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Hospitals in our great cities are sad places to visit. Three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow-white beds are women and girls. Why should this be the case? Because they have neglected themselves. Every one of these patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warning in that bearing-down feeling, pain at the left or right of the womb, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back. All of these things are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or womb.

What a terrifying thought! these poor souls are lying there on those hospital beds awaiting a fearful operation. Do not drag along at home or in your place of employment until you are obliged to go to the hospital and submit to an examination and possible operation. Build up the female system, cure the derangements which have signified themselves by danger signals, and remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has saved thousands of women from the hospital. Read the letter here published with the full consent of the writer, and see how she escaped the knife by a faithful reliance on Mrs. Pinkham's advice and the consistent treatment of her medicines.

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AMAZING PREDICTION

BY ONE WHO WATCHES SIGNS OF TIMES.

Bishop Thoburn Says the United States, Germany and England Are to Be the World Power of the Future—The World's Progress.

An address delivered in Chicago a few days ago by Bishop James M. Thoburn, of the Methodist Episcopal church, who has for years been at the head of that church in India, has attracted considerable attention and aroused much discussion in religious and other circles. The bishop rules the destinies of thousands of Methodists in southern Asia. His acquaintance with European and Asiatic politics is thorough and far-reaching and this gives weight to his momentous statements. The prelate predicted that astonishing changes in the map of the world were impending. New empires, he said, would arise, and there would be such alterations of old lines that the geog-



BISHOP JAMES M. THOBURN. raphies of today will be laughed at a few years hence. Germany, England, and the United States are to be the great world powers.

The World's Progress. "During the 40 years that I have been in India many things have happened," said the bishop. "The world has progressed and the serfs have been emancipated, Italy set free, Louis Napoleon and his system overthrown, Germany consolidated, and what is unobserved by most people, a new nation has arisen in the world—Australia. In Asia the church has advanced the cross and the crescent has retreated and there are now thousands of Christian converts who were once Mohammedans. I thank God every time I hear of Russia annexing more of Asia. But there is a new power entering Asia, and hardly anybody seems to notice it. Many significant things will result from what has just passed between Emperor William and his uncle, Edward VII. of England. Before many years the old Austrian empire will fall to pieces, and what will be more natural than that Germany should possess the part of it which now borders on the Adriatic? The German empire will then be continuous from the North Sea to the Mediterranean. Germany has already built railroads in Asia Minor between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. European governments do not build railroads unless they intend to secure possession.

Great Empires of the Future.

"The time of great empires is coming. There will be the United States of North America and the United States of South America. There will be the United States of Europe, the Russian Republic, the empire of China, the empire of the Indies, the German empire, and, last of all, a mighty republic in the island of Australia.

"When peace is restored the Chinese will embrace Christianity as no nation ever did before. The millions in that walled empire will pour out into Borneo, Africa and perhaps South America. They will not bother the United States, for the Chinese like tropical climates. In Borneo, with its 200,000 square miles of land and only 1,500,000 inhabitants, there will be ample room. The population of that island is also kept down by the custom of compelling each man before being eligible for marriage to kill some person and secure a polished skull for his bride's parlor ornament."

Edgar Saltus, the great journalist who has circled the globe many times, and who is an authority on political conditions in every country, laughs at Bishop Thoburn's prophecy. He says: "The bishop is a great man from a religious point of view, but he is out of his element when he talks world politics. His prejudice will not permit him to see that Russia will within the next fifty years absorb all of Europe, Asia and Africa, and that Great Britain, Germany and France will become parts of the dominions of the Muscovites. So far as his references to this side of the world and to Australia are concerned he is correct. Australia will become the British empire of the future, while Albion, Erin, Scotia and Cambria will settle down to Russian vassalage."

King Edward VII's Great Empire. Exclusive of Egypt, the area of King Edward's empire is 11,773,000 square miles, including Egypt, about 33,000,000 square miles, or much over one-fourth of the land of the globe. The wealth of the United Kingdom alone, apart from that of India, Australia, Canada and other possessions, is about \$60,000,000,000, or second only to that of the United States. The population of the empire aggregates some 400,000,000, being comparable with that of the empire of China.

