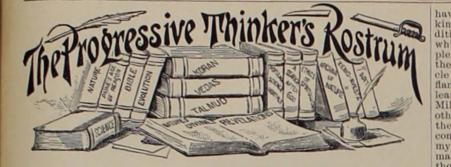


# Progress, the Universal Law of Nature: Thought, the Solvent of Her Problems.

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glory and splendor of the intellectual product, generated in the natural body of mankind. Flora and fauna are the again to seed, and from that seed grew the civilization of Greece and Rome from egg germs. The skill of mechanism is determined by excellence: from whose grafted branches comes the nature effects her work by the best nature effects her work by the best intelligence of our time. Psyche, appetitive, and led by devel-means. A story from classic lore says: Psyche, appetitive, and led by devel-"When Lore was born, the gods had a feast. After the supper, Peace, the danghter of heavenly Justice, invited many events that appear visionary or each one to contribute something toward contribute something toward entire states of an azing beauty. It is just possi-that the story in the New Testament that the joints could not be dis-ble that the story in the sheep and goats is borrowed from this re-lation to the disposal of the sheep looked as if it had been cut out of one tation and clice were cedar ease. After the supper, Peace, the parket work of heavenly justice, invite the support of heavenly justice, invite state of heavenly justice, invite the state of the support of heavenly present for the babe. As we have heave and support of the is a single procession of the source of living form. Principles never charms and light of the source of living form. Principles never charms and light of the source of the sees beauty there: he investing the fetters of the body as from a prison, understanding in full possession, understanding in full possession, understanding in full possession, is and what is called your life is really death." Then Sciplo began to speak, and not to lament with the supporting as easily as possible their calamity, should any such happen to the world the iron horse of the investing in full possession, is any fire, and not hasten to come this is life, as I hear Arrivanue affirm, why do I tarry on earth, and not hasten to come to you?" He replied: "Not so, my son, unless the point the replied: "Not so, my son, unless the point hasten to come to you?" which becomes the germ of plants and miningist thus the pro-seed and fruit continue through and miningist they expressively prayed for." As with animals and plants, so

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of organization, and as I am interested in anything which will advance the cause of truth, love and justice, and give the groaning world a firmer foundation upon which to build its hopes for im-mortality. I am in favor of organized effort, for this would greatly advance the warm friend and admirer of Mrs. Bella effort, for this would greatly advance the vork of spreading the gospel of immor-to twenty-three old women. Just as the

and when an organization is perfected happiness which health and wealth can and when an organization is periected through which the mass of truth-loving bestow. Spiritualists can use their small means, Numbers of poor children sent into the country during the heat of July and August for one or two weeks; daily trips and religion. It is the only true way to aspire to God. The world moves so fast now that the masses drop their lower is we have been for

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daurus: "Let all who come to offer at ing near Hillsburg, Ind., passed to this shrine be pure." spirit-life April 17, after a prolonged ill-

work of spreading the gospel of immor-tality. Nearly every Spiritualist would be glad to do something for the advance-ment of our glorious philosophy, but as it is at present, there are no avenues open through which those who have a very small share of "this world's goods" can do a really effective work. The christian churches have built their immense enterprises from dona-tions of 10 cents, and even less than that, and when an organization is perfected world in every conceivable way: in edu-cation, in music, in mechanical genius

"I am not afraid." I talked with him explaining the change soon to come, and two days after he quietly breathed his last, and our loved one was as rest. He was loved by all who knew him. Services were conducted at the house by Mrs. De Wolf. We laid him beside his father at Lombard, III., Mrs. Wakeman, of Wheaton, making the closing re-marks at the grave. MOTHER.

THE PRODUCTS THIS ARE being the che-est Spiritualist paper now published and he the avenue for leading minds to express the choughts, it should be read in every family cis. It will be sent 16 weeks on trial for

Elsworth Thatcher, the prominent young farmer and stock broeder, resid-ing near Hillsburg. Ind., passed to spirit-life April 17, after a prolonged ill-ness. He was a young man of excellent bevoted spiritealist. All were has a non-ber of the Masonic fraternity, and a de-voted Spiritealist. If Temperer that The Programmer to remember that The Programmer the voted Spiritealist. If Temperer that the advance the advance the distribution of the masonic fraternity, and a de-voted Spiritealist. If Temperer that The Programmer the voted Spiritealist. If the sector of the Masonic fraternity, and a de-voted Spiritealist. If Temperer that The Programmer the voted Spiritealist. If the sector of the Masonic fraternity, and a de-voted Spiritealist. If the sector of the Masonic fraternity, and a de-voted Spiritealist. If the sector of the Masonic fraternity, and a de-voted Spiritealist. If the sector of the Masonic fraternity, and a de-voted Spiritealist. If the sector of the Masonic fraternity, and a de-voted Spiritealist. If the sector of the Masonic fraternity, and a de-voted Spiritealist. If the sector of the Masonic fraternity, and the distingtion of the Masonic fraternity and the distingtion of the Masonic fraternity and the sector of the Masonic fraternity and the distingtion of the Masonic fraternity and the distingtion of the Masonic fraternity and the distingtion of the Masonic fraternity and the sector of the Masonic fraternity and the sector of the Masonic fraternity and the sector of the sector of the Masonic fraternity and the sector of the sector of the sector of the sector of the Masonic fraternity and the sector of the

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THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER to be honest, his followmen would not tet him. Judge Hateh suspended service tence and instituted inquiry into the what respect does its soil, water, worms with a bit to be honest, which demonstrated the truth of the what respect does its soil, water, worms and antibulation of the tence is soil.

ity and measure its depths or its edge of a few things must be imperfect. mainty and measure its depine or its depine or its depine or its depine of its edge of a few things must be imperied. height, the world would be little the better for it. But while this is true, and while the very ailments which thus would have attention paid them, would, in turn, prove their ignorance by the basesting ratiude, the fact nevertheless confront us the by periatently ignor-and while the very attine of meeting of matters in general must, from the very nature of things, be very contracted. He can only the lifeless but little difference to it where the lifeless but confronts us that by persistently ignor- calculate the time of an celipse, the the lifeless body shall crumble to the voice of the spirit; you can't monopolize

A Congratulatory Note.

