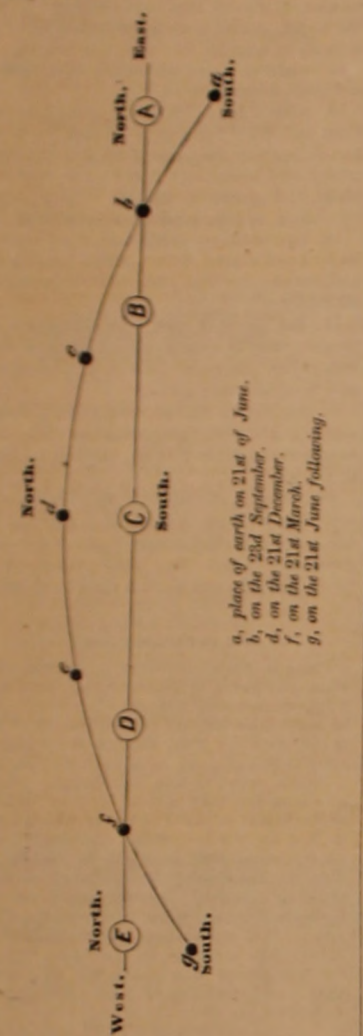


with the sun, and a revolution about the sun as a focus of attraction. That the motion of the earth about the sun would be in an elliptical orbit...



Thus in one year the sun moves through A B C D E, and the earth through the curve a b c d e f g. The earth thus crosses the sun's path twice in the year...

The writer does not claim any originality in the views above expressed, nor is he as yet fully aware of their entire accuracy...

Halley's Comet.

The following is an extract from Prof. Nichol's 'Planetary System,' pp 94 and 95. Prof. Nichol, after speaking of Kepler's observations on Halley's Comet in 1607, says: 'Thrice, since his departure from our world, has that wandering comet looked on us from the skies...'

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LOCK WILSON'S LETTER, on the 'Marriage and Divorce' question, is worth the reader's candid attention.

Our Detroit correspondent has put in 'a word fitly spoken' on the subject of orbs and orbits.

'THE PROGRESS OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE,' a lyrical discourse by A. M. Stayman, M. D., of Wisconsin, will appear soon.

'STANZAS FOR THE TIMES,' which will be found among 'Letters from the People,' is a vigorous poem, expressive of the IDEA of universal liberty—innate to the human soul.

MANY musical 'Voices from the People,' together with a large variety of curious and entertaining papers, are on file for an early appearance.

'ARKTOS' has committed to our keeping many pearls fished up from the rivers of Thought, and we shall take pleasure in forwarding some of them to our readers one of these beautiful days.

'THE GEOLOGICAL REVELATION OF GENESIS,' on our 3d page, by William Denton, is a concise statement of facts which have been discovered by the researches of modern Science.

'SAINTS AND SINNERS' is a series of biographical sketches, commenced in this number, from the pen of our gifted correspondent, Mrs. Love M. Willis. We cordially welcome our Sister to the columns of the HERALD OF PROGRESS.

FACTS RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF MR. McALPIN.—Let every one in Port Huron or elsewhere, who has uttered or thought an unjust or unfriendly word concerning the departed Brother, read the candid letter of Mr. Noble in this number.

'SPIRIT MYSTERIES.'—This department of our paper will be filled to overflowing in our next issue. That is a grand joy which is imparted by the perpetually recurring demonstrations of the reality and naturalness of the life beyond the portals of the tomb.

THE QUESTION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN THE NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.—Week after next we shall publish to the world a noble and cogent argument presented in a speech by Mr. Wilkes Angel, in the Assembly of this State, on the substitution of imprisonment for life in lieu of the death penalty.

'SPIRITUAL WORKERS IN AND AROUND NEW YORK.'—The personage presented by the flowing sentences of Miss Hoyt, in this number, is one of the most capable and respected ladies in the charmed circle of spiritual progress.