TWO PUGNACIOUS JUDGES.

Adjourned Court to Settle a Controversy with Their Fists.

Recent dispatches contained an account of a sensational occurrence in the district court at Watertown, S. D. In the trial of a divorce case one of the attorneys, George W. Case, said something offensive to Judge Julian Bennett, who sat on the bench. Thereupon Judge Bennett responded hotly and Mr. Case said: "Judge Bennett, you can address me in that manner from the bench, but were not court in session I would not tolerate such a statement from you." Springing to his feet, Judge Bennett exclaimed: "This court is adjourned!" and with that knocked Mr. Case down with a blow in the face.

And the story is doubly interesting as showing how history will repeat itself, though we regard the Kansas incident which we are about to relate as the funnier of the two. In 1858, the famous Judge Joyce was a justice of the peace in Hays City, and, as the only judicial officer in the region, administered the law with an autocratic hand. In the town there were two lawyers, only one of whom has to do with this story. His name was Ryan, and some months before he and Judge Joyce had quarreled, with the result of Ryan being disbarred from practice on the ground that he had been a Confederate soldier whose disabilities had never been removed. Of course the fact of Ryan's being a Confederate soldier was not cause for his disbarment, and, anyway, Joyce had no right to disbar him, but everything went in the west in those days, and for some months Ryan had to stay out of court. However, after Joyce had considered his enemy sufficiently punished he sent word to him that he could come into court. The next case which came up for trial was against a fellow who had stolen a cow, and he engaged Ryan to defend him. In due course the prosecution made its case a good one, by the way, but while the witnesses were being examined Ryan sat with his hat pulled down over his eyes, saying never a word. At last, when the guilt of the prisoner had been established beyond all doubt, the prosecution rested, and, turning to Ryan, Judge Joyce said:

"The defense can now take the stand."

"What the h—l is the use? A man can't get justice in this court," responded Ryan.

"Misther Constable, adjourn the court!" shouted Joyce, springing to his feet. "Come outside, ye monkey-faced hellion, an' I'll give ye justice!" And whereupon everybody adjourned to the outside, where Joyce and Ryan went at it hammer and tongs, with the result that Joyce received a beautiful licking. Later, when the blood had been washed off and considerable red liquor washed down, Joyce reconvened the court and solemnly gave judgment for the defendant.

"But, here!" shouted the lawyer for the prosecution. "We proved that man guilty and he ought to be sentenced."

"Will ye hold yer yawp?" sternly responded his honor. "The court finds itself reversed an' Misther Ryan wins on appeal."

COUNTESS DE GREY.

The death of Queen Victoria and the consequent accession of the former Princess of Wales to the place of first lady in the kingdom will have the effect of restoring one of the beautiful women of England to the place at court which she forfeited recently for a singular reason. It is only a few months ago that the Countess de Grey, who had been one of the most popular women at court functions, was informed that her presence at drawing rooms, balls and other social affairs was no longer tolerable, because she had opened an afternoon tea resort. Her purpose in indulging in trade was to render herself financially independent of her husband and his parents, who had grown weary of paying her debts. Commendable as this scheme was, it conflicted with the queen's strict rule that titled women who embark in trade should be subject to ostracism from court.

It is confidently predicted now, however, that Lady de Grey will not only



COUNTESS DE GREY. return to court under Queen Alexandra, with whom she has been on terms of affection and intimacy for many years, but that she will be one of its most prominent members, and that she will become lady of the bed chamber to the new queen. She is one of the most vivacious women in England's highest circle. A patron of music, she is known to have paid the de Rezkes \$100 per hour each for appearing at her afternoon musicales. It is this reckless extravagance that has worried her husband's rich family, the de Greys, and depleted their pocketbook.