## Spiritualism Common to all Hu- CURIOUS VIBRATIONS.

in free America, with the Stars and Stripes floating above overy sink of in-iguity, a volce and a purpose are not put forth by the Spiritualitat demanding a purging of the bady politie? Why is it that a man who has worn prison stripes when he is desirous of reforming his life, and calling back a lost character? Are we to be classed among the supine, who e oblequy and stilted pride make a farce of spirituality? It has come to pass that railler, railler, railing the super stripes oblequy and stilted pride make a farce of spirituality? It has come to pass that railler, and the stripe of the survival of the studies and mane and pace a supprivation of the strilles. Are we thoroughly entrenched behing should begin to bear some art of practical fruit; and there sort and thand when Spiritual ists would cease to pander to purp afflic states or and justice in politics would be sort of practical fruit; and there sits, to be conned worthy of their calling should refuse to vote for men or meas ists, to be conned worthy of their calling should refuse to vote for men or meas sort of practical fruit; and there sort and the soften and then a victim to calcurar. As he w

ists, to be counted worthy of their calling bury him in consecrated ground. Dr. able healing powers have been manifest-ON THE LOWER SHELF. Practical Thoughts for Spiritualists are a power for good, and When viewing the moral and social habits and predilections of humanity at large from the standpoint of advanced thought, which deals largely in general-

cost in treasure of the plans laid out, so the philosophical considerations of hu-man advancement, the unfoldment of the evolutionary processes of nature, and the rise and fail of civilization, do not touch upon the woes nor the bliss of individ-uals; and, in a sense, this is in accord with the law of necessity. If men stopped to analyze each fragment of hu-manize and measure, its durity or the store of the sense in the post, failed is a failed in the collective Body. In this turbulent terrestrial sphere no one knows all things; even his knowl-manize and network all things; even his knowl-manize and network and the store in the collective user, with all the ground that had thus been polluted by the burlls of a here the inverse in the inverse. Spiritualists have in the past, failed to organize on anything which savors in the law of necessity. If men no one knows all things; even his knowl-manize and network all things; even his knowl-manize and measure. Poor human nature, not steeped in recontronts us that by persistently ignor-ing these lesser considerations, we shoot high over the mark, and land the jave-line of speculation and theory upon un-productive soil. The philosophical thought of our time at times to all religions, to all grades of society, and to make them wholly the specialty of those designated as Spirit-

## BRAVE AND BITTER.

<section-header><section-header><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text> a drop of liquor, to become intozicated, with all the feelings and actions of one under the influence of alcohol. He re-intes instance after instance in which all of the meetings given in THE PRO-intesting to the worst forms of this disease have as the invader and your house as the invader and your house as the invader and your house as the invader and to Mr. T. O. Parker, of Barre, for been suddenly developed among totally abstinent people, who have, at the time, When abstinent people, who have, at the time, every symptom of inobriety, save the alcoholic breath. He names clergymen, lawyers, eminent and irreproachable walfs, who know not their fathers and alcoholic breath. He names clergymen, lawyers, eminent and irreproschable business men, who have suddenly been smitten with this result of heredity." This statement, made by one thor-oughly competent to critically examine abtruse questions, is no doubt true in all respects, and illustrates the fact that the whole body is subject, at times, to certain well-defined but spontaneous vi-brations. The auditory nerves have been known to vibrate when there are no impulses in the air to cause them to do so, producing certain well-defined phenomena. A mill operator, as related lawyers, eminent and irreproachable business men, who have suddenly been phenomena. A mill operator, as related by Upham, was on one occasion resting from her labors, far away from the noise themes, and it is expected that this Lyman C.

of looms or moving machinery, when she was suddenly startled by hearing an exact counterpart of the noise pro-duced while at work. There was a duced while at work. There was a spontaneous vibration of hor auditory nerve, in complete harmony with the vibrations produced while she was at work. This spontaneous vibration often affects the optic nerve, and objects that have once made a vivid impression thereon are seen subjectively. The speaks five, so he is likely to prove a whole system, particularly the nerves, is subject to well-defined vibrations, continued, of course, within a certain limit, and often wonderful phenomena are produced thereby. A disease of the nerves is simply a change in the normal vibrations thereof, and an electric instrument has been invented that, brought to bear upon them, restores them to a healthy condition by simply stopping the diseased vibrations. drunkenness all the normal vibrations of the body are changed, and through the mysterious laws of heredity, those vibrations in the father while drunk, may be revived in his children, producing all the phenomena that accompanies that of the body, in health or disease, in

# General Survey.

the flocks and folds of the invaler, He is to becure in this church twice on Minn. She too, is excellent, and gives

Salem and Youngstown reading this may of articles. For the liberalists the Fra also secure his services and able lectures. Thinks's Magazine is the most desirable by addressing him at Clyde, Ohio I am much pleased to see this able lecturer coming forth on our spiritual free thought. H. L. Greene, is either rave defender of truth not only against fair hearing.

C. Cressler, of Sturgis, Mich., writes theological superstition. Managers of "The Harmonial Society of Sturgia spiritual camp-meetings will please ex-will hold its Thirty-third Anniversary. cuse my suggestion, but some of his June 12, 13 and 14. Mrs. R. S. Lillie, of lectures against Romanism would Boston; Joel Tiffaney, of Chicago, and awaken a mighty enthusiasm in the Abram Smith of Sturgis, will be the ajacakera.

in spiritualism will arrange with the President to come here and lecture. A genuine mellion when here the set of the come of the set genuine medium, who has true gifts in clairvoyance and independent writing, is in demand here. Who will corre-mente and with the rest will be added. Arrange ments are being made for securing good test mediums, and will ask these intendspond with the Secretary about it, or ing to be present, and desiring to he ad vertised, to send their names and phase of medium-hip to the Secretary at once The Society would like to make terms A Humane Deed. Some two or three months ago, Dr. G. A. Bishop, Dr. Charles Lewis, and two raise money and procure for Bro. Morris writing for it. Brother D. M. King will hold meeting at the Opera House, Ashley, Ohio, Sunday, the 24th inst. Friends, turn out liberally. Bro. King is well worth hearing. All information regarding camp meeting cheerfully given by addressing me at Marengo, O." caten up with millions of infinitesimal worms, and containing the germs of numberless diseases, is to be resurrected, if the fossilized Catholic Church is any notherity. The Tribute says local paper professedly published for the information of Catholics, and bearing. Mrs. E. Nugent, of Bradford, Pa., writes: "Through an advertisementin your columns we obtained the service of . W. Sprague, of North Collins, N. Y. ARCHIDEACON FARRAR WRITES TO MRS. INTADLAUGH DONNER. Archdeacon Farrar has addressed the following letter to Mrs. Hypatia Brad-laugh Bonner (says the Autional Re-four modern sciences? He may be an-wered with an emphatic 'No.' But in the control of the science of the scie kinds. As a number of lecturers have written me concerning our meetings. take this way of answering them all.

