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#### The Key To Power.

E HAVE derived much profit from the uniting of daily seed-thought of "New Thought" I "Universal Truth" for December. "All power given unto me," and thank Miss M. J. Clarkson her wise suggestion. Divine power is not a specific gift to a selected few, but is an ever-present spiritual element pervading all things. There is but One power; therefore all other seeming powers are but mortal postulations, having no reality of belief.

There is nothing of God that we are not, in our true being. We have within us that guiding-star of life, the Christ principle which is divine consciousness. By this we have knowledge of the Source of all power. It was Jesus, understanding that He was one with God that fortified Him with His marvellous power. It was the realization that He held all the "power in earth and Heaven." that made Him teach that "greater works" His followers could do. From our standpoint of God as the centre of each individual, each may become inspired according to his or her measure of realization of the force within. God is all-pervading Power, and that Power sustains all things. If we could for a single second of time be separated from that Power we should cease to exist. And when we reflect, that this Power is Love also, we are rich and strong indeed. Mind is the reflective power, and speaks its impressions into form, and we see bodies and trees God is the life and centre of every being and everything. All things in nature are obedient to the voice of God, except man. God has not yet shown as clearly and grandly through man, under the present impulse of material ideas, as through nature.

The mind is as a mirror, reflecting that which is brought to bear upon it. If this mind is weak, restless and vacillating, it gives distorted, broken and weak reflections which represent many things, but no *real* thing. It is often asked, "Why we see deformed, unsightly and weak bodies." Mind is the operating principle, not the *operator*. Mind is an instrument through or by which all things are revealed. Man is, in appearance, according to his thought. By our right thinking, inspiration and intuition are promoted. It is not growth, since all humanity being one, and that one the expression of God, there can be no question of growth. God does not grow, but He appears more or less clearly according to individual realization. It is in our experiences, the veil between our mistaken idea of God, and the true God, as the center of all being and power, drops.

Truth is, was, and will be eternally the same. It can neither increase nor decrease, and in reality we are *it*. Where God is there can be no weakness.

The omnipotence of God has always been and always will be the strength and power of all things. There is no wavering or giving out in Omnipotence. How realize this power? Steadfastness to Truth brings strength. Spiritual thought takes upon itself the highest virtues of Spirit, becoming its image and likeness. The omnipresent and omnipotent nature of God compels His harmonious adjustment to every condition into which He is invited.

Despite the fact that we have admitted a plurality of powers, there is but one true power, the power of spiritual goodness.

There is but one key to the acquisition of spiritual power, and that is a non-dependence upon the flesh but a realization (seeing with real-cycs) that man, by right of his divine relation, inherently possesses every attribute and virtue of Spirit, and is, therefore, supreme above every mortal condition. Spiritual power must not be limited or stinted, for the conviction of its amplitude makes man a conqueror over seemingly unsurmountable barriers of the senses. Therefore, to those who reflect the power of Infinite Mind in its fullness, "all power is given in heaven and on earth." Spirituality must be the sovcreign thought, and, in the degree that we make spirituality the dominant idea in consciousness, we, too, shall make the earth our "footstool," and rise monarchs over all error.

We must be lead by the spirit of God and not by the spirit of the times. We, alas, too often *think* ourselves creatures of the dast, lose our spiritual grasp, and become, in manifestation, creatures of destiny and weakness.

Taking Jesus' life as an example, what is the lesson for us? First: To hold to the conviction he maintained-his divine sonship-for, only as we are possessed with the same mind of Christ, can we perform the acts he achieved. Second: To here up to this conviction by expressing the power of Truth in love, virtue, patience, meekness. To hold to the power which is truly ours, letting its supremacy in thought, without agressiveness or belligerence, put to flight the fictitious powers of the fiesh. By knowing that we are equal to every emergency and subservient to nothing save the perfect law of liberty, we become rulers over every condition of life, having the power to subvert and set aside the laws of flesh and to promote divine harmony and peace. By fearing nothing, we rise superior to the world. becoming the begotten of God, full of grace and Truth. Dear readers:

"So mayest then walk! from hour to hour Of every passing year. Keeping so very near To him, whose Power is love, whose Love is power. So mayest then walk, in His clear light. Leaning on Love alone. Thy life His very own. Until then walk'st with Him in white." CLARA SHELDON CARTER.

# Letting Go.

NOW hard it is for us as scientists to let go, relax. let ourselves down, so the Spirit can do its work within. We think we have got so much to do and not knowing how, we hold on with such tenacity, that when we do let go for a while, some error steps in, in the form of a cold, rheumatism or a bad headache. Now this all comes from not letting go. We must just try to realize that the power. God. Good. is holding you, keeping you, and not you the power. Just be still and let. and this is easier said than done. for then you think that the spirit is going to give you great flashes of light. It may not do it at all, when you expect, or as you expect; it is at the time when you are not thinking of it at all, only doing the best you can, living your highest, that great flashes of divine truths come with such force that you hardly know where you stand, or if it is you and for you. "In the hour that ye think not the Son of Man cometh." The truth comes home to your soul, not your neighbor's, but your very own. The words are for you and for you alone, your own Christ has spoken to you, to lift you out of that very trouble you are in, that no one knows but yourself, something that you are trying to overcome; heed the voice; it speaks to you and I. Let me tell you what the voice of the spirit said to me when I took the shadow for the real and thought an injury was being done me. It said, "ye shall be tried as by fire;"

"if ye fall away in times of trial ye have never known the truth." Then my thought found words and 1 said again and again, "I do know this truth. do know this truth." and I forgot all about the injury that I thought was annoying me. I bless my God tor those words. They have helped me, and kept me from falling, and it is so much better to keep from falling than it is to get up after you are once down. You can receive the inspired word as well as lesus, and after you do receive it you can give it torth to others, and the Christ in them will respond to the Christ in you. Now this is letting go, and letting the Divine one do it all. It is divine resting. divine satisfaction, an abiding consciousness of pertect rest, taking no anxious thought. Rest, don't speak, don't think, just rest in what you have already spoken and have already thought, let them truit: truition is the ultimate, the solution of your problem that you are facing today. Face it right up with the masterful thought, "I am master."

