

Wednesday, March 4.

Doubtful Books.

The following, taken from editorial department of Housekeepers Weekly...

My Dear Marion Harland: A friend—the widow of a clergyman, and one of the most gifted women I know...

[Having every reason to believe the above letter genuine, and being deeply moved by the subject, the matter appears to me sufficiently grave to warrant the devotion of more space to this communication...

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIEND: Your letter was so evidently penned in the spirit of sincere inquiry, that I have perused and read the book of which you wrote...

I make a point of never reading a bad book—knowing it to be bad, a tale which I have followed for years. In this case, I was impelled to continue the perusal of that which was distasteful to me...

We are all familiar with the story of the artist who would never, if he could avoid it, look at a poor painting, for fear of injuring his style...

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It has become the fashion of late to recommend books of doubtful morals as "strong." The same adjective may be applied to Linberg cheese...

Young Man Look at This!

At the recent anniversary of the Society for the Prevention of Vice Mr. Comstock gave a partial report of crimes arising from gambling in this country in 1890.

The enormous sum of \$2,898,372 is shown by this same record as the proceeds of these embezzlements and defalcations. To these crimes must be added the long list of thefts, robberies, embezzlements, larcenies and defalcations which are never known except to the immediate friends or persons especially interested.

Above all the plausible prating of those who plead with us to "discead superstition and old wives' fables and mouldy creeds which the world has outgrown," the devout philosopher hears the cry of the human, like that of Mary at the rifled sepulchre:

Such setting-to-rights is, at the very best, only pulling to pieces, without offering a plan of reconstruction.

Again, our author's logic is faulty. Because some Christians are hypocrites, does that prove the fallacy of the Christian religion? In the finest college in the land there are students who are a disgrace to the institution...

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A great many thousand dollars are sent North every year to pay for canned goods, and if the business is done in our midst, there is just that much money to circulate at home.

So far as our vicinity is concerned, Mr. Jack Rhodes of this city established last year across the river at New Brookland a small canning factory. He was very successful. All of his output was readily placed in this market...

C. H. Carlisle, chairman of the executive committee of the State Sunday School Convention, has sent out a circular stating that the Convention will be held in Laurens, March 31, and April 1-2.

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THE GREAT SPRING TONIC. W. H. GIBERT, Drugist, Albany, Ga. writes: "We are selling large quantities of Swift's Specific..."

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FOR SALE CHEAP. RETURN TUBULAR BOILER, ENGINE AND SAW MILL OUTFIT. WILL SELL SEPARATELY or Engine and Boiler for grinding outfit. Apply to EDWARD E. REMBERT, Jan. 21, Rembert, S. C.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY. THE UNDERSIGNED has established a Real Estate and Collection Agency in Sumter and desires property holders having property for sale or rent to list same with him.

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FACTS WORTH REMEMBERING! THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW YORK. RICH'D A. McCURDY, Pres.

ASSETS \$147,154,961.20 LIABILITIES 137,173,727.82 SURPLUS \$9,981,233.38

1843. 1890. When solicited to insure in other Companies remember that The Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, is entitled to your first consideration...

ALTMANT MOSES, Agent for Sumter. Edward L. Gernand, General Agent, Columbia, S. C.

HARDWARE!! R. W. DURANT & SON. Carry a Large Stock of Goods and can furnish nearly anything made of Iron.

HARNES, SADDLES AND BRIDLES, COOKING AND HEATING STOVES, of Best Make. We are Powder Agents and can sell dealers cheaper than they can order it.

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Preserves, Thurber's Gold Cap, in glass, delicious, 75 cents. Preserves, Thurber's Gold Cap, in glass, delicious, 50 cents. Mince Meat, Thurber's, loose, per lb., 12 1/2.

Baker's Broma, 1/2 lb. boxes, 30. Baker's Cocoa, 1/2 lb. boxes, 30. Raisins, an elegant article for cake, per lb., 15. Evaporated Apples and Peaches, per lb., 20.

Teas, Teas, Teas. Remember we are headquarters and do not sell common grades. Our prices are from 50c. to \$1.00. Coffees, Coffees. We also lead on and keep every variety Rio, raw, per lb., 28 to 30c.

Flours. Curtis' Pastry, finest patent flour, all kinds of, with Graham, oat meal, oat flakes, &c., &c. Confectionery. This department incomplete. We want no disappointed sweet hearts and have carefully considered their interest in our selections.

Crockery. We have now on hand novelties in this direction, remember we keep the best (W K T B). Last but not least, don't forget us on the celebrated Ferris meats, hams and breakfast strips, which we pride ourselves on. Send for monthly price list.

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