

BOOK NOTICES.

We have just received from W. Wallace Cowles, Indianapolis, Ind., a book of fifty or more pages, entitled "Hymen's Victims; or, the Bane of Wedlock." It is a vigorous little treatise of this at present very much discussed question, and will serve an excellent purpose in the analytic treatment of the subject. The work is dedicated "To the earnest progressive and reformatory workers who are striving to ameliorate the condition of society," and is a valuable contribution to the radical literature of the day. Its title-page contains the following text:

"Hymen, thou tyrant, mysterious, dark,
Thou scepter broken, enslaved once, bark!
Herein procreation's mystic scroll is unrolled,
With relief for the captive, with the tyrant controlled."

The book may be obtained by applying to the publisher, Indianapolis, Ind. We do not know the price.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE for January, 1875, is just issued, containing over 100 pages and 500 engravings and descriptions of our best flowers and vegetables, with directions for their culture. It is got up with great elegance and taste, and is really a work of art. Published quarterly, for 25 cents per year, by James Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

"FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE" is that rare thing, a well-told love story. Free from sickly sentimentality, yet full of romance, it is a masterpiece of its kind, and, say what you will, there is no theme, when rightly told, so absorbing as "first love." No "sensational" story is more fascinating than this; yet it is not exaggerated. The characters of the three sisters, Margaret, Ethel and Grace, are admirably contrasted; the reader hardly knows who to admire the most, though Margaret, perhaps, will generally be the favorite. The novel closes with smiles and sunshine as all good stories should. Buy the book and read it. It is published complete in one large octavo volume, paper cover, price seventy-five cents, and is for sale by all booksellers, or copies will be sent per mail, post-paid, to any one, on their remitting the price to the publishers, T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, in a letter.

"Vital Magnetism, the Life Fountain; being an answer to Dr. Brown-Sequard on Nerve Force. The Magnetic Theory defended and a better Philosophy of Cure explained." By E. D. Babbitt, D. M., author of the Health Guide, etc.

The works of Dr. Babbitt are receiving high commendations, and aim to make the people self-doctors by teaching them to wield the finer life forces, which he considers far more effective and safe than drugs. The above work is furnished, post paid, at 25 cents, by E. D. Babbitt, M. D., 232 East Twenty-third street, New York, and gives valuable matter with reference to manipulation, food, baths, clothing, marriage, etc.

MATTIE'S OFFERING.—A collection of Original songs. Pamphlet, pp. 36. Published by Moses Hull and Company, 24 Newcomb street, Boston, Mass. A very fine selection of the fresh, free and beautiful flowers of poetry that ought to be in the hands of all the Spiritualists in the country. Nothing is more needed both in our homes and in our schools than the cultivation of the imaginative faculty, and the little work above abounds with good material for instruction in that particular. In our opinion, the selections are a credit to the writer's heart as well as the writer's taste, and if it obtains half the success it merits, Mattie Sawyer will be well repaid for the labor of love she has bestowed upon it. There is only one thing that we regret—it is that the music the angels have given the writer has not been published with the songs. We hope there will be no such omission in the next edition of the same.

THE NEW YORK STAR is giving evidence of prosperity and good management, in these hard times, by increasing its size four columns and otherwise improving its appearance. It is always a sly and readable paper.

CLIPPINGS FROM THE NEW YORK STAR.

"Henry Ward Beecher had 1,200 callers on New Year's Day. 'Queer, isn't it?'"
"Mrs. Bullard's presents to the little Tiltons are reported as being something superb."

NO FALSE MODESTY.

One visiting the statuary in Paris can find none of the contemptible meek modesty which prevails to so considerable an extent on the American shores of the Atlantic. Where a statue exhibits nudity, there is no attempt at concealing any portion of the anatomy. I had the curiosity to watch the faces of visitors who were inspecting these specimens. Often were they young girls, and in no instance did they blush or show evidence of discomposure. They seemed to comprehend perfectly that it was a work of art, and nothing else, upon which they were gazing. None of the lady visitors—at least, those of them that were French—had for such exhibition any of those averted glances, the strained pretense of being offended, the color of a false modesty mounting into their faces, which one, under similar circumstances, sees so often among our American women. In this direction, true modesty is on the side of the French women. She then looks and acts as if she had no knowledge of evil, while her American sister seems to betray the fact that she is in the possession of full information. In this respect we have a good deal to learn from French and English women, and which, when learned, will be of great service to our American fair sex. There is not, perhaps, any particular merit, in the case of these French women, for the reason that they are brought up among art surroundings, in whose case nature, when betrayed, is without concealment. The galleries, the parks, the public squares, the monuments, present these women with innumerable specimens of nature given without any attempt at concealment. Seeing always such things they present no novelty. They are part of the education, a portion of the daily life of these women, so that there is never a time when they are other than commonplace in their existence and characteristics.

