And so Bret Harte left only \$1,800. Impecunious to the last!

If it wasn't for silly hens the fox

would not have his reputation.-Life. They are writing German poetry about Kipling. This is a terrible re-

Mr. Morgan tells uc that Noah organized the first trust. And he watered his stock, too.

venge.

Late dispatches from London bring the news that Editor W. T. Stead's grouch is still on.

Royalties on Wagner's operas last year paid \$115,000. Yet some European royalties never pay.

Spain has no other statesman the size of Don Praxades Mateo Sagasta now, unhappily, deceased.

The king of Portugal is an expert cook. It may be therefore that he is a hero even to the hired girl.

Even with his record of \$20,000,000 in gifts in 1902, we fear Mr. Carnegie is richer than he was a year ago.

In spite of all the praise it has taken in, the new cable to Hawaii is working as industriously as a vet-

going to try to cross the wastes of Sahara in balloons surely do not lack Henry Watterson says the "smart

set" is doomed. But the smart set

The French balloonists who are

shows no inclination to take the colonel seriously. Castro did not feel like apologizing, and if one enters fully into his feel-

ings one cannot blame him for being

a trifle reluctant. Abdul Hamid seems to have overlooked the fact that when a Dardanelle has once been opened it is a very hard thing to shut.

A spring in Virginia is so magnetic that it charges everything dropped into it, in which it somewhat resembles a Kentucky colonel.

The news that the Jews appear to hold the balance of power in Fez makes pleasant reading in view of recent events in Roumania.

The life of a Japanese jinrikisha man is said to be only five years. This shows that in some cases & pull is the worst thing a man cav

Bret Harte left an estate valued at \$1,800—almost as much as a captain of industry can earn in twenty minutes when conditions are ordinarily favorable.

It seems to be generally allowed that the gorgeous scene on the plains at Delhi has never been surpassed by any spectacular performance on any modern stage.

A New York boy found a gold brick in Wall street the other day. Let us hope, however, that this will not result in a general hunt for Wall street gold bricks.

A New York girl asked seven young men to take her to the theater, just as a joke. But as she took the entire seven and paid the freight we fail to see the laughing point.

Max Nordau inclines to the view that the American people are also degenerates, this opinion fitting in exactly with his theory that degeneracy has overtaken everybody except himself.

Peru and Bolivia have decided to arbitrate their boundary dispute. Both countries probably have so many revolutions going on that they can't afford to bother with an ordinary war.

The powers have begun warning China. If China will apply to the sultan of Turkey he may be willing to furnish some information concerning the warning business that will be highly reassuring.

It appears that one of the life insurance companies has been paying taxes on some of Hetty Green's property by mistake. Let us hasten to explain that Hetty made no complaint on account of the error.

Some comment has been excited by the action of the Chicago gentleman who shot his prospective son-in-law. The truth probably is that the paternal one deemed it more advisable to shoot the youth than to support him.

A man who amassed a fortune of \$100,000 as a result of twenty years of industrious begging, has just died in Canada. The chances are that he'll have to beg a lot more before St. Peter lets him through the pearly gates.

Nine small poys have died in one eastern town from lockjaw as the result of playing with toy pistols at Christmas. But what do you think of the sanity of any parent who put a toy pistol into the stocking of his hopeful son?

GENUINE PROTECTION IS THAT OR IT IS NOTHING.

The Doctrine Is One of Broad and General Application and Must Not Be Made an Instrument of Favoritism to Special Sections or Interests.

The article, "Protection a National Doctrine," in "Gunton's Magazine" for December, is worthy of thoughtful perusal by all who are in search of information and argument relative to protection, its aims, its scope and its effects upon the material prosperity of the people of this country. In this presentment of the subject Prof. Gunton has completely succeeded in demonstrating alike the fallacy and the folly of considering protection as an instrument of favoritism to special sections or interests. The doctrine, he urges, must be one of broad and general application to the nation as a whole, to all industries, all interests. It is either that or it is nothing. It will fail and deserves to fail. Exactly in point is the extract from a recent address by Gen. William F. Draper, the head of the great textile machinery plant at Hopedale, Mass., a distinguished business man, a captain of industry, a clear thinker and forceful writer on economic subjects. Well and truly Gen. Draper declares:

"When the Republican party ceases to be a Protectionist party, it will be beaten, and deserves to be, as, if the people wish to try another free trade experiment the Democratic party is the proper one to conduct it."

