

the commandment, nor anywhere else in the Bible, but he uses those words to convey a sense directly opposed to the express injunction of the commandment.

If, then, the commandment still be obligatory, the seventh day is still the Sabbath. It is mere delusion to suppose otherwise. Palpable contradictions are not to be imported to the Divine Author.

From the North British Mail, Nov. 4th. Which Day is the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment? The Editor of the North British Daily Mail writes to the Editor of the North British Daily Mail.

In point of fact, according to the evidence we receive, we must suppose that in order to the high purpose being accomplished for which "the Sabbath was made for man," the God of creation, the Author of the commandment, has blessed and hallowed not only the day on which He himself rested, but must have blessed and hallowed, at the time of the creation of the world, whatever day it was possible for man to prefer as a day of rest.

So far as I agree with Dr. Calderwood, that I regard it to be the very design of the Fourth Commandment to enforce the observance of one and only one particular day of the week. But I further believe, that one special day so designed is the day which the Creator rested from His work.

made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it, because that in it He had rested, from all His work which God created and made." (Gen. 2: 2, 3.) And accordingly, the proclamation to Israel in the Fourth Commandment is: "Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.

Looking at this connection, and at the halloving-reason for blessing and not-led to understand that God blessed and hallowed prospectively, in an indefinite way, any one day of the seven, which men at any time, and for any existing or arising reason, might prefer, so that in one age the first day, and in another age the first day, should both, and equally, be blessed and hallowed, by the same commandment, while that commandment received no alterations, either in form or in substance.

Ery family in China is ambitious that one at least of its members should obtain literary eminence; to accomplish this object, every sacrifice is to be made—every exertion called out. All bark in the sunshine of the fortunate competitor, whose honors are concentrated on his race, which is raised in the social scale by his elevation.

When Oliver Cromwell was an infant, a monkey snatched him from his cradle, leaped with him through a garret window, and ran along the leads of the house. The utmost alarm was excited amongst the inmates, and various were the devices used to rescue the child from the guardianship of his newly-found protector.

John Knox, the renowned Scotch reformer, was always wont to sit at the head of the table, with his back to the window. On one particular evening, without, however, being able to account for it, he perceived neither himself fit in the chair, nor permit any one else to occupy his place.

twenty make a penny. There are abundance of book-stalls on the streets and squares of Chinese cities, where popular literature is provided at rates marvelously low.

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Doddridge, when born, was so weakly an infant that his nurse believed he would never be able to stand on his feet. Thus the feeble spark of life was saved from being extinguished, and an eminent author and consistent Christian preserved to the world.

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PROGRESS. Steadily, step by step, Up the venturesome builders go, Quietly placing stone on stone, And thus the lofty temples grow. Patiently, patiently, day by day, The weary toiler works away, Touching it here and tating it there, Fingering it over, with infinite care, Till, little by little, a hue more fair Than that of the cold and hoarse snow gleams, He has won the glory and name of grace.

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Writing in Chinese is to a great extent pictorial, and the mental process by which a character conveys an idea is not necessarily associated with the use of words. In writing Chinese, the camel hair pen is held between the middle and the fourth finger, perpendicularly on the paper. There are many varieties of characters, some fanciful in the extreme.

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ANECDOTES OF THE MICROSCOPE. The telescope, which resolves nebulae into stars, and stars into suns, which peoples the blue firmament with myriad worlds, is not more wonderful than the little microscope, which reveals the "grand immensity of littleness." When it came into man's possession, it was as though a second Columbus had appeared, announcing the existence of a new world, and not one merely.

Other anecdotes and interesting facts concerning the microscope crowd on our mind, which our limits compel us to pass in silence. With the mention of one other fact we shall conclude this paper. Some fifteen years since, a committee of chemists appointed by the government, reported that neither by chemical nor other means was it possible to detect the presence of chicory in coffee.

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of his cotton shirt. The evidence was as conclusive as though a voice from the clouds had proclaimed in tones of thunder, "Thou art the man." A few years ago, a man under trial for murder in Western New York, asserted that the blood stains on an axe found in his possession were from a dog which he killed. The case was referred to Prof. Bradley of Buffalo, who was purposely kept in ignorance of the circumstances.

