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DURING THE FEAST OF WEEKS

BELIEFS OF THE JEWS MODERN

Who the Confirmants Were and the Part They Played in the Exercises Which Were Impressively Rendered.

To fifteen boys and girls Wednesday was a memorable occasion, for on that day they were confirmed to the Jewish faith by Rabbi William Rosenau at the temple of Israel on Harney street. In honor of the confirmation service, which, in the Hebrew, is called "Shebuoth," the church was garlanded with flowers and climbing vines and the temple, during the solemn ceremonies attendant upon the confirmation, was packed by the friends and relatives of the confirmants.

hrmants. The music was particularly beautiful, ren-dered by the quartette of the church, Mrs. J. W. Cotton soprano, Mrs. F. Moeller con-trairo, Mr. Walter Wilkins tenor, and Mr. T. J. Pennell baritone, assisted by 'callo and violin, Miss Maggie Boulter organist. The confirmants were Cora Becker, Carrie

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These confirmants before they were ad-mitted to the class had been instructed for six months upon the principles of the Jewish religion, a very exacting examination having been required of them before a board appointed for the purpose previous to their final examination in the tample. Children brought before a rabbi for confirmation are compelled to show that they have attended the Sunday school for four years, which is conducted upon the same principles as our

conducted upon the same principle common schools. The confirmation service which is here published is the work of Rev. William Rosenau, each rabbi being privileged to use his own confirmation service, and is par-ticularly interesting, for it sets forth the

The exercises began with the following prayer said by Bells Robinson: Almighty and Eternal God: Seventy are the years which thou hast promised unto man. Of the many days therein contained there is none so significant to the Jew as lew, as the one which we celebrate today. Jew, as the one which we calculate code, It is fraught with a most imposing and im-pressive institution for us who have ascended this, Thy very holy altar. We are about to be formally received as active mem-bers into that ancient covenant which Thou hast established with our forefathers more than 3,000 years ago in Sinai's wilderness. We will have our attention called to the many responsibilities whose conscientious performance our religion imposes and will be obliged to give sincere promises, whose faithdeeply impressed with the seriousness of the deeply impressed with the seriousness of the step we now expect to take. Thy presence we invoke in this, so sacred, hour of our de-votion. Do Thou hearken unto the petition that will issue from the innermost recesses of our hearts and give eat unto the supplica-

bi our heat will drop from our lips. Before we, however, ask for Thy mercy and sindness in the future, we deem it our duty to show ourselves first worthy of the same by the expression of our gratitude for past favors enjoyed. We thank, Thee, O God, for the life which Thou hast given and preserved for us We thank Thee for having preserved for us. We thank Thee for having been our rock and redeemer in the hour of sickness and grief. We thank Thee for the sickness and grief. We thank Thee for the parents whom thou has spared for us in vigor and health. We thank Thee for the many advantages which Thou has placed at our command, so that we have been enabled to lay the foundathat we have been enabled to hay the founda-tion of a career which may eventually re-dound to the honor of ourselves, of mankind and of Thee. With these words of appreciation and thanksgiving we enter Thy habitation, O, Lord. Amen. After the recitation of this prayer mottoes more mained by the neuronement of the share

were recited by the members of the class. One member of the class then takes the

we need only compare ourselves with the countless other beings of creation. The spir-lual predominates in us, the physical in them. We have been bern their superiors, they our inferiors. To prove ourselves worthy of our distinction is the burden of our entire life. For the accompliahment of this end there exists no other means than the careful and constant devicement of our spe-March Seek Ye the Lord Opening prayer Mottoes En Komocho, S'u Sheorim Scroils Taken from Ars. Benediction careful and constant development of our spe-cial endowment. The scripture of our ances-tors already recognized this as the only true Reading of Scrolls tors already recognized this as the only true nim and ideal of every individual on earth. In the narration of the world's reginning they preach, "Man was created in the image of God," and in the communication of man's moral obligations they teach, "Holy shall ye be, for I the Lord your God am Holy." To unfold the Godlike in our nature we must pay the utmost attention to the cultiva-tion of the mind and heart. God is the in-finite mind progressing infinite wisdom and Benediction Psaim vill Psaim xxiii

