A Type of the Fallacies of So-Called Modern Spiritualism.

WITCHCRAFT AND SORCERY.

Dr Talmage Warns People Against What He Terms the Religion of Chosts.

In this discourse Dr. Talmage dis cusses a theme never more under exploration than at this time and warns people against what he calls a religion of ghosts; text, I Samuel xxviii, 7: "Behold, there is a woman that bath a faguised himself and put 62 other raiment in our day, precisely the same thing quarter of an infidel; then it makes him and he went, and two men with him. and they came to the woman by night.

Trouble to the right of him and trouble to the left of him, Saul knew not what to do. As a last resort he concluded to seek out a spiritual medium or a witch or anything that you please to call her-s woman who had communication with the spirits of the eternal world. It was a very difficult thing to do, for Saul had either slain all the witches or compelled them to stop business. A servant one day said to King Saul, "I know of a spiritual medium down at the village of Endor. "Do you?" said the king. Night falls. Saul, putting off his kingly robes and putting on the dress of a plain citizen, with two servants, goes out to hunt up this medium.

Saul and his servants after awhile reached the village, and they say, "I wonder if this is the house," and they look in, and they see the baggard, weird and shriveled up sptiritual medium sitting by the light and on the table sculptured images and divining rods and poisonous herbs and bottles and vases. They say, Yes, this must be the place." One loud rap brings the woman to the door, and as she stands there, holding the candle or lamp above her head and peering out into the darkness, she says, "Who is here?" The tall king informs her that he has come to have his fortune told. When she hears that, she trembles and almost drops the light, for she knows there is no chance for a fortune teller or spiritual medium in all the land. But Saul having sworn that no harm shall come to her, she says, who shall I bring up from the dead? Saul says, "Bring up Samuel." That was the prophet who had died a little while before.

I see her waving a wand, or stirring up some poisonous herbs in a caldron, or hear her muttering over some incantations, or stamping with her foot as she cries out to the realm of the dead: "Samuel, Samuel!" Lo, the freezing horror! The floor of the tenement opens and the gray hairs float up and the forehead, the eyes, the lips, the shoulders, the arms, the feet-the entire body of the dead Samuel-wrapped in sepulchral robe, appearing to the astonished group, who stagger back and hold fast and catch their breath and shiver with terror.

The dead prophet, white and awful ashen lips, and he glares upon King Saul and cri's out: "What did you bring me up for? What do you mean, Saul, trying to compose and control himself, makes this stammering and affrighted utterance as he says to the dead prophet: "The Lord is against me, and I have come to you for belp. What shall I do?" The dead prophet stretched forth his finger to King Saul and said: "Die tomorrow! Come with me into the sepulcher. I am going now. Come, come And, lo, the floor again with me!" And, lo, the floor again opens, and the feet of the dead prophet disappear and the arms and the shoulders and the forehead! The floor closes. Oh, that was an awful scene!

We are surrounded by mystery-before and behind us, to the right of us, to the left of us, mystery. There is a

To unlatch the door between the present state and the future state all the fingers of superstition have been busy. We have books entitled "Footfalls on the Boundaries of Other "The Debatable Land Be-Worlds: tween This World and the Next," "Researches Into the Phenomena of Spiritsibyl or palmistry or the whole centuries of imposture.

Modern spiritualism proposes to open the door between this world and the next and put us into communicawith the dead. It has never yet offered one reasonable credential.

When I find Saul in my text consulting a familiar spirit, I learn that spir-

itualism is a very old religion. Spiritualism in America was born in the year 1847, in Hydesville, Wayne county, N. Y., when one night there was a loud rap heard against the door of Michael Weekman; a rap a second time, a rap a third time, and all three times, when the door was opened there sages, have chosen the night or a dark- thing, for if it tells what the Bible re- ronment of utter degradation of choice was nothing found there, the knocking having been made seemingly by invisible knuckles. In that same house and deception prespers best in the there was a young woman who had a | night. cold hand passed over her face, and, there being seemingly no arm attached

to it, ghostly suspicious were excited.

After awhile Mr. Fox with his family moved into that house, and then but the first that he sees makes him they had bangings at the door every swoon away, and no sooner is he resus- asking them to come down and scrabb e Chief of Police Vernon it appears that Asparagus, Carrot, Parsnip, Salsify, night. One night Mr. Fox cried out. "Are you a spirit?" Two raps-answer in the affirmative. "Are you an injured spirit?" Two raps—answer in body. Look in upon an audience of that is the holy, blessed and omnipotent the affirmative. Then they knew right spiritualists—cadaverous, weak. nerv spirit of God. Hark! He is rapping woman was struck on the left arm sevwho had been murdered in that house cold, voices sepu chral and ominous, rapping on the door of your heart, and this fight in the course of a day or two, hardened by leaving the glass open at icans scattered, and while returning to years before and who had been robbed bewildered with raps. I never knew a every rap is an ivitation to Christ and peddler came back to collect his \$500 or his hones I do not know.