The facts stated in the above article are widely known,

but how few draw any lesson of wisdom from them! They should teach us that if we would have real virtue and real purity in the places of the shams from which the world now suffers, we should make the subjects upon which these are supposed to rest the most common topics of treatment, especially with children. To keep all such matters from children is to lay an almost certain basis for impurity in some form; while to teach them properly all there is known about the functions of sex is to lay a basis of virtue, against which none of the storms of life can prevail.

ELIZABETH CARY STANTON, in one of her recent speeches gave utterance to the following radical sentiment touching upon the social question and the proper generation of children:

"Every mother in the land has it in her power to be second only to God in making her offspring what it should be. This is a serious responsibility, but it is one that God imposes upon every mother in the land. Children are born, not made. The mother's whole thought are centred upon her unborn child. It is indeed a holy period, and if her mind and body are in proper condition, how great and grand will be the result! It is possible for parents to determine what their children shall be, and make them so before they are born. Oh, mothers! let us turn over a new leaf, and make a race of gods and poets and statesmen. Another idea: it is more important what kind of a child we raise than how many. It is better to produce one than a dozen jackasses."

KNOWLEDGE.

Knowledge is power—true, but it is not also pain!
Is there not much of beauty lost with the wonder that knowledge brings?
Does not the color of rose fade out from eye and heart and brain,
As we see and feel and know to the core the being of many things!

GOOD SUGGESTION.—If you wish to drown yourself, kick and splash about as violently as you can, and you will soon go to the bottom. But if you remember that you are lighter than water, and if you calmly and steadily refrain from drawing your breath while under the water, keep your head raised and your arms under, you will soon learn to float and swim like a duck.

Frederick Douglass has reminded a lecture audience, in Grafton, Mass., that thirty-two years ago he spoke there from his wagon, a hall or church being refused him.

Mrs. Woodhull is not the only person who has been refused the use of public halls in which to advocate the "new truth." May it not be possible that in even less than "thirty-two years" the very places that have attempted to disgrace her, may openly welcome her as an exponent of an accomplished reform?

THE VOICELESS.

O, hearts that break and give no sign,
Save whitening lips and faded tresses,
Till death pours out his cordial wine,
Slow dropped from misery's crushing presses;
If aching breath or sobbing chord
To every hidden pang were given,
What endless melodies were poured,
As sad as earth, as sweet as heaven!

Oliver Wendell Holmes.

ANOTHER FALLEN CLERGYMAN.—Winchester, Pa., was lately astounded by the promulgation of the fact that the Rev. Joseph Sittum had ruined Miss Sarah Hall, a young lady of high standing in society, and of heretofore unblemished character. The discovery of her fall has thrown the young lady into a state of temporary insanity. In her sane moments she says that he quoted the Bible to prove that his conduct was in accordance with the dictates of the Word of God.—N. Y. Sun.

HARD ON BURDICK.—The Sunday Dispatch, of Providence, N. J., gives an elaborate account of an alleged social malpractice of another cleric, the Rev. A. B. Burdick, of River Point, R. I. We give the terminating paragraph of the three-column article: "Rev. A. B. Burdick has been notified by an officer of the church where he has been in the habit of preaching at River Point that he need not preach there any longer until this matter is settled. (To be continued in the Dispatch next Sunday.)"

Hereditary bondsmen! know ye not
Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow?
Byron.

NATHANIEL HOWARD, who mailed us a letter from Weymouth, O., is respectfully requested to give us his address.

In the two months since the introduction of civil marriage in Germany, less than one-fourth of the Protestant couples married at Berlin had recourse to the ministrations of the Church. The rapid decline of every species of orthodoxy in the country extends even to what was formerly considered the most zealous sect in Prussia.

BUSINESS EDITORIALS.

WARREN CHASE may be addressed at Colfax, Iowa, until further notice.

PROF. LISTER, the astrologist, can be consulted at his rooms No. 329, Sixth avenue. Address by letter, P. O. Box 4823.