Psaim XXII Psaim exxl Scrolls Returned to Ark I Will Extol Thee. Tribal Religion National Religion Universal Religion Anthem tion of the mind and heart. God is the in-finite mind, possessing infinite wisdom and infinite intelligence. His condition we must strive to approach by enriching our minds with the most precious thoughts. God is the infinite heart, showing infinite kind-ness and infinite love. His character we must endeavor to emulate, by ornament-ing our hearts with the noblest feelings. At this our gigantic task we must work inces-santly. The goal of our ambition we can never reach. Life is too short to attain it. No moment should be squandered or misused Man's Duty Heart Contralto solo with ', elio acco Contraito solo with ', elio accompaniment. Confession of Faith Mrs. F. Moeller Confession of Faith Max Merriti Anthen Choir Address Rabbi 'Cello solo and invocation of blessing on confirmants Soprano solo with violin obligato Mrs. Cotton Closing prayer Carrie Rosenstein Praise the Lord Choir No moment should be squandered or misused by us. Every single one should be employed or some noble cause. CLEVER SHORT STORIES.

What religion in general and Judaism in particular enjoins, the immortal post already sang in the words :

"Not enjoyment and not sorrow Is our destined end or way. But to act that each tomorrow Find us farther than today."

By faithfully remombering and practicing this lesson, we shall fulfill our duty as men and women, living in harmony with the laws of our own being, with our responsibilities to society, and our obligations to our God.

The Mind. The mind is gifted with many faculties. At our birth they exist merely in a dormant state. During life we are to call them into activity and bloom. For the conscientious fulfillment of this our task we need only take advantage of the many means of educa-tion which surround us. The branches of

learning taught at our schools should be industriously pursued. The literary produc-tions containing the ennobling thoughts and sentiments of celebrated authors should be carefully perused. The intricate problems of life confronting us almost at every moment should be faithfully considered. And not only to obey a law of our being

should we apply ourselves to education, but for the sake of education itself. Education is to the mind what a crown is to the potentate, it is the most costly possession which man can ever obtain. Its power is greater than that of silver or of gold. It is the source of personal happiness and dignity. "By wisdom wealth is won. But riches purchased wisdom yet for none."

It makes benefactors of our associates and useful members of society. It secures for us

that'd be 'r do, 'r think like 'nother woman ef she hung for not doin' it. Th'r' all 'like, all recognition, honor, reverence. By lawgiver and prophet, by teacher and by sage, were our ancestors reminded to appreciate learning, to strive for it and acquire it. Their admonition we, too, will endeavor to heed. Our aim, as theirs, shall over be growth of mind by the acquirement of wisdom and intelligence,

The Heart.

didn't make 'em that way no more'n all Human life is translent. Eyes cannot see forever. Ears cannot hear forever. Tongues cattle is short horns' an' I've saw a lot. cannot speak forever. Hands cannot work forever. Death is sure to deprive these or-gans of their power at some time. Then every "I was jes' thinkin' of a couple o' cases I c'n rec'lect. gans of their power at some time. Then every trace of the person that once ruled them van-ishes. Against utter forgetfuncess man's whole being revolts. He is willing to meet the end of all flesh but does not desire to regard it as the end of all life. He yearns for im-mortality; immortality in this world as well as in the future. Life beyond the grave is man's hope; life on this side of it, after death, is man's creation. Whether he is to succeed in the realization of the latter de-pends cirectly upon his character and his "Up in Dakoty I, knowed a feller th't hed a reg'lar thor'ughbred wife. "His name was Sammis, an' he kep' store up to Bessemer, also sellin' wagons an' nothin' was too good fer him, not even his woman, an' they was reg'lar stuck on each other. Mis' Sammis had all they was goin'-Sammis had dust, an' han's moy insolution. Whether he is to succeed in the realization of the latter de-pends directly upon his character and his deeds, and indirectly upon his heart. The heart is the seat of the loftiest feelings and traits. Sincarity and honest faith-fulness and charity, all emanate from it. To unfold these virtues to the high-est condition possible is men's holy duty. Let him only discharge this duty properly and a career will be his that will redound to his undying honor and name. In the turther-ance of this task man meets with no more he wasn't 'fraid t' put it up. They had a fine house, kep' a Chineee cook an' a h'red girl, an' had ev'rything folks c'n hanker fer, includin' warlous trips t' Omahaw an' Ch'cago ev'ry year. I knowed 'em a long time, an' I never seen folks get along so smooth t'gether —jes' like them doves that sits on th' fence b' th' stable. They'd b'en hitched

seven 'r eight years, had a brace of as ance of this task man meets with no more reliable a help than religion. Religion disap-proves of the wrong, the base, the ungoaly, and preaches only the beautiful, the noble, likely k'ds as ye ever seen, an' still folks used t say, allers, how much them Sam-mises did sot by each other. It beat th looce, sure, an' might've went on fer he divine. These truths we shall ever bear in mind, all time, ef Sammis hadn't gone an' got and doing so, strive to live in accordance with the same. Our hearts wo shall en-deavor to beautify with the highest virtues, and religion we shall in this work accept as our guide, in order to merit man's rich reinter trouble. 'Come one year, bizniss was slack at the store-cash bizniss, I mean-an Sammis, he let out a heap o' stock on time, for grubstakes an' the like. But

these our petitions for the glory of Thy name somewhere east, th't struck town an' got a job t' th' Cleveland smelter keepin' time-a feller named, 'r caltin' hisself and our happiness. Amen. The complete program was as follows: Organ Choir Ward Fortescue. Belle Robinson Confirmanta Choir Fannie Meyers Confirmants Fannie Meyers Benjamin Kean Louise Heller Confirmants Choir Carrie Brown William Eisenan Jossie Lotman Louise Heller

Edna Wise David Goldman Leonard Kohn

Seima Heliman Beile Goldsmith Cora Becker

Feminine Traits in Dakota.

Sah Francisco Argonaut.

Jim Hardin, with much deliberation,

drew toward him the tobacco can and

proceeded to stuff the bowl of his pipe

full of the weed. It was significant.

Jim called an "antidote," and our faces

and attitudes at once expressed profound

puffs, "is queer cattle-yes, they be. A

feller thinks he has th'r p'ints an',

mebbe, keeps on thinkin' so fer awhile.

Then he finds out all of a suddint th't

what he thinks he knows an'

alike th'n what he thinks he

knows an' what he does know. One wo-

man ain't no more like 'nother woman

th'n I be like that-wal, like that stove,

f'rinstance. 'Cause why? 'Cause th'r

p'rverse. They be, an' they can't help

it, none whatever. Moreovermore, they

don't wanter help it-that's th' p'versity

of 'em. W'y, ye never seen no woman

right 'nough, in them respecks, but not

any more. Ye c'n pick out y'r female

wharever ye please, an' I don't keer ef

she's th' mos' commonist, ev'ryday sort

o' critter ye cain't find 'nother one wi'

th' same markin's. Th' Lord A'mighty

day some o' th' people he was owin' called fer him t' settle up. He'd b'en borryn' dust fr'm th' c'lections he'd

made fer some of 'em, 'xpectin' t' pay up right soon, but he äidn't c'nect proper,

an' they sinched 'im. Ev'rybody at Bessemer took a hand—'cept a few o'

them th't c'd 've helped him most, an'

oughter've did it-an' tried to help Sam

out, but feelin' innercont, Sam, he

wouldn't have it, none whatever, an'

tole them eastern cusses th't, seein' they

didn't wanter wait till fall, an' git a fa'r

quarup, they c'd go t' th' devil, an' he'

he tol' me 'bout it a couple years ago. They

-at Bessemer, too b'gosh-an' also be-havin' hisself. But he was cons'd'ble

broke up w'en th' woman shuck 'im."

