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MOTHERS' DAY.

Mother's Day was generally observed in this city yesterday, and the white carnation was worn generally by citizens. The ministers of the various churches made special reference to the day in their morning discourses. They all spoke in feeling terms of the occasion, and brought to the minds of their hearers many reminiscences of family firesides presided over by mothers long since entered into their eternal rest. All the speakers were enthused by their subjects, and each did well.

A third of a century ago, before Mother's Day had been conceived, Rev. Dr. Guerrant delivered a sermon in the Second Presbyterian Church of this city, during which he incidentally referred to the faith of women, who notwithstanding their many trials, labors and anxious vigils, keep in the front ranks in the march towards the heavenly world. Substantially he said:

"Were I called upon to select what I regard as the best types of Christians, where do you suppose I would go? To men who of their surplus millions found libraries, hospitals, schools or colleges? Or to canonized persons, male or female, who passed their lives in monasteries, caves or other places far from the madding crowd, and the trials and ordeals through which the great mass of the race passes? No. I would go into some church and select women, whose locks have been whitened by the snows of many winters, and who have battled all their lives against poverty while cumbered with the cares of households. They have nursed and spent anxious hours with their own offspring, performed like service for grandchildren and have been in times of need helpful to those of their neighbors. Cumbered with care and responsibility, their faith has ever enabled them to rise superior to their ordeals, and they are always in their places at church services. In the great day of rewards every hair in their bleached locks will glisten as diamonds when the Author of their faith makes up his jewels."

BURNING OF THE PENSACOLA.

The old sloop-of-war Pensacola, famed as being a member of Admiral Farragut's fleet when he fought the battle of Mobile Bay and took New Orleans in the civil war, became a prey to flames on Friday morning. This famous old craft, which had done duty as receiving ship at the Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., for ten years, had become obsolete and a burden to keep. Her destruction by fire was in accordance with official instructions from Washington.

The Pensacola is the last of the sloop-of-war type of ships of the old navy. The Brooklyn, Richmond and

Hartford were sister ships, and only the Hartford is left, she being stationed at Annapolis, as an object lesson to inspire the future Farragut's who are being educated there to officer the modern war craft.

During the first year of the civil war the Pensacola was a familiar object at Alexandria. She dropped down from the Washington navy yard during the early part of 1861, and anchored off Fishtown, where she remained for some time. The Confederate batteries on the Potomac at that time made it rather dangerous for passing Federal vessels, and the Pensacola had most of her rigging removed before she left this port. She managed to run the blockade, however, without being seriously injured. The Pensacola never returned to the Potomac.

PASTOR RUSSELL'S ADDRESS

A number of people from this city went to Washington yesterday afternoon to hear Pastor Russell speak in the National Theatre.

Reiterating that the old order was passing away and that a new light was sweeping the errors and mistakes of dogmas and creeds out of existence, Pastor Russell delivered a thrilling address to a well filled house, his theme being, "Which Is the True Gospel?"

The speaker declared that the physical world will never come to an end, as has and is being preached by certain creeds and sects; that merely the present order of things will vanish to make room for a more perfect religion. He promised better days for those who labor, declaring that labor is one of the courses with which this world is afflicted.

Pator Russell paid his respect to Pope Pius in issuing an order instructing bishops of the Catholic Church to command to the faithful the study of the Bible. "I am sorry that a time when Catholics get together to study the Bible," said the speaker, "Protestants are drifting into infidelity. This is a time of great troubles, according to the pastor, who said this contention was demonstrated by the dissension between capital and labor. He prophesied violence between capital and labor so that each may gain its point.

"It is the purpose of the International Bible Students' Association to send speakers to Alexandria occasionally during the year. Meetings have recently been held in the Surprise Theatre.

PRESIDENT MAKES DENIAL. Charging that "there is a conspiracy for the purpose of arousing religious prejudice" against him" President Taft in an official statement from the White House, vigorously denied that he has ever "favored unduly" the Roman Catholic Church.

The president viewing all the circumstances that seem to point to a conspiracy to arouse religious prejudice against him, makes the statement that he has "unduly favored no church" but has "treated them all with absolute impartiality." The President among other things says:

"In 1902 I visited Rome and conferred with Pope Leo XIII in an attempt to settle the friar land controversy, which had arisen in the Philippines while I was governor general, and after a time I succeeded in doing so. When last March, my aide, Maj. Butt, set out on a trip for his health, and proposed to visit Rome, he asked me for a letter of introduction to the present Pope that he might have the privilege of an audience, and I gave him such a letter. The letter contained nothing but a statement who Maj. Butt was, and an expression of a hope that he might have the honor of being received."

