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A NEW SCHOOL OF THOUGHT.

An Odd Little Philosopher's Mixture of Ideal and Materialism.

Few Philadelphians are perhaps aware that the founder of the new School of Vital Science and Theology, the inventor of the all tongue alphabet and cosmic man, digitypy and the courageous proponent of cosmic pacification is dwelling quietly and modestly in their midst. But the School of Vital Science is certainly to be found by any of the curious lodged in a little two story frame house on Parrish street, below Sixth and therein Founder Victor B. Hall is valiantly holding the fort.

"Scientific men drop in on me here once in awhile," declares the short, lean philosopher with a placid brow, "and they say, 'Why, you're like a little David getting ready your stone for the giants.' This thought seems to console him for his hard journey over the anything but primrose path that all pioneers of new truth must tread. "We are alive to the newest phrases of oratory," states the circular, "and the necessary word coming that the extraordinary progressive measures of the times now demand."

Certainly that proud claim is amply upheld in the mysterious and cabalistic titles with which he has christened his school and its methods. "The Cosmic church is defined as 'the church of all churches by and for all people.' Its motto expressed in triads is, 'Purity, Peace, Plenty, Life, Love, Liberty, Harmony, Health, Happiness.' But its foundations are laid deep in practical or vital science. The disciple learns to use tools. He also learns the 'vital clinic' recipes—among them being 40 kinds of unfermented bread and cakes, and he must master the 'vital comfort' hot water oven, in which the cooking goes on just as well while the disciple is away at meeting. He is also expected to buy the 'vital comfort' vest and trousers, which are a 'sure preventive for weak back.' A vegetarian diet is recommended, and he is initiated as a fruit eater into the monthly fruit feasts.

The initiate passes through three degrees. In the first he is known as a 'vital friend.' After he has mastered 'vital physics' he can learn the all tongue alphabet, arranged on a chromatic scale, and the digitypy, or typewriting with rubber thimbles. Then he is prepared for the full reception into the Cosmic church. There are 603 families belonging to the school, among them being Germans, French, Swedes, Hebrews and Spaniards.—Philadelphia Record.

Died to Save Duties on Their Tobacco.

A correspondent writes from Zermatt, Sept. 7: "Early this morning were buried the two unfortunate Italian workmen, Nono and Peretto, whose bodies were discovered on the Lyspass at the foot of Monte Rosa. They had for some time been employed in the electrical installation that lights up Zermatt. They left here on the 17th of August and were last seen making for the Lyspass by a Swiss guide, and as a snowstorm soon set in it is supposed they perished from exhaustion in the glaciers.

"On the 4th inst., three weeks after, the bodies were discovered, and being on Swiss territory the Italian authorities telegraphed to the municipality of Zermatt to recover them for burial. Accordingly two days ago a strong detachment of guides proceeded to the spot and with some difficulty transported the bodies of the unfortunate men to Zermatt. One had on him the sum of 150 francs, and the other 30 to 30 francs, and the object of their choosing this unfrequented and dangerous pass was that they had a quantity of tobacco, which pays a heavy duty in Italy. Their faces, when found, were unchanged and peaceful, and they looked as though in a deep sleep."—London News.

One Secret of a Woman's Success.

Some one who knows her well has said that the reason Mrs. Potter Palmer always carries herself so serenely through the tumultuous meetings of the woman commissioners is that she is always conscious of being perfectly dressed. It is one of the ways of women. Many a woman has made her toilet, like Marie Antoinette, to go bravely to the guillotine, and many a woman has fortified herself for a disagreeable duty or an embarrassing position with a bunch of roses in her belt. Life is never altogether a failure to the woman who knows her bonnet is becoming, and there is no consolation even in the hope of heaven to the one who knows that her bang is straightening out in the midst of trying circumstances.

The Pianophone.

The "pianophone" is the latest. It consists of a keyboard with keys of the same size and description as the ordinary piano, a simple but effective striking mechanism, and the substitution of metallic plates for the ordinary strings. These, being tuned to the ordinary scale, yield sufficient sound to make the playing on the instrument distinctly audible to the player, but inaudible at any distance. The instrument never gets out of tune.—Yankee Blade.

Lucy Stone and Reform.

The report of the serious illness of Mrs. Lucy Stone Blackwell at the age of 75 years recalls a long term of service in reformatory service marked by unwavering steadfastness and at the same time by moderation and common sense. She is best known as Lucy Stone and by domestic agreement uses that name. The specialty which commanded her attention, woman's rights, appealed with very slow success as to its most salient points—voting and office holding. Even to this day it has made but little advance, though they had the general suffrage in one state and in others cast a ballot for school officers. It is not an unfair assumption that what Lucy Stone cared most for was the mere privilege of going to the polls, but rather for a more general equality of rights which she believed would be promoted by the suffrage. As to this there has been great gain in recent years. The chief impulse to this has been the concession of equal and separate property rights, which has been accomplished almost throughout the country.