Ward Fortescue. "He havin't hardly struck th' camp b'fore him an' Mame meets each other au' is mashed most immejit. He was one o'these slim, purty ducks th't c'n sing lots an' put up a real smooth talk, an' make book-love, one o' these sweet warts th't a feller aches t' spank an' tick. kick. I s'pose it's women's natur t' git stuck on 'om, 'cause they allus do. "Anyhow, Fortescue, as he called his-self, wades right in an' rushes Mame for

all he was worth, an' Mame she liked it all right, so 'twant long 'fore she up an' tells her folks th't him an' her is goin' t' git spliced. The of lady was tickled lots, 'cause Fortescue had lied t' her consid'ble 'bout his folks, an' now rich they was an' so on; but th' ol' man kicked right smart, tellin' Mame th't Mister Dood had got t' cough up his papers an' show his hand, likewiso givin' Smith names o' people they c'd write to fer recommends.

"Mame, as I said b'fore, had sperrits herself, an's he kicked hard, savin' she was of age an' her own boss, an' c'd do as she pleased; but th' ol' gent got hot in th' collar an' tof' her t' shet up, wich she done, keepin' up heaps o' thinkin' all th' time all th' time.

"Th' ol' gent come t' me 'an' chinned awhile; then we went an' seen Berry Wright, th' inwyer, an' he writ some letters, wich, fer a wonder, one was answered real prompt. Pinkerton's agency wrote th't th' d'scription b'longed t' a chap named Ward th't was wanted in We know we were about to hear what Michigan fer shakin' his wife au' leavin' th' bank he worked for in th' hole. "I tuk th' letter an' started for Smith's, interest, "Women," said Jim, between

after I'd et supper. On th' way up, here come Smith, like a hen with 'er head cut off, shakin' han's with hisself, an' tur'ble 'xclied, 'cause he'd be'n t' see Fortescue, an' Fortescue told 'im he was dead sure t' marry th' gyurl of she didn't what he don't know is more shed 'ini.

"I tol' th' ol' gent 'bout th' letter an' other evidence, an'he felt better. Then we walked up t' th' house an' waded inter th' gyurl, provin' t' her th't th' cuss was as low-lived a scamp as they was out o' jail. D'ye think she kcered? Oh, no. She jes' rips out at me, an' you bet, she roasted me bad, windin' up b' hopin' she'd never see me again. Then she turns on th' ol' gent with a lot o' rot 'bout his slanderin' Fortescue, an' how she loves the blame rascal, an' is goin' t' foller 'im t' th' devil, 'r somewheres.

"Th' next mornin', her an' th' dood was missin'. They went t' the nex' camp, got married by a justice o' th' peace. an'skipped. She wrote t' th' ol' folks from Denver, askin' to be fergiven, an' sayin' how happy she was; but her pa wrote back sayin' she c'd come jes' w'en she pleased, if she'd leave Ward-Smith called 'im Ward, which was his name, sure 'nough-an' come t' stay. "Did she come? I sh'd say no. She

stuck t' Ward, an' got treated like a dog fer it. He used t' get drunk an' 'buse Mame, an' raised Cain all sorts o' ways -an' still she didn't kick none. never give Pinkertons any more information, so Ward wasn't bothered none f'r a couple o' year. Then he up an' run away from Mame an' th' kid, leavin' 'em nary red; but it jes' happened he met a feller th't knowed 'im, an'he was gently runned in an' tuk t' Michigan. They socked it to 'im hard, too, cause his first wife's folks was riled up, an' th' bank he'd stole from was likewise achin' t' take a fall out o' 'im.