When Christ spoke to Peter and said. "whom do ye say that I am?" Peter's answer is to you and to me "ye are the son of the living God." Now if we are the son we can not only meet but master all things that come to us. There is a power with us, by us, in us, of which as yet we realize but little, though we talk much of it. It is for us to know if we will, as the Christ knew. He spoke and it was done, and when the Christ speaks in us it will be done also. Now after we let go of ourselves, we want to let go of our neighbors. Many of us, as scientists, think that all ought to come into the truth as "we did." They ought to have trials and suffer as "we did:" they ought to read the same books that "we did," and have the same teacher. Now if "we did" will let go of every one and let each one come into the truth in their own way it would be much better all around. No two can come into this truth the same way; no two can see it the same way; no two can express it the same way; no two are facing the same problem. God is infinite, therefore there are infinite expressions of this truth, so it is easy to see why we do not express ourselves alike, and it is this very thing that bothers so many just starting in this science of life. All roads lead to the top of the mountain; let each one take his own road and walk in it, for all have to make foot-prints for their own feet.

One of these "we dids" said to me, you must read only so and so. I said to her, "who made you a ruler and judge over me?" Paul said, "stand fast in the *liberty* wherewith Christ (truth) hath made you free and be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage." Now if I cannot read only what some one else ad vises, or go to any meeting only where bidden to go,

and think that God centers. Himself in one person as leader, and an the rest let down and out, why I am in bondage as great as any disease that could attack me. It is not freedom but bondage as great as the Egyptians or old when they made "bricks of straw," and we too make bricks of straw when we hold to any leader but the Christ within, and we yet will have to follow that leader *alone* if we would come out of the bondage into perfect freedom.

And when you get tree, keep free and "live the live." The Christ within you, is your only guide, teacher, and healer. Look to no one else, if you would be free. Second-hand and antique things are no account in this advanced age, when man is beginning to think, and investigate for himself. Push out from all around you and make a new track for yourselves. This divine power is ever with you to call upon at a moment's notice. No matter what you are being faced up with, speak quickly the word of truth for yourself or for another and it shall not return unto you yoid. FLORA P. HOWARD.

#### Heart Disease and Worry.

EART disease is a sort of medical scapegoat nowadays. A man drops dead without warning, or is found dead in his bed and the wise doctors say "heart disease," or "heart failure"-as if there ever was a death that was not preceded by heart failure! Such an explanation does not explain, and one of the finest hydropathic physicians in the country, had the courage to say twenty-five years ago that the heart is of all the organs of the body the least susceptible to disease, and that the symptoms supposed to denote such disease were always traceable to other causes. My own observation is that the condition that passes for heart-disease is nothing but a phase of the worry disease. I know a gentleman who is confident that he has heart disease, and who expects to die any moment of this popular malady. He is in many respects a very lovely character; but he was born nervous and irritable, the circumstances of his life have not tended to lessen this irritability, and he has managed, by assiduously assisting heredity and environment, to develop a finely marked case of the worry disease. He flies into a passion of anger on very slight provocation; his business is not in a flourishing condition, and he worries incessantly over that; the needs of his family press on him and again he worries: he has intense convictions on the subject of politics and social affairs, and he worries over the political situation and the social conditions of the country. He is a pronounced pessimist, always looking out for evil and of course always finding it. In addition to this he smokes immoderately and eats very little, as

he has worried his appetite away by contemplating day and night the certainty of sudden death that he is sure confronts him.

It would seem that plain common sense alone would teach him the root of his trouble or lead him to see it if pointed out. But we are so loath to acknowledge that the cause of disease is in ourselves. We would so much rather lay it on an outside entity, a personal God, or a personal devil, than blame our precious selves. And so this victim reckons up his bad symptoms, feeble pulse, cold extremities, difficult breathing, irregular heart action and so on; and clings firmly to the delusion that there is a real something called heart disease, that he has got it or it has got him, and he is bound to die unless the doctors can discover some cardiac tonic that will strengthen the diseased organ. Fear and worry are at the bottom of all so-called heart disease. Place your hand on your heart when you are frightened and observe how it behaves. It stops still and then gives a leap and beats violently. Observe your heart action when you are having a protracted spell of worry; how feebly it beats and how languid and lifeless you feel in consequence. Notice the violent, irregular pulsation that accompanies a fit of anger, and then say if any other cause is needed to account for the dreaded symptoms of heart disease. As your mind is, so will your heart be. Keep yourself tranquil, fearless and careless,-that is a good word-and you will have no palpitations and fluttering and failures to alarm you with the prospect of speedy death. And the tobacco? That, too, is in the case of the man I am writing about, another symptom of the worry disease. He and hundreds of other men smoke, as they themselves will tell you, to "soothe their nerves." If they would only seek their nerve soothing in mental therapeutics, the tobacco habit, the meat-eating habit and all other unhygienic habits would fall away from them as naturally and easily as the dead leaves from a plant. For a healthy mind will always show itself in healthy habits of eating, drinking, dressing and living generally.

ELIZA CALVERT HALL.

#### Take Notice.

At present this journal will be issued after the middle of the month instead of the first, as heretofore. The Thought for the Circle will always appear in advance, that all may hold it in unison from the first of each month.

The Thought for February will be, "I am housed in the Infinite. I live in the full and conscious realization of my oneness with the All-Good.". THE NEW THOUGHT.

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E BEGAN this journal, over four years ago, as a small sheet of four pages, without capital or a stock company, or any material support. Friends shook their heads and said it would never pay the printer. Times were hard and subscribers often asked to be trusted for the year's subscription. Humanly speaking, the project seemed a very doubtful one, but its publisher did not look at all from the human standpoint or she would not have undertaken the work.

Believing in the Law of Infinite Love, where supply is unlimited and failures unknown, the little craft known as the Silent Circle started out upon its voyage, bound to reach the port of success. In less than two years it had doubled in size and had not run upon any snags, so well known to literary ventures started from the ordinary basis of mere human reckoning and finite resources. Backed by Omnipotence, nothing fails of its object, however small or insignificant. The Silent Circle became THE NEW THOUGHT a very handsome paper, yet not large enough to satisfy the ambition of its projectors. Again it was enlarged to its present size of sixteen pages with beautifully clear type, handsome as a journal could be made, and yet as low in price as many inferior papers. It did not put money in our pockets, but it did not run in debt, and it promised better things financially when it should become more widely known and appreciated, as it is sure to be upon acquaintance.