With the chance of preserving the fruits of their industry for themselves, women were naturally more inclined to work. The reform of separatism having revealed, there was a disposition to look out for herself she slowly but surely constrained the concession of uniformity and equality of privilege as to work. The truth is there never was very great objection to mere working on the part of woman. She might toil at the wash tub or the range from sunrise to sundown without incurring rebuke for lack of femininity. It was only when some other employment, pertaining more suitable physically, was suggested that the appropriate sphere rose into view.—Brooklyn Eagle.

His Wife Had Nerve.

About a month ago a business man's wife got the idea that she ought to have a revolver in the house. The husband protested in vain. She was dead set on having one, and she got it. The following

night, after teasing his wife about having something that she would never use if it were required, he left the house saying he would return in a few hours. Shortly after the door closed behind him his wife was attracted by the sound of footsteps upstairs. Her first impulse was to scream, her second to run next door and ask assistance. Then she thought of the revolver and of her husband's laughing taunts that she was afraid to handle it. Going to the drawer she secured it, as the sound of the stealthy footsteps were close to the top landing of the stairs. Flung open the parlor door, she peered into the darkness and in a trembling voice demanded to know who was there. She fancied she heard a low laugh and then saw the dim outline of a man starting to descend.

"Stay back, or I will shoot," she said as she pointed in the direction of the figure. There was one more step, a report, and the man fell down stairs with a thundering crash and lay unconscious almost at her feet. One look showed him to be her husband. Then there was a piercing scream, and when some neighbors forced their way in the two were lying senseless in a pool of blood.

The husband has just recovered, but will be lame for life, and it is safe to say that he will never try to frighten his wife again.—Toronto World.

Two Girl Farmers.

Two Massachusetts girls, the Misses Clara and Lottie Temple, own and carry on successfully one of Heath's best farms. The father of the young women died a few years ago, and the farm was bought by them.

Since that time they have assumed the entire responsibility of the place, and by hard work and close calculation the large indebtedness incurred at the time the girls took possession has been paid in full. New and improved farm machinery has been purchased from time to time, and a herd of fine milk cows has been secured.

As a result of their enterprising endeavors the girls have not only made a home for themselves, but are able to provide a comfortable home for their widowed mother. They paid \$300 last year for field work. The farm embraces 100 acres.

Massachusetts has 308 women farmers, exclusive of a number engaged in raising fruit, flowers, seeds, cattle and poultry.—Exchange.

Mohawk Indians Looking For a Home.

Chief Green of the Mohawk tribe of Indians at Deseronto, Ont., accompanied by two councilors of the band, has been visiting in the city and left for his home in the east last night. The trio have been on a tour of inspection along the Baty river looking for a desirable location for a colony of the younger members of their band, and the young men are anxious to be settled. The delegation was not favorably impressed with the district and therefore continued their journey westward. They held a conference with the Dominion lands officials in the city. They were given all information and furnished with literature and will return in the morning to inspect the several districts in the northwest, with a view to the selection of a site for the colony.—Toronto Mail.

Eugenie's Generosity.

Apropos of the generosity of ex-Empress Eugenie, the following story is told: One morning at breakfast a general related to the emperor the misfortune of a brother officer who "because he had not 15,000 francs must be dishonored." The empress flew to her room and returning with a package of bank notes said: "Take them, general, and never tell me his name."

Even now she does not know the name of the man she befriended.—London Tit-Bits.

Not In His Line.

Mamma—Harry, I want you to come in now and amuse the baby. Harry (aged 5)—You'll have to excuse me, mother. I'm not in the low comedy line.—Boston Transcript.

Aluminium Railway Tickets.

The latest use for aluminium is for street car tickets, and it must be admitted that the metal is singularly adapted for the purpose. A street railway has just made its first issue of these light and ornamental tokens, which are about the size of a silver quarter dollar. One is round, for ordinary fare; the other octagonal, for children. The adults' ticket is sold by the railroad company to the public at the rate of six for 25 cents and the child's ticket at the rate of 10 for 25 cents.

The company does not allow its employees, either conductors or motormen, to sell the tickets to the public, but disposes of them in \$10 lots to the several storekeepers, who handle them exclusively. This method of distributing the tickets overcomes to a certain extent the difficulties which have always attended the sale of tickets by employees in connection with the receipt of cash fares.

The aluminium ticket also has the great advantage of requiring no cancellation. As soon as the tickets are turned in by the public to the railroad company they are done up in packages and sold again. It is said that the tickets are much in favor in Kalamazoo.—Chicago Tribune.

General Shelby's Robbery.

A good story is told by Colonel Sam Stanton of Ste. Genevieve on General Joe Shelby, veteran of many battles during the late war. "During the Democratic state convention in Jefferson City," said Colonel Stanton, "General Shelby was on hand, a most thoroughly interested spectator. While the excitement was high and the weather was extremely warm, the general was meeting old friends and making new ones in one of the hotels. While holding a reception, he was introduced to a gentleman named Trigg of Booneville. The general heard the name and repeated it several times before he spoke.