is too high for the average mind. At astonished the world. Facts have been least one-sixth of the population of our studiously duy for, and exposed to public country is tributary in thought to country is tributary in thought to Rome. Four-fifths of that number know as little about the purpose of life as tad. The knowledge of the wisset and most profound on earth is very contracted. able as to listen to a parrot repeating the multiplication table: but you tell the Hi-bernian that a priest in the confessional is God Almighty on earth, and he underthat the parrot understands the multi-

and a thankloss task, as previously combination, the had element was pror stated, to attempt or to carry on the work of reformation and regenera-

tion among the masses. Until the infamous arbitrament bemeditation of another is outgrown ig-norance and stupsfaction must be the normon heritage and blot of civilization. That largeness of self, which makes an in-dividual thick, "I am better than thou," is the curse primal and all-pervading in the social elements of life. A poor old convict, named DuBois, was arrested in this city a short time ago for horse stealing. It transpired at the prelimi-nary examination of the offender that he was drunk at the time, and hab been driven to drink because his companions in the factory where he was employed, The first is a short the weight is short the function. This first of the controls, that has a first of the controls, the first of the controls are controls as a first of the controls are controls are controls as a first of the controls are controls are controls as a first of the controls are controls are controls as a first of the controls are controls are controls as a first of the controls are controls are controls are controls as a first of the control the first of the controls are controls areal decontrols areal decontrols are controls are contr

Is it a Bridge to Heaven?

In times past-times that were dark, unlists would be impossible. as little about the purpose of life as tad-poles know about astronomy; and yet these people contribute to the material wealth of the country, and vote upon the most vital subjects, matters they are as little versed in as they are in the plans of their lives. Now, the need of the times is not the acquaintance and fellow-ship of a fabulous delty, but a secular-ivation which shall bring before these. dismal and pestilential with error, solar spectrum reveals in the so-lar photosphere many of the primary elements of the earth, is about as profit-the lattice of the carth, is about as profitpeople, in the aggregate, as in the indi-vidual, modified somewhat, of course, by the combination. The course, by it would be a waste of time and effort for in the collective body, whether com- him to preach over his remains; or, like stands you at once, in the same degree pased of one or a thousand people. A many others, he might have entertained that the parrot understands the multi- composite likeness of the twelve persons the opinion that his remarks would con-

that the parrot understands the multi-plication table composite likeness of the twelve persons with him I place the whole category of pricet-ridden humanity, is an under-standing of the simple rules of life, the in the whole of his unironment, men-tally and physically. He is to under-taily and physically. He is to under-ful, depends upon individual effort, not in the allegiance he pays to established authority. Stanking of the inclinations and predilection of animals as paralleled in man, agentienan told me the other day that one time he was driving a flock of sheep on his farm, and in crossing a sheep on his farm, and in crossing a bridge the leader new the shadow of an upright iron rod which the rays of the alternoon sun threw across the bridge. The sheep, taking the shadow for a rail, immed bigh or two her illudon being completely dia. imped high over it, and over it and over it, and over it and it. She says the salvationists are independent of the fock following did the same thing. This illustrates exactly the moral and religious status of men generally, and the reason thereof. Men follow pre-scribed customs gord, bad and indiffer-ent, simply because they find these in such a scandalous way that the White Caps put the following note under the door: "If you don't get top selfish and cowardly to root out the threat a chance to threats will be cut." As a class, this salvation Army represented a composite to selfish and cowardly to root out the salvation Army represented a composite to a the wheat a chance to threat will be cut." As a class, this if the spirit realms, and the necessity of the spirit realms and the necessity of the spirit realmant is the spirit realmant in the spirit realmant is the spirit r home, her illusion being completely dis-pelled. She told a remarkable story. While the average funeral sermon, as in the spirit realms, and the necessity of living exaited lives here, in order that the spirit may take an exalted position

Will C. Hodge, the efficient Secretary well in the future to ignore orthodox man and his God through the of the Mississippi Valloy Spiritualist ministers when one of their number Association, sends us the following con-gratulatory note: disc, and engage some advanced Spirit-ualist to officiate. They will feel better

ization which shall bring before these and kindred masses of humanity these and kindred masses of humanity those fundamental principles which gradually lead up to the higher and broader views of philosophical discussion. To tell a Hibernian fresh from a coal mine that the soll as gradually and folly, are joint heirs in the constitution of every mortal body. Hibernian fresh from a coal mine that the walk as gradually and folly are joint heirs in the constitution of every mortal body. Hibernian fresh from a coal mine that the walk as gradually and folly are joint heirs in the constitution of every mortal body. Hibernian fresh from a coal mine that the walk as gradually manifests waywardness as

DR. J. W. BRIGOS.

former), in reply to a communication there is the rub. Is it possible for an intelligent man to believe that God is

DEAR MADAN: -- I do not know a single reasonably educated Christian who takes the mere symbols of heaven for heaven. with the laws of nature, which he the mere symbols of heaven for heaven. It is utter in accordance with the laws of nature, which he or attraction of the near relatives and more intimate friends of Miss Emma Nicker-members of The First South Side spirits

Only that we eternal pealms might sing. That all the gain death's awful curtains hide is this eternity of antheming. And this praised rest, shall there be no en-deavort etc., etc.