The excitement spread. There was a universal rumpus. The Hon. Judge Edmonds declared in a book that he had actually seen a bell start from the top shelf of a closet, heard it ring over the people that were standing in the closet; ther, swung by invisible hands, it rang over the people in the back par-lor and floated through the folding doors to the front parlor, rang over the people there and then dropped on the floor A senator of the United States.

steads raised, and the chairs upset, and | Parents have strangled their children, | it seemed as if the spirits everywhere and when asked why they did it rehad gone into the furniture business! plied, "Spiritualism demanded it. something new in this country. It is madhouse. Judge Edmonds, in Broadtext, a spiritualist Nothing in the spiritualistic circles

turies of the world. In all ages there eism that is revolting to the natural have been necromancers, those who mind." consult with the spirit of the departed; It not only ruins its disciples, but it charmers, those who put their subjects ruins the mediums also, only give it in a mesmeric state; sorcerers, those time. The Gadarene swine on the who by taking poisonous drugs see banks of the lake of Galilee no somer everything and hear everything and became spiritual mediums than down tell everything; dreamers, people who they went in an avalanche of pork, to in their sleeping moments can see the the consternation of all the herdsmen. future world and hold consulation with. The office of a medium is bad for a man, spirits. Yes, before the time . Christ, bad for a woman, bad for a beast. the Brahmans went through all the table moving, all the furniture excite

the unseen world. lusions? He thinks so severely of them althaugh the Scriptures say, tiuction between spiritualism and witch- and abaut the unseen world." eraft God says in so many words, There shall not be among you a con- is when a spiritul medium puts down pecromaneer, for they that do these departed to make a revelation. Lord. sions. After that be a spiritualist if you dare!

Still further, we learn from this text how it is that people come to fall into spiritualism. Saul had enough trouble to kill ten men. He did not know where to go for relief. After awhile he resolved to go and see the witch of Ea-lor. He expected that somehow she would afford him relief. It was his trouble drove him there. And I have to tell you now that spiritualism finds its victims in the troubled, the bankrupt, the sick, the bereft. You lose your watch, and you go to the fortune teller to find where it is. You lose a friend; you want the

have communication with him. In a highly wrought, nervous and diseased state of mind you go and put yourself in that communication. That is why I hate spiritualism. It takes advantage of one in a moment of weakness, which may come upon us at any time. We lose a friend The trial is keen, sharp, suffocating, almost maddening. If we could marshal a host and storm the eternal world and recapture our loved one, the host would soon be marshaled. The house is so lonely. The world is so dark. The separation is so insufferable. But spiritualism says, "We will open the future world, and your leved one can come back and talk to you." Though we may not hear his voice, we may hear the rap of his hand. So, from the tomb, begins to move his clear the table. Sit down. Put your Five minutes gone. Ten minutes. No motion of the table. No response from the future world. Twenty minutes
Thirty minutes. Nervous excitement all the time increasing. Forty minutes The table shivers. Two raps from the bet are called over. The departed ture world? Don't you think it would friend's name is John. At the pronun- strengthen Christians? There are a vailed. raps. At the pronunciation of the let- from the future world should knock and ter H two raps. At the pronunciation talk over to us they would be persuad-of the letter N two raps. There you ed." To that I answer in the ringing

swer. Pretty soon the hand of the medium wast realm unexplored that science, 1 begins to twitch and toss and begins to the latter times some shall depart from have no doubt, will yet map out. He write out, after paper and ink are furwho explores that realm will do the nished, a message from the eternal world more service than did ever a Co- world. What is remarkable, the delumbus or an Amerigo Vespucci. There parted spirit, although it has been amid passages I quoted some minutes ago, are so many things that cannot be ac- the illuminations of the heaven, cannot counted for, so many sounds and ap- spell as well as it used to. It has lost pearances which defy acousties and in- all grammatical accuracy and cannot necromancer, for they that do these vestigation, so many things approximatice as distinctly. I received a letter things are an abomination unto the mating to the spectral, so many effects through a medium once I sent it Lord," and "The soul that turneth af- the mansion house demonstration had which do not seem to have a sufficient back. I said, "Just please to tell ter such as have familiar spirits I will spread to all quarters of the city and and get improved in their orthography.' Now, just think of spirits, that the Bible represents as enthroned in glory, coming down to crawl under the bells before supper is ready and rap the window shutter on a gusty night! What consolution in such miserable ualism" and whole libraries of hocus stuff as compared with the consolation top of the Bible and then listen and interfere. pocus, enough to deceive the very elect. of our departed briends free from toil I shall not take time to rehearse the and sin and pain are forever happy and history of divination. Delphic oracle, that we will join them, not in mysteri- are. Listen! "Secret things oclong creep the back, but in a reunion most blessed and happy and glorious!

py?" Two raps give an affirmative an-

And none shall murmur or misdoubt When God's great sunrise finds us out.