D. J. BALDWIN'S ANSWER TO Wm. Thirds, and 'THE PRACTICAL WORKINGS OF AFRICAN SERVITUDE,' by R. B. Hanney, are positive and candid articles, from which the reader cannot fail to gather a plain understanding of the view taken by our Southern Brethren of the System of Slavery in the midst of which their lot is cast.

A COMMUNICATION FROM JUDGE EDMONDS, in reply to important questions propounded by a correspondent two weeks since, will appear in our next issue. We congratulate our readers on the advent of this distinguished and able contributor to the HERALD OF PROGRESS.

OUR EDITORIAL STAFF.—We are happy to be able to announce new and important accessions to the Circle of Editors and Contributors to the columns of this journal. The HERALD OF PROGRESS is the organ of scientific or positive Spiritualism, and is the mouth-piece of the Gospel of universal Free Speech on all important questions; consequently its mission is equally to the religious sentiments and the intellectual faculties of mankind, and we are most happy in the assurance emanating

from all directions, that its teachings are heartily welcomed by thousands of our countrymen.

'THE NIGHTINGALE ENSLAVED; OR, THE LIBERTINE RECLAIMED,' the story translated from the French, for this journal, and which has been promised to our readers, is commenced this week. Those who follow the thread of the narrative, in future numbers, will find themselves no less pleased with the charming grace of style and vividness of description, than with the high moral tone of the pleasing and instructive story.

The Physician.

'The whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.'

Hemorrhoidal Infirmities.

More than two-thirds of the sick who write to us for prescriptions are afflicted with hemorrhoidal troubles, commonly called 'piles,' of which there are many forms and painful symptoms. THE CAUSE: Pathological physiologists have for a long period said that piles are produced by a dilatation of the blood-vessels in the walls of the rectum; that the cellular coatings of the lower orifice, by becoming enlarged and flabby, protrude and discharge mucous or blood; and with this explanation they have classified piles as (1) blind, (2) mucous, (3) bleeding, (4) oescential. The first form is known as a thickening or swelling of the membranes and vessels within the rectum; the second form is a discharge of mucous from what appear to be ulcers, but which is usually nothing more than a pus exuded from excoriating surfaces within the anus; the third form, attended with pain and uneasiness, is characterized by a discharge of blood during evacuation; the fourth form, and by far the most difficult to treat, is known by the existence of fleshy tumors in the upper walls of the rectum, flat or fig-shaped excrescences, which are commonly removed by surgical operation. But we perceive a better explanation. The causes of piles begin at the brain—in the center of all energy. They signify an unbalanced condition of the nervous system. The registration of this nervo-disturbance is made upon the negative side of the circulating system, namely, upon the veins, and the local development of the condition is invariably wherever the body is the weakest. The disturbance in one person may be called 'liver disease;' in another, 'costiveness;' in a third instance, 'apoplexy;' or 'piles,' if the rectum and lower bowels are the weakest or most taxed part of the venous system. That piles originate from mental rather than from physical disturbances, may be easily demonstrated. Piles may result from anxiety, or sorrow, or suffering, or from long-continued excitement of the feelings in any direction. Straining and anxiety during pregnancy and parturition have frequently brought them on; or occupying the mind with reading papers or books while engaged in the function of evacuation. This habit is as dangerous to the lower intestines and rectum as it is disgusting and offensive to every fine sensibility. It is a very common cause of piles. Any mental occupation foreign to the proper and prompt performance of the function, is positively certain to stamp the impress of disease upon the weakest part; and, inasmuch as, while engaged in this particular function, the vessels and fibers of the rectum are distended and principally taxed, so is inattention at the time most likely to produce one or more of the above-mentioned forms of hemorrhoidal disturbance. It should be remembered that the veins are negative to the arteries, and that mental disturbances are more likely to telegraph themselves upon the most negative parts of the venous system; which explains why little children, and even animals, are sometimes victims of piles and diseases of the anus. And it is worthy of very particular remark that piles are periodical in their appearance, painfulness, and disappearance. If, for example, you suffered most from them in April, last year, you will be very likely to experience a return of similar troubles about the same time this spring. Or, if you suffer most from piles in the after part of this day, the symptoms will revive during the same hours to-morrow; thus giving your mind the impression that periodicity is a law as much in disease as in health. REMEDY: The treatment recommended for this disease is different in different schools of medicine. The remedies are almost innumerable, and yet the disease prevails throughout civilization. Thousands have the piles without whispering the fact to their nearest friend. People seem to regard with indelicate suspicion, if not with mortification, certain parts and functions of their organization. Excessive modesty is not the sign of intelligence and refinement, but it is rather a symptom of conscious embarrassment, a momentary loss of self-possession, while in the presence of those who are supposed to think unworthily of the subordinate functions of physical organs. Intelligence and refinement, instead of masking and falsifying themselves in furtive glances and prudish expressions, will throw a white halo of significance and respect around the least of things. Physicians of every school, when they ascertain that their patient is afflicted with