"Mame? She's at D'troit-I don't know how she got there-takin' in sewin' arms and resting there, strangely quiet, for the rest of the long summer day. an' tryin' t' keep her an' th' kid alive till that skunk gits out o' jail. "Don't women beat th' very dooce?"

That evening, when the children were both sleeping and the daily bulletin to her absent husband had been written, And Mr. Hardin shook his head and Mrs. Blank sat down for some moments in silent thought, then drawing a sheet sighed heavily.

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scrolls from the ark and says the following words: "This is the divine law, Israel's con-secrated banner, inscribed with the glorious truth 'Hear, O Israel, the Eternal is our God "Yes, one is our God, Him alone do we

worship and to Him alone our praise is due."

"Thine, O Lord, are the greatness and might, Thine the beauty sternally bright. Thine all things in heaven and on earth." Choir responds.

The class recites in concert the opening benediction after which three members read from the scrolls of chapter xx. of the Book of Exodus, whereupon the class again re-cites the closing benediction.

Then follows the recitation of Psalms vili, xxiil and cxxi. One of the members of the class picks up

the scrolls from the desk and says the fol-lowing words: "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul, the testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple." Whereupon the scrolis are returned to the

The following essays are then recited : Tribal Religion.

There was a time once when Judaism did not exist. That was between 3,000 and 4,000 years ago. Idolatry then reigned supreme and immorality stalked about unchecked. It was the patriarch. Abraham, to whom the unreasonableness of this worship and the ungodliness of this conduct first occurred. He believed that an invisible spirit endowed with the highest attributes was the only supreme being, and that a life characterized

by constant purity was man's only duty. For this reason he may be justly regarded as the father of our faith. In the conviction of the truth of these ideas he grew stronger and stronger from day to day. He hoped for their preservation, and for the realization of his hope he revealed them to Isaac, his son. Isaac imparted them to Jacob, and Jacob to his children, who in their turn transmitted them to their families. Thus was founded and cultivated a tribal religion, and as such Judaism continued until the deliverance of our ancestors from Egyptian servitude.

National Religion.

After the emancipation of Israel from thraidom and oppression, Judaiam assumed a different character. The family had grown into a large and powerful people. Moses, the lawgiver of sacred memory, had made it his task to lead it toward Palestine, there to establish it as a nation. The precious truths recoived from gray antiquity were faithfully guarded. After forty years wandering in the wilderness it arrived at its place of destination. The en-tire land was revolutionized. Other nations were dispossessed, and their sacred places destroyed. Palestine was only for Jews and Judaism, and Jews and Judaism were conined to Palestino. Our ancient faith thus developed into a national religion. As such, it has continued for over a period of fifteen hundred years, from the beguning of the first to the end of the second Jewish comnonwealth

Universal Religion.

In the year 70 of the Christian era our religion entered into another of its distinctive phases. Titus, the Roman general, had been victorious in his wars with the Jews. The walls of the Holy city had been leveled to the ground. The temple was destroyed. The costly vessels were confiscated. Palestine was made a Roman possession. The Jews were driven from their much beloved home. To our ancestors this defeat may have seemed a dire curse, yet did it prove itself to them a rich blessing. They lost their identity as a nation, but had a botter opportunity for the fulfillment of their mission. They were fated to a life of everlasting dispersion. Some wandered to the worth; others to the south; some to the east; others to the west; and into every country of their settlement they carried their peculiar ideas and senti-ments. They taught these to their fellow-men, and soon proved themselves what they were destined to become, teach-ers of all mankind in religion and morality. Judaism thus extended all over the world, and became what may be termed an inversal religion. As such it has made its influence felt. Mankind has been, in great measure, Judaised during the many centur-ies. Our hope, "One God and one humanity." is from day to day growing to be the hope of the entire world. After this bistorical sketch the following three essays were rect" at by three members south ; some to the east ; others to the west

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Man's Duty.

To appreciate our duty as men and women

ward of immortality. After these essays the confession of the faith by one of the class is said: he'd likewise be'n playin' poker some, as uzhal, an' was shy fer stuff w'en one

Confession of Faith.