I learn still further from this subject that spiritualism and necromancy are affairs of darkness. Why did not Saul go in the day? He was ashamed to go. Besides that, he knew that this spiritual medium, like all her successors, The Davenports, the Fowlers, the ened room. Why? The majority of veals it is a superfluity, and if it tells of habit, this woman, who claims that their wonders have been swindles, what the Bible does not reveal it is a her pepole live at Graniteville. is fast

Still futher, I learn from my text that spiritualism is doom and death to God and doing the best you can. I will Woodward, all white, who are charged be sown, viz: Garden Peas in varieties state officers have opened offices in the its disciples. King Saul thought that tell your fortune: "All things work to- with jufficting serious injuries on the for succession, Cauliflower, Early Cab- State hotel. The charitable and penal he would get help from the "medium," ciated than he is told he must die. under an extension table. Remember Spiritualism is doom and death to every that there is only one spirit whose dieone that yields to it It ruins the lation you have a right to invoke, and away that it was the spirit of a peddler ous. exhausted, hands clammy and now, not on a table or the floor, but eral times with a beer bottle. After from hotbeads, after they have been escorting a provision train. The Amerof his \$500. Whether the spirit of the confirmed spiritualist who had healthy a warning of judgment to come. On, John Woodward struck her with an Prepare Melon, Cucumber and squash gents captured four horses and a nervous system. It is incipient epilepsy | grieve him not away! Quench him not. and catalepsy. Destroy your nervous system, and you might as well be dead. have noticed that people who are hearing raps from the future world have Hark! There comes a voice with ten- Wofford street. He investigated the spring oats, Canada Field Peas with but little strength left to bear the hard der, overmastering intonation, saying, case and summoned a physician to the loats, Clover seed, Grass seeds of all raps of this world. A man can live "My spirit shall not always strive. with only one lung or with no eyes and be happy, as men have been under such afflictions, but woe be to the man whose nerves are shattered! Spiritualism family and am perfectly that it is all. smites first of all, and mightily, against the nervous system and so makes life

miserable. afterward governor of Wisconsin, had A man in Bellevue hospital dying his head quite turned with spiritualistic demonstrations. The tables ring asked why he tried to come a very last demonstrations. istic demonstrations. The tables tip- asked why he tried to commit suicide, ray Drug Co., Columbia, S. C., and all respectable family near Charleston.— can probably endure any later freeze the Brooklyn and five marines accomped, and the stools tilted, and the bei- and he said, "The spirits told me to." druggists.

Well, the people said: "We have got is the patronizer and forager for the a new religioul' Oh, no, my friend, way tabernacle, New York, delivered a thousands of years ago, we find in our lecture concerning spiritualism, admitted in so many words, "There is a fascination about consultation with the of our day has been more strange, mys- spirits of the dead that has a tendency terious and wonderful than things to lead people off from their right judgwhich have been seen in the past cen- ment and to instill into them a fanati-

I bring against this delusion a more fearful indictment-it ruins the soul ment, which the spirits have exploited | immortal. First, it makes a man a over and over again, under the manipu | half an infidel; then it makes him a lation of the Brahmans. Now, do you whole infidel. The whole system, as I say that spiritualism is different from | conceive it, is founded on the insuffithese? I answer, all these delusions I ciency of the word of God as a revelahave mentioned belong to the same tion. God says the Bible is enough family. They are exhumstions from for you to know about the future world You say it is not enough, and there is What does God think of all these de- where you and the Lord differ. And that he never speaks of them but with | thou not unto his words, lest he relivid thunders of indignation. He prove thee and thou be found a liar, says, "I will be a swift witness against | you risk it and say: "Come back spirit the sorecter." He says, "Thou shalt of my departed mother, of my compan-not suffer a witch to live." And lest ions, of my little child, and tell me you might make some important dis- some things I don't know about you

If God is ever slapped in the face it sulter of familiar spirits, or wizard, or her hand on the table, invoking spirits things are an abomination unto the has told you all you ought to know, The Lord God Almighty in a and how dare you be prying into that score of passages which I have not now | which is none of your business? You time to quite utters his indignation | cannot keep the Bible in one hand and against all this great family of delu- spiritualism in the other. One or the other will slip out of your grasp, depend upon it. Spiritualism is adverse to the Bible, in the fact that it has in these last days called from the tuture world. Christian men to to testify against Christianity. Its mediums call back Lorenzo Dow, the celebrated evangelist, and Lorenzo Dow testifies that Christians are idolators. Spiritualism calls back Tom Paine, and he testifies that he is stopping in the same house in heaven with John Bunyan. They call back John Wesley, and he testifies against the Christian religion. which he all his life gloriously preach Andrew Jackson Davis, the greatest all the spiritualists, comes to the front and declares that the New Testament spiritual world opened, so that you may is but "the dismal echo of a barbatic age" and the Bible only "one of the

pen and ink relies of Christianity. I have in my house a book used in spiritualistic service. It contains a catechism and a hymn book. The cate chism has these questions and answers: Q. What is our chief baptism?

Frequent ablution in water. Q What is our inspiration? Fresh air and sunshine. Q What is our love feast? A. Clear

conscience and sound sleep. And then it goes on to show that a great proportion of their religious ser vice is a system of calisthenics, Then when they want to arou-e the devotion of the people to the highest pitch, they give out the hyun on the sixty-fifth page:

hands on the table. Be very quiet. The night bath gathered up her silken fringes.

