Pale, Poor, Puny, and Pallid. Considering all the ills that attack little children, it is a wonder that any of the poor little youngsters live to

grow up. There are children who are truly objects of pity. They seem almost bloodless. Their cheeks are thin and pinched; their eyes are hollow; and their skin is tightly drawn over their foreheads. There is nothing hearty about them. They do not enjoy their lives. They are suffering from the debility that leads to marasmus. Poor things!

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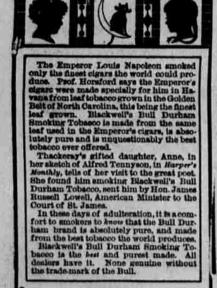
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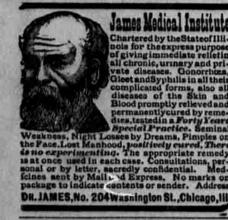


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Making Love in the Choir, She saton the step of the organ loft, Just after the second hymn; And through nave and choir to the cool gray

spire The sound rose faint and dim, As they settled themselves in the church belo For the sermon that followed next, And I seated myself at the alto's side As the parson took his text.

marked the tender flush of her cheek, And the gleam of her golden hair, The snowy kerchief round her neck, And her throat all white and bare; A throat so white that indeed it might An anchorite entice; And I faintly heard the parson's word As he preached about Paradian

My arm stole gentle around her waist

Until our fingers met; And a fluttering blush made the tender flus Of her cheek grow deeper yet.

Snowy and fair the hand beneath,
And brown the palm above,
And the brown-closed softly over the white
As the parson spoke of love.

Ah, who is wise, when deep blue eyes
Meet his and look coyly down?
Who would but drink, nor care to think
Of envy's jealous frown?
"Twas but to bend till I felt her breath
Grow warm on my broath, and then
My lips just softly touched her own
As the parson said Amen.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Bangs and bangles still hold their own. Sealskin sacques are made smaller than for-merly, but the wearers feel just as big in them Spanish girdles of embroidered velvet are exceedingly stylish.

Peacock green with metallic blue is a fash-onable French combination. Jet belts and belts of jet mingled with silver and steel beads are in favor.

A Somerville, Mass., young lady is said to possess a mania for starting fires. She will get over that when she is married.

They call them "sunset-headed" girls now It is mere esthetic than to speak of rich, flow ing auburn locks. - [Hartford Post, Bachelors should ascertain without further delay if a man who rejects a leap-year pro-posal can be sued for breach of promise,

Is is said that gray satin and gray velvet with steel will be as fashionable, or more so, in the spring as it has been during the winter. Knots of duck and woodcock feathers, three or seven in the bunch, make pretty trimmings or the simple felt-walking hats of young

Dog collars in new designs are imported, made of massive gold, heavily chased, and set with diamonds, emeralds, pearts, opals and

Fashionable overskirts are now cut with some squareness, and often have a plain back breadth, gathered slightly, and formed into A New Hampshire married woman has a

mania for collecting buttons. When they get scarce and hard to find she just clips a few off her husband's shirts.

Three female dentists have opened offices in Chicago. The number of male patients they may get will depend upon the attractiveness of the fair tooth yankers. "No love," he said, "I cannot afford to take you sleighing, but I'll do the next best thing. Come down to the store any day and I'll let you see me shoot a rat."

Fur trims everything this winter, from the crown of the hat to the top of the walking boot. It also trims the inside of a pocket book until it looks like a freshly-mowed lawn. White toilets of all kinds appear to be more than ever the rage in the fashionable world this winter; cream, snowdrop, and ivory being generally preferred to the very trying bluish or pearl white shades.

Pale, almond colored laces satin brocade, almond colored bonnets, stockings, dinner rotes, and other entire costumes made up in conjunction with dark brown plush or velvet, is a late French fancy in dress and garniture. In response to her mother's question, the bride of three months replied that her hus-band had proved all her fancy had painted him. She had fancied that she could down

im at the first tussle, and her fancy had proved A London paper says that English girls are wearing patent leather boots with yellow kid tops. We would like to make that paper sick by telling it what awful nice things our Amer-

ican girls are wearing, but the fact is we don't know.—[Philadelphia Call. A society belie of Columbus, who has for a long time been in the habit of hiring a messenger boy to carry her satchel when out shopping or walking, now carries a nine-pound poodle from one end of the town to the other without a word of complaint. It is the fashlon.