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As soon as he struck the earth the man who jumped off the statue of Liberty asked for a cigarette. Next time he may try to smoke on the way down.

A scientist comes to the front with the claim that the earth is 710,000,000 years old. In spite of its advanced age it has not yet learned to behave.

Training trips are all right, but something ought to be done to prevent the fat man in the upper berth from falling on the slim person below.

It is said that the British army intends to abolish brass bands. We have always looked upon the cornet as an extremely deadly weapon.

Among the little irritations of life that might have a tendency to postpone the advent of the millennium, children deserve mention.

A New Jersey legislator advocates a tax of \$1 per head on cats. Evidently he has been awakened in the so-called silly night.

A New York tailor says a man is poorly dressed who does not have 30 suits of clothes.

Some are born revolutionists, some achieve it, and others wander into Mexico.

A FRIEND, NOT AN ENEMY. A child lost in an eastern city the other day fled from an approaching patrolman, fell under the wheels of a street car and was killed. The officer of the law, instead of being looked on as a friend and protector, was viewed by the childish mind as a person of dire purposes to be shunned. How many parents are bringing their children up in fear of policemen? The number doubtless is considerable, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. It seems a somewhat prevalent habit among fathers and mothers to try to restrain the exuberance of their boys, for instance, by telling them that unless they are good the police will get them. The habit is cruel, as well as dangerous. It plants fear in hearts that should be taught confidence. Children should be taught that a patrolman is their friend, their protector against wrongdoers and their guide in time of trouble. The mother who, in order to hush a noisy child, threatens him with an appeal to an officer in uniform, is implanting in the child's mind a fear which may some day bring the child into peril of death. It is a wicked travesty on truth and justice for a parent thus to play upon the natural timidity of a child. If the parent does not live to regret it he has merely his good fortune to thank for the escape. The risk is not worth taking, at any rate.

Experiments at the Pasteur Institute in Paris have demonstrated that chickens can thrive without bacteria, though most vertebrates seem to require them. The experiments were made by Doctor Coheny at the suggestion of Professor Metchnikoff. Doctor Coheny used a sterilized incubator. He introduced three eggs which were about hatching. He sterilized them on the outside, the air apparatus was carefully filtered and all the food was perfectly sterilized. Several sets of chickens raised in this way were found after six weeks to be too big for the incubator and were taken out and compared with chickens which had been raised in the ordinary way. The tests showed that the incubator chickens were absolutely free of microbes, though after some hours of unsterilized life their digestive tubes contained thousands of them.

A New York factory commission has discovered in its investigations that from 50 to 75 per cent of fires in that city are caused by carelessness, principally in the thoughtless use of matches, cigars and cigarettes. The terrible results of this carelessness should be made an important point in the education of children, to the end of its elimination from the ordinary risks of life. Apparently, not even the horrors resulting from this thoughtlessness can induce the average adult to take the very slight trouble required to prevent it.

Telling people how to sleep, the London Globe says: "You must have your head on a level with or lower than your feet." We are opposed to an arbitrary rule for sleeping; it would destroy all individuality.

A Brooklyn railway has had a verdict rendered against it of over \$1,000 because one of its employees was rude to a woman passenger. Who says the world's male chivalry has perished out?

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Looks as if the aviation game has begun to lose its popularity. Even when an aviator is killed he fails to get more than half a dozen lines in the paper.

A list of 40 immortals having been compiled, those left off it can congratulate themselves on being still on earth, anyhow.

If there is a microbe that causes wrecks of fast trains the physicians cannot find an antidote for it a moment too soon.

General Dupont informs us that a family can live comfortably on the income of \$1,000,000. Who would have thunk it?

A California man is eating nitroglycerin to prolong life. Probably he wants to explode prevalent theories.

"Bread and butter is the ideal food," says a Harvard professor. Fried mush is pretty good, too.

Chinese women have adopted Paris hats, says an exchange. That country is due for more trouble.

Many of the men who talk most about "going back to the farm" were never there.

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