> Or, on the fifteenth page: Come to the woods, heigh ho

"But." says some one, "wouldn't it To that I answer in the ringing have the whole name spelled out - words of the Son of God, "If they be John, John. Now, the spirit being lieve not Moses and the prophers, present, you say, "John, are you hap- neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead '

I believe these are the days of which the apostle spake when he said, "In the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits." Audiences in this day need to have reiterated in their hearing the There shall not be among you a consulter of familiar spirits, or wizard, or be out off from their people."

But I invite you now to a Christian gregation is only one great famile. table and break crockery and ring tea | Here is the church table. Come around hear if there are any voices coming from the eternal world. I think there hair stand on end and makes cold chills are revealed belong unto us and our children." Surely that is a voice from vision. Do not go after the witch of | cheering.

En-dor. Do not sit down at table rappings either in sport or in earnest. Teach your children there are no ghosts to be seen or heard in this world | Martin, who is lying almost at the door performed her exploits in the night. save those which walk on two feet or of death in the house of a colored wofour-human or bestial. Remember man maned Charlotte Smith, on Wof-Foxes, the spiritual mediums of all that spiritualism at the best is a useless ford street. Amid squalor and envilie. Instead of going out to get other approaching the end of a dissipated people to tell your fortune tell your life. In the county jail are lodged Eva own fortune by putting your trust in Stokes, Mame Robinson and John gether for good to them that love God." Insult not your departed friends by He has been all around you this morn-

> Gainesville, Ga., Dec. 8, 1899. Pitts' Antiseptic Invigorator in my and will do all, you claim for it.

ing. He was all around you last night.

He has been around you all your lives.

Yours truly, A. B. C. Dorsey. THE SIEGE RAISED

Ladysmith Free After Being Locked Up Four Months.

GREAT JOY IN ENGLAND

Scenes of Wild Joy Never Before Kown in This Generation Mark Relief of Little

The British war office received the ellowing dispatch from Gen. Buller Thursday:

South African Town.

Lyttleton's Headquarters, March 1, Gen. Dundonald, with the Natal Carbineers and a composite regiment, entered Ladysmith last night. The county between me and Ladysmith is reported clear of the enemy. Moving on Nelthorpe. I have just returned from Ladysmith. Except a small guard north of Surprise Hill, the whole of the enemy lately besieging the town have retireded in haste and to the south of the town the country is quite clear of them. The garrison were on half a pound of meal a man per day and supplementing the meal ration by horses and mules. The men will want a little nursing before being fit for the field.

When the news of the relief of Ladysmith became generally known London literally went mad with joy and throughout England the scenes witnessed have no parallel in the memories of this generation.

The lord mayor of London immedistely telegraphed his congratulations to Gens. White and Buller. When the queen received the news at Windsorthe bells on the curfew tower of the castle were rung in honor of the event.

The strain that for 118 days had kept the nation in terrible anxiety was removed. The lord mayor showed himself at a window out of which hung a huge City Imperial Volunteer flag and the crowd yelled itself hoarse. Staid magnates grabbed flaring posters from newsboys and branished "Ladysmith relived" to the roaring throng. All thought of business was forgotten Nothing could be done on the stock exchange but sing "God Save the Queen" and cheer Business on the Baltic wheat market for cargoes closed at 1 o'clock. No one wanted to trade on such a day as this. The stores put up their shutters and gave their employes a holiday.

The lord mayor ordered a holiday for the city schools. The great bell in St. Paul's was rung this evening. The stately foreign office so far forgot itself as to display large Unionjicks from the windows A cabinet meeting was held and as the memoers met at the entrance to the foreign office they exchanged the warmest congratulations.

Croads blocked the war office lobbies, struggling to see for themselves the appouncement and cheered the British generals in South Africa to the echo. Outside Marlborough house, the London residence of the Prince of sembled.

At Glasgow, Liverpool, Birmingham Edinburgh, and in fact, in all the cities, big and little fligs flew everywhere, whistles tooted, bells chimed and crowds paraded the streets, singing the Keeley Institute of Columbia, for the day, the schools were closed in to express our deep gratitude to the the harbors all the vessels dressed ship, distinguished deceased for the inestifuture world. The letters of the alpha- be of advantage to hear from the fu and at the military and naval depots mable blessings which we, in common scenes of the wildest enthusiasm pre- with nearly four hundred thousand, en-

ciation of the letter J two raps. At great many materialists who do not be- At Liverpool, addressing a crowd of the pronunciation of the letter O two lieve there are souls, but if spirits | 20,000 people assembled around the town hall, 'le lord mayor said: "1 thank the Armighty God for the glorious news. We have awaited it patiently. We are satisfied that under the humane laws and government of this country, the Boers in a very short time will be loyal citizens of the British empire.