Institute in the pour it over the fruit that is not the first that is not the pour it palatable in the pour it palatable in the pour it of the liquor. Put the fruit in a proper dish. To the liquor add sufficient sugar to make it like syrup; lot it "come to a boil" but do not let it boil; then pour it over the fruit.

"Pearl sleeves" are worn with many hand-"Pearl alcoves" are worn with many hand-some evening dresses of white brocade or satin. These sleeves are formed of a close network of pearl beads over white chenille. They are about four inches deep, and are edged with a fringe of pearls which droops over the arm. Hoop car-rings, baugle bracelets, and dog collars composed of pearls are usually added.

A York state woman makes it a rule that if her hisband is not at home by 10 o'clock she locks the door and he has to get in the house by climbing a ladder up to a side window and say to his wife, who is then in bed, "Flease let me in." He says he is so used to climbing a ladder that he is thinking of joining the hook and ladder company.—[Kentucky State Journal]

Heavy English kerseys and domestic Mid-dlesex cloths are much employed for the tail-ormade costumes this winter, while tricots, serges, tweeds, vigognes, and plaids comprise the general variety. New serges exhibit plaids of two or many colors, and there are also the old favorite Madras plaids, which come in improved colorings and soft-bodied woolens.

It is pleasant just now to see a women show a man how snow should be shoveled. She puts a shawl about the size of a napkin on her head, takes a little fire-shovel, opens the door, closes her eyes, throws about three shovelfuls off the stoop, rushes back into the kitchen, stamps the snow off her feet, and declares that men never know how to do anything anyhow, and that if it were not for the women everything would go to the dogs.

A handsome Spanish opera closk from

A handsome Spanish opera cloak from Worth's is made of silver and white brocade Worth's is made of silver and white brocade, lined throughout with plush, and adorned outside with plush ostrich-feather trimming. Another wrap, sent over for a prospective bride, is made of white and gold brocatelle, and lined with pale gold satin. The lining on each front is hand-painted, with Scottish bluebells and lilies of the valley. The trimming outside consists of waves of rich white lace intermixed with pendants of pearl, and silk cherille. This trimming is put on very wide and full, and gives a rich and beautiful finish to the costly garment.

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The last French extravagance in hostery is a tinted lace stocking in colors of pale rose, mauve, cameo, black, light blue, and pale almond. These stockings are in copy of the most delicate and intricate patterns of point, duchesse, and other rich laces, fand are to be worn over a second pair of spun-silk hose, tinted a delicate flesh color. With these dainty stockings are to be worn very low-cut Roman sandals made of satin exactly matching the shade of the lace stocking. These sandals have but one strap, which is fastened by a jewelled slide or buckle.

SINGULARITIES,

A white patridge was recently captured our Fort Gaines, Ga. Miss Theedocia Gray, of Dariea, Conn., aged 90, who has been toothless many years, is now cutting an upper front tooth.

Ann Dunn, who died in London a few days ago at the age of 39, weighed over 500 pounds. She measured 3 feet 6 inches around the shoulders.

Cass county, Indiana, boasts of a girl whose eart is located on the right side. The med-cal acciety of the county is wrestling with the

Iowa is a great state for longevity, or else great liars. Des Moines sends out a report that a woman 100 years and 7 months old is in remarkable good health, and has granddaugh-ters who are grandmothers.

The wild boy recently captured in the Santa Rosa mountains and taken to Tancauhintz, Mexico, can not be tamed, and eats only new vegetables and flesh. The other day he seized a 3 year old child, chocked it to death, and then devoured its left arm and part of its face, Rev. J. G. Wood possessed for four years a large lump of dry Nile mud, a hole in one of its sides showing that a mudfish was within it. The other day he carefully cut the lump open, and found the inhabitant in good condition, doubled up, with its tall over its head, tion, sloubled up, with its tail over its head, just as when it went to sleep more than 20 Who ever to herself hath said

years ago.

Three hippopotamai came down as far as the second cataract in the high Nile of 1882, which is an unusual thing, and one of the three has remained there ever since. He feeds himself at the expense of the bean fields of the inhabitants, who, in spite of their indignation, have not yet contrived to put him out of the way, and rubs himself regularly against the have not yet contrived to put him out of the way, and rubs himself regularly against the telegraph poles which skirt the river at that point.

With ringing cheer, In rapture o'er her change of lit To blessedness in being a wife, This fond leap year.

point.