Time would fail us to count the messages of loving recognition from all points of the compass. Words that have cheered and uplifted our hearts; that have spurred us on to yet greater effort and more untiring energy. Lives have been saved. hopeless souls started into paths which have daily brightened under the influence of truth and right thinking.

We begin the New Year therefore with the satisfaction which always attends upon the realization of an ideal, and it is of this ideal realm that we wish to talk to you here upon the threshold of another year.

People who do not live in the ideal, do not build their own environment as they would wish it to be. They wander restlessly from place to place, or worse vet, settle down into the old rut and rust out in it, without the slightest effort to better conditions or to lift themselves out of unfavorable environment. With many the trouble is simply ignorance, they know no other way. With others lack of faith is the cause, a proneness to take life as they find it; as their ancestors have found it before them, to live and die as did their forefathers, satisfied that there is nothing better to be achieved. The New Thought is here in the world full of promise and powerful to help, but they look at it askance, as visionary or fit only for weak minds or a woman's fancy.

The non-recognition of it is the bar that shuts out heaven; it is the cause of all the misery, wretchedness and poverty that exists in the world today.

This world constantly iterates and reiterates such maxims as:

"Man is the architect of his own fortune."

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he," etc., but without the least comprehension of the real meaning of such phrases.

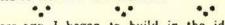
Man is indeed the architect of his own fortune when he has learned the true meaning of the term. He can be what he thinks himself to be, if he does not make it an impossibility by refusing to think. It is the office of the New Thought to teach him how to do this very thinking, to show him how he can become the architect of his own fortune, how he can build well and successfully.

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It may seem a startling assertion to say that you can make your own life just what you desire it to be, but it is a true one nevertheless. You can fulfil your desires just as surely as you can walk, or talk, breathe, eat or sleep. It is just as much a part of man's destiny, just as truly a possibility, as any of the above mentioned conditions. Day by day, I have seen desire fruiting, unfolding from bud to blossom, from blossom to fruitage. I know now, where once I simply walked by faith, not sight. And it is the knowing that is more needed today than aught else to better the conditions of the thousands struggling to escape from a painful fate. **But** fate does not exist save in the minds of the ignorant.

We are magicians all, with the magic wand of destiny in our hands if we will to use it. We are masters of fate and circumstance.



Years ago I began to build in the ideal, and

mind you, the ideal is the real. At first it was as one who dreamed. I was tied fast by the chain of circumstance, in bondage to customs that revolted my whole being, a slave to the world's beliefs and fashions, bound hard and fast to beliefs in sickness, sin, limitation and fear. But I dreamed and dreamed, and dreaming built better than I knew. For, believe me, dreams are not so vague and unreal as we have imagined. Our dreams are often as real, if not more so, than our waking moments.

Prentice Mulford declared that "we travel while we sleep." Many aver that the realm of dreams is as much the meeting place of souls as the waking, conscious periods of our lives.

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As a child I was brought up to read the Bible daily, to commit passages to memory. To fashion my life after its precepts, I found quite impossible according to the general method of thinking, but in my childish way I took hold of certain truths and these truths were woven into the fabric of my life, fortunately for me not as the church understood them. I was a realist and believed what the good book said was true. Skipping much that grieved or mystified, I laid hold of certain portions and made them the realities I believed them to be.

Unconsciously in those early days I was a good "scientist," as far as I comprehended truth.

The story of Abraham was especially fascinating. It was the fairy tale of my childhood. Abraham believed and it was unto him according to his faith.

Kings bowed to him and yielded him homage, because of his great faith. It was this story that first helped me to build in the ideal, what afterward manifested in the real.

God is no respector of persons, I reasoned; Abraham's God is my God as well. What he achieved through belief in his God, I can through belief in mine. It was unconsciously a belief in the Law of Goodness and the power to attract through faith all that I desired. This one point was my vantage ground. I never lost my grip of it. I never relinquished my hope or wavered in my desire.

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Shall I tell you of some of my dreams made real? Of some of my desires materialized? Way back in the past when I lived a slavish life, when to rise in the morning was to look out on huge brick buildings that shut out the blue sky and sunshine. When to walk meant to tread stone pavements, only to get glimpses now and then of green fields, and wooded parks. I lived in the heart of a city. I had few pleasures. My childhood was so filled

with the stern restraints of a superstitious religion. I was repressed, tortured by a creed against which my better nature cried out But admidst it all, I found this pearl of great price, the priceless pearl of faith, and I hugged it fast as a miser does his gold. It was then that I dreamed of my ideal world of beauty, of great stretches of sky and landscape; of ocean and mountain.

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I will one day possess all this, I cried, and be free, free to enjoy. Abraham on the plains watching the planets in their courses, tenting under the splendors of Oriental skies and amid luxurious scenes of nature. These different pictures of Oriental life, the Eastern climate and freedom from slavish custom, all had its fascination for my childish imagination, more especially as contrasted with the coldness and lifelessness of my early environment. I lived the life of the Oriental in thought. I pictured it in my dreams, I longed for its realization in my life. Sometimes a doubt crept in, but I quickly smothered it. I knew that what one mortal could do, another could. Abraham's God was my God also.

I think it was in those early days that my thoughts first began to turn to California.

It was similar to the Orient in many ways, with its semi-tropical climate and vegetation.

There are many features which seemed to link it firmly to those dreams of beauty that had held me captive from that first hour in which I had found my fairy tale.

But heaven itself seemed no further away or impossible than my Utopian fancy.

Years have passed and I may say truthfully that I have always been faithful to my ideal. On the morning of December 21st last, I awoke to its full realization.

Looking from my casemented window this sight met my gaze

A grand sweep of ocean on one side, and of distant mountains on the other; a sky whose beauty pen fails utterly to describe. It was as though the New Jerusalem was let down with all its splendor of gold, amethyst, rubby and sapphire, blending the one into the other in indescribable tints and combinations. I stood as one entranced and marvelled at its beauty

Long I lingered, loth to part with the radiant vision, while thoughts of Life and all its wonders thronged upon me. Like a panorama I saw the years pass by till now, saw the bud, blossom and fruiting of desire. Saw the fact that no good thing is witheld if man himself prove true to his ideal. As I write I can put forth my hand and pluck the roses from my study window this 24th day of December. A humming bird has been atilt one of the long stems, seemingly all unconscious of my near proximity.

The garden below is rich in palms, and luxurious plants; everything the eye rests upon is a picture of loveliness. Do you wonder that we have named this, our new tound home, Treasure Trove.