The queen has telegraphed her congratulations to Gen. Buller and Gen. White, and the Prince of Wales has telegrahed congratulation to Gen. Bul-

All day long cheering thousands kept up the incessant roar before the mansion house, and all traffic in what is London's busiest concourse ceased. Pandemonium reigned. The news of those ghosts they had better go to school set myself against them, and they shall there poured in a stream of hoodlums and fakirs, laden down with flagf! women, boys, and all sorts and conditions seance, a noonday seance. This con- of people. Silk hats flew into the air and small fights were of frequent occurrence. The policemen on the spot the church table; take your seats for had their hands full, but as long as the second floor in a frenzy of fear. The this great Christian seace; put your enthusiasm of the crowd was only con-Bible on the table, put your hands on fined to horse play, the officers did not could scale it the man swung himself

preparation for elaborate celebrations. In several provincial towns effigies of ous and half utterance which makes the unto the Lord, our God, but things that l'resident Kruger and Gen. Crouje were paraded through the streets and maltrented At Glasgow an effigy of the spirit world. But before you rise President K uger was subjected to infrom this Christian seance I want you | cignities at the foot of the queen's to promise me you will be satisfied with statue. Over 1,000 university and col- the upper side and began tearing the the divine revelation until the light of lege students paraded the streets of burning clothing from the man. They the eternal throne breaks upon your London singing "Rule Britannia" and did this with their naked hands and

A Pitiful Case. There is a white woman named Marie

person of Marie Martin. From the bage seed, Onion, Celery, Spinach, several days ago a fight occurred at the etc. Under glass, sow Tomato. Penhouse of Eva Stokes, in which Marie per and Egg-Plant seed Plant Irish Martin, Eva Stokes and Mame Robinshe chains that a white man named night. Sow Herbs in a warm barder. iron polker. On Monday Chief of Police Vernon was notified that the Mar- | kinds of flower seeds, as they will flowti i woman was dangerously sick at the er earlier. Sow Lawn Grass Seed. home of Charlotte Smith, colored, on For the Farm .- Sow winter and sick woman. This woman now lies at | sorts, Tobacco seed. Plant Artichoke the point of death from blood poison- for hogs. Sow Dwarf Essex Rape. ing, and if she dies the persons above Buy your seeds from T. W. Wood & mentioned will remain in jail on charge | Sons, Richmond, Va. of murder and if she lives they will be tried for assault and battery with intent to kill. Marie Martin is a woman appear bright at present. The recent about 30 years of age, of medium build, and continuous cold weather, unusual pearance and claims to come from a very has kept the trees back, so that they by 20 blue jackets. Six officers from tf | Spartanburg Herald.

HOW THEY MEET

"You Made a Gallant Defence, Sir." Said Gen. Roberts.

In describing the surrender of Gen. Cronje to Gen. Roberts a dispatch from Paardeberg says at 3 a. m. the British camp was awakened by the continued rattle of rifle fire at daybreak and the news arrived that the Canadians, while building a trench quite close to the enemy were fusilladed at a range of 50 yards. The Canadians gallantly worked forward and occupied the edge of the trenehes along the river, entirely enfilading the Boers. This movement was followed by a cessation of the fire, except an occasional solitary shot.

Suddenly a regiment stationed on the crest of a hill perceived a white flag and burst into cheers, thus first announcing the surrender of Gen. Cronje. Shrotly afterward a note reached Lord Roberts bringing tidings of the Boers' unconditional surrender, Gen. Prettyman was sent to accept the surrender.

At about 7 o'clock the small group of the plain towards headquarters. The approach, Lord Roberts went to the front in the modest cart in which he sleeps and ordered a guard of the Seaforths to line up. A group of horsemen then appeared. On Gen. Prettyman's right rode an elderly man clad in a rough short overcoat, wide-brimmed hat, ordinary tweed trousers and brown shoes. It was the redoubtable Cronje. His face was almost burned black and his curly beard was tinged with gray.

Lord Roberts walked to and fro in front of the cart until the Boer general arrived, when the British commander advanced gravely and kindly saluted the Boer commander. He then motioned Gen. Cronje to a seat in a chair which had been brought for his accommodation and the two officers conversed through an interpreter. Gen. Cropie afterwards breakfasted

with the British officers. Cronje's face was absolutely impassive, exhibiting no sign of his inner feelings.

Lord Roberts was surrounded by his staff when Gen. Prettyman, addressing the field marshal, said: "Commandant Cronje, Sir."

The commandant touched his hat in salute and Lord Roberts saluted in retura. The whole group then dismounted and Lord Roberts stepped forward and shook hands with the Boer com-

"You made a gallant defense, sir, was the first salutation of Lord Roberts to the vanquished Boer leader.

LESLIE E KEELEY'S MEMORY. Resolutions A opted by the South

Carolina Institute. At a recent meeting held in the club rooms of the Keeley Institute, Columbia, the following resolution was unani-

mously adopted: Whereas we have heard with pro found sorrow of the sudden death of Leslie F. Keeley, M. D., LL D, at An Offer Providing Faith to Sufferers his winter home, Los Angles, California, and whereas we, the patients of the K-eley Institute in the city of Co-Wales, a large and jubilant crowd as- lumbia, South Carolina. aseembled, desiring to unite with our fellow patients in this and foreign countries in paying

tribute to the memory of Dr. Keeley, therefore, be it Resolved, That we, the patients of patriotic songs. Business was given up | South Carolina, find words inadequate joy in being cured from inebriety and opiumism; that we will ever hold in love and reverence the memory of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley as a distinguished scientist, philanthropist, Christian and scholar who, sacrificing positions of honor and trust, devoted his life in perfecting a cure for alcoholism and mor-

> man and the cause of suffering human-A Terrible Scene.