If there is anything that speaks for the strength of our faith it is its very long existence. It is the only religion conceived in a hoary past that has survived until the present day. Its exceptional preservation is not to be attributed to exemption from opposition, from which other creeds have suffered. Judaism has been subjected with its sister ologies, not only to the same onslaughts but if anything to a greater number of then and to some which were of the most astro-cious kind. In addition to the blows re-ceived from science, doubt and unbelief, it

ceived from science, doubt and unbelief, it had to endure also those of relentless perse-cution. No age passed in which these did not fall upon it thick and fast. And yet, howaver frequent and vehement they may have been, they did not injure it in the least. Judaism always remained invincible, invulnerable, secure. Reflec ing upon the ability of our faith te centious primorized in spike of the go t' jail. So they sens 'im up two year beltin' rock in th' pen. We'd've got a gang t'gether an' took 'im 'way offusers, but Sam sent us word he didn't want nothin' o' th' sort-he was goin' t' take his sassyfras like a man; an' he's faith to continue unimpaired in spite of the progress of all knowledge, we feel convinced of the truth of the fundamental principles it done it. "Now, don't think fer a minit th't all this time Mis' Sammis wan't doin' nothin'. Great Enoch! that woman advocates. Their rationality and liberality can never be questioned. For this reason we can conscientiously promise them our sincere and undivided support. In brief they may be stated as follows: hustled like a major-went t' the men as was sinchin' Sam, an' begged an' pleaded. an' might've put 'em t'give in, We believe in one God, the perfection of

ef Sam hadn't been so uppish with 'em. She looked jes' orful, durin' th' trial. the loftiest intellectual and moral qualities. We believe that man was created in the an' took on tur'ble w'en th' judge sentimage of God, and that it is therefore his duty to become as much as possible like God. We believe that the study of the bible more 'nced Sam. She aidn't look like she uster for a long time; jes' got paler 'n more peaked-like, an' folks thought she than any other literary production of man will help him in the attainment of his apwas goin' t' die off, sure. 'Bout three months later, she went t' see Sam, an' Sam pointed goal.

We believe that Israel was the teacher of mankind in religion and morality until the present hour and that every Jew should strive by noble effort and example to retain this because for his mende this honor for his people. We believe that the Messiah promised to

had a real scene, jam-full o' tears an real spoony love. an' Sam wanted t' know ef it wouldn't be better fer her t' get a devorce, 'cause he was a disgrace the world is not a person who will restore the kingdom of David in Palestine, but exists rather in the spirit of those ideal times, when t'her. Then, o'course, she falis on 'ls neck an' weeps a hull lot, an' sez as how she'll stick t' him till th' ol' Harry goes inter th' ice cream bizness, 'r somethin' all men will be brothers and recognize God as their common Father. We believe in the eternal existence of the soul after the body's like that. "An', gents, it wa'n't three months longer b'fore she gits her dog-gone de-vorce, an' splices with a bald-headed ol'

These principles have been pointed out to us as the life of our faith. Their beauty and sublimity we have been trained to recognize. To disseminate them we shall make our task. duffer f'm Pennsylvany, th't'd come t' Dakoty t'git unbitched hisself! Oh, it was tough, I tell ye. Sammis, he's out now, doin' good bizniss, an' got his kids

After an address by the rabbi of the con gregation upon the importance of the boli-day, the serious step the confirmants have taken, and also the invoking of the blessing upon the confirmants, the following closing prayer is recited by one of the class.

Closing Prayer.