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And so can each and every one find his treasure in response to trust in that which alone is trustworthy.

Mr. Trine has well named his latest work, "In Tune with the Infinite." In it he tells of fullness of peace, power and plenty coming in response to "the drawing power of mind." We are not only continually building from within, but we are also attracting from without, connecting ourselves with whatever "order of thought of the universe," we choose, and so placing ourselves exactly in those conditions we most desire.

"Everything," says this author, "is first worked out in the unseen before it is manifested in the seen, in the ideal before it is realized in the real, in the the spiritual before it shows forth in the material.

"The realm of the unseen is the realm of cause. The realm of the seen is the realm of effect."

Who need despair of reaching his ultimate desire? Who need weary in well doing?

Who need despair of the fullness of blessing if these things be true.

And true they are beyond the shadow of a doubt. True as the stars in their courses, or the rivers in

their trend to the great ocean.

M. J. C.

# A Genial Environment.

N Christmas morning I picked a great bunch of lovely tea roses from a second story veranda where they hung in great clusters. What a wonder these would be to our Eastern friends, I said, as I arranged them for the table. Their soft, creamy petals seemed to vibrate with warmth and tenderness.

It was as though they spoke to me and said, "Welcome to this land of sunshine and flowers, welcome, thrice welome; we too will do our share toward contributing to your happiness." I could have caressed them, and did say loving words in response, for they seemed to actually understand in their own way and manner what I felt for them. What a wonderful climate this, to bring forth roses in what I have always known as cold, frosty December, But Southern California knows no snow or nipping frosts, this por-

tion of it at least, and the birds warble and roses bloom as they do in June in Massachusetts, where we coaxed them by cultivation and rich food to do their best, for us. Here you may see flowers running riot without cultivation, and blossoming profusely with little, if any care. One day I saw a vacant lot and gully half covered with the waxy ivyleaved geranium, the very plant we cherish so tenderly in cold climates. It is no unusual sight to see walls and arbors embowered with it, while hedges of other geraniums, callas and great banks of heliotrope are everywhere. The lantana grows in big bushes, while Martha Washington and sweet-scented geraniums are shrubs of large size. Were it not for the palms and tropical plants I could easily imagine myself in New York or Massachusetts in June, but these lend a charm peculiarly their own, belonging to this locality. So also the pepper trees with their bright berries and the great flaming blossoms known as the Christmas flower. I have not vet discovered its botanical name. It is gorgeous in its cardinal velvet dress with heart of gold. And this, all this before the rainy season; what will it be after, 1 am wondering! Treasure-Trove will be a bower of roses, 1 am told, every hillside, wayside and table land will be brilliant with wild flowers. Climate does all this; a warm, lovely, congenial atmosphere brings to perfection nature's productions and makes the whole earth smile. 1 do not know of any more forcible illustration of spiritual life. How much congenial, harmonious environment does for us humans.

How we thrive and throw out blossoms of love when in the right place and amid favorable surroundings and associations.

Harmony is health; the soul longs for its rightful heritage of joy, and it should not be denied it; neither need it be, for the Law is sure to respond to true desire and aspiration.

The garden of the soul needs its sunshine and warmth even as the flowers if they would do their best, and the world must be taught this lesson of love to humanity.

Love will respond to love, goodness to good. Smiles will bring smiles, and tenderness its response of sympathy.

Why will we seek to punish the culprit, or to reform the wayward by harsh measures when love's sunshine alone can make the earth to blossom as the rose.

"In all the bright birds that are singing,

In all the fair flowers that bloom." we may recognize the Divine Lite that knows only laws to us as to them, and in this recognition we may

love to us as to them, and in this recognition we may be one with them in beauty, growth and perfection. LIDA CLARKSON.

#### Suggestive Thoughts.

ITAHAT man is "a creature of habits" is a truth so profound that only those who give close thought to the subject realize the widespread servitude which it implies. From childhood to old age we go through a certain round of conduct, chiefly for the reason that our ancestors thus lived and acted. Tradition tells us the manner in which we shall be educated, how we are to earn our daily bread; that we may fall in love and get married within conventional limits; that we must gather around and pray over the bodies of departed friends (although we believe that the real person is the soul;) and that we must worship according to set codes, at stated times, and in established places. For many of our customs we can assign no better reason than the fact that primitive man set us a fashion in prehistoric time. We use outgrown creeds, hymn books, services, and regulations of many kinds, with scarcely a suspicion that they are utterly inconsistent and obsolete. And all the time we are trying to put new wine into old bottles, in some arbitrary way harmonizing rust-covered dogmas with the newly discovered truths of modern science.

It is true, of course, that many are breaking the bonds of custom in these days of the bicycle, the emancipation of woman, and of liberal thought. But that the majority are still habit-bound at once becomes clear when we observe them engaged in the regular social functions.

The truly independent man, however, accepts tradition only when reasoned experience has proved it true for him. If original, he does not permit himself to be educated just like his fellows, but he seeks education primarily because he has new ideas for the world which others may help him to He upsets people's calculations as express. to when and whom he shall marry, and he does not repeat ritualistic prayers, for his spirit prompts a fresh invocation to God. He cannot accept a doctrine until he has thought it out for himself. and he is willing even to be deemed a crank while pursuing his special investigations. In short he questions everything, and tries above all else to rise superior to habit. By so doing he puts himself in the best attitude to be inspired by thoroughly new ideas.

In this transition time, while we are breaking with the past and trying to reformulate the science of life, there is need of men who have the courage to practise Emersonian self-reliance to the full,—men who, instead of preaching doctrines which they no longer believe, have the hardihood to come out honestly with their real thought. Science is teaching us that the past has but little to tell about life, the

world, and the human mind compared to the knowledge yet in store for us. Many are halting in their growth because of an agnosticism so great that they know not what to believe, or because they have come face to face with limits which they believe insurmountable. But the time has come when even the bigotry of science and the inertia of dogmatism must be overcome. The times are ripe for those who are ready to throw aside all restrictions due to tradidition, organization, sect, creed, and habit, and investigate as though man had never thought before, Preachers there are in abundance who talk as though the whole future life and heaven were well understood. We have a superabundance of teachers who rear the young to think as the text-book makers thought. But we need those who shall wake people up to realize our vast ignorance and the self-satisfaction with which we rehearse beliefs until we accept them as absolute truth. It is only when we become aware, of the fact that life is still a mystery, despite the philosophizing of thousands of years, that we really begin to think. The truly alert and wisdomloving mind is perfectly ready to confess that the race has barely begun the great work of thinking out life's problem, notably in its most difficult aspect, the question of evil. This same mind will tell you that we have not yet passed beyond the realm of the probable, and that it is absurd to talk as though we really knew.