The devil fish is said to be rapidly multiplying in the waters of the San Francisco Bay. One of the fearful creatures was exhibited in the San Francisco market a few days ago, and attracted many visitors. The fish was about nine feet in length and presented a very repulsive eight. Notwithstanding the latter fact, one of the tentacles was sold to an Italian for food before the monster had been on exhibition over on hour. The sons of Italy prize the tentacles most highly, the ordinary mode of eating them being to fry them or noil them in oil.

A Cruel Repartee.

Boston Globe. The game went on, 'twas fair to see, Lawn tennis called, and he and she Did actively engage therein, And 'twas a toss-up which would win.

Both were young, she was fair— Pearly teeth and nut-brown hair— Talked too much though, people said; His nose was large, likewise his head! At last to him there came a ball, Which he returned, and then did call

Aloud: "Ha! ha! I've won the bet, That surely makes it game and set." "Tis true, alas!" she said, and then Looked cross, and muttered "horrid men." Then, pouting, said—this time aloud— "Of course you won; don't feel so proud."

He was elated, though, 'twas plain; Success, mayhap, had turned his brain; And standing there in graceful pose, Balanced his racket on his nose,

Gaily he cried: "Can you do this!"
"I've not the kind of nose," sneered miss.
Then answered he—'twas most a sin— "Suppose you try it on your chin! O. F. DAVIS.

IMPLETIES.

Whitney, a spiritualist has been arrested and fined in Bangor, Me., as a fraud.

It takes ninety-eight policemen to keep or-der on the Brooklyn bridge. Talmage and Beecher both go over to New York to the heaters now. Widow Van Cott says, "No Christian can afford to use tobocco." Tobacco is awfully high, that's a fact. We hope Mrs. Van Cott

will use her influence to have the tax reduced —[Philadelphia Call. Talmage's congregation has 414 more members than Beecher's. This speaks as badly for the morals of Brooklyn as would be the case if Beecher's congregation had 414 more members than Talmage's.

Mr. Heber Newton expresses the opinion that the story of Joseph and his brethren is only an ancient drama. The tradition that Joseph was put into a pit by his brethren because there was no room for him in the family circle, would seem to bear out Mr. Newton's opinion.—[Boston[Transcript.

The Presbyterians in Mifflintown, Pa., are in tribulation. At a church meeting on Saturday evening last a score or more of the members were arraigned for dancing, and an indiscreet youth went so far as to accuse the pastor of engaging in social games of cards.

An effort is being made in New York to have church bells silenced. A man who attends a dog fight or shooting match on Saturday night and does not get into bed until two o'clock Sunday morning, naturally dislikes to have his slumbers disturbed by the clanging of a church bell a few hours later.—[Norristeen Herseld

The Presbyterian Ministerial association at Philadelphia has opened a war on Moody and Sankey's hymn books. One minister declared that most of the hymns were miserably written, and that he did not believe in teaching children fifty-rate pootry, and another thought Moody and Sankey hymns were enough to turn the stomach of a spiritual man.

Speaking to a roomful of people, at a religious meeting in Bridgeport, Conn., last week, the female exhorter cried out: "There you sit, night after night, like blocks of stone. We have been talking and praying for you day in and out, yet you hang back and seek not the merry seat. We can't go on this way. Why don't you hurry up and get converted? What's the matter, anyhow—has the deviligot you all?"—[Bridgeport News.

"Oh, mamma! I heard papa say his prayers

"Oh, maintail I heard papa say his prayers last night."
"Why, when did you hear him, child?"
"Don't you remember?"
"Certainly not; you must be mistaken."
"Oh, no, I ain't either. I heard him say 'em just after he found out I put some red pepper in his pipe. He prayed awful hard, too."

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The oldest opera house in the United States in Savannah Saleini, the Italian tragedian, makes a tour

Thomas W. Keene appears this week in New York for the first time as a tragic star. A daughter of Senator Voorhees is pursuing her musical studies abroad, and will not return before next summer.

Twenty-three new operas were produced at the various theaters of Italy during the past year. They all died young.

Edouard Remenyi, the violinist, is in Havana, where he has become the especial feature in the soirces of high society. Mapleson's new tenor, Andres Anton, is said to be remarkably handsome, and a fine actor, as well as gifted singer.