"Are you related to the Mr. Trigg who kept a big store in Booneville in 1862?" he asked. The Booneville man answered that the Mr. Trigg in question was his father. Then, to his surprise, General Shelby said, "I robbed your father's store in 1862." When the Booneville man recovered from his surprise, General Shelby explained that his army had cleaned out the store when it invaded that town about the middle of the war."—St. Louis Republic.

Babies at the World's Fair.

No one who visits the fair can afford to go away without seeing the crèche for babies in the Children's building. This establishment is a literal haven of refuge for mothers. They can bring their little one to the fair, if they have no one at home in whose care to leave it, and the exposition will take care of it. The youngsters, when left, are all checked, just as if they were trunks. The mother receives a check, and so the children are kept from being mixed up, and each found parent at the day's close receives her own. The place is in charge of experienced matrons and nurses. There are little chairs without number and large quantities of playthings dear to the childish heart. The little ones when I saw them looked as happy as they could be. There were between 50 and 60 of them, and not one was crying or whining, and there were so many of each kind of plaything that there was no chance for strife upon the question of ownership.—Cor. Boston Transcript.

Concerning Wrinkles.

There are several kinds of wrinkles. Some women whose lives are comparatively free from care have their faces furrowed with lines that do not indicate age or trouble. Such are the wrinkles that might be called constitutional or hereditary.

A young society woman in New York, well known to have had a singularly care-free life, has a forehead seamed with horizontal lines that result entirely from a trick she has of raising her eyebrows when she is talking earnestly or emphatically. It is a family peculiarity that was possessed by her mother, her grandmother, and doubtless her great-grandmother before her. As the wrinkles do not impart to her face an expression of ill temper or irritability, they are not objectionable, except in so far as they mar the smoothness of the skin.

Such wrinkles are readily distinguishable from the traces of petulance or ill health—the perpendicular creases between the brows that indicate a frequent frown, the drooping lines at the corner of the mouth that suggest discontent or distress, the crow's feet about the eyes that herald approaching age. From all these a woman may well wish to be free.

Many wrinkles may be avoided by the woman who will take some pains with her expression when she is by herself. She who bends over her book, her desk, or her sewing with knitted brow and compressed or working lips need not be surprised if her face refuses to smooth itself when she turns to other employments. It would cost her very little trouble to avoid such tricks of feature.—From Harper's Bazar.

Our Colonial Records.

The colonial and provincial history of South Carolina being prepared in London, is worth more for the money being paid to secure it than any investment ever made by the State. In fact, the documents will be priceless.

It will be remembered, that the year before last, the Legislature voted an appropriation of \$4,000 to secure this history from the famous London Record office, which contains more of the unwritten history of this country than is even conjectured. Secretary of State Tindal, the Hon. W. A. Courtney, of Charleston; Chief Justice Melver, the Hon. W. C. Beaufort, of Abbeville, and Prof. R. Means Davis were constituted a commission known as the 'Public Record Commission,' to have charge of the work.

They began by employing W. Noel Sainsbury, of the London Record office, to transcribe the history. He employs some of the finest scribes in England to do the copying, and now there are in the Secretary of State's office twenty-two volumes full of the most valuable unpublished history of South Carolina. They are not printed volumes, but written by master hands, whose penmanship will make the art preservative jealous. These twenty-two volumes contain the story of South Carolina from the year 1660 to 1747, the time of George III, and now the work must stop until another appropriation is made. Mr Sainsbury notifies the commission that he thinks £500, or \$2,500, will complete the work to 1776. The manuscript is sent over in parcels, in the dispatch bag of the United States embassy at London. The parcels are then sent to Walker, Evans & Cogswell and bound.

The Legislature will, undoubtedly, make the additional appropriation asked for.

The New York Press, a Republican newspaper, says that when President Cleveland was inaugurated he was worth something like \$500,000, not more. When he was inaugurated the Press says, "In order to avoid even the appearance of evil, the President-elect had all his securities disposed of and the proceeds invested in such a manner that no official policies of his could either increase or decrease their value."

Owing to the fact that Mr. Cleveland has given all his time and attention to public business, his private investments have been neglected and he has received nothing from his property, and to-day it is not worth more than \$250,000.

Some weeks ago a dispensary constable seized a stray barrel of liquor in the depot of the South Carolina railroad at Charleston. The constable was taken before Judge Simonton and committed for contempt in interfering with property in the hands of a receiver. Shortly afterward constables again discovered contraband liquors in the depot. In obedience to the order of Judge Simonton they applied to him for permission to seize it. Judge Simonton issued the following order: "It is ordered that the receiver of the South Carolina Railway company, at Charleston or his authorized agent, do give notice to the consignees of said packages, respectively, that they are ready for delivery, and that they will be delivered to such consignee on the 24th day of October, 1893; and that the receiver, or his agent, give notice to the said chief constable of the time and place of said delivery, and that said delivery take place in the presence of said chief constable and not otherwise."

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