piles, will prescribe, in addition to physical treatment, mental quietude and freedom from muscular exertion. The disciples of Hahnemann have found sovereign remedies for piles in their minute pellets and powders, because they very judiciously started with the theory that the disease is a spiritual disturbance; and hence, logically, that prolapsus ani and hemorrhoids will yield to the spiritual part of Nux vom. and Sulphur, Belladonna, Arsenicum, Carbo-veget., Mercur. sol., Ignatia, Cocculus, or to the active principle of some other remedy or combination in the pharmacopoeia of infinitesimalism. All the success of homeopathic physicians, according to our perception, is attributable to the practical application of a correct theory in their possession, that disease is spiritual in its origin, and that symptoms consequently are the voices of the internal disturbances, which may be hushed and forever silenced by the prompt administration of whatever they (the voices) infallibly call for—this, more than the 'like-cures-like' principle, is the central secret of the triumphant progression of Homeopathy. But more of this hereafter, when we come to write a few articles on the 'isms' in the world of Medicine.

In order to treat piles or prolapsus ani successfully, it is necessary to obey all the psychological by-laws and comply with all the mechanical conditions which the disease suggests to the understanding. First, you must cease straining to discharge the excrementitious contents of the intestines; second, you must conform to rules heretofore given by which 'costiveness' is effectually cured without medicines; third, you must not occupy your thoughts and dissipate your Will-power while performing your bodily functions; fourth, you must not procrastinate the hour of obedience to this demand of your being, but the utmost system and regularity are required, and if your daily labor calls you early, so that you cannot attend to this function, then adopt the hour before bed-time as the most appropriate, and insist upon teaching your intestines to respond promptly at this period; fifth, if the vessels or lips of the anus protrude after the operation, then lean forward and push them fully upward within the orifice, to their proper position. Never neglect this mechanical adjustment of the fallen and distended vessels, for there are reasons why the contracting muscles cannot always accomplish this important result. If the vessels are allowed to remain without the rectum for a few days, they become strangulated and hardened—perhaps ulcerous and exceedingly sore—so that a surgical operation is sometimes the only way of escape from results more serious.

Ointments and salves are not curative. They seldom do anything more than soothe the external and exposed parts, while they almost certainly inflame the cellular membranes of the rectum. The drug stores are full of quack medicines for piles, hernia, &c., not one of which is likely to accomplish more than temporary relief. One of the best palliative treatments is that of our hydropathic establishments—correct diet, frequent bathing, and cold water-syringes. But the cure, whenever accomplished, occurs by and through the restoration of the primeval equilibrium between the nervous and the venous systems, or, more properly speaking, by establishing a balance of the spiritual forces (dynamics) in the circulatory organism, which includes every possible ramification of the veins and arteries, beginning in the brain, pouring through the moderator called the 'heart,' and diffusing its life-principles to the minutest bounds of the structural economy.