Here Jim paused to refill his pipe, and we took advantage of the opportunity Eternal Goa and Father: How refreshing the thought which the psatmist of yore ex-pressed in the remarkable words: "The Lord is nigh unto those who call on Him, unto all who call on Him in truth." It briefly to debate the question as to whether or not Mrs. Sammis was justified in doing as she did. Then Jim proceeded: "Th' other case I was thinkin' of is failing trust in Thee and Thy help. Strongthened by this exchangion of the sweet singerin Israel, we, who have just been received into thy holy covenant, once more turn in sacred devotion unto Thee. There diff'runt a hull lot. Th' woman in it was 'bout th' same caliber as th' other one, I reckon, but more perseverin'. "It was up in Dakoty, too, this here case; over 't Gilman, 'bout twenty mile fr'm Bessemer. I was sheruff then, an' knowed ev'rybody in th' blame county.

turn in sacrod devotion unto Thee. There are still many wishes in our hearts, which have as yet remained unexpressed. We de-sire to piace these before Thee. We feel con-fident that Thou wilt not only hearken unto them, but also grant their fulfiliment; and if perchance Thou wilt not, we shall ascribe their one fulfiliment to The sensition middle B'sides, th' gyurl was a sorter relation mine, how I come t' know s' much them, but also grant their fulfiliment; and if perchance Thou will not, we shall ascribe their nonfulfiliment to Thy superior wisdom. Thou art a God of kindness and of love. We besech Thee. O Lord, never to permit this day and the plodges we have made on it to vanish from our memory, but to keep them ever vividly before our minds. We besecch Thee never to lead us into templa-tion and sin, but to bring us in contact only with purity and righteousness. We besecch Thee never to allow failure and disappointment to fail to our lot, but to re-member our undertakings at all times with prespectly and success. We besech Theo never to suffer sickness and disease to afflict us and those near and dear to us, but to confer upon us and them health and long iffe. We besech Theo that Thy blessings may rest upon, this congregation, farmer at large, and all humanity. Grant, O Lord, bout it. "This here gyurl was a dandy high-stepper. Her ol' man was well fixed, an' she'd went t' school t' St. Louis, an' was

purty persnickety. Blame fine gyurl, stunnin' purty an' nice, but persnickety, 'cause some o' th' finest and best fixed boys in th' county wanted 'er, an' she turned up 'er nose at th' hull blin'. Treated 'em all nice, au'all that, but treated 'em alike, which was onpleasant fer th' boys. "Th' trouble was, I reckon, she'd be'n readin' a hull lot o' blame trash, an!

'xpected some prince was comin' 'long t' offer hisself, wich did happen, only he wa'nt no prince, 'xcept, mebbe, 'cordin t' her notion. It was a blame dood from

Was It Second Sight! Harper's Weekly. Among the many curious instances of

eeming second sight may be placed the following incident of that saddest tragstirred him in his sleep, for he sobbed and tossed all night. edy of modern days-the death of Custer and his gallant followers.

On July 6, when the whole army writhed and cried out in agony at the The love existing between Captain news that had come to us, we to whom Mr. B. had shown his sister's letter Blank and his blue eyed, golden-curled boy, little "Buster," the pet and darling knew that on June 26 Captain Blank of the whole garrison, was something to be remembered. Wherever the tall, soldierly figure of the young father was to be seen, unless on duty, that of the had dearly sold his life, and had been found pierced with many wounds, his empty revolver clasped in his stiffened hand. And far away in his quiet home, his baby boy had seemed to know it. child was to be seen close beside, sometimes riding on his father's shoulder, sometimes clinging to his hand, always

love and content.

mother's ear.

if you listen to him."

"Yes," the child exclaimed, earnestly,

"I tan hear my papa's 'volver, and I know he's s'odted it all!" But army

discipline prevailed, and the boy choked back his sobs, nestled in his mother's

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lifting to his, eyes full of passionate London has over 700,000 houses in its confines. When the dreaded day came that was

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Only one couple in 11,500 live to celeto separate those fearless men from the rate a diamond wedding. women and children who so loved them

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paper to her, wrote down the date,