The Welcome Smile

The thing that goes the farthest toward making life worth while,
That costs the least and does the most is just a pleasant smile.
The smile that bubbles from a heart that loves its fellow men.
Will drive away the clouds of gloom and coax the sun again,
Is full of worth and goodness, too, with manly kindness blent—
It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent.

There is no room for sadness when we see a cheery smile—
It always has the same good look—it's never out of style—
It nerves us on to try again, when failures make us blue;
The dimples of encouragement are good for me and you.
It pays a higher interest, for it is merely lent—
It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent.

A smile comes very easy—you can wrinkle up with cheer
A hundred times before you can squeeze out a soggy tear.
It ripples out, moreover, to the heart-strings that will tug,
And always leaves an echo that is very like a hug.
So, smile away. Folks understand what by a smile is meant.
It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent.

—Harriet S. Damon.



Churches With Big Incomes RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES WHICH MIX BUSINESS WITH RELIGION.

The one church in America which has the largest annual income and expenditure is unquestionably St. Bartholomew's Episcopal, of New York. Its income last year—that is, its money value which it represents—was \$208,000. This is not an exceptional year and does not include a big gift of \$200,000 made this year for its clinic now building. Its pew rentals alone amount to above \$50,000 a year. The sum named includes what it gives to missions, and also the expenditure connected with its great parish house in Forty-second street. A dozen other Episcopal churches in New York and Philadelphia have incomes exceeding \$100,000 a year. The Presbyterian church having the largest income in America, is the Brick church, New York, which took in \$116,000 last year, a good deal more than half of which went to missions. The largest Baptist church in America is the Fifth Avenue, New York, to which John D. Rockefeller belongs, and through which his gifts, or most of them, go. The church is, apart from the Rockefeller, however, a large giver, and last year its cost, including benevolences, was \$145,000. While Congregational benevolent societies have larger incomes than any other, proportionate to the membership of the denomination, individual churches do not run as high in expenditures as do churches in other religious bodies. The most expensive church may be either the Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, or the Old South, Boston. Their totals run about \$45,000, and this includes only not local expenses, but also mission and other gifts.

The Methodist church having the largest annual income is the Madison Avenue, New York, although there are several others in that city having incomes almost as great. The Madison Avenue's total amount raised was \$39,144 last year. Methodism is made up of small churches; its total number of them reaching 53,908 in all America, a larger number by nearly 10,000 than the Baptists, who rank next. In value of church property Methodists outrank all others in America, the amount being \$132,980,480.

Can Read Men's Brains That's the Startling Power Claimed by a Woman.

Miss Maud Lancaster, an English woman has gained fame as a telepathist in London and eastern cities. She asserts that telepathy is a science, and defies the contrary to be shown by inviting to small private receptions, in which she gives illustration of her power, scientists, students, newspaper men, police officials, and all other possible doubters and scoffers who wish to come. There she gives illustrations of her feats in telepathy and defies the closest of these observant and inquisitive persons to say that the wonderful things she does are unreal.

RAISING SHETLANDS. Scores of Hardy Little Ponies on a Stock Farm.

In New York state there is a stock farm to visit which would delight the heart of any boy or girl. Here they raise Shetland ponies and at all times you will find from sixty to seventy of these thoroughbreds grazing about or romping with one another. When these ponies are born they only weigh from twenty to thirty-five pounds, and can be fondled and played with like a dog, and the more you make of them the better they like it. The ponies are ridden and driven all the time by the children of the neighborhood, and sometimes six or eight children are around the pony barn at once, and when purchasers go to inspect the

Shetlands they are quickly relieved of any anxiety as to the gentle disposition of the ponies when they see six or eight boys rush to harness them. They have a little fox terrier dog on the farm that loves to jump on the ponies backs and ride, and the ponies don't mind it a bit. All the stock ponies and colts run out all winter. They roam the farm and hunt under the snow for grass. They prefer to stay out no matter how stormy. At the same time they have access to a big straw stack and a warm barn, but it takes a blizzard to drive them to the barn except at feeding times.

British correspondence with the United States last year was 41,000,000 letters, as against 65,000,000 with Europe.