Recently our attention was arrested by the assertion of a scientific gentleman in this city—one of our first inventors—who declared that, without being able to give a philosophical reason, he had been cured of piles by simply carrying a horse chestnut in his pantalon's pocket. The discovery of this peculiar power in the horse chestnut was accidental on the part of another gentleman, who had been previously cured. It was found that, so long as he carried the chestnut about his person, the piles, although exceedingly annoying and painful before, were kept in subjection and at last entirely overcome. We have examined the emanations of the horse chestnut, since the above fact came to our knowledge, and do not hesitate to prescribe the experiment to our patients. Indeed we do not recommend it as an 'experiment,' but as a remedy; inasmuch as the active principle of the nut is friendly to the removal of hemorrhoidal swellings; but it is not a remedy under violations of by-laws and conditions already specified.

The subtle penetrations of certain metals and plants are exceedingly curious and magnetical. Much superstition and folly have been developed by too much reliance upon the virtues of various herbs and mineral bodies. And yet there is a scientific truth at the bottom of all mythology, alchemy, and astrology. The ancients were peculiarly, but often erroneously, impressed with the spiritual properties of salts and herbal preparations, Alchemists, for example, found much spiritual (i. e. dynamic and psychologic force or) energy in what they termed the 'Volatile Salt of Vipers.' One writer says: 'To judge well of the effects which this Volatile Salt can produce in our bodies, we must know its manner of operation, which is to open, to comminute, to attenuate, to pierce, and to drive to the extreme parts of the body, and through the pores of the skin, all the impurities and all the strange bodies that can get out by those ways. Further, it is an enemy to all corruption; very friendly and very agreeable to our nature, which it assists and

fortifies, enabling it to expel, not only by the pores of the skin, but by seige, and by all the emunctories of the body, the superfluous humors which molest it; whence it comes to pass, that it produces admirable effects upon a thousand occasions, curing a great number of sicknesses, or at least giving great relief therein, even in those that are most refractory and most difficult to cure; such as apoplexies, lethargies, convulsions, agues, and many other maladies, believed to have their source in the brain.'

With this singular quotation from one of the ancient alchemists, who was evidently impressed with the aural powers and odyllic energies of mineral bodies, we will conclude—hoping to hear from every correspondent after carrying the horse chestnut for a few weeks. It seems to us that the constant presence of the chestnut for the cure of particular diseases, will arouse and concentrate your pneumogastrical powers.

THE SIX UNMEDICATED BABIES.

Betty Brake's challenge accepted! Six children produced in the United States, over one year of age, (and guarantees given for four more) who have never been medicated with Catnip, Saffron, Peppermint, Paragoric, Peony leaves, Cordial, or Castor oil! Hopes for the Union! Betty strikes her colors, and beats a retreat to the tune of— 'Hail Columbia, happy land!' Orson Knightly's heaven-born band! Children fed by Nature's laws Prove the value of our cause! They, when'er their dinner's done, Enjoy the feast their palates won. These six children be your boast, Never mindful of the cost, Ever grateful for the prize Of immortals for the skies, Poor, affrighted doctors—flee! You ne'er had the liberty To place your hand on dollar and dime That Orson Knightly's pockets line.

MEDICAL WHISPERS.

'Spring Time Diseases.'—In No. 54 we prescribed a Spring beverage containing, with other ingredients, a table-spoonful of red pepper. We have heard of persons who heaped the table-spoon with pepper, and accordingly found the heat rather too severe. In such case, dilute the dose with water, and next time use only a tea-spoonful of cayenne with the other ingredients.

LUCY C. B., DANVILLE, N. Y.—Your bodily states would require special examination, and subsequent prescriptions to meet changing symptoms, which we cannot find time to furnish. Change of air and traveling would cure you.

'Croton Bug Destroyer.'—We are assured by one of the 'first families' that powdered borax is a perfect annihilator to Roaches and Croton Bugs. The housekeeper assures us that she has thoroughly tested the celebrated 'Lyon's Powder,' and 'Costar's' preparation for the creeping vermin, but that they are not what they pretend to be, that the 'bugs' will not down at their bidding, and therefore that Costar's and Lyon's mixtures are not worth the trouble of a single application. The family has also tested the spirits of turpentine on the creeping creatures, but they would not secede from their affectionate union with family interests. So the turpentine 'Exterminator' was next thrown into the receptacle for all worn-out and useless things. But when, at the suggestion of an ancient almanac recipe, the housekeeper sprinkled the Roaches, Croton Bugs, &c., with plenty of pulverized borax, the creatures bowed respectfully, acknowledged their master, and died by the hundred.

