patches.

Thine own friend and thy father's friend forsake not, and hold fast to finance, land, and transportation.

The politician is wiser in his own conceit than seven men can give a reason therefor.—*Buzz Saw.*

"Mamma," said a little miss, "my kitty is sick, and I've been trying to give her some of my medicine, but she won't take it." "Of course not," replied her mother; "cats never take medicine when they are ill." "Well, I declare!" exclaimed the small lady. "Why, who'd think a little kitten like that would trust to the faith cure?"—*Ex.*

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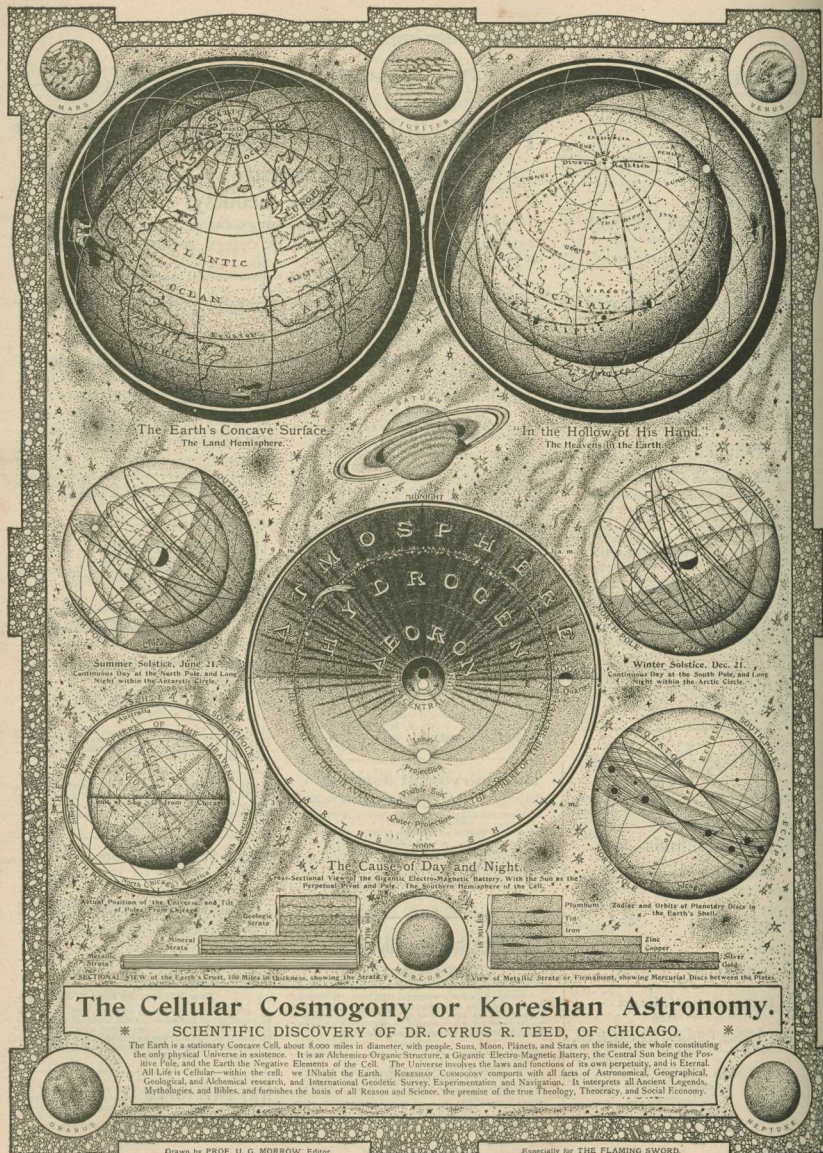
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