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### MISSING LINKS.

The expenditure of England for drinks is estimated at \$900,000,000 a year.

At Buluwayo a company has been formed to explore the ancient ruins in Mashonaland for treasure.

The system of canals contemplated by Russia will have a total length of and Black seas.

A petrified frog found in an Elmira feet eight inches in length and weighed over 100 pounds.

A technical congress at Zurich is trying to secure agreement in the methods of testing building materials throughout Europe and the United States

Episcopal assistant rectors in New York are to be called curates hereafter, and in the large city churches the title vicar instead of rector is to be permit-

It is said that 300,000 cubic feet of water plunge 150 feet downward over the Niagara escarpment every second, thus wasting 10,000,000 horse power of energy to the second.

Pins, from their extensive use, are important articles of manufacture. It is stated that there are made in England, for home use, and exportation, more than 20,000,000 pins daily.

A complete skeleton of a moa or dinornis, the gigantic, ostrich-like, extinct bird of the New Zealand and the Connecticut sandstone, has just been discovered in a New Zealand cave.

# GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Modesty or rather fear, is one of the first virtues of love-Balzac.

ourselves much deceived in others, because we first deceived ourselves .- Sir Phillip Sidney.

Oh, what a curious place the world is, and what a number of things are found out a fresh in it! What faded old facts stand forth in startling colors as wonderful and new when youthful genius gets a chance of sitting still while it passes, and making unnoticed studies of it.-Jean Ingelow.

There is this difference between those two temporal blessings, health and money; Money is the most envied, but the least enjoyed; health is the most enjoyed, but the least envied; and this superiority of the latter is still more obvious when we reflect that the poorest man would not part with health for money, but that the richest would gladly part with all their money for health. -Colton.

How easily, if fate would suffer it, we might keep forever these beautiful limits, and adjust ourselves, once for all, to the perfect calculation of the kingdom of known cause and effect. In the street, and in the newspapers, life appears so plain a business, that manly resolution and adherence to the multiplication table through all weathers will insure success. But, ah! presently comes a day, or is it only a half hour, with its angel whispering-which discomfits the conclusions of nations and of years .- Emerson.

# RAM'S HORNS.

The thing that damns a sinner is his love for sin.

The only thing about some churches that seems to point toward heaven is

The world needs people who will do right without first stopping to find out what others are going to do.

The man who lives only for himself is helping to carry on the devil's business.

Knowing the name of a sin sometimes opens a door for it. Boil down the religion of some people and you will find that there is noth-

Dreams of wealth don't come true as often as work for it does.

ing worth baving in it.

The highest price paid for a modern painting was \$110,600 for Millet's "An-

gelus." The largest bronze statue is that of Peter the Great at St. Petersburg. Weight, 1,000 tons.

In India every resident must, under penalty of fine, have me name written up at the entrance of his house.

Australia has a population of less it could support 100,000,000 with ease. high and sixteen feet in diameter across the rim.

# FREE FARE TO TEXAS | A TRUE GHOST STORY.



OT many years ago people used to sneer at ghosts and ghost stories much more than they do now. and one would constantly hear people whisper to one another while some individual was re-

should always be related at second or much against my will I hastily and third hand. Now, I want to see a per- noiselessly left the room. son who personally has seen the ghost, and then I will believe!"

Yes. People are more accustomed to hearing about ghosts now; and yet, and I suddenly remembered that to-day even now, should it be a wife, daughter, or sister who ventures to narrate some supernatural experience, she is pooh-poohed or laughed at or told to 'take a pill."

Now, I have seen a ghost, and am prepared to attest most solemnly to the fact, as well as to the truth of every word here set down. I have, of course, avoided names, but nothing else; so, without further preamble, I will state my case.

Some years ago I became the object of the infatuated adoration of a person of my own age and sex, and I use the word "infatuated" advisedly, because I feel now, as I did at the time, that neither I nor any mortal that ever lived could possibly be worthy of the overwhelming affection which my poor friend lavished upon me. I on my side was not ungrateful to her, for I loved her in return very dearly, but when I explain that I was a wife and the mother of young children, and that she was 1,000 miles and will unite the Baltic unmarried, it will easily be understood that our devotion to each other must of N. Y., stone quarry in 1883 was two fact caused some disquietude between us at times.

For many years my friend held a post at court, which she resigned soon after she began to know me; and although her royal mistress in her gracious kindness assigned two houses to her, she thus: gave them both up to be free to live near me in B-; indeed, she gave up relatives, old servants and comforts in order that she might come and lie (and



STANDING CLOSE TO A SCREEN. die, alas!) in lodgings over a shop near me. But she was not happy. "gloomed" over the inevitable fact that in consequence of the difference in her circumstances and mine, I could not be with her every day and all day long. I think she was naturally of an unhappy disposition, being deeply, passionately and unjustifiably jealous, and also painfully incapable of taking things and people as they were. All this gave me often much annoyance; but we were, all the same, sometimes very cheerful and happy together, and sometimes the reverse. Later on, she, poor soul, was taken

ill, and during months of fluctuating health I nursed her-sometimes in hope, sometimes without-and at moments during her illness she found strange comfort in foretelling to me, after the most "uncanny" fashion things which she declared would happen to me after her death. They were mostly trivialities-little episodes concerning people and things over whom we had talked and laughed together, for she was gifted with a keen sense of the ridiculous.