> phineism, in doing good to his fellow

The greatest fire Newark, N. J. ever experienced swept through the retail dry goods district Wednesday night, destroying a score or more buildings. The fire broke out about 6:30, p. m .. after the several hundred employes had left the building which was then taken charge of by a number of sweepers. It it thought that some of the engine room force and similar employes may have been in the building. The flames spread with terrible rapidity, the entire building being enveloped before the arrival of the firemen. Only one man was seen, and he was at a window on the firemen raised a ladder, but before they through the broken window and on to Tons of fireworks are being bought in the ladder. As he reached the ladder a rush of flame came through the window engulfing him. It receded in a moment, and the man was seen on the ladder wrapped in fire as his clothing burned. A fireman ran up the ladder on the under side and grabbed him to prevent him falling. Then others went up on were themselves burned. Thousands of people witnessed the thrilling scene The burning clothing was torn from the man and with it came portions of hospital.

Garden Work for March. This is the active month for sowing the weather is favorable. We name them in the order in which they should Potatoes, Asparagus and Rhubarb roots,

The prospects of a good fruit crop

ANALYSIS OF FERTILIZERS.

Text of the New Act in Regard to the Subject.

Mr. Ashley failed to get the senate to pass his bill reducing the privilege tax on fertilizers to 10 cents a ton. But he was more successful with his bill to provide that a purchaser of chemical fertilizers may have the same an alvzed free of cost at Clemson college. The act, which was approved by the governor on the 19th, reads:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina: That from and after the passage of this act, any citizen of this State who shall purchase any commercial fertilizers or manures, shall have the right to have the same analyzed by Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical college, by taking a sample of same from at least 10 per cent. of such fertilizers in the presence of at least two disinter ested witnesses, one to be chosen by the purchaser and one by the seller, who shall certify that such sample was taken from such fertilizers or manures, men appeared in the distance crossing which certificate, with the sample. shall be sealed by a third disinterested latter being apprised of Gen. Cronje's party in the presence of said witnesses, and directed to Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Sec. 2. The said coilege shall have the said sample analyzed free of cost, and within three mouths after receive ing the sample supply the purchasers of such fertilizers or manures with a certificate giving the per cent. of the different fertilizing ingredients of same, signed by the chemist of Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical college, which certificate shall be admissible as evidence in all suits relative to such fertilizers or manures, whether the same be instituted by the vendor or purchaser of same.

Sec. 3. That any vendor of commer cial fertilizers or manures whose goods or wares fall short to the extent of 10 per cent. in any fertilizing ingredient guaranteed by the analysis on the sack or vessel holding same, when delivered to the purchaser, shall forfeit one-half the sale price thereof, to be recovered by suit or set up as a counter claim to an action for the purchase price of such fertilizers or manures.

Sec 4. Be it further enacted: That if any seller or vendor of fertilizers or commercial manures shall refuse, de cline or neglect to choose a witness, as provided in section 1, after having been notified or requested by the purchaser so to do, then he or they shall have forfeited their right so to do, and the purchaser shall select two witnesses. who shall select the third witness, who shall proceed to take samples as hereinbefore provided. All samples of fertilizers drawn under the provisions of this act shall be subject to such other rules as may be prescribed by the board of trustees of Clemson college, not inconsistent with this act.

Sec. 5 All acis and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

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A Postmaster in Trouble.

A dispatch to The State from Marion says Leonard L. Owens, postmaster at that place, was arrested Wednesday under a warrant issued by United States Commissioner J. W. Johnson on a charge of embezzling the funds of the postoffice. The warrant was issued at the instance of Postoffice Inspector Moyer, who for several days has been ser, a 15-year-old boy charged with asinvestigating the condition of the office and has discovered a deficiency (in the postmaster's accounts amounting to over \$1,000, Mr. Owens was appointed several months ago by Fresident Mc-Kinley, to succeed Capt. Douglass Mc-Intyfe, whose term had expired. The catastrophe that has overtaken the new postmaster in so short a time is very surprising, in view of the fact that he performed faithful and creditable service as a deputy of his predecessor. Owens waived examination and gave bond for appearance, several responsible gentlemen becoming security.

Two State Governments.

Two state governments, completely officered and each claiming to be the regular and legal officials, are in Frankfort. Ky., now and will remain, each claiming the right to administer the affairs of state until the question is adjudicated in the courts. As anticipared the banks refuse to recognize either of the contending factions and the flesh. The man was taken to a as a result both are without money, and the state funds are as securely tied up as they could be, Legislators, county as well as state officials, and all kinds of contractors with the state will have all kinds of hardy seeds, and the sooner to wait until somebody is authorized by most of them are sown the better, if a decision of the court to pay them and the state will have to wait on what is due it until the courts say who is authorized to receive it. The Democratic state institutions are among the suffer-

The War Still On.

A dispatch from Manila says: A hundred insurgents seven miles from San Fernando deela Union ambushed ten men of the Third cavalry who were camp, one man was killed. The insurhills for later planting. Sow the hardy | quantity of provisions. A subsequent reconnaissance of the locality developed the fact that there were entrenchments there and a force of Filipinos, estimated to number 800 men. The Third cavalry is preparing to drive the insurgents out. The recently purchased naval transport Alava sent to Regay in the Gulf of Liberate, for Spanish pripersons, including priests, officers, soldiers and civilians and 10 Americans. The navy officers being informed that the prisoners were carelessly guarded, hurried the Alava to Ragay, manned panied the transport.