MRS. NELLIE L. DAVIS may be addressed at 235 Washington St., Salem, Mass.

E. J. WITHERFORD, trance and physical medium. Public sittings Thursdays and Sundays at 8 P. M., at 609 W. Madison street, Chicago, Ill.

W. F. JAMISON is speaking during the Sundays of this month in Loomis Temple of Music, New Haven, Conn. He would prefer calls for February and March, in New York State. Address at New Haven, Conn.

D. S. CADWALLADER will answer calls to deliver his prophetic lecture, entitled, "Monarchy, the Road to a Freer Republican Government," before any of the liberal societies North and East; also, if desired, "The Downfall of Christianity," and "From Mormonism to Shakerism." Please address him, 525 West Seventh street, Wilmington, Del.

C. W. STEWART may be addressed, till further notice, at McHenry, Illinois.

DR. L. K. COONLEY has removed from Vineland to Newark N. J. Office and residence No. 53 Academy street, where he will treat the sick daily and receive applications to lecture Sundays in New Jersey, New York or elsewhere in the vicinity.

Dr. Slade, the eminent Test Medium, may be found at his office, No. 25 East Twenty-first street near Broadway

CHAS. H. FOSTER, the renowned Test Medium, can be found at No. 14 West Twenty-fourth street, New York City,

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THOSE who desire admirable dental work can be sure of obtaining it from Dr. C. S. Weeks, 107 East Twenty-sixth street, three doors east of Fourth ave. Dr. W. is a careful, skillful and honest dentist.—Ed.

REMEMBER that it is by the Erie, Great Western of Canada and the Michigan Central Railroads that the most elegant, commodious and comfortable Pullman Palace Cars are run through between New York and Chicago—the broad gauge tracks of the Erie being changed at Suspension Bridge for narrow ones, and vice versa, both carrying the wide coaches of the Erie road. These coaches leave New York from depots foot of Chambers and 23d streets at 7 o'clock, P. M., daily; and Chicago from the Michigan Central depot at 5 o'clock, P. M., daily. Those who travel this route once will always use it when convenient.

LOYD, the famous map man, who made all the maps for General Grant and the Union army, certificates of which he published, has just invented a way of getting a relief plate from steel so as to print Lloyd's Map of American Continent—showing from ocean to ocean—on one entire sheet of bank note paper, 40x50 inches large, on a lightning press, and colored, sized and varnished for the wall so as to stand washing, and mailing anywhere in the world for 25 cents, or unvarnished for 10 cents. This map shows the whole United States and Territories in a group, from surveys to 1875, with a million places on it, such as towns, cities, villages, mountains, lakes, rivers, streams, gold mines, railway stations, etc. This map should be in every house. Send 25 cents to the Lloyd Map Company, Philadelphia, and you will get a copy by return mail.

THE SICK SHOULD READ THIS.—It has long been felt and acknowledged that there should be a more reliable mode of treating Chronic Diseases, than that employed by the Materia Medica. Dr. R. P. Fellows, the renowned Magnetic Physician, has, after years of successful treatment and thorough investigation, established beyond question that his Magnetized Powder is the Remedy. Scarcely a day passes but some afflicted person attests the virtue and efficiency of its power by rapid and palpable evidences of permanent cure. It only requires a few boxes to test it, and when cured the cause of the disease is entirely removed. \$1 per box. Address Vineland, N. J.

THE IOWA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS will hold their first quarterly convention for 1875 at the Court House, in Winterset, commencing Saturday, January 16, at 10 o'clock A. M., and continue over Sunday, Warren Chase, Mrs. H. Morse, Capt. H. H. Brown and other speakers will be present. Friends coming from a distance will be provided for as far as possible, and a cordial invitation is extended to all. EDWIN CATE, President.

MRS. J. SWAIN, Secretary.

Send Austin Kent one dollar for his book and pamphlets on Free Love and Marriage. He has been sixteen years physically helpless, confined to his bed and chair, in poor and needs the money. You may be even more benefited by reading one of the boldest, deepest, strongest, clearest and most logical writers. You are hardly well posted on this subject till you have read Mr. Kent. You who are able to add another dollar or more as charity. His address, AUSTIN KENT, Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.

The Books and Speeches of Victoria C. Woodhull and Tennie C. Clafin will hereafter be furnished, postage at the following liberal prices:
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The Principles of Social Freedom
Reformation or Revolution, Which?
The Elixir of Life; or, Why do we Die?
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