Mr. Wilson Barrett is coming over from London to make a professional tour of Amer-ica with the play of "Claudian." Edwin Booth's repertoire for next week includes "Hamlet," "The Fool's Revenge,"
"Macbeth," and "The Robbers."

On the termination of his season with Law-rence Barrett, Otis Skinner will join Mrs. Langtry's company as leading man. At Brussels the great musical event of the season has been the production, on January 7th, of "Sigurd" the new opers by Ernest

The London critics praise highly the acting of Miss Ada Cavendish, in the recent revival of "The New Magdalen," at the Novelty

Miss Annie Russell has been re-engaged by the Madison Square Theatre for the next two years, during which time she will play "Hazel Kirke" in the traveling company. Since Minnie Hauk throw a 200-pound servant girl out of her room and tore up two or three lengths of carpet with her teeth, she is said to be playing to very fair business. Mme. Modjeska is rebearsing a new play, which has been written for her by her leading man. Mr. Maurice Barymore. It is called Nadjerds, and will be played first in Balti-

Wagner's "Walkure" has recoully been per-formed for the first time at Carlaruhs, Darm-stadt, and Strasburg, meeting in each place with great success. "Tristan and Isolde" was outhusiastically received on its first perform-ance at Bremen on the 26th ult. Mr. Myron W. Whitney, the distinguished basso, has signified his acceptance of the offer to sing in the St. Louis May musical festival. Franz Remmertz, basso, and Herr De Kont-

The Vicunese are so well pleased with their operatic management that in a few weeks \$30,000 were subscribed for this year. The recent Wagner cyclus yielded 30,000 florins, of which 10 per cent (\$1,200) were, as usual, forwarded to Wagner's widow. This year Rubinstein's "Nero" and Berlioz's "Benvenuto Cellini" will be among the novelties.

This week the two great Italian opera com-panies are holding forth in Chicago. Maple-son is demanding \$6 for his best seats; \$3 is asked for the last row in the orchestra circle; those who wish to occupy the first row in the balcony must pay \$5, while the other rows de-mand \$3. General admission is placed at \$1.50. In the family circle \$1 secures a reserved seat, and the gallery may hear the divine diva for the outlay of 40 cents.

Leap Year's Victim.

CONNUBIALITES.

Walter Goldschmidt, eldest son of Jenny Lind, is shortly to be married. "Aunt Milly," of Nashville, 100 years old, was married the other day to a man forty

years her junior. Rev. Levi J. Coppin, colored, of Philadel-phia, recently married, has been sued by a dusky maiden for breach of promise.

Miss Wilkinson, of Georgia, aged 60 years, was married the other day to John South, aged 88. One hour after the ceremony the bride was stricken with paralysis. Miss Josie M. Broderick sues Ira M. Sturges, at Portland, Oregon, for \$25,000 for breach of promise. She is young, pretty, and a poetess, but Ira wanted another.

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A lady aged 40 years, who lives in Worth county, Georgia, has had an eventful life. She recently married her fifth husband. Her first husband was killed in the war, her second was killed in a difficulty, her third was divorced, and the fourth died a natural death.

H. T. Rasin arrived in Galacter. H. T. Rasin arrived in Galveston on the 21st ult., and was taken ill in the Gerardin house. He telegraphed to his divorced wife, house. He telegraphed to his divorced wife, from whom he had been set arated seven years, and she reached his bedside on the 30th, and was re-married to him. Two days later he

to enter into any contract.

Miss Lena Goetigg, of Baltimore, aged nine-teen, a belle in a suburban village, was to have been married Thursday, but was, instead, carried to the grave. Six young ladies attired in deep black were bearers of the casket. They were the same whom the diseased had selected as her bridesmaids.

Joseph Gilmore Chandlor, son of Secretary Chandler and grandson of the late Gov. Gilmore, of New Hampshire, was married a few days ago to Miss Ada Cook, a sister of Judge Cook of Providence. The young couple will make their future home in Dakota, where Mr. Chandler holds a government position.

The experience at Castle Garden of Jacob Koempf and Katherine Muller, if widely dis-seminated abroad, should wonderfully increase seminated abroad, should wonderfully increase emigration from the old world. These young people were lovers in their distant home and came hither to get married. No sooner had they reached the Battery than they applied to an official to get married. No sooner had the official heard their request than he said he had a place in Massachusetts for a husband and wife. So, within a few hours after landing, they were married and engaged to lead a life of luxury on a dairy farm.

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EDUCATIONAL.