And it will be so. Just as surely as the Republican party deserts the bed rock of its economic faith, just as surely as it proceeds to undermine protection, either through special tariff legislation at the behest of certain sectional interests which clamor for free raw materials, or through a system of swapping trade privileges whereby one industry is arrayed against another industry and a large degree of foreign competition is bargained for, just so surely will the Republican party ride to a fall. No political party can retain public confidence for any length of time after it has begun to exhibit the worst of all party weaknesses-that of distrust in the soundness of its own cardinal faith.

Against the folly and the fallacy of free raw materials and special treaties Prof. Gunton's guns are double shotted and accurately trained. New England "small talk" and selfishness come in for some effective broadsides, and so does the shortsighted and short witted policy of forcing our products upon other countries by means of special trade privileges instead of on the sound and lasting basis of superior excellence or greater cheapness, while at the same time showing gross favoritism and unfairness toward certain industries selected for slaughter in order that certain other industries may have an unjust advantage.

1902, RECORD BREAKER.

Extraordinary Showing of Prosperity

for the Year Just Closed. With this, our last number of the year 1902, we would briefly call attention to the year's record of unparalleled progress and prosperity. In spite of the great coal strike, the result of which is still serious, we have passed through a year of business activity, of commercial expansion, of trade movements and both individual and national success in production and earnings and consequent enjoyment of the necessaries and comforts and luxuries of life, such

as was never before known. Our almost record breaking crops will all be marketed at good prices. Our iron and steel production has

been the largest in our history, our pig iron output reaching 18,000,000 tons, almost three times that of 1894. Our railway earnings have surpassed all previous years. Our bank clearings have again broken the rec-

Our postal, insurance, telegraph and telephone business have been larger than ever before.

Our imports for the first time in our history will approximate \$1,000,000 .-000, while our exports, though not quite equal to one or two preceding years, owing to the failure of last year's corn crop and the extraordinary home demand for manufactures, are yet most satisfactory.

We have earned more, lived better and saved more than ever before in our history.

It has been the merriest Christmas and will be the happiest New Year that was ever enjoyed by any people on earth.

Not all are quite happy, for the millennium has not yet come. The handful of antis are discouraged and disheartened, while the tariff smashers' see no hopes of a materialization of their "ideas." And yet even these malcontents and pessimists know that they are better off in every material way than they ever were before.

It is the fifth full successive year that we have enjoyed this constantly increasing prosperity. It dates from the going into operation of the Dingley tariff law." With every laborer employed full time at larger and larger wages, has come increased demands for our varied products, even greater than can be supplied or trans-

ported. What a tariff lesson it is, to be sure! No need to read Adam Smith or John Stuart Mill. No need of tariff commissions or hearings before the Ways and Means committee, or com- -Sioux City Journal.

Loup City Northwestern MUST BE NATIONAL mercial "ponventions or lengthy es THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Each man's bank book tells the whole story, and there never before were so many bank books with such large balances as now. Never before were so many millions sent home to the old countries by those who have come to make their home here in this land of work and wages. This very fact alone disproves the statements that cost of living has increased more than wages. Millions upon millions of increased wages have been granted during the last two months, added to the many increases of recent years.

And happily for all, we have decided to let well enough alone for two or three years at the least.-American Economist.

THE COAL DUTY.

Good Reasons Why the Tariff on An-

thracite Should Not Be Removed. In connection with President Roosevelt's recommendation that the duty on anthracite coal be summarily abolished the following communication from Capt. William W. Bates, an eminent authority on all matters pertaining to the American merchant marine, should be found both pertinent and instructive:

"Editor The American Economist: It has been stated that one reason for putting the duty on coal, such as shipped from England to California, was that it was carried by returning ships in the grain trade at ballast rates, and unfairly competed with the coal produced by our Pacific states. But we should add to this that the British coal from its first exportation has been monopolized in carriage by British ships through the altar discrimination policy of British underwriters. Insurance on this coal to be tries now, they then sacrificed to gods carried by American ships would cost greatly in excess of the rate by British ships, if such insurance could ship." Rather, whom ye worship, not be obtained at all at Lloyds. The knowing his name and attributes and naobject of this discrimination was protection of the British ship. To take off the duty of sixty-seven cents per ton would add somewhat to this protection by raising the freight. Now that the British ship needs protection goodness, authority. Great duties and more than ever, and we have none in great privileges grow out of this truth. this coal trade, and we are great friends of the British, shall we not help them?