'Cold in the Head.'—MARTHA T., BOSTON, wants us to explain why she is constantly taking cold in her head, and having an ear-ache, almost every night in spite of every precaution.

CAUSE AND REMEDY: The explanation of the ear-ache and head-cold, is: You sleep on a soft pillow, which allows your head to sink down into a hollow of feathers, by which considerable perspiration is promoted about your neck and ears; then, as soon as you change your position in bed, the cold air strikes the sweating surfaces, which very rapidly become negative, and hence the cold in the head and the distressing neuralgia. Of course you will hereafter use a pillow so hard that your head cannot sink into a heated valley.

'Falling Memory.'—Several correspondents have written for prescriptions adapted to restore the memory. We will answer all of them, in general terms, that failing of the powers of memory is a symptom of inactivity and decay in the thought-substance on the surface of the brain. The true remedy consists in a reinvigoration of the digestive organs by a temperate use of food. It will help to sponge off the surface of the body in cold water every morning. Great care must be instituted about the appetite. Thousands eat themselves out of all their most retentive faculties. Dyspeptics are invariably disqualified for the retention of beautiful memories. They recollect distinctly what did not suit them at the last meal. If you want to put your brain in good condition, never load your stomach with anything. Neither smoke nor chew tobacco.

'After Effects of Lung Fever.'—B. A. B., VERSAILLES. Strengthen your lungs by Nature's only infallible medicine, namely, by a good digestion and by systematic discipline of the lungs. The after-effects of lung fever may be wholly removed by attention to food, dress, bathing, breathing, and exercise. Everything depends on your stomach. The

best of food, with a feeble digestion, will stimulate in depressed blood; and even so will the best digestion, supplied with unwholesome food, vitiate the crimson streams of life.

"Pure Alcohol for Humors."—EUGENIA D. DE BOERIS, wants to get an impression from us respecting the effect of pure alcohol on a scrofulous system—especially as a remedy in cerebral embarrasements, occasioned by a humor partly inherited, and aggravated by a diseased condition of the liver.

"The Uses of Black Pepper."—FEBRUARY 18th, 1861. MR. A. J. DAVIS, P. M.: I wish you to rite me an Practical anser to the Pholoing question, (Black Peppor.)

Paraphractical. "Life is but an endless flight of winged facts or events, a series of surprises."

CIRCULAR TO PUBLISHERS. We adopt this method of addressing Book Publishers, to call attention to an Agency which we are establishing in connection with the HERALD OF PROGRESS.

PRaise TO GOD. Strangers visiting this city recently, cannot have failed to see, in flaming capitals, posted upon every available place, the words "Praise to God."

T. W. Coffin, of Ashland, O., asks if some good Lecturer cannot make that place a point in moving East or West.

Private Interpretation.

OPINIONS OF THE INAUGURAL.

What a lesson of charity and toleration is taught by the following diverse expressions, from individuals whose integrity we have no doubt or right to question.

The N. Y. Tribune says of the Inaugural: "It is marked by a sagacity as striking as its courage, and by an absence of passion as remarkable as its keen division of the line of duty."

Chicago Tribune: "No document can be found among American State papers embodying more wisdom and higher patriotism." Philadelphia Enquirer: "It is in admirable tone and temper."

Weathercock Journalism. The Washington Correspondent of Bennett's Herald is an extraordinarily prudent person.

PERSONAL ITEMS. Bela Marsh, of Boston, has opened a Circulating Library for the use of all who want to read liberal, reform, and spiritual publications.

Persons and Events. "He most lives who thinks most—feels the noblest—acts the best."

all circles. General Scott informs me that with a force of fifty men the city could be held against a mob of ten thousand.