descrift sie, sie If locality of many idea that the human entitled, "What Heaven is," you would see that we regard it as a place of pro-grees, of fruition of all that is noble, of grees, of fruition of all that is noble, of grees, of fruition of all that is noble, of grees, of fruition of all that is noble, of grees, of fruition of all that is noble, of grees, of fruition of all that is noble, of grees, of fruition of all that is noble, of grees, of fruition of all that is noble, of grees, of fruition of all that is noble, of grees, of fruition of all that is noble, of and no hatred, of a greening more like for beause we shall see Him as He is in Browning's poems you will see this in Browning's poems you will see that two control is a temporal the saying of Confuelus. "Heaven means of happy souls rejoicing over the torments of the low have time tog ance and no have three is a temporal the event of the inverse fruits and the sources of the present." The happy pair will have the best is a scent is a temporal the syling of Confuelus. "Heaven means of happy souls rejoicing over the torments of the low have time tog ance and no have three is a temporal the syling of Confuelus. "Heaven means of happy souls rejoicing over the torments of the low have time tog ance and no have time tog ance truth, or willfully disregrating the exorelised, and if you have time tog ance truth, or willfully disregrating the allowed to do so. The compation is a truth, or willfully disregrating the allowed to do so. The compation is a truth, or willfully disregrating the allowed to do so. The compation is a truth, or willfully disregrating the allowed to do so. The compation is a truth, or willfully disregrating the allowed to do so. The compation is a truth of the low of the one an eaver of the truth, or all feel is the assure of the tormany ultures, the allowed to do so. The compation is a they begin the the has our heart feit tharks, truth, or will fully disregrating the allowed to do s torments of the lost have long since been exorelased, and if you have time to giance at my "Eternal Hops," or "Morey and Judgment," which now represent the best opinions in the church, you will see many proofs that the Calvinistic horrors of an unnatural theology have never been

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# The Resurrection.

## The Fossilized Catholic Church Still Adheres to it.

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which she had addressed to him: DEAR MADAM: — I do not know a single the author of a statement which modern

We do not suppose that heaven is a cubic city or a pagoda of jewels, or oven an endless seven-fold chorus of hallou-jahs and harping symphonics. Long ago a Christian poet ang— O for a deeper insight into heaven; More knowledge of the glory and the joy Which there unto the happy sonia is given; For it is past belief that Christ hath died Only that we eternal palms might sing. That all the gain death's awful curtains hide is that previous to the last century no We do not suppose that heaven is a created? It is utter nonsense to quote is that previous to the last century no man living knew anything about the by the bride's own hands, proved a very chemistry of nature. None of those cited by him, nor any who preseded them, had any idea that the human them, had any idea that the human

many proofs that the Calvinistic horrors of an unnatural theology have never been authorized by many men, even by greatest Christian fathers, and canon-ized saints in the mediaval church. Let me add, I for one have not uttered a syliable of discesses about your father.

ladies were appointed a committee to any one so desiring can obtain one by Rosenstein a wooden leg. The People's Society at Bricklayers' Hall gave 439. The First Society of the South Side, gave 412.50. The Band of Harmony, of the First Society, on the West Side, gave 48.30. Personal friends of the committee

A Humane Deed.

Alliana, Ohio.

A. J. SWARTH, Ph. D.

Romanism, but against every form of theological superstition. Managers of

If the fossilized catholic currents any of shoes, vi for enanging clothing, as tailor. Kansas, His terms are liberal. He sings, beat paper professedly published for the rest of the money was presented to loctures and gives platform tests as used. Address him, care of Banaer of Leyid, Beats as its motto the sentence: 'A Catholic the meantime secured for him more worth St., Boston, Mass. newspaper is a perpetual mission in every parish, finds fault with an article in the *Tribune* on the resurrection of the body. It claims that the doctrine of the resurrection was a familiar dogma of friends. The committee was only re-faith among the Jews (?), and was taught explicitly, formally and frequently in the were his Hebrew brethren, the only with the truths of Spiritualism, and Old Testament, besides being in-culcated by Christ and his Apostles, Spiritualists make no distinction be-and die by; no angry gods, devils or

Nickerson-Warne,

A city paper says:

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Olive St. His permanent address i Fredonia, N. Y.

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# THE NEW BEGINNERS.

ing-off place," to congratulate you most sincerely upon your praiseworthy and disinterested undertaking. Allow me to explain: Physically, geographically and topographically, 1 could not go much further West without "jumping off "into the rolling deep—the un-Pacific Ocean. And so far as the present stage of life is concerned, I am looking every day to see the token of the coming boatman-o la Secretary Windom. So, "before I go, 1 Secretary Windom. So, "before I go," I want to contribute another mite into the great scale or weighing machine of hu-man thought." Well, let us try the selence of astron-omy. But this branch is called "the sel-ence of the stars." What have the stars

man thought. First Let me say, don't worry or or their movements to do with the re-turn of the dead? M. Flamarion is an spend too much time over your critics. They all mean well; so do you, and as the at the same time he is a good Spiritualcriminality of an act lies in the intenist of the intelligent type; but I'll wager tion, when we discover what that is, we a sixpence that, in becoming a ge can usually dispose of a given case in few words. So I hope there will be no Spiritualist, he never consulted the quadrant, the sextant, the water-level, the differential calculus, logarithms. lengthy controversy between the "Association" and sensitive members of the or any of the other paraphernalia adorngreat Spiritualistic family, who years and years ago, under more favorable ciring the science of astronomy. Then this magnificent branch of human science cumstances than have been enjoyed by must also be ruled out, as utterly worththe members of your Association, settled for themselves, and forever, the quesless in the study of the soul and its capabilltics. tions that you now propose to inquire into.

Second. The wording of the "Prospectus" was, possibly, a little unfortu-nate; and this fact, it was, that touched some of our more sensitive brothers and sisters. The element of the ego-the personality-the I, was, perhaps, a little loud for the steady-going leaders in this great team, who, because of their steady adherence to the track of scientific disquisition, had never felt a line drawn, or heard the erack of a whip. The words "settled, if possible, once for all," were a little ostentatious: for whatever the Association may do, or not do, will not "settle" this much-vexed question. If your committees should, without a dissenting voice, declare against the whole matter: if you should tell the world through the press that the would-be-manifestations of spirit power were all a fraud, an optical or aural illusion, a mental hallucination, a self-induced hypnotic condition upon the part of sitters and investigators, it would scarcely make a ripple on the great sea of mind. Or if you should insanely follow suit and thus join in with Rev. Miles Grant and other orthodox or heterodox preachers, and the mathematician; Lyle, the geologist; Yes, we are sure that the phe-54V .: nomenal phases of Spiritualism are O. K. We have settled this matter, once for all; but we have settled another matter equally satisfactory, and that is, it is all of the devil, why, Spiritualists and some "scientists," would just laugh at the su-perstition of the Association, and the Spiritualists, especially, would hold the grandest "dark seances" the night after you published your report " that they had ever held, and say: "Well, if devil it is, then we'll have a devil of a good time any-how, for our good demon is a good devil at his worst: so, here goes!" And they would sing "John Brown," and all the other "Marching on" songs and tunes they could think of. No! such a report would not affect the masses a time the same solid convictions as to the particle, only in the direction I have hinted.