It is a regrettable spectacle to see advocates of the "new thought" doctrines, or of the ideas of some other advanced movement, settling down into ruts as narrow as those of hide-bound orthodoxy, and revolving around in little circles, repeating the "new" ideas until they become old, instead of ever branching out into new fields in search of ideas and facts. Out of one hole into another is the record of many who become converted to that which is labelled "new." One more side-tracked sect is thus added to an over-burdened community. Only by taking up a fresh line of investigation every year or two may we hope to keep young in thought. Unless 1 am willing to lay aside my theology or my practical metaphysics if fresh facts prove my views to be illfounded, I do not really care for truth. If I grow tired of my own philosophy, I have already out\_ grown it. Once each year at least I ought to rationalize the universe afresh. If I return to the same conclusions, well and good. But they must be newly thought out.

It is important for the truth-seeker to guard against the subtle illusions of imagination and autosuggestion. One may easily accumulate a set of ideas and learn to talk them off very glibly. After a time the mere talker becomes so accustomed to his own ideas

that he suggests to himself that they are true. It is easy, also, to fail into the habit of stating as fact that which is still mere theory. After one has experimented a few times with thought transference the mind quickly learns the conditions of receptivity, and suggests to itself in advance in close simulation of a genuine experiment. Thus the truthseeker must ever be on his guard. At the end of ten years of study and experimentation one should be just as cautious and skeptical as at the outset. In fact, he alone shall obtain the truth at last who loves it with such persistency that he is willing to try every other possible hypothesis, submit his conclusions to the severest tests, making sure that doubt goes hand in hand with faith wherever thought may lead him.

An easy method of self-help is that of isolating the troublesome thought or disturbed portion of the body by assuming an attitude of quiet indifference to it. If the fear of some possible calamity comes into mind, it will not be developed into an absorbing mental state unless one permits the intellect to be controlled by it. Therefore say to this part of yourself, "Anticipate and worry, if you will; meantime I will enjoy myseli." If you are restless at night, say to yourself, "Toss about and think as long as you choose. When you have finished I will go to sleep." Or if your brain is over-active in one direction, when you wish to think about something else say, "Grind away, I am content to await in serenity." Nine times out of ten the relief is instantaneous, for the mind does not care to think when one is so agreeable. It is overcome with kindness; or more truly, the seat of power has been shifted elsewhere. In the same way one may overcome nervous intensity by this flank movement. Start up a centre of caimness and poise somewhere else and say, "Serene, I fold my hands and wait." And if contaminating mental atmospheres come upon you. do not withdraw into vourself in fear, but remember that "only thyself thyself canst harm." In other words, if you are perfectly willing, if you feel only love for the person who would influence you, nothing can harm you, and good nature will accomplish what resistance could not.

The chief difficulty when we try to trust God is that we do not trust him fully. But if I really trust I shall say, "Whatever circumstances may come to me, Thee will I ever love and serve, well knowing that there is a meaning in every detail of my experience." "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." Even if I lose property, friends, earthly life, all shall be well. I do not expect to lose any of these. By declaring my willingness to part with them I show that I am all the better prepared to hold them. But if I value them first, and fear what might come were I to lose them, then I say, "My trust in God shall be uppermost, for if I were to be deprived of my possessions I am assured that all would still be well."— Horatio Dresser in the Journal of Practical Metaphysics.

#### Treasure-Trove.

OW we wish every reader of THE NEW THOUGHT could visit our new home. We would welcome you one and all and we know you would exclaim as we have done at its beauty and sightliness. It stands on one of the sunny slopes overlooking San Diego Bay, with a splendid view of old ocean, of Point Loma and Coronada Beach. From our balcony under the gable roof we can see way over into Mexico: the distant mountain peaks are clearly silhouetted against the bluest of blue skies, while the ocean, bluer still, is a constant source of delight. One cannot tire of it for it seems always to present some new or undiscovered beauty and is so entirely unlike the Atlantic, that the beholder from those shores gazes upon it for the first time spell-bound in admiration and surprise.

When bathed in sunshine it is like a sheet of dazzling silver, while its hue in shadow is the most translucent heavenly blue imaginable. The sunrises and sunsets are marvels of beauty unknown in the East; the sky takes on tints of wondrous loveliness even when cloudless, while the air in its crystal clearness reveals the purple hills and mountains of the distance with remarkable distinctness. Sometimes, however, there is a soft scumbling, as if the painter's brush had been drawn lightly across the sky; and when the bay is flecked with white sails, and the sea gulls sweep across the expanse of blue in graceful flight, the artist soul within one thrills to catch at least some faint reflection and transfer it to canvas. Vain the attempt, for no mortal could portray the beauty that a Hand Divine has pictured here upon earth and sky. With Charles Dudley Warner, all must agree in pronouncing San Diego Bay and its surroundings one of the grandest views of the world. But to return to Treasure-Trove, the home of the THE NEW THOUGHT work. It is a house of generous dimensions, beautiful grounds embellished with vines. palms, roses and tropical plants, standing on the summit of one of the city's sunny slopes, where it catches sunshine all day long, and offers refreshment and rest to eye, heart and brain. It was proposed to us that we find a home where this New Thought could be constantly absorbed; where harmony could reign supreme; where the world weary or ennuied could come for rest, recuperation and the uplift needed. Here one may live the life of freedom and happiness possible to all who truly seek.

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## Spiritual Hearing and Vision.

IN THE year 1857 I had finished a course of study at a normal school and was in my father's home, a few miles from Boston, when I was taken suddenly and violently ill. My father, an advanced thinker and educator, believed my sickness to be the result of vaccination. He asked me to choose my physician. My choice was the most learned homeopathist outside of Boston, who lived some miles from my home. He pronounced the disease typhoid pneumonia, and called two other physicians in consultation.

Two nurses were brought to me and rejected; the third one I retained. Why? Because she brought with her an atmosphere different from that of the others. I took no nourishment for weeks excepting rice-water containing a solution of gum-arabic. I was considered unconscious to my surroundings. Yet I seemed to hear the voices of angels singing, and could taik with them. They brought me the most beautiful flowers, invisible to others, and I gathered them into bouquets. The doctor sometimes held my hands to prevent my picking at the bed-clothing, and I asked him if he could not see those flowers and enjoy their odor.

The physicians experimented, and, when medicine was given that the higher intelligence considered harmful, a band of beings hovered frear and formed a battery that gave a shock to the system, and the medicine and poisonous fluids were thrown from the stomach. The doctors said this nausea must be stopped, as my strength was nearly gone. I

had superior care day after day, until all this poison was thrown from the system. Then came the time when these good doctors (and they were noble men, intending to be my best friends) said: "She must go; the case is hopeless, and death is only a question of a few hours."

I remember all this as if it were but yesterday. It was evening, and the nurse had arranged everything for the night I asked for a peach. She tried to turn my attention from the fruit and to quiet me. She finally thought the change was coming and called my father and mother. I said to them, "I am not going to sleep, for some one is coming from the farm to bring me some peaches." My father owned a farm ten miles away, and on that farm was the choicest fruit. It was late in the season and none were in the market. Before nine o'clock a box of the nicest peaches was brought to me from that farm. I saw them picked from the trees, placed in the box, and then in the carriage. The nurse allowed me to take the juice of two of them: then I went to sleep, and from that time I began to recover slowly but surely.

To some persons these superior faculties are just as natural as ordinary sight and hearing are to others. The laws involved in both can be explained, and should be better understood. To my understanding there is no mistake greater than that of enforced ignorance.—Delia Preston Day, in the Metaphysical Magazine.

## Our Friends, the Books.

The following are the books laid on our table for review, all of which will be carefully read and our opinion given next month.

We regret the delay, which has been quite unavoidable, and will be atoned for by a very careful and pains-taking revision, which we are sure will satisfy the authors and publishers who have placed them in our hands asking a candid opinion of their merits:

"In Tune with the Infinite," by Ralph Waldo Trine. "The Bible, An Historical and Critical Study," by A. P. Barton. "The New Philosophy of Health," by H. B. Bradbury. "Practical Metaphysics," by Anna W. Mills. "The Law of Vibrations," by T. J. Shelton. "In Search of a Soul," by Horatio W. Dresser. "How We Master Our Fate," by Ursula N. Gestefeld. "The Chaldaic-Geomantic Oracle and Game of Prophecy," by G. W. Gessman, translated from the German by H. Gestefeld. "All's Right with the World," by Charles B. Newcomb. "The Temple," complete booklets in each number, by Paul Tyner. "The Breath of Life," by Ursula N. Gestefeld.

#### The Higher Consciousness.

IN THIS remarkable age of inquiry and unrest. men are seeking, as never before, for the summun bonum. There are multitudes who fain would come into the higher mode of thinking, could they but see that it is reasonable and practical. But they have been so often disappointed with the outcome of various intellectual systems and sectarian dogmatisms and theories that promised well, that they now look with doubt, even upon the rounded unit of Truth. The world has been full of "lo here" and "lo there," the results of which, when followed have been only to plunge men more deeply into intellectual mazes and difficulties. It is important to teach weary humanity, that the higher consciousness, unlike superficial and institutional theories, fits the constitution of man. It is the centre and vantage-ground from which all genuine and lasting improvement must come.

It is important to remember also, that in addition to its vital therapeutic and spiritual potency, there can be no solid political, social or ethical reforms without they proceed from the human spiritual center. Every structure reared upon a mere intellectual basis settles and cracks and becomes untenable as time goes on.

Let us very briefly define in general terms, this higher consciousness, which possesses such vital potency to uplift and develope the race.

Broadly viewed, it embraces everything that is above and beyond the domain of the seen and material. But in addition to this wonderful realm of the Real, it includes *individual relation to it*. This relation, when instituted after the divine order, makes up the ideal unit. It must have an inside and an outside—a subjective and an objective.

Only by seeing the orderly unseen, can philosophy be clarified, art inspired, literature discriminated, science lifted from materialistic degradation, and the problems of ethics and sociology understandingly solved.

It has to do with life in all its multiform manifestations. In its absence, even religion becomes a dry and barren matter of theory. The spiritual consciousness is the universal fountain from which issues all objective activity and manifestation. Without it, all investigation of phenomena is superficial. It accepts all truth as divinely valuable, and therefore bends every effort to make clear its outlines, for its own sake. It takes cognizance of the relations and inter-relations of all things, and is both inclusive and constructive. Only through a unifying process and rediscovery of fundamental principles can progress be made. Scattered and discordant forces must be harmonized and seen as

One, and the solidarity of life on all its various planes interpreted. Practical metaphysics is not a study of curious and word theories, but a path for human service and development.

The new departure essays to lift up ideals of lofty thinking, true manhood, sanity of mind and body, happiness and freedom, and to teach how to express them.

United effort is needed. Our progress is accelerated and our experiences enriched and confirmed by those of our fellows. In self-development we are guided and inspired by contact with neighboring souls. We are like mirrors, for we see ourselves reflected in our brothers and sisters on every side. Progress in the higher life is a hand in hand, and an arm in arm achievement. But while on all sides we may find inspiration, nowhere on the outside do we look for authority. That is from within.

We have every reason for encouragement. The closing decade of the nineteenth century finds the ramparts of materialism undermined as never before. The warm surges of the higher thought and life are beating upon the great iceberg of error and it is melting on all sides.—Henry Wood in the Perfect Faith.

Would you see another's life happy, noble and generous characteristics everywhere manifest in his conduct? That ideal of him is your sight of what the man should be and in reality is. Set your thought resolutely in the positive, seeing him always as you wish to see him. Love sees nothing but the perfect man. Speak the word of truth that expresses your will for the manifestation of the perfect child of God, and it must fruit in his "coming to himself" and showing in everything how grand and noble a being a man can be.

Whatever your enlightened judgment urges you to will speak your word and thus bring in manifestation just what the all-wise Creator has seen from eternity.—Ex.

OUR readers will find in Miss Clara Sheldon Carter, not only an admirable reader of character, but a psychic of wonderful power. She will really foretell for you facts that can be attributed only to this psychic faculty. We are still in ignorance as to these powers latent in man, but we know that they exist and are possessed in greater degree by some than others. "Facts are stubborn things," and Miss Carter will give them to you in a way both to astonish and please if you but make a trial of her power. See her advertisment in another column. We can heartily endorse her.—*Editors of The New Thought*.