CLOSE OF THE WEEK. A week! It is but a short time, indeed, but its events are a host, its changes many. To whom has the week just closed brought joy? To whom sorrow? To whom riches? To whom poverty? To whom friends? To whom enemies? To whom love? To whom misery? To whom happiness? To whom sickness? To whom health? To whom life? To whom death? What! all these changes in one week? Yes, and a host more numerous than the sands of the sea. Many who see the dawning of the present week, will be in another world ere it closes.

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beautifully. He is the master of the adviser, of European monarchs. If you were to see him dressed in ordinary clothes, you would think him a plain American (often) but he was dressed from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet in all sorts of beautiful things and ornaments. He walked toward me in a very stately manner, with his feet resting on the floor by his side, and I walked toward him in the best way I could. He bowed, and I bowed, and we walked together, and I looked at him, and he looked at me, and I said, "Sir, all through and through many things that I should have said, I could not get a word out of my head; that I was afraid of the king, and that I was afraid of being something disagreeable, I wanted to observe your form, but the desire to do so prevented the impossible." I saw that he knew me; he smiled benignly, and bowed to have a fatherly consideration for me. Finally, in leaving the room, I caught for one moment the eye of a dog backward for one moment, but then I turned and walked through the door to the street.

CHILDREN SHOW UP. Nothing on earth grows so fast as children. It was yesterday, and the child was playing with tops, a hoyden, his foot is in the field, his hand is upon the sword. There is no more childhood for him; he is a man. Life has claimed him. When a beginning is made, it is like a revolving stocking, stitch by stitch going down. All are gone. The house has not a child in it. There is no more noise in the hall—boys rushing in pell-mell; it is very orderly now. There are no more skates or sleds, balls, or strings, left scattered about. Things are neat enough now.

THE WEAKER SEX. The weaker sex! Emile Villon bids the world ponder on his old prediction. He has made his calculations. He speaks the inexorable logic of facts. When an average lady begins her toilet in the morning, she weighs something between 15 and 20 lbs. A frail, feeble creature is thus a tender flower; a nature of the weaker and persecuted sex. Weak! Let the reader reflect: She will carry, before she is completely equipped for the Bois de Boulogne, 35 yards of textile fabrics, of various qualities and weights, from lawn to velvet. Then follow the handkerchiefs, the Bonnet, and the well-stuffed jewelry and decorations of all kinds—combs, diadems, handkerchiefs, chains, buckles, necklets, earrings, false hair, frizzettes, powder, high-heeled boots! Mr. Emile Villon, in brief, has calculated the weight of the weaker sex; easily carries, on summer afternoons, to the Bois, in the shape of Belle. This weight is, he tells us, a little more than 18 pounds—exactly, the weight of a carbiner's brassplate. This, he explains, the carbiner wears only on horseback; whereas the weaker sex dances under the load. Simple folks visiting the Tower have wondered how the brave man of old bore and fought in the massive armor or show there—How much? What should their wonder be to see the weaker sex? Dancing, under the weight of a modern beauty's complete costume.

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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT GROTON.

Five men were suffocated by gas at the Bremen Hotel in Chicago, on Saturday night, Dec. 23d. They all occupied the same sleeping room, and during the night the cap of a gas pipe fell off, the escaping gas filling the room. The men were found dead on Sunday morning.

On Christmas day, the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler of New York married a couple, the bridegroom being a volunteer soldier, who had lain five hours in a coffin in a death-house attached to one of our military hospitals, where he had been placed by order of the surgeon, he supposing him dead.

The dividends for the past six months already announced by manufacturing corporations in New England, denote a degree of prosperity without parallel. Several corporations have declared 25 per cent dividends.

By a recent order of the War Department, in the settlement hereafter of the clothing accounts of volunteer soldiers discharged since March 9d, 1865, the same amount of clothing will be allowed as in the case of Regular soldiers.

In 1850, 2193 patents were applied for, 995 were granted in the country. In 1855, 2,024 patents were granted; in 1860, 4,719, and in 1865, 6,220. During the past year the enormous number of 11,060 applications were made.

Eleven companies in New York State have less population now than they had ten years ago; and it is believed that there is a less number in the State engaged in agricultural pursuits to-day than there were twenty years ago.

An Illinois farmer and his wife were drowned at St. Louis the other day, while attempting to drive across the river on the ice, to avoid paying toll. They rode upon a weak spot and went under.

A man who had recovered the remains of his brother from a battlefield near Petersburg, found that coffins and transportation were expensive. He therefore quietly put the bones in his carpet bag, and so took them home.