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Most of the Fears That Beset Fai

Maids and Matrons. The cause that implants the spirit of fear in the bosom of the gentle sex is a subject that may well puzzle the most devout student of human nature. The mouse is considered one of the harmless of creatures, and yet it has been responsible for more cases of hysteria than any animal many times its size.

One woman, who all her life has searched beneath her bed before actiring, at one time found herself in possession of a folding monstrosity, the intricacies of which she had first to solve before taking her well-earned rest. But such is the force of habit. After pulling down the bed she would carefully look beneath it, for no other reason than that she had done so ever since she was a child. A favorite illusion is that of having

one's legs seized, either from behind in going upstairs or on getting into bed. Women have been seen scuttling upstairs in the dark setting at defiance all the laws of locomotion in a ludicrous attempt to keep their legs some distance ahead of them and beyond the reach of a mysterious clutch. Girls will also make flying leaps into bed to eliminate the same improbabil-Many women search diligently in

closets, bureau drawers and all sorts of impossible places before resigning themselves to sleep. An old housekeeper whose table silver, in two baskets, was always placed in her bedroom after the evening meal, was one night awakened by what she considered suspicious sounds from the lower regions. Cautiously leaving her room laden with the silver, she pitched both baskets into the hall below, calling out as she did so, "Take it all and please go," then fled precipitately and barricaded herself in her room. Needless to add, she found both baskets and scattered contents the following morning, a little the worse for the rough handling she had given them. WORKERS AMONG COTTONSEED.

New Machine Which Is Designed to Monopolized Their Business.

An always interesting sight to New

Orleans visitors has been the large gangs of darkies unloading cotton seed from the barges at the oil mills. piling the sacks of seed on the heavy trucks and trundling them down the wharf into the mill, singing lustily the while. The picturesque side of the old-time method of unloading seed by no means appeals to the owners of the mills, however. Such labor is very expensive, and sometimes impossible to obtain. Competition in the manufacture of cottonseed products is very keen, and unnecessary handling of the raw material must be done away with wherever practicable. The big grain elevators, built right up to the deep water, have long ago solved the problem, but with the oil mills at Gretna, built back of the levee, with their wharves stretching a considerable distance into the river, and with these wharves sinking and twisting all the time from the action of the current and the treacherous river bed, the question how to unload their

The Union Mill Company has recently installed at its large Crescent mill at Gretna a plant for rapidly and economically unloading seed from barges, which seems to meet all the conditions. The main part of the system is a belt conveyor, running on trestle work along the wharf, and thence under the roof of the mill. Along this conveyor the seed is carried from the end of the wharf, 250 feet to a point in the mill, where it is weighed and either stored or distributed direct to the crushers. From the time it is taken from the barges until it leaves the mill as a finished product the seed is not touched by hand .

The present capacity of the plant is about 4,700 bushels (seventy tons) of cottonseed per hour, but this can be largely increased. It is estimated that the construction will pay for itself in wages saved in less than two seasons.

Saved From Prison by His Ears.

"I don't often see a thief or a bad man with big ears," said Judge Wofford from the bench in commenting on the physiognomy of Gilbert Clossaulting Frederick E. Moses. "I like to see a boy with big ears." The boy scarcely knew whether the Judge was sarcastic or sincere, and he fumbled his cap bashfully while his ears turned red. The spectators tittered, but Judge Wofford continued sternly: "I am in-

clined to give you a chance, my boy, on the strength of your big mouth and generous ears. You've got a good face. A man with little ears, like a fox's or a squirrels, won't always do. They need watching." After warning Closser never to carry knives or revolvers, Judge Wafford sentenced the boy to the reform school and then paroled him with instructions to report to the court January 1 .- Kansas City Jour-

A Youthful Effusion. Senator Thurston, who has taken good-naturedly the newspaper chaffing about his poem, "The White Rose," decidedly objects to the unauthorized announcement that it was written by his fiancee, Miss Purman. He says it was a youthful effusion written 30 or more years ago and he solemnly affirms that he discarded the poetical role more than a quarter of a centry since

A Dog Shed. Ida-Maud Beulah is going out to cut all the fur trimming from her skirt. May-Is it moth-eaten?

Ida-No, indeed! But her French poodle shed all his fur and Maud says she'll have to get rid of hers to harmonize the effect when he trots by her side .-- Chicago News. A Queer Place for the Bird.

The eagle which originally decorated the stern of the famous schooner yacht America-which first won what is now known as the America Cup--is now the sign of the Royal Eagle Hotel at Ryde, Isle of Wight, overlooking the scene of the vessel's triumph over her English competitors in 1851.-Tit-

Killed His Mother. George Williams, a young Negro man,

killed his mother while they were following the corpse of the husband and President Cripiano Caracas without effather to the grave near Pleasent Hill. feet. The president was afterwards ac-Ga., Wednesday. The boy ordered his claimed by the populace. The city is mother to stop her manifestations of quiet. Gen. Castro became president and then he shot and killed her.