## Power of Thought.

THOUGHT is the result of raising or translating vibrations of color or sound into self-consciousness by the quality of egoism which is inherent in everything. By visual vibration we see, by auditory vibrations we hear, by tangible vibrations we have the sense of touch, etc. Through the avenue of these various senses and sense organs, man gains a knowledge of the Universe in which he lives. There are, however, senses and centers which belong to octaves of life higher as well as lower than the material aspect of its manifestations. These all have their correspondences and correlations, and aid and take part by their actions and interaction in producing an eventual consciousness or self-consciousness which is the end and aim of all evolution. Spirit is the same thing as consciousness. The Universe is embodied consciousness. This in order to know itself throws itself into the many forms, states and conditions we see about us.

Between these many forms thus thrown out there begins a ceaseless and eternal action. This action and influence in the consciousness embodied in man is sensed as thought. Every action is dependent upon and the result of some previous action. Every thought is the result of some previous thought Upon the quality of that preceding thought, as might be said upon the chemically pure nature of that preceding thought depends the resulting compound or new thought. Thoughts like chemicals will only unite in definite proportions and according to their affinities. Hydrogen gas and oxygen united in certain proportions form water-a compound utterly different from either of the constituents which go to make it up, This union or any similar union of substances taking place in nature, on the earth or in the solar systems would be the physical correspondence of thought operation in universal or Kosmic mind. Earthquakes, volcanic erruption, seismic disturbances of all kinds, as well as the building up of a flower all come under this head.

When we have a new thought it means that a compounding of elements in some part of our nature has occurred. We become conscious of this changed relation of things and call it thought. A beautiful thought may be the result of a perfect blending of colors or vibrations on a high plane of our natures and brought about by high aspirations or desire. The resulting new color or vibration then registers on our brain mind, and even the physical brain molecules marshal and arrage themselves according to the thought. Beautiful and high thoughts build up the nature and even the physical body. Evil, vicious thoughts destroy the nature and tear down the physical. High aspirations produce perfect harmony of thought, this produces harmony of form and character, so that in truth "we are pictures painted by our own thinking."—Exch.

# Immortality in the Flesh.

#### AN man be made to live forever?

If, by careful living, men can reach the age of one hundred ; cars, why could not life be prolonged still furth a?

Science is holding out the hope that the prophecy of the Scripture may be fulfilled—that man's last enemy, Death, may be vanquished and human life prolonged indefinitely.

The remarkable statements made by Professor Virchow point directly to the possible restoration of the marvellous human age limits recorded in the old testament, when the patriarchs, like Methuselah and Noah, lived nearly one thousand years. What man has done in former ages he may do again. He may even transcend it, for man's knowledge is incalculably greater now than in the days before the deluge.

Professor Virchow's recent declaration is startling indeed. He told the international congress at Moscow a few days ago, in substance, that he believed the last secret of life, how to keep alive and defend it against the assaults of disease effectively and for an indefinite length of time, extending over centuries, would be discovered within the life-time of many members of that congress.

This is a sublimely grand vision-man storming the mysterious citadel of his own existance, robbing the King of Terrors of his crown, and renewing his youth at will from century to century by the application of his own knowledge of life's inmost secrets. The words of Professor Virchow are as follows:

"Life has no other origin than life itself, and this is one of the great truths which the labors of pathologists and biologists of the present century have established beyond the possibility of doubt. If the life that is taken from life is taken from a highly developed life so will be the life that is taken. My earnest hope and belief is that the final mystery of life, the key to life, the principal which keeps it alive, will be solved by the biologists and pathologists before all the members of the present Congress are dead." -New York World.

We do not always walk into an experience and go through it feet foremost; sometimes we seem to be picked up and plunged in head first, apparently quite by accident. Tis in such cases the intelligence of the Law is definitely proven. It acts whether we are conscious of it or not, and we are pitched in to the stream that we may learn to swim, not by any irate master but by the force of our own evolution. No experience is ever surperfluous, and the deeper the throes, the surer the ultimate victory. Desperation contains Inspiration.—Freedom.

#### From A Private Letter to a Patient.

My DEAR; My DEAR — :--I would just like to take you in my arms, and soothe you to sleep as a mother does her tired child. I know well *how* you have missed my help. I have been besieged on all sides of late, and have had to rise above an obstacle in my own experience—I should not say an obstacle although it seemed like one. The stronger we get the greater our need of strength, and these transition times come to all. The past week I had to face something which the human I shrank from for a time. I resisted it for a brief space and made a reality of what was *unreal*, and only a seeming evil. I was under a little cloud for a brief space.

I see that I have to answer for it through others as well as myself, and it will make me more careful in future.

We have our times of rest—our negative periods —which should be used for rest and recuperation, but we should guard the citadel of the mind carefully, that no intruder gain admission. I have always come forth triumphant, and I am sure you will. Now — a little advice and I must draw this long letter to a close. Be very careful not to carry any of your work or your cares to bed with you. Do you allow your mind to go over the events of the day, or plan for the morrow after retiring, I wonder? If so, dismiss all thought, hereafter, but that of rest and repose.

Say quietly, I am at rest, and free from all disquieting thought; then simply hold the word *rest* in your thought. Do this, night after night, until you establish a habit of restful thonght. You may not succeed at the start, but if persevering you will attain what you desire. A reposeful attitude of mind, will induce physical repose. Rest assured of one thing, when you have once conquered this tendency to wakefulness you will not have to do the work over again.

Patience is needed to change the habits of years, so do not allow discouragement to creep in. I am sending you such strong, helpful thought now, that you will feel it and be benefited; but dear, I want you to learn to walk alone, because you cannot always depend upon me, or in fact upon any one. I would get you where you can be your own healer, which is the best and happiest thing I can do for you. I want you to cultivate your own forces, and to make acquaintance with your higher self—a power you little recognize as yet.

Accustom yourself to look up to this higher self constantly. Try to realize that it is right within you, and lift your mind up to it. Do this a thousand times a day.