"William W. Bates." It would appear that in urging the hands," as idols were worshiped.

consideration of two important facts: arriving at Pacific coast ports as ballast was at the time the Dingley tariff was passed regarded as necessary for the proper protection of the coal producing interests of the Pacific which is the best reading. "Might feel coast. That protection is as neces- after him, and find him." Paul here de sary now as it was five and a half fines the actual position not only of idolatry, but of the modern systems of years ago, and its removal would undcubtedly be injurious to the coal ism, so far as it is a religion, and all mining industry of the Pacific coast systems that leave out Christ and an states. Being brought over as ballast inspired Bible. "Not far from every one the delivery of Welsh coal involved practically no cost of transportation. know It could therefore be sold at so low a domestic coal. Hence the imposition He is the source of life; of the duty. Even more than it was around us is the gift of God. five and a half years ago that duty is under its protection coal mining spiritual, personal beings, with wills and the industry employs many millions of formed by his own offspring. capital and pays wages to many thousands of men.

Second, as so clearly shown by sidy to the British ship owner, who mitted against light and would be thereby enabled to add at God and good. "But now." least a part of the sixty-seven cents has come with new light, new motives. a ton to his freight charges and still a new message from God. "Commandeth sell the coal at a lower price than is at present possible. We have done a holy God should live much by unwise navigation laws and regulations to crush out our shipping These Duties.—V. 31. "Because he hath of other countries, but it would seem to be straining matters a little too far cision will be absolutely right and corto put up still another bar against rect. "By man whom he hath ordained."

domestic shipping and then to ask the domestic shipping and then to ask the pay the cost.

The two reasons cited, to say nothing of the unwisdom of using the tariff as a factor in labor disputes; would seem to be sufficient to dissuade Congress from concurring in the recommendation of the repeal of the duty on anthracite coal.

Declined With Thanks.



Democratic Approval.

The Dubuque Telegraph, Democratic, thanks Mr. Cummins for his interpretation of the "idea," for the reason that there will now be no further excuse "for any high protection Iowa newspapers which may hereafter affirm that it does not imply that the tariff now affords shelter to monopoly."

LESSON V., FEB. 1; ACTS 17: 22-34 -PAUL AT ATHENS.

Golden Text-"He Preached Unto Them Jesus and the Resurrection" -Acts 17: 18-Paul's Address to the Athenian Leaders.

Scene I. Paul on the Way to Athens .-Vs. 13-15. In Lesson III. we left Paul in Berea of Macedonia, where his preaching of the gospel was having considerable success. But after some weeks the Jews of Thessalonica heard of what was going on in Berea, only fifty miles away, and they immediately incited a persecution there as they had in their own city. Paul's friends hastened him away, se-

Scene II. What Paul Saw in Athens .-V. 16. Athens was one of the three most influential cities the world has ever known. As Paul walked around the city he found it full of idols. It was filled

with the statues of the gods. Scene III. Paul Discussing with the Jews and Philosophers of Athens.-Vs. 17, 18. As usual, Paul began to preach the gospel in the synagogues on the Sabbath, discussing and arguing with the Jews and the devout proselytes. Then he went into the market-place and talked

with any one willing to listen. Scene IV. Paul Brought before the Areopagus .- Vs. 19-21. After a time Paul was invited to speak more formally before the philosophers and the authorities of the city.

Scene V. Paul's Address before the Athenian Leaders.-Vs. 22-31. 22. "Then Paul stood in the midst of" (the Council or Court of) "Mars' hill" (the Areopagus).

Subject: The True God, and Our Rela-

tions to Him. ship, but objects of worship, such as temples, altars, images. "I found an altar . . . to the Unknown God," or "an unknown god." As in heathen counto propitiate them, and keep them from sending trouble upon them. (or what) "therefore ye ignorantly wor-"Him declare I unto you," better, "this set I forth unto you."