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This Refers to Women But It Will No

Doubt Apply to Men As Well-Tho

Man Who Is Patiently Looking for

The Ideal Girl. "It gets me," said the man, "to know why women and girls are not more particular about the way they dress more pains in buying their shoes than

their feet. If they knew how much people noticed them, they would take they do in buying their gowns. Every one knows that the man is more particular about the way he keeps his boots and shoes than a woman. for me, the woman I marry must have pretty, well-dressed feet. I have never found any one yet who came up to my standard of excellence, and that's why I'm not married, I suppose. "I did think I had found her once. I fell in love with one foot. That was where I made the mistake. It was

some kind of an art exhibition. There was a screen at the door from one room to another, which was a few steps higher, and happening to look across the room, I saw below that screen the daintiest, most ladylike looking foot, slender and delicate and refined, and wearing just the right kind of a shoe for that occasion-not a great heavy walking boot, and not a dancing mace, but just right. Of course, you don't expect me to tell you just what R was. I am not in the shoe business. bus i know when a girl wears a shoe max is in good taste. "This root that I fell in love with I saw just for an instant as the wom-

an to whom it belonged drew it up to the other step and the screen hid her so that I hadn't the slightest idea who she was, young or old, hideous or beautiful. But I made up my mind would find out. But you know how it is in a room filled with people—it is not always easy to get across it, especially if all your friends are there By the time I reached the screen I almost gave up my foot for lost. You can't see a woman's foot in these long skirts she wears unless she is on the street. I suppose my divinity must have raised her dress as she went up the steps.

had made a mistake. A man shouldn't fall in love with less than two feet, and he should see how they walk. There is everything in the way a woman walks. The woman whose foot l had admired-her feet were beautiful, too-walked in a listless way. She drew one foot after the other, languidly. That might mean that she was selfish, indolent, delicate or a number of other things. Just notice women who walk that way and see it I am not right. Then notice the woman who walks

"I did find her after a time, but I

not exactly with a heavy step, but comes down flatfooted every time. She would make a good business manager, and she might know how to manage a housefull of servants, but she is too aggressive to be a comfortable person to get along with. It is all ight for a woman to have opinions of er own; I like to see a woman who mows her own mind, and I would rather enjoy having her look after my ideas if she cared to, but you don't ike to be knocked over even with deas.

"Then there is the woman who has rather a heavy dragging step. That woman is sure to have round shoulders and stoop when she walks. She has to take time to think when she answers, and it takes her a long time to see a joke. She has large feet, and her shoes do not fit trimly. That is not the kind of woman I care to know. Then there is the woman who shakes the room when she walks. She may not be over plump, and she is very likely cheerful and jolly. You like her, but her chubby feet-they are sure to be short and broad-are not for you. She is a nice kind of wife for some other man, and you like to go and take dinner with him occasionally when you are in the mood for

it, but she is not the ideal woman. "The ideal always wears trim, suitable shoes, and she walks just as a woman who has the ideal feet, ideally dressed, should. She is sure to have rather slender feet that look flexible and make you think somehow of a pretty slender hand well gloved. Her shoes always fit her like a glove, anyway. She does not wear great mannish shoes around the street all the time because they are said to be fashionable. She only wears those with a heavy, rough walking suit. For the street she has a medium weight, trimooking boot, and for the house she wears pretty, soft, thin ones or pretty slippers, anything, according to the There are times and seasons for all kinds of boots, shoes and

slippers. "I was on the Broadway car down near the Battery the other day when a plainly dressed woman was crossing he street. When I saw her first every one in the car, men and women, were looking at her. What was the trouble, do you suppose? She was holding up her skirts a little, and so exhibited a pair of what do you call 'em, with high heels and a buckle in front?-Louis Quinze slippers, isn't it?

"Now those are the prettiest thing a woman with a pretty foot can wear in an appropriate place, but they were out of place down there, and there was not a soul in the car that didn't notice them, and there was nothing about the woman otherwise to attract attention. I remember seeing a woman wearing low slippers on Fifth avenue not long ago, and every one who passed turned to look at her. "My ideal girl wouldn't think of

wearing a pair of shoes inappropriately. Her shoes always fit her so that she walks easily and well, with a rather quick, light step, and moves over the ground easily without jerkiness. You know she is a nice girl to get along with. She goes through life as smoothly and pleasantly as she walks. But she is not monotonous; you know that by her quick lightness. She always smiles at you and has a light answer ready whatever you say.
"I am looking for her and I shall

find her some day. But it is surprising how quickly most women can be cut off the list when you have shoes and their concomitants as a test. You can find girss with pretty and well-dressed feet, but they are rare, and until I find the one you may put me down for a bachelor."—N. Y. Times.

During the carnival procession Wed-

nesday a Venezuelan fired two shots at

Shot at a President

soners, has returned here, bringing 500 grief. She paid no attention to him of Venezuela last October as a result of the succes-ful revolution against President Andrade, who fled from the republie. But, Castro was not recognized as president by the United States until Nov. 20, 1899. He is about 36 years of are, has been a strong supporter of the Liberal party.