An appeal to this Divinity within, and oh! the

strength and power that flows in in response. I feel myself a giant, as I realize the Infinite Power and vitality that is mine. You say I am strong, but remember I was once weak and suffering and full of fears and discouragements. This New Thought has made me all over new. I have a new spine, new nerves, and new everything, and I expect to reconstruct my whole physical structure in time. So, dear heart, take courage and press on. With persevering trust in the All-Good, combined with pure, uplifting thought, you can meet and conquer every difficulty. Say with Paul, "When I am weak then am I strong,"—your strength in other words, is latent within, in spite of seeming weakness, and will be made manifest if you persevere.

The spirit can never grow weary, but we do not give it free sway of the physical. We push away our very deliverance by our fears and our old habits of thought. Now begin at once to affirm—I am free, I am free—no longer a slave to weakness of body, and keep on affirming this, though appearances for a time may seem to contradict it, and it cannot but bring you what you so greatly desire. With every wish for your happiness, well-being and speedy recognition of Truth, I am your sincere and loving friend, M. J. CLARKSON.

#### Malthus' Error.

S yet the race has made but small demands upon the natural resources of our planet.

Malthus' theory is weak in that it takes account of only visible resources. It overlooks the fact that every fresh discovery in Science shows us a new force stronger than any known before.

If steam is to be supplanted by electricity and electricity by solar energy, why should we be anxious about the exhaustion of forests and coal beds.

If one drop of water contains an untold poweror a cubic foot of atmosphere the energy of 10,000 foot tons-it would seem as is we have no lack of force at our command.

If nine-tenths of our nourishment is derived from the atmosphere, as is now claimed by Science, it would surely be no impossible problem to dispense with the other tenth or find for it some substitute for the food we now think necessary.

At least we need not yet begin to tremble at thought of a possible increase of population beyond the sustenance provided by Dame Nature.

It would be just as wise to fear that the birds and fishes should exhaust their food supply because they grew so rapidly in numbers.—*Charles B. Newcomb in The Light of the World.*  Thought for the Silent Hour to be held through the month: - My supply is unfailing because the resourses of the universe are mine.

## ALLADIN'S LAMP CALENDAR. 1898.

JANUARY.

The wave is breaking on the shore,-The echo fading from the chime,-

Again the shadow moveth o'er The dial-plate of time!- Whillier.

You to whom this message comes-if perchance it should come to any still asleep and but dreaming of the golden rounds which bridge the way to the heavenlies- awake! awake! cast off the garments of dust and decay, of sleep and ignorance.

Awake to the fact that you are a wonderful being, capable of scaling the very heights of immortality .- From M. J. Clarkson's "Golden Ladder." Compiled by A. H. Q.

#### CORONADO, SAN DIEGO.

The sunny days glide swiftly by at this much favored place. True, it is the quiet season of the year at Coronado, yet so well oiled are the wheels of Time, by the ideal conditions of life here, that there is no friction; the hours seem to be minutes, the days hours, and weeks slip into months imperceptibly; indeed, were it not for irrepressible business affairs and the papers, even the seasons would pass unnoticed, such is the climatic equability of this American Eden. It often does happen in fact, that for a moment, without being especially absent-minded, one forgets here whether it is autumn or spring. Even between the temperature of winter and of summer the differnce is so slight that in the Eastern States it would hardly be considered a difference. The United States Signal Service records show that in the summer the mercury hovers between 65 degrees at midnight, and 78 at noon; in the winter, between 54 and 69-the two seasons varying less than twenty degrees. Distressing heat or chilling cold are alike unknown.

Remember however, that this applies only to a certain part of southern Cali-It is a singularly common fornia. error among residents of the East to confound the climate peculiarities of California at large; the conditions which prevail in the northern sections

are supposed to exist in a measure in the southern; likewise the conditions of inland and of coast' regions are thought to be the same. But it is not so. Just consider the size of the State -an empire in itself. Its coast line extends as far as from New York to Savannah; its area is equal to that of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois combined, and between the boundary line of Oregon on the north and Mexico on the south, there are as many kinds of climate as are to be found between Labrador and the Bermudas. Residents of San Francisco come down here in the winter just as New Yorkers go to Florida. At the same time, bear in mind, San Francisco is only half way to the upper extremity of the State. So to make general re-marks about the climate of California is as meaningless as to talk about the climate of America.

I only wish, out of purest philan-throphy, that I could gather in all doubting Thomases and give them one week at the Coronado. If then ninetynine per cent. of them did not prolong their stay to the fullest possible length and go home finally, if at all, in an ecstasy of enthusiasm over this part of Southern California-well, it would go to prove the existence of natures too gross and callous to appreciate a paradise.

Arrivals from the East are increasing in numbers daily. Soon there will be a goodly colony established here for visits ranging from two weeks to a year .--H. Bradford Rockwood in an Ex.

## LIFE AND LOVE.

Infinite love and tenderness, To Thee I come, Thou art my refuge,

Thou my only home.

From out life's conflict, Weary of the strife, I come to Thee for strength,

To thee for fullest life.

The whole earth teems with life; all the way up from its microscopic ephemerial manifestations so speedily merged into more substantial forms as links in the endless chain of evolution that culminates in its highest visible expression man, and on to the diviner man, who shall conquer death and so attain immortality in the flesh.

But how is this possible? "All things are possible with God." And again, "Whatsoever ye shall ask, be-lieving, ye shall receive." There is no limit given as to what we shall ask for, but all things are ours if we believe. To overcome the last enemy, death, is the glorious work and destiny of the race. The soul that is filled with divine love is immortal here and now, for "God is love." E. S. HILL.

# HOW TO BE HAPPY.

God and Nature are one, the Earth is one, and the human family is one; therefore, nothing lives, because nothing can live, for itself alone. But Arabula dwelleth only in the consciousness of those who, lovingly and willingly, live and work for the progression and benefit of the whole. All work for all by the immutable laws of divine necessity, but how blessed to make this necessity our choice!

We, who live in this very hour, exist only as the successors and heirs of the millions and millions departed, who, long ago, lived and struggled through pain and wretchedness to exist and be But all selfish happy in this world. natures, while they have fleeting excitments and sensuous pleasures, are never truly happy. The God-feeling goes out of the spirit when selfishness grasps the scepter of passion. Do what you will, find any company, witness any miracle, take any medicine the diplomatized physicians of Church or State offer you; but unless you live to benefit others, as well as yourself, there is no happiness for you, and you can have no positive feeling of God's presence.-From Arabula by A. J. Davis.

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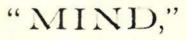
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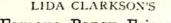
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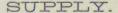
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