WHAT TO DO WITH THEM. We are indebted to several subscribers for copies of the HERALD OF PROGRESS numbers five and twenty-eight.

HELP FOR THE INDIANS. A General Convention was held at Boston, Feb. 26, to consider Father Beeson's propositions in behalf of the Indians.

NOTICE—J. H. RANDALL. It is with pleasure that I recommend Brother J. H. Randall to the friends of Spiritualism in the West, among whom he is at present sojourning.

A MOUNTAIN SCENE. The Athenaeum Club was favored on Monday evening by the exhibition of a large and carefully painted picture of a view in the White Mountains from Mount Carter.

PERSONAL ITEMS. Rev. T. Starr King has been engaged in delivering a series of Controversial Sermons in San Francisco, Cal.

PERSONAL ITEMS. The fall of Gaeta is a fixed fact. The Sardinians obtained in the city nearly 800 cannon, and 60,000 muskets, and took 11,000 prisoners.

PERSONAL ITEMS. The Liverpool cotton market continues exceedingly depressed, the sales for two days previous to the sailing of the steamer, not exceeding 8000 bales.

by the Democratic Union, at Coldwater. The editor concludes his notice: "Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with truth."

BRIEF ITEMS. By an amendment to the patent laws adopted by the last Congress, all patents heretofore granted shall remain in force for seventeen years, and all extension of patents is prohibited.

FOREIGN ITEMS. Our latest advices from Europe are by the Bremen to Feb. 20th. A motion in the British House of Commons on the 19th for more equality in assessing and levying the income tax was carried by a majority against the Government.

FOREIGN ITEMS. The Italian Parliament was opened by Victor Emanuel in person on the 18th. The policy indicated in the speech seems to favor peace for the present.

FOREIGN ITEMS. The King and Queen of Naples arrived at Rome on the 14th. They were visited at their lodgings, on the Quirinal, by the Pope the next day.

FOREIGN ITEMS. The Russian serfs was to be issued on March 3d, and to go into immediate operation. By this decree, 20,000,000 of human beings will be released from servitude.

FOREIGN ITEMS. Houses in the French manufacturing districts, are contracting their sales on credit. No great improvement is expected until there has been a settlement of difficulties in the United States.

FOREIGN ITEMS. The Great Eastern is reported to be about to leave England early in March for Norfolk, Va., where it is said, she has been guaranteed a return cargo of cotton.

FOREIGN ITEMS. Sometimes on musing upon genius in its simpler manifestations, it seems as if the greatest of human culture consisted chiefly in preserving the glow and freshness of the heart.

Attractive Miscellany.

"All things are engaged in writing their history—the air is full of sounds; the sky, of tokens; the ground is all memoranda and signposts; and every object covered with hints, which speak to the intelligent."

OUT IN THE STORM.

BY HOWARD GLYNDON.

There's a shadow over the sky, sullen and heavy as lead, And as black as the terrible dread that lies deep in a murderer's heart.

Up from the bleak, black river, the pitiless Northern comes, Stabbing me—floating my rags with a scorn that is almost human.

Well! but her brow was not whiter nor holier than once was mine's. Nor the eyes of that babe's young mother more grand with a sacred pride.

The Nightingale Ensnared; OR, THE LIBERTINE RECLAIMED.

FROM THE FRENCH OF X. B. SAINTINE.

Translated for the HERALD OF PROGRESS.

I.—THE BIRD-MEADOW. If you take the railroad from Paris to Pecq, upon arriving at the depot, go over the bridge, and turn to the left, keeping the river-side; then, after passing the village, take the footpath which crosses a fair meadow obliquely on your right.

If the locality of the scene, however, is the same, the hand of man, Providence assisting has somewhat changed its decorations. Or your right, outside of the village, half way around it, where a little white dwelling with green blinds, resembling an English cottage smiles upon you from among the poplars.

Residing in Paris from the first of April the first of July, Madam des Aubiers had deemed it prudent to leave her only daughter, who was hardly sixteen years of age, Bird-Meadow under the care of an old female domestic.

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