Among other things, she said to me one afternoon:

"This bazaar for which we are working [she had been helping me for weeks for a charity bazaar, and I can now see her dainty little hands as she manipulated the dainty muslin and lace. Poor, poor L--!] I shall be dead before it takes place; and I shall see you at your stall, and on one of the days of the bazaar an old lady will come up to you and say: Have you any of poor Miss L-'s work?' mentioning me. And you will answer: 'Yes, here is some!' and you will show her this which I am working; and she'll say, 'Have you any more?' and you shall cay, 'Yes' again; and she'll carry it all off and

say she buys it for poor Miss L--'s sake.' And I shall know and see it all!" I remember repeating, wonderingly, "What lady?"

She answered, dreamily, "Oh! I don't know-but some old lady! You'll see!" And I am bound to say this is actually what occurred at the bazaar, months after her death; an old lady with whom I was not acquainted did buy all her work, having asked for it and carried it away "for her sake!" asked my reasons for such a question. An old lady, too, whom I had never

One other curious circumstance which attended her death was that, after looking forward with more than usual pleasure to my coming birthday, which she said would be a more than commonly happy anniversary—that was the very day on which she died!

I think that one of the sharpest regrets which I ever experienced in my life consisted in the fact that I was not with my dearest friend at the moment that she passed away. She had made me promise that I would be with her than 5,000,000, but economists declare at the time, and God knows I had the fullest intention of fulfilling her wish. The largest bell in Japan, that in the but on that very evening, of all others, temple at Kioto is twenty-four feet I was called away, and she died in my absence. I had been sitting by her bedside all the afternoon, and all that Ottawa administration \$11,318,432.

evening I had held her dear hand and had kept whispering comforting words in her ear; but latterly she had made no response and was seemingly unconscious

Suddenly a message came from my house (not a hundred yards it was away) saying my husband wanted me at once, as one of my children was ill. I looked at the nurse, who assured me there was nothing immediate impending, so, stooping over my poor friend, I whispered-at the same time presslating his or her ing a kiss on her forehead-that half experience: "Ah! It an hour should see me at her side is very odd that these ghost stories again. But she took no notice, and

Throwing a shawl over my head, I hurried across the square, and as I passed the church the clock struck 12, was my birthday!

I got back in less than half an hour and on my return heard, to my everlasting sorrow, that I had not been gone ten minutes before my dear Lbecame restless and uneasy, then looked hastily round the room, gave a cry. then there came a rush of blood to her mouth, and after a few painful struggles she sank back, gasped once or twice and never moved again.

Of course I thought then, and do to this day, that she was looking round the room for me and that she had died feeling I had broken my faith with

her. A bitter, never-falling regret! I have given this light sketch of the feelings which existed between me and my poor friend (before narrating the circumstances of her supernatural visit to me) just to emphasize the facts of the alluring fascination, the intense affection, which existed between us during her lifetime, and which, I firmly believe, have lasted beyond her grave.

Quite a year and a half after her death my poor L-, with what monecessity be rather onesided, and this live I know not-unless it may have been, as I sometimes fondly hope, to assure me that she understood and sympathized with my sorrow at having failed her at the moment of her extremity-appeared to me. She came once, but never again. It occurred

> I had been suffering all day from brow ague and had gone early to bed, but not to sleep. All the evening I had been kept painfully awake by that same church clock which I have mentioned

It seemed to me to strike oftener. louder and more slowly than any clock across. Of course my ailment of the moment caused the clock's vagaries to appear peculiarly painful, and I bore the annoyance very restlessly, with my when the midnight hour began to clamation, I turned in my bed so as to face the room, and looking across it I saw my poor L- standing close to a screen between me and the door, looking at me.

She was in her usual dress, wearing what was then called a "cross-over," which was tied behind, while her bonnet, which she was always in the habit of taking off as she came upstairs, was, as usual, hanging by the ribbon on her arm. She had a smile on her face, and I distinctly noticed her lovely little white ears, which were always my admiration and which were only half covered by her soft brown hair.

She stood-a minute it seemed-looking at me, then she glided toward me, and I, half apprehensive that she was about to throw herself on my bed, exclaimed, jumping up in a sitting pos-

"Dearest! what brings you here so late?"