June 26, and poured out to her only

brother the aching of her heart and the

senseless anxiety caused by the child's

foolish words, the memory of which still

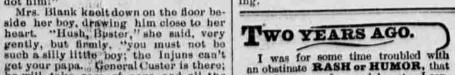
It is estimated that there are over Buster could hardly be torn from his 31,000 millionaires in the United States. father, and my husband told me that long after the child's shriek of utter Within three years the United States misery, unchildlike in its intensity, rang in his ears. For some days after the command had marched across the has bought from the Indians about 30,000,000 of acres, yet there remains five times that area, so that the Indians s not shut-in, nor likely to become so low, purple hills out of the reach of loving eyes, Buster drooped and pined, but in a hurry. he was a child, and the old childish

A Chicago man who was being initiated into a secret order recently was gayety came back to his eyes, and his laugh, which rang out as happily as told, when blindfolded, to jump into a ever, almost jarring upon his young lake of liquid fire. Hedidn't get burned, but he broke hisleg in making the jump. One warm June day at Fort Lincoln and now he has sued the order for Mrs. Blank sat sowing in her tiny par-\$25,000 damages.

lor, her baby creeping about the floor at The extent of the street railroad interher feet, while she chatted with two or est in the United States may be esti-mated from a recent report, which states three more lonely wives, perhaps of the beloved ones far off across the plains that there are 5,783 miles of such road and their possible return. Suddenly Buster rushed in through the open door, in operation, having 32,505 cars and em-ploying 70,764 men. The total number eyes sparkling, hair flying. "Mamma, "he shouted, "my papa's s'ooting his 'volver! I heard him!" of passengers carried last year was 2,023,010,202, being 349,820 per mile of road work and 62,237 per car. "Did you, darling?" his young mothe

The inhabitants of Greenland have said, stooping to kiss the little flushed enger face. "How very nice! I wish he could come home and s'oot it. Don't one advantage over us-their losses by fire are but small. A French journal estimates these annual losses for the whole world at \$400,000,000, of which "He's s'ooting Injuns," the child went the United States suffers more than on; "and he'il s'oot 'em all, and zen he'il tome home." \$100,000,000, Russia as much, Great Britain \$50,000,000 and Germany 330,-"I'm sure I hope he will," sighed Mrs. Blank. "Run out and play, Buster, 000,000. The amount of loss in Italy. France, etc., is not given, but there is and don't go in the sun. "How Buster does talk about his father!" some one remarked. "I often no doubt that the French law, laying a large responsibility upon the owner of the premises where a fire originates, meet him running along with some one, tends to diminish the number of fires. and child or man, soldier or officer, you The streets of Berlin are soon to be

can always catch the words, 'my papa enriched by a large number of so-called "Urania piltars," of which it is proposed to set up in all 300. These pillars will Then the talk wandered on, always in a minor key, for there had been quite an interval of time since the last letters, be about 18 feet high, constructed of and there was always unacknowledged anxiety, though all felt unbounded faith cast iron, and will each contain a clock, meteorological instruments, weather charts, astronomical and geographical in the powers of the galiant Seventh. announcements, and also, as in the streets of Paris, a plan of the neighbor-Presently the sound of a child's bitter erving brought them all to their feet. ing streets in enlarged form, to enable strangers to find their way. The in-struments are to be regulated from the and Buster ran into his mother's arms at the door, sobbing wildly: "Mamma," he sobbed, "the Injuns has dot my pana. He's dot no more s'oots observatory. The pillars will also be used for advertisements in order to help in his 'volver; he's s'ooted it all. Oh, I to defray the expenses of the undertak want my papa, and the bad Injuns has dot him!" ing.



I was for some time troubled with an obstimute RASH or HUMOR, that get your papa. General Custer is there; he will take care of papa, and all the men. Do you think F troop would let the Injuns get gapa? See, you are mak-ing us all feel very bad, and papa would say that you were not his brave little lad. Now story drying and go and play; you could not here papa's 'volver so far away." spread over my face and breast. I condies without a cure. At the suggestion of a friend I used Swift's Specific, which completely cured me. This was two years ago, and I have had no return of the trou--E. H WELLS, Chesterfield, Va.

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