"God that made the world." Science, by its discoveries, has proved beyond a doubt the unity of God. of heaven and earth." In this sentence shines wisdom, power, omnipresence 'Dwelleth not in temples made with hands," though as beautiful as those they saw around them. In the temple of man's heart he dwelleth by his Holy Spirit.

"Neither is worshiped with men's removal of the duty on anthracite can be worshiped only in spirit and in coal the President acted without due truth, by the service of the heart. He wants not help, but love.

First, that the duty of sixty-seven tions.—V. 26. "And hath made of one cents per ton on Welsh anthracite blood." God has made of one ancestor, or one source, or one family, "all na-tions of men." All men, therefore, are

III. The True God; the Father and Friend of All.-Vs. 27, 28, 27, "That they should seek the Lord." Rather "God," of us." He is only waiting for us to

"For in him we live, 28. price as to compete injuriously with and have our being." This is true both of our natural and of our spiritual life. This is true both hate fervently.

IV. The True God; the Duties We Owe operations have greatly increased on minds and moral natures, it is impossible "like unto gold, or silver, or stone,

30. "And" (r. v., "therefore," because we are his offspring) "the times of this ignorance God winked at," shut his eyes Capt. Bates, the removal of the duty idolatry deserved. Sins committed in would amount to a direct gift or sub- ignorance are different from those com-They do not so harden the soul against Since Christ

"Because he hath and promote the shipping interests appointed a day." One of the times God had before determined (v. 26). "Judge the world in righteousness." Every de ordained as the Savior of all who will coal producers of the Pacific coast to believe, and the judge of all the dis-"Hath given assurance." obedient. confirmation. "In that he hath raised him from the dead." The resurrection of Christ brought assurance of the judgment of the world by Christ, because (1) Son of God. (2) It proved that his teaching was true, a part of which was that he should judge the world. (3) It proved the resurrection of the dead and a life beyond the grave, without which there could be no judgment in the world to

Scene VI. The Various Effects of Paul's

Discourse.—Vs. 32-34.
1. 32. "Some mocked." Paul's teachngs were contrary both to their philosoto treat them was to sneer at them as the strange vagaries of a man out of his

2. Some delayed a decision. "We will hear thee again," putting off their deeision, like Felix, to a more convenient

33. "So Paul departed from among them. 3. 34. "Certain men

. . Dionysius the Areopagite." A member of the court of Mars' Hill, and, hence, a prominent and learned man. A woman named Damaris." For what she was noted is unknown, but she must have been a woman of distinction and power.

Put Away Discouragement.

The sad, discouraged Christian who eels his shortcomings and the degeneracy of the times in which he lives so overwhelmingly as to take away his peace and joy needs to get out into God's pure air on some errand of mercy.

The Church's Enemies.

The greatest enemies of the church are not her living foes, but her dying friends-not the infidels who fight her. but the Christians who fail her.

MYSTERY IN HIS RECEPTION.

Diplomat Puzzled at the Greeting Ascorded to Him.

The Hon. Addison C. Harris of Indianapolis, ex-Minister to Austria, related an interesting experience from the campaign of 1900 a few evenings ago at the New Willard. He had been inivted to address a political meeting one afternoon at Fort Wayne. Alighting from the train he found himself in the center of a galaxy of expectant young men and women, wearing badges marked "Reception Committee." Appreciating the supposed compliment, he advanced, extending his hand, and was greeted enthusiastically and invited to go right along to the "church." He looked confused. and said he was not aware that he was to go to any church.

"Why, aren't you the minister?" inquired one of the young ladies, naive-

"Yes, I am a minister," said Mr. Harris, recalling his diplomatic post, "but I hadn't expected to go to any church," he continued slowly, looking puzzled.

"Perhaps you would prefer to go to Sister Smith's," said another young

lady. "I don't know Sister Smith," replied Mr. Harris. "I was under, the impression that I would go directly to the rink, where I am to deliver a Republican speech this afternoon."

"Oh!" exclaimed a chorus of feminine voices, and the mystery was then cleared up by the explanation that the reception committee was at the I. The True God, the Creator.—Vs. 2325. 23. "As I passed by," or "along."
In his wanderings around the city. "And beheld your devotions." Not acts of worbeheld your devotions." Not acts of wor-Post.