With deep reverence be it spoken; but as soon as these words were out of my mouth I was irresistibly reminded of those spoken, holy writ tells us, by St. Peter at the awful moment of the transfiguration! Awed and dazed at the sight of the spiritual visitants, we are told he uttered words "not knowing what he said." These words of mine also seemed to leap to my lips, with but little meaning in them, if any.

As soon, however, as my voice had ceased the apparition disappeared and I remained some moments motionless. I was not frightened, but I felt colder

than I had felt in my life, and I have never felt so cold since, but the moisture seemed to pour off my body, I called no one to my assistance. All I realized was that God had permitted me to see her once more, and that perhaps he might send her to me again. But he has not done so, and probably now he never will.

I lay awake all the night afterward, hoping for-and, I think, almost expecting-her again, and after the day had dawned I fell asleep.

Before telling my story to anyone and dreading unspeakably all the doubting and sarcastic speeches which such a narrative would inevitably call forth I sent for my doctor, an old and trusted friend, and after making him talk rationally to me for some time I asked him whether I had ever betrayed any hysterical tendencies. He reassured me heartly on this point and then

I therefore opened my heart to him and he neither ridiculed nor disbelieved, but, on the contrary, told me another case of the same kind which had lately happened to a friend of his, but he strongly advised me to keep my own counsel at present, which I did for some time, and kindly added that he not only did not look upon me as a lunatic, but simply as a woman for whom one corner of the curtain which

guarded the unseen had been lifted. In conclusion, I repeat I am ready to vouch for the truth of every word here set down and also, should it be required, to give names-in private-to satisfy those who doubt.

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The Chicago Language. The teacher said: "Now I will read this from this little book, and any of reproachable. She is a wise mistress you who wish can repeat it to the class who economizes the labor of housein your own words. Don't try to say it keeping in other ways rather than in as I read it, but just as you would say the laundering of table lines. Many this short lesson from the first reader: every plate and dish; but this practice

horse? No, the cow cannot run as fast fection. as the horse? Criminy!" thought Jimmie, "is at all. 'At's dead easy." His hand was to the decorated ware, inasmuch as one up in a twinkling in imitation of sev- does not tire so soon of the white as of eral others. His interested face caught | the other; also, it permits a greater the teacher's eye, and she said: "Well, variety of table decorations, and the

your seat Jamesy arose. Ordinarily he was artistic color harmonics of fruits and not bashful, but now his face was flowers. - Good Housekeeping. flushed as he said: 'Wet onto de cow

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> From Now Until Spring Overcoats and winter wraps will be in terested, and come early to engage in porarily, while traveling in the steam toes kee & St. Paul Railway. For solid My one tardiness was caused by sickother line can compare with this great o'clock. railway of the West.

# Inequality in the World.

There is, and there always has been, inequality in the world, in spite of the striving of generous hearts and enlightened minds for equality. Although equality has never ceased to show itself, and effect itself, within the different orders, and in modern times to characterize at least superficially that large composite order which we call good society, civilization is still embruited and endangered by inequality. One need not allege instances; they are abundant in every one's experience and observation; and those who dread or effect to dread the dead level of equality are quite right in saying that even in a political democracy there is as much inequality as anywhere. But this does not prove that they are right in admiring it, that it is not offensive and stupid. Inequality still persists, but so does theft, so does murder, so does chastity, so do almost all the sins and shames that ever were. Inequality is, in fact, the sum of them; in the body of this death they fester and corrupt forever. As long as we have inequality we shall have these sins and shames, which spring from it, and which live on from inferior to superior. Few vices live from equal to equal; but the virtues

The Lord likes a man who says what he thinks, but the reople don't.

A handsome female I hotographer ought to do a good business with her winning

Dinner Table linen.

The linen for all meals should be iris." Jimmie's eyes grew big, and he prefer the bare table for luncheons and was all attention. The teacher read teas, using embroidered doilies under "See the cow! Is it not a pretty cow? is to be commended only when the Can the cow run? Yes, the cow can table is of fine old mahogony or some run? Can the cow run as fast as the other beautiful wood, polished to per-

Only white damask is permitted at dinners, and white china is preferable James, you may try it, but be careful needed touch of color can be given by and get it right. You may stand up by delicate embroideries, tinted lights, the sheen of silver and cut glass and

Ain't she a beaut? C'n she get a move on? Sure. C'n she hump herself as To returning peace by day and tranquility fast as de horse? Naw, she ain't in it at night is extended by the rheumatic pawid de horse, see."

The teacher was overcome, but nevertheless, "Jamesy" was a favorite from that moment.—Chicago Record.

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> Something Had Got to Be Done. "What is all that row?" asked the

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# Science in the Primary.

"Yes, John, that is a queer bug and a very interesting one, too. I'm glad you found it. All bugs are interesting when we know just how to look at them.

"Floyd," turning to another little fellow, "did you ever find a bug like

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