

The Senate. Mr. Call introduced a joint resolution to appropriate \$10,000 in investigation of the cause and best method of preventing the spread of typhoid fever.

Mr. Sawyer reported back the House bill to increase the maximum of international money orders from \$20 to \$50.

The Military Academy Appropriation bill was taken up, amended and passed. The Pension Appropriation bill was passed.

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TEMPERANCE.

Saloon-Keepers' Song. We set our traps, and whisky is our bait; So come on, boys, and meet your deadly fate.

From the Internal Revenue Report. The annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, portions of which were given in our issue of the 10th inst., has just come in completed form from the Public Printer.

He will not be particularly happy, however, to know that the total was considerably over 1,000,000 gallons, or considerably more than a gallon apiece for every man, woman and child in the United States.

Building. Be careful how you build. Let nothing go to form your character that will not make it better and stronger.

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RELIGIOUS READING.

'Tis Easy to Labor. 'Tis easy to labor with hope as our guide, To beckon us onward and brighten the way.

Oh! give me the heart that through silence of friend May walk in the light, or with darkness of night.

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REV. DR. TALMAGE.

THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON. Subject: "Slanders Against Religion Answered."

TEXT: "And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey, and as soon as I had eaten it my belly was bitter."

Domitian, the Roman Emperor, had in his realm a troublesome evangelist who would preach and so he exiled him to a barren island, as now the Russians exile convicts to Siberia, or as we send prisoners to Australia.

Who the angel was and what the book was no one knows. The only one who would agree, and I shall take no responsibility of interpretation, but will tell you that it suggests to me the little book of creeds which stoeps take and chew over and over.

Evangelical religion is a healthy, symmetrical, well-jointed, rosate, bounding life, and the scalpel and the dissecting knife of the infidel or the atheist cannot tell you what it is.

For instance, these enemies of evangelism say that the Presbyterian Church believes that God is a savage Sovereign, and that He made some men just to damn them, and that He made some men just to damn them.

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POPULAR SCIENCE.

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One ton of coal is capable of yielding an amount of force equivalent to that of six and two-thirds men. The tooth with which young cobras cut their way through the egg is shed as soon as it has served its purpose.

There is no material, according to the best fire insurance authorities, that can be used for construction equal to brick. The new electrolytic treatment of copper solutions in Spain results in seventy-eight per cent. pure electrolytic copper.

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