Last year Milwaukee had 24,316 children in Teachers of French in England have organ-ized a society for mutual protection and ad-

the London College of Chemistry and propose setting up as druggists. The ladies of a prominent New York

are circulating a petition to the legislature requesting that body to enact a law that will compel the teaching of hygiene and physiology in the public schools of the state.

A census of a Philadelphia boarding school of forty-eight girls showed that one could make bread, one knew how to fry oysters, three knew how to broil beefsteak, forty-eight could embroider, and forty-seven dance The Harvard Union a few days ago debated the following: "Resolved, That the require-ment of Greek for admission to Harvard Col-lege should be abolished." A ballot taken after the debate resulted: ayes fifteen, noes

not stated.

A curious thing in the Texas school system is the "community" organization. There are no districts and no geographical subdivisions at all, but as many persons as choose may unite for school purposes by registration, and are then recognized as a "community" and given a share of the public money. There is no local taxation and no regulation as to the size of the communities. As a matter of fact they vary greatly, and overlap each other so as to make endless practical inconvenience. A man once included in a community cannot leave it except by permission of a court.

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Lecturing in Boston upon "Education in Russia," Dr. Théodore Vetter said that the Russians' reputation as linguists is due to their peculiar instruction in childhood. The infant has a French nurse for a sole attendant until it is six years of age. By that time it has learned to speak the French language. Then the German governess comes in, and is the child's constant companion. Later the English tongue is acquired in the same way. At twelve the girls continue their studies at home and submit to mamma's match-making. The boys go away to the gymnasia. The course there embraces seven years, and fits the youth for a professional course at the university.

feet of the cord, which the family used for years as cothes lines.

A Massachusetts baby has twelve toes, ten fincers and two thumbs. Three of its older brothers and sisters have eight extra fingers and toes among them.

Sky, the celebrated planist, have been asked to participate.

The Vienness are so well pleased with their manna fer ferty years. He was cot by the hair of the hed while riding under the bough hair of the hed while riding under the bough of a tree, and he was killed by his son Absorber overticed in participate. end was pease." Another, questioned in nat-ural history, replied: "The hop has five toes on his four feet and four toes on his hind feet; the cow has no toes and cannot bark."

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

Beer in Kansas is "sea foam." Indiana leads the country in its crop of of It is claimed that a jackass will live longer in the south than in the North. We see no

chance for an argument here, The greatest oleomargarine fraud yet per-petrated is labeling the buckets with a picture of a ferocious-looking billy goat to in-dicate genuine butter.

It is much feared that the present craze for white elections among circus men will lead to a good many white lies on the part of the advertising agents next, summer.

"Did you put it in with tacks or putty?" saked a merchant traveler for a Pittsburg glass house, as he gazed, in an absent-minded way, at the hotel clerk's diamond.—[Merchant

A New York chemist says he wants noth ing more than three palls of water and twenty cents worth of drugs to make siz gallons of just such champagne as fools pay a dollar a

"What shall we do with our daughters" asks Mrs. Livermore in a recently published book. Give it up. Why didn't you take 'em to some seaside resort and risk your chances? —[Burlington Free Press.

A young man who has been studying music in Boston has mysteriously disappeared. His neighbors have always been regarded as lawabiding people, but at the same time if a detective should search their houses he might possibly find a bootjack with blood on it.

A Chicago man advertises: "When you suf fer a sort of weak feeling, with a gnawing in the stemach, and a desire for something you know not what, do not swallow the yile nos-trums that are represented to cure everything,

but come at once to my place and get a good dish of oysters, cooked in any style." Philadelphia, January 19.—The father of Bertha F. Clear, secretly married a few days lady from St. Paul, a wicked Bismarker told since to J. B. Garrrison, the "living skeleton," has filed a bill in equity, praying that the marriage may be declared null and void, as thinking of her. Then the impenitent fiend watched her face at each deal, and every time see the set of the second she blushed and looked pleased led out and caught her jack. — [Bismarck Tribune.

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A professional prize fighter says "blame if he wouldn't shake the prize ring if he could get a decent job, at which he could make a living." Well, a Rochester man is paying \$500 apiece for new comets, and a Boston publisher offers \$3,000 in prizes for the best short stories for boys and girls. And there are other avenues to an honest living standing wide open. - [Norristown Herald.