A COLD-HEARTED KING.

Characteristic Remark Credited to Louis XV of France.

In the old Court of France, gambling at cards was fashionable, except when a particularly serious monarch was on the throne. Louis XIV played constantly; and there are plenty of pictures of him as he sat among the ladies who bestowed their favors upon him and his courtiers, chatting at one moment and hauling in his winnings at the next. There was charm in Louis XIV even when he was gambling, but his despicable successor seems to have carried to the gaming table all the cruel and selfish coldness which characterized him in other aspects of his life. While one evening he was playing, M. de Chauvelin, one of the courtiers, was seized with a fit of apoplexy. Some one exclaimed, "M. de Chauvelin is ill." "Ill," said the kind, coldly turning round and looking at him. "He is dead; take him away. Spades are trumps, gentlemen."

FLOWERS LOVE AND HATE.

Claim That They Are Endowed With Passions Like Human Beings. According to a French scientist,

like human beings, and there are few among them which cannot love and

antipathies," he explains, "and if we study them closely we can easily find to-day justifiable and necessary, for etc. The argument is that we being fond of some flowers, and flourish when near them. On the other hand, the Pacific coast, until at this time that the author of our being should be they speedily wither when placed near other flowers, and we must infer that it is because the latter are not congenial to them. Heliotropes and violets have a lively sympathy for each other, and in like manner there seems to be a warm friendship between pansies and carnations."

"If it can be proved that flowers can love and hate," says a German writer, commenting on this statement. "it ought not to be difficult to prove that they have souls."

A Girl of Discernment.

Madge-You should see all the new things Tillie has. Marjorie-She told me she was making some purchases.

Madge-That's hardly a name for t. I never saw so many lovely things in my life. Why, she has a new watch, three stunning suits, a fur cloak, some Turkish rugs, one of those big revolving bookstands, and sets of it proved Christ's claim that he was the all the popular authors. I wonder what it all means?

Marjorie-Why, she's going to be married at once, you little fool. Madge-I don't know why I should have guessed that from seeing so many lovely things in her house.

Marjorie-You would have, my dear, f you had known as much about them as I do. She has bought them all on phy and their lives, and the easiest way the installment plan, and it will be up to her husband to make good nearly all the payments.

A Remarkable City.

One of the most remarkable cities in the world is Kelburg, near Cracow, Poland, for, besides being situated underground, it is excavated entirely in rock salt. The inhabitants, to the number of over 3,000, are of course workers in the famous sali mines, and all the streets and houses are of the purest white imaginable. One of the most famous features of the city is the cathedral, carved in salt and lit with electric light, and when the late Czar Alexander visited it eleven years ago he was so fascinated with the magnificent effect of the light upon the crystal walls that he presented the cathedral with a jeweled altar cross. Such a thing as infectious disease is unknown in Keiourg-in fact, the majority of the innabitants die of old age.

"What I Told My Wife" is the title f a new book. It is needless to say hat it is fiction.

There is a woman in New Jersey who needs disciplining at the hands. of her outraged sex. When she found good servant maid determined to get married she gave up her handsome house to the bride for the wedding festivities, even to a brilliant reception. This encouragement of the shortage of an already slender crop of the servant girl supply by the blighting influence of matrimony is a serious phase of the all-shadowing domes-

PREVENTS SMALLPOX.

tic evil of the day.

Alabastine will not care smallpox and other contagious diseases, oncethey have fastened their deadly gripupon their victims. It will do much, however, toward preventing their spread. It is a well recognized fact that cer-

tain wall coatings do much to harbor disease germs and propagate same; that of all coverings wall paper is the most likely to hold the germs of disease for months and years. There are well authenticated cases where smallpox, scarlet fever and other germs have lain dormant for years,

and have attacked persons afterward when the paper was removed. Kalsomines stuck on the wall with

decaying glue are not much better than wall paper with its vegetable paste. Alabastine is recommended generally by sanitarians, as a coating for

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Years ago these matters received but little attention, but modern scientists becoming appalled at the spread of the dread disease, smallpox, and the difficulty in stamping it out, have gone to investigating causes, and unhesitatingly say that improper wall coatings have very much to do with

Alabastine is recommended to be used on all infected walls, to destroy germs and to get walls once more in healthy condition.

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