Or if, on the other hand, you should run into the still more unreasonable, unphilosophical and absurd views enterthat is manifested in spiritual scances are only "shells" (of course should you Varley's methods? He, the most dis-

Forty-Three Years, Now Inquiring tions. But would you relegate the soul's continuity to the science of mathematics? as to its Truth in Operations in the Rev. M. J. Surger, and the Psychical Investiga-tion Sector of Mathematics? Scarcely, Why not? Because mathe-mathematics deal with "quantity, magnitude and numbers." But what has quantity, magnitude and numbers to do with the question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" and if he live, can he return to again?" and if he live, can he return to his old haunts and make himself mani-fest? Then you would not choose to rele-gate this question to a professor of mathematics any sooner than to any other sensible person. If this is correct, then we must, by cancellation, cut out matheexcellence, of science, as not being the realm in which these great questions can be settled "once for all."

Davis and Peebles might want todraw upon this science of the stars in fixing the "locations and employments" of the dead. (?) (Well, how is that for an Irish ull, the employment of the dead? Ha! "The dead know not anything," says the Bible, Miles Grant & Co. To specu-late on their "employments," therefore, sounds odd to the aforesaid.) But your business will be, not so much to determine where those dead folks live (there it is again), or what they are engaged in, as it will be for you to determine, with scientific exactness, whether they live at all after the doctors, undertakers and other worms are done with them, and if they do, they alone can verify that claim. Suppose you call to your aid the sel-ence of geology! No, that won't do at all, for that is " of the earth, earthy." Well, how about botany? Ah! that branch treats of plants, grasses, etc., and is "too green" altogether. And so you may go through the whole range of the upon the church." sciences and find no more aid or comfort than you will in taking up any plain, hon-

est man of good common sense from any Flamarion, the astronomer; Sherman, Tyndall, the chemist; Carpenter, the physiologist, and all the rest of the noted scientists, are not worth the end of a burnt match beyond an intelligent farmer, merchant, or mechanic, as observers say the fact of the independent slatewriting, or the materialization of human forms. Accuracy of observation and integrity of report are, to my mind, the chief things. But do not understand me to underrate the scientific appliances used by Prof. Hare, Prof. Varley and others, for testing the reality of the phenomena. All that was well enough at the time of it: but those gentlemen did all that work, and did it well. But while I make these concessions to the honor and credit of the parties, at the same essential facts could have been just as

satisfactorily reached by other and less ostentatious methods without, indeed, all this flourish of trumpets! If those gentlemen, by scientific methods, demontained by certain pscudo philosophers on this subject, and espouse the views of what is there left for you to do? And what is there left for you to do? And and you should tell the world that all haven't they? Can you hope to do more in the application of machinery than did

mind? I doubt if there is, and that one ligion. Do not light your candle and is mathematics. All other branches of "then put it under a bushel, but on a Studying the Primer of Spir-itualism. After the Existence of Spirtualian Deer the Solution of Spirtualian Studying the Primer of Spir-itualism. After the Existence of Spirtualian Studying the Primer of Spir-itualism. After the Existence of Spirtualian Studying the Primer of Spir-itualism. After the Existence of Spirtualian Studying the Primer of Spir-itualism. After the Existence of Spirtualian Studying the Primer of Spirtualian Studying the Primer of Spir-itualism. After the Existence of Spirtualian Studying the Primer of Spirtu



for the United States Denounced.

dispatches that the Catholics in New York have a modicum of sense left. They are strongly opposed to the scheme for national bishops for America, as pro-posed by catholic committees of Ger-

encroachment of the sect which he represents, and knows the danger.

WRITING TESTS. ure of attending a most remarkable so- raillery, the priest thereafter kept his

# Baptists vs. Catholics,

## The War Rages Fiercely.

Over here in Ohio the religious war Over here in Ohlo the religious war grows apase. In Defiance county there are a great many Catholics; those who are not bigots are rank materialists (about three), which is strange, but true. Defiance has a very large percent-age of Catholics; Dutch and Irish) of all dened from both, as it is certainly des-dened from both as a denew of the free denew of age of Catholics (Ditch and Frish) of all degrees of intelligence. Apparently they control municipal affairs. The bulk of the Protestants are Methodists cast-iron ones at that. There are a few Liberals and Spiritualists who refuse to keep their lights under bushels. A great many in the churches are family great many in the churches are familfar with the phenomena, but are afraid to lose easte by making it public. I have lived among Catholics nearly all without their aid. have lived among Catholies nearly all my life, and must say that better law-abiding citizens than they can easily be found. They are quarreleame, bigoted, and nearly all the respectful to the smallest detail found. They are quarreleame, bigoted, and making passes over me. So human affection, is thus and ence more respectively in the basis of human affection, is thus and ence more respectively in the basis of human affection, is thus and ence more respectively in the basis of human affection, is thus and ence more respectively in the basis of human affection, is thus and ence more respectively in the basis of human affection in th slander-mongers, intemperate, and opposed to civil law.

But concerning the Baptist war against the Catholies: Last Thanks-giving, in his sermon, Rov. J. M. Mills, of the Defiance M. E. Church, said that the radical element of the Catholic A Little Common Sense Left, The Scheme of National Bishops die emigrants would in the course of a few generations become "Protestants or Protestant Christians." At this little sally, John Baptist Jung, priest in charge of the German Catholic church, TO THE EDITOR:-It appears from the ispatches that the Catholics in New sion to remark that he would disavow as

New York archeoloceke, "The American bishops will rise as one man in protest. There is no need for the appointment of national bishops in the first place. Catholic immigrants are well cared for spiritually in this country. It is sumilar to that of Willis F. White- head and others, in THE PROGRESSIVE prising how ignorant of American prising how ignorant of American of American of the prise the accelerisation is the first place. The Derivative for the area of the and others, in THE PROGRESSIVE THE PROGRESSIVE accelerisation should begin before birth. City are. They do not know what we Americans want, but if they attempt to force these national bishops on us, they will very soon find out how we feel in regard to the matter." Dr. Gilmany sees the dangers threat-ening the Catholics when he says: "Our What Shall Be Our De-time," and Rev. Eccles, of Salem, O., we should then have solved is marked bishops on us, they we should not how we feel in the sound on the Catholic of solutions and social ex-their kind. The doctor spoke pointedly of youthful indiscretions and social ex-the base the dector: Insanity, preceded is the problem of true happiness. Not that for which "the Lord be praised."

for which "the Lord be praised." In Bryen, O., a few years ago, a young lady graduate of the public school, in her essay at commencement, made some mended as promoting social purity. A Skeptic Developed as a Medium. casual remark concerning the Catholics, Here follows the pledge: at which a priest devoted an hour reviewing what he called "an unwarranted attack upon the mother church." TO THE EDIDOR:-I had the pleas- But as nobody paid any attention to his gradation.

produced by animal electricity, and were Influenced by a human mind. He then issued a challenge to mediums, which you have read. Recently Mr. Davis has A few years ago, at a Catholic funeral. Wor

## the highest possible respect. We arouse A NEEDED CHURCH. the bitter antagonism of their ranks against us, to allay which our forces are diverted from legitimate work, and ren- The Church of the Divine The Only Kind Worthy of any If half the energy displayed in trying Fragments.

even ignored it is in such a case their misfortune, and not that of Spiritualism, for common sense is sure to settle it without their aid. evening, when almost giving up the st to become a member of the "Church of Divine Fragments," which he did, by of Divine Fragments," which he did, by

In no way dependent; but with its own Falls. - Spricture Times. The Church of the Divine Fragments I had never seen nor heard any such exdevotional aspirations, soulfully sings, may well be considered an anomaly at perience before. I seemed subject to the will of this individual, who appeared to in the quaint words of the old-time poet: ceased, in reply to the above, set forth that his name being Jacob, he was a . Minister of Jacob's Branch of the while, seemingly under spirit control. I ted wherever a fragment of humanity could be found"; and he claimed as his object was to reform these people and if possible to make them better. His first effort was to induce the wayward or sinful person to abandon the "Church of the Divine Fragments," and for national bishops for America, as pro-posed by catholic committees of Ger-many, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. Dr. John Glimany, the well-known Catholic historian, says in the Catholic News: "We can look on this come "when America would have to The Two Forces in the Universe. great danger to the church of the United teach religion in her public schools." lack in the courage of his convictions, nor by signing this document he graduated States. These self-constituted commit- What religion? The Catholic? He in the expressing them in terse, twoby signing this document he graduated fice it to say that the kind-hearted Hed States. These self-constituted commit-tees will seek the support of the ambas-salors of their respective countries in Rome and of the cardinals representing the other nationalities. Our liberties in this country hang by a frail thread-a few words in the first amendment of the Constitution. Once get up the erv the Constitution. Once get up the ery of foreign interference in our affairs, and a new amendment would easily pass by which Catholicity in the United States would probably be boycotted by their would probably be boycotted by their while the elephant produces but one at a would probably be boycotted by their while the elephant produces but one at a which Catholicetry in the Onliced States would be fettered and trammeled in a thousand ways. There are leading men ready and anxious to organize a move-ment against us, and a single step at Rome will bring the avalanche down upon the church." while the dephant produces but one at a time, and that requires twenty- or twenty-four months. The Humboldts, Carlyles and Emersons had few or no children. In the coming ages there will be fewer children born, and better they should be retained and reformed. on the church." "If the Roman authorities follow the shaught upon the Catholic church, re-bodies, tempers and tendencies are of should recruit from his, but he considsuggestion of these meddlesome commit-tees," said a priest conspicuous in the New York archdioceso, "the American leg to stand upon; and now the silence half their time in in.proving their chil-tees the silence of the silence of the silence of the second the sec

affairs the ecclesiastics in the Eternal City are. They do not know what we

liberties in this country hang by a frail thread." He is aware of the constant the Baptists have enlisted for the war, ory, etc., is on the increase in our coun-Mr. Harter had "convinced" that it that at such times we would be able to

Here follows the pledge: 1, ——promise by the help of God— 1. To treat all women with respect, and protect them from wrong and de-gradation. His failing, the present " of a sober hus-band, and his children a present of a sober father—something they had not had in ten years. After this "present" she thanked God for it, and when the sold but little she thanked God that the his family, was able to make his wife a disposition at all times, and some one a little information regarding the mo-dium, as you no doubt will hear consider-able of him in the future. Mr. Davis is him in the future. Mr. Davis is him of the secret of the secret of the secret of true happiness. The dium, as you no doubt will hear consider-able of him in the future. Mr. Davis is him of the secret of true happiness. The diverse the future of the secret of true happiness. The could be done at the law of purity, as him of the secret of true happiness. The diverse the future of the secret of true happiness. The could be done at the law of purity, as him of the secret of true happiness. The could be done at the law of purity, as him of the secret of true happiness. The could be done at the law of purity, as him of the secret of true happiness. The could be done at the law of purity, as him of the secret of true happiness. The could be done at the law of purity, as head to be secret of true happiness. The could be done at the law of purity, as head to be secret of true happiness the could be done at the law of purity as head to be secret of true happiness the could be done at the law of purity as head to be secret of true happiness the secr eace. But a few weeks ago, the "Rt. Hon. 'ery Rev. Father" Bishop Gilmore sus-equally binding upon men as women. 'ery Rev. Father" Bishop Comparison for the family were well provided apples were still left. She had found the secret of true happiness. The need. And this, Mr. Harter remarked, thought has been expressed that con-

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semi-conscious state, realizing what was an electrifying hand pass over my body.

be a powerful Indian. I felt no fear, but turned over to one side, and then to the other, the Indian continually making morning, as I thought (which time was verified by my wife afterwards). Then I saw him pass out of the hedroom into the kitchen adjoining, rapping three times so loud that it awore my wife, who tried to awaken me. I answered

Man, the noble Indian, whoever he may have been, did the work, and effected a complete cure, without money and without price, to help a poor mortal in his struggle toward more life. Many such instances, no doubt, so happen, and invaluable is the service thus rendered. Many a time our angel guides are unable to reach us with their warning voices and then, when reduced to utter need other, such instances as the above show how closely we are all related. LOUIS WILLIAMS.

Part Ausples, Washington

Do Right and Fear Not.

"Borrow no trouble: it will be left at

your door as fast as you wish to use it."

"Never cross a bridge until you come to

Much of the unhappiness in the

# A SAVIOR.

make this discovery), you will, pursuing the scientific methods, tell the world what kind of "shells, or "shells of what. If so, you will do a good service that the Theosophists have never done. Those foolish people tell us that " the forms that we see in materialization seances are only the "shells" that the living or the dead have thrown off by their thoughts. They say that "thoughts are things," and these, I suppose, are the "things" that are made of "thoughts." Well, for one I hope that your commit-tee reports will "settle the hash" for "learned fools" once for all, if theme possible.

In addition to what was construed by Mr. Hudson Tuttle and others of your critics, as unfortunate wording in your call, was the vivid remembrance of the seybert Commission fisseo, the most disgraceful, dishonorable and dishonest proceeding ever had in the name of sci-ence or religion, not even excepting the Spanish Inquisition under the direction of the Vatican. Smarting under the disappointment and chagrin connected with that Commission, it is not wonderful that your critics felt a little waspish and glad to prejudge. But, as I trust. all eriminations and recriminations are over. I hope that you will go to work in good carnest to know the truth. "The truth shall make you (conscience) free," but will not free you from the curse of Rome or of pseudo-bigoted scientists. If you tell the truth, as others have done, you will "make Rome howl," Geneva snarl, and Huxley and Tyndail groan, " being burdened." While, on the other hand, enlightened spirits and Spiritualists will

brace not only Theosophy, but all else IN glad And under this delusion (Theosophy Having said these things, by way of many think they are doing big work for introduction, I would like to make inthemselves and the world studying "The quiry as to what methods you have pted for carrying on your researches, and how can scientific mon on the Pacific coast, for instance, contribute to your sky. Now, these simpletons, who im-agine that they are away out and be-yond anything known, or taught by aims and objects? I have probably not seen all that the Association has published on these points, or I might have no occasion to inquire. Do you ask for christianity or the spiritual philosophy. in place of growing wise, good and vi-vacious, are simply dying of "dry rot," facts in the experience of scientific obmervers? If so, I would refer your honas a friend of mine and a member of the orable committee to a private letter writfraternity expresses it. They boast of the adepts of those ancient times, and ten to M. Cora Bland, M. D., Washington, D. C., and read by her in one of the Fact Meetings at Onset Bay, and afterurgo the same idea. There is not one in 50,000 of them that could possibly attain wards published in the Soul, about unto that phase of mediumship, or selfthree years ago, written by the subcontrol, and this is well; for what in the meriler

name of truth is an adopt good for? Of what use is he to the world? None un-By the way, indice and gentlemen, let me assure you that, personally, I have not shared in the apprehension that some der the sun. Then why spend time and money in studying to become a nuisance in society? But Spiritualism properly of your critics have expressed that your researches would be a duplicate of the Interpreted and lived is an activo, vi-Seybert Commission flasco, for the reavacious, intelligent system, and of great worth to men here and hereafter. son, chiefly, that few intelligent men and women, of common sentrospect would be guilty of committing a similar offense as long as A. B. Richmond is alive. Then, again, 1 am personally ac-through the law of tender sympathy and mental emotion. For example: a reck-less young man, who loved his mother while she lived, is now convinced that, Then, This and women, of common self-respect

quaintest with several of your members, and know the balance by reputation, and so am well satisfied that you are not as a spirit she is ever with him. knowledge restrains him from ovil, bemade of "the stoff that dreams are made on." Hence cause he would not grieve his loved mother. Spiritualism keeps men out of

the penitentiary, for it teaches that no man can escape the consequences of his 'High hopes make the heart throbs lighter." One item more. Allow me to express own conduct by faith and prayer, laying my disapprobation of the frequent use of his sins on the shoulders of Jesus; hence the words, scientific, science, scien-tists, etc., in connection with the study of register, that in an filinois penitentiary 

tinguished electrician of the world, apalled the most delicate "touch-stone that is known to the mind of man to-day -an element that approaches nearer to mind, to spirit than anything else-electricity; and yet over that most positive safeguard there bounded a form into the visible presence of the circle, larger and seemingly more corporeal than the medium herself. Well, are you going to re-test these things? Hardly, I should think. Wouldn't it be a sort of insult to the name and memory of Hare? Would much as he can. His independent slate-writing is open and above board, and he Varley think it much of a compliment to him? What would the world think if you should publish that you are doubt-

by attempting to kill a dead snake. You

But, after all, it cannot shake off the

conviction that what is more needed than

all else, is competent teachers of genuine

Spiritualism. Thousands of Spiritual

ists are running off after that most ab-surd craze called Theosophy, as if Spir-itualism, properly defined, did not em-

devotes about one hour to this class of manifestations. The rest of the time is U. G. FIOLEY: ul of the conclusions arrived at in Eugiven to a variety of physical phenomena ild's mathematics, and you would settle I have nover seen so many distinct phases of medial power united in any one that question "once for all," as to the 42d problem? Gentlemen, the continuity medium before, and the Spirit-world ha of life and the possibility of spirit return lone a grand work in developing this have been as well settled as any other scientific fact, not excepting chemistry; but, no matter, so ahead, and we of the Pacific Coast will aid you all we can in your good work. We will not at least obstinute sceptic to such an extent that he has convinced himself as well as a hundred others. Thirty persons received excellent tests last night and all wit nessed remarkable phenomena. resent a more absurd aspect than did the Irishman who would how his valor

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and your work, if faithfully done, will contribute to take away the "odium"(?) Parkland Spiritualists National of Spiritualism and to make it "respect-

and Reading railroads' direct line which connects in one unbroken chain which connects in one unbroken chain the cities of the East-Brooklyn, New York, Jersey City, Trenton, Philadel-phia, Wilmington, Baltimore and Wash-ington, with all their outlying States and countles, cities and towns, Parkland offers the greatest facilities for exemsions, and the most varied list of attractions, to the largest number of people of all shades of religious opicion.

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country residence can afford, constitute the temporal inducements to visitors; the spiritual cravings of the seekers. after truth. Parkland essays to become the Nation-

al Spiritualists Camp of the East, which her broad acres and unequaled location, geographically, make possible to her in the near future. We ask Spiritualists everywhere to come and help to build ism is to be measured. This up a new Spiritual Utopia. Parkland, Pa. L. R. C.

----William Worcester has just been re leased from the jail of Dover, N. H., after an imprisonment of six years for

debt.

A few years ago, at a Catholic funeral. | Work for The Progressive Thinker seen able to get writing on slates, and because a few Protestants were present various other manifestations are propaying their last respects to the deduced through his power, so that he has ceased, as common decency thought been compelled to change his ideas, and proper, the officiating priest poured out he is now giving free scances at nearly a trade against all who were not Cath-all residences where he is invited, as olics, and said he would delight to wate in Protestant blood to his knees. course we want to live under religious

## SCIENTIFIC METHODS. The Issue One of Facts.

Honesty the best policy, though often is shining around about us. The fabled spirit-life. His mantel should regarded as an ancient chestnut, is still gods are crumbling to dust; a more pergood for Spiritualists who want science feet knowledge is taking the place of In theirs, though they know that, with a meaningless creeds and slavish dogmas.

It is evident to the thinker that from chimning the harder that at the top, and the first the issue has been one of fact, Heaven. The angels are at the top, and What

which was in no way dependent on any men are aspiring to be angels. What system previously established; yet ever enlightened Spiritualist wishes to re-we have been barnacled by attempts to turn to the chaff and husks of a dying Camp Neeting. Having passed through a period of civil war, and thereby gained a title to out into a broader light, and with wings out into a loftier flight, to a wider builder of the set of the

truth that the power absolute of the uni- from their homes in the sky." verse is good, with the healing quality shall know the angels, from the least a conscious entity who once on a time atex. SPENCER. It was a some of the most false over to the greatest. To spread this knowledge among our tried here with but partial success to YOU SHOULD HAVE IT.

inuch per head, labeling the same GRESSIVE THINKER. Christian Science. Meanwhile, this Sullieum, O. Sullivan, O. conglomeration of truth and falsehood

repudiated the round world, both Christianity and science, as no part of their systems. It was a weak

trick to have thus named it, for the nonthinking who were eaught by it will be the first to desert it when it tumbles before the integrity of truth.

Another case is that of the psychic societies, where the most complete evidence of the cause of the phenomena only rivets their adherents the closer to the theory of an unknown something yet to be discovered, but is never found: yet while many of the best speakers and in their estimation, no wisdom can com-best mediums gather here to minister to peto with that of mothods scientific; and It is evident they will never make any prograss, unless public opinion compete against their own opposition.

Our Boston clerical friends seem inthey are wise not to parade the colligious us also the standard by which Spiritual-

The ovidence of the trath of Spiritualism is such only and simply by virtue of its own intrinsic and internal character, and the affidavits of a scientific or religious syndicate cannot add to the evidence possessed by John Smith or Win. Jones. The time will come, and that soon, when the commonest of common some will be universally considered suf-

Jamestown, N. Y

Blest be the tie that binds.

We share our mutual woes,

The sympathetic tear.

And giadly meet again.

When we asunder part

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Our mutual burdens bear; And often for each other flows

It gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart

H. W. BOOZER.

Our hearts in holy love! The fellowship of kindred minds Is joined to that above.

few bright exceptions, it has ever ig-nored Spiritualism, as has religion also. It is evident to the thinker that from climbing the ladder that reaches up to

cuse of a certain school of metaphysics. that our absent friends whom we supposed minister to these in this material ex- lives, and when we have learned to con-These people take from A. J. Davis the to be dead are coming and going to and istence. Mrs. Lake gave voice to an trol them we shall have obtained com-

and absurd things ever conceived, and fellowmen, and to elevate humanity, solve the mystery of life print and sell or teach in classes, at so let us subscribe and work for THE PRO- "To minister," said t D. C. CHAPFEE.

## Materialization.

Rochester, N. Y. (If it is not the "manger," it is certainly the eradle of modern Spiritualism), is highly favored

just now by the presence of Mrs. Etta B. Roberts, a materializing medium, whose adaptisiness to spirit use in that direc-tion seems indeed wonderful. A wire cabinet, constructed under the auspices

seemed to present no barrier to the coming forth of materialized forms-two, three, and sometimes four appearing we exchange forces.

and back of the wire compartment by a spirit, and at the close, was pueled, at most thrown, from, the cabinet. A gentleman in the audience furnished his own patilock, and escurely locked the only door to the cabinet, and he found it in the same condition after the most the same condition after t elined toward the same mistake; yet they are wise not to parade the colligious It in the same condition after the seance, that he left it in before the seance, when

If any one he locked the medium in. desires an affirmatively decisive answer to Job's question, "If a man die, shall he live sgain?" he can get it by attend-ing one, oven, of Mrs. Robert's scances. Rochester, NY. L. B. FIELD.

ry cause Glodin refused to have the church ples among my companions, and try and to graduate out of the "Church of the pends entirely upon what we are or good rapping medium. Because of his inability to get a certain test demanded by him, he concluded that the raps were by him, he concluded that the raps were Paul, become "the ministers of Jesus enterprise as others in the same business Christ to the Gentiles. (or Divine Frag-ments.) ministering the gospel of God " the cest of everything, we shall find " to make the Gentiles, chedient such a one much more ready to grand to make the Gentiles obedient such a one much more ready to granp

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oh, they were glorious' and when I was told that some day I, too, should be a "ballet dancer," like my mother, I was nimest frantic with delight, and only lived in anticipation of when that happy

time should arrive. On the same top floor as ours—mother's and mine—there lived a good woman who, like my mother, came from France. She was a laundress, and got up, as I been the should arrive. That evening my little mother said, "Darling, this is your seventh birth-iffe. What says ma mignon? Will be begin the begin next Christmas in the nantomime sooner the better."

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