A peculiar and grotesque outfit attracted a good deal of attention on one of the streets of good deal of attention on one of the streets of Kansas City last week. It consisted simply of a store box on runners, harnessed to a raw-boned horse. In the box, which was far from large, were a woman, a baby and a boy, all smiling and happy, and as it slid along the dirt and snow with a hideous, grating noise, they beat the horse with a board, and all went merry as a marriage bell.

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California has 900 churches. There are 16.823 Quakers in Indiana.

Cincinnati has a colored Mormon society. A Swedish Baptist church has been organ sed in Brooklyn, N. Y. The Second Church, of Holyoke, Mass., ha ontracted for a new organ, to cost \$10,000

The Lutherans have in this country 56 synods, 3,566 ministers, 6,302 churches, and 816,718 communicants. The German Evangelical church numbers in the United States 550 churches, 430 minis-

ers and 80,000 communicants. The trustees of the St. John's Presbyterian Church, St. John's, N. B., have decided to lluminate the edifice with the electric light Mr. Moody, the evangelist began his mis-sion at Stratford-le-Bow, England, Sunday. Six thousand people were present, notwith tanding a great storm.

The First Baptist church, of Chicago, r

ports a total membership of 850. During the past year 140 members were received by let-ter and tifty-one on confession of faith. The eighth annual retreat of the Protestan Episcopal clergy of the diocese of Chicago will begin February twenty and continue for two days. It will be conducted by the Eev. A. G. A. Hall, of Boston.

The Reformed German church has incrersed during the past ten years from four synods to seven; from thirty-five classes to fifty-one; from 109,507 communicant members to 159,530, while the organized churches number 1,460.

A war against the German language in the public schools has been begun in Iowa, and a sweeping reform is called for. Accordingly, petitions are being circulated asking the present legislature to pass a bill providing for the exclusive use of the English language in the schools supported by taxation. Whether this is suggested as a retaliatory stroke, resulting from German prohibition of western pork is not staked.

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Methodist) Church is composed in that state very largely of colored people.

The Wesleyan Methodist Calendar for 1884 has just been published. The figures show that the body is in a highly prosperous condition. In Great Britain the church members are 407,085, in Ireland and Irish missions the church members are 24,384, and in foreign missions the church members are 70,745. The church is well sepresented in Senth Africa, in France and different parts of the continent and Australia, and in Canada.

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At the leave-taking of the Pope, at Rome, from the bishops of the United States, the former, in memorial of the occasion, offered as a gift to the episcopete of America in general, a full length portrait of himself, handsomely framed, from the brush of the celebrated artist Braun, of Germany. There are to be two councils in Baltimore. Md., the first in the spring, and the second, a great Plenary Council, in the fall, when a general episcopal deliverance to American Catholics will be issued.

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Serious differences have arisen among the Jews of this country in regard to their ancient faith, which seems in danger of being superseded by modern notions. This state of things is attributed largely to Rev. Dr. Wise, of Cincinnati, who is one of the oldest and most widely known rabble of the country. He holds that Christians may be received into Judaism by a simple acknowledgment of the binding character of the Ten Commandments; that there is no Ribbical prohibition against Jews intermarrying with Christians, or with Mahometans for that matter; that the rules attending the preparation of animal food for Jews can be abandoned at pleasure, and that as God has not created any unclean animal, Jews may eat anything they please. These expressions have given rise to heated controversy in Hebrew circles. wouth for a professional course at the university.

Mezzofanti's hitherto unique position among linguists, says The Moscow Gasette, is threatened by a young Russian officer, who, at the age of 26 years, has mastered the French, German, English, Danish, Swedish, Italian, Polish, Finnish, Serbuan, Czech, Japanese, Chinese, and Malay languages. Besides these he is acquainted with three different Japanese, one South African, and two Chinese dialects, and is at present occupied with the study of Hebrew. M. Pakovitch has, with the exception of French, English and German, acquired the knowledge of these languages without any help, after his own method. Mezzofanti Hved till he was 75, and before he died he spoke 58 tongues.

At a recent school board examination in England some extraordinary answers were given to the examiners by the children. One nunceant was asked to give a biography of the patriarch Abraham and replied: "Abraham was the father of Lot, and had two wives. One was called Ishmale and thread the other Hagury he kept one at home and turned the other into the desert, where she became a pillow of salt by day and a pillow of fire by night."

Another juvenile said: "Mosse was an Egypsham, He lived in an ark made of bullrushes,"

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