The number of persons engaged in cheese dairying in New York alone, who are directly or indirectly connected with the State Cheese Manufacturer's Association, is more than twenty thousand.

It is said that it cost Hecker \$100,000 to be a defeated candidate for mayor of New York, and some of the figures are as high as \$300,000. He will have to raise the price of farina.

The Secretary of the Treasury notified seventy-five clerks of his department, that their services will be discontinued with on the 31st Dec., on grounds of incompetence.

Butler's tower, at Bermuda Hundred, was sold at auction the other day for five dollars. There are about thirty cords of timber in the structure, it is said.

The Catholics of Chicago have formed an association, with a capital of \$386,000, for the purpose of building a hall to be called the Catholic Hall.

Gen. Grant's friends in New York have purchased and intend to present to him a valuable horse to match one already owned by the Lieutenant-General.

Abraham Hinchcliffe, seventy years of age, and Mrs. Olive Brierly, sixty years of age, were united in marriage at Worcester, Mass., on Christmas day.

A family of six persons was poisoned in Philadelphia, last week, by the drinking of coffee with laudanum. The father and one daughter barely escaped with their lives.

The President is so well satisfied with the condition of the South and our foreign relations, that he is determined upon a further reduction of the army.

The Erie Railway has just negotiated a loan of four million five hundred thousand dollars, in England, for the completion of its double track.

Four men were frozen to death in Minnesota recently on account of the extreme cold weather, and one hundred and forty sheep were buried in a snow drift.

Joseph Daniels, a well-to-do farmer of Sutton, Mass., was arrested for shoplifting in Worcester, and \$800 worth of stolen goods have been recovered at his house.

Joseph Howard was recently sent to the Reform School in Michigan as a boy, and discharged as a girl. She had worn boy's clothes for seven years without suspicion.

Constant fighting is going on in Arizona between the white settlers and the Apache Indians. Twenty-eight soldiers recently sent out are missing.

A fat man in Paris sold his body to the surgeons for two hundred francs, went on a spree with the money, died, and was immediately cut up.

Dr. Joseph S. Walters, a Brooklyn, N. Y., physician, has been sentenced to the State prison for ten years for atrocious abuse of a female patient.

Gens. Sherman and Johnston had an accidental but friendly meeting at Memphis the other day. Both were engaged in transacting business there.

Secretary Seward gave each of his clerks in the State Department an elegant morocco portfolio, appropriately inscribed, as a New-Year's gift.

Vincent Halmbold won a \$20 wager in a Philadelphia drinking-house by lifting a man by his teeth. He then laid down on a table and died.

At Albany a man has been fined \$2,000 and sentenced to the State Prison for ten years, for passing counterfeit fractional currency.

Twenty-one pieces of handsome furniture recently sent to Mrs. General R. E. Lee, by her female friends in Baltimore.

Jennie A. Mach, of Middletown, Conn., was burned to death a few days since, while playing with matches.

A company of Pennsylvania capitalists are maturing a plan for a direct line of railroad from Washington to New York.

Miss Harriet E. Prescott, the authoress, was married recently to R. S. Spofford, Jr., at Newburyport, Mass.

A young "swell" in London, who dissipated a fortune of \$30,000 per year, now earns \$5 a week as a stage driver.

An ex-Empress died in Philadelphia a few days ago. It was Madame Huate de Turbulde, widow of the former Emperor of Mexico.

An elephant and bull fight recently took place in Ubidia in Spain. The elephant stamped one bull to death, and crushed another with his trunk.

A man recently cut his throat in London while suffering from the influence of what he described as an "awful dream."

There are now a number of schools in successful operation in New York, where deaf mutes are taught to understand words addressed to them, and to express their thoughts in spoken language.

Parties boring for oil at Ballston Spa, Penn., are said to have struck a vein of Congress water at a depth of one hundred feet, and subsequently a vein of strong sulphur water.

During the war, Connecticut regiments lost 97 officers killed, and 1,094 enlisted men. The total number of officers and men killed and wounded from that State is 25,748.

Hon. Lewis D. Campbell, of Ohio, has been appointed, by the President, Minister Extraordinary to the Republic of Mexico, in place of General Logan, who declined the office.

A Washington letter says that the southern Congressmen have decided in caucus, to return to their respective homes, to meet again in Washington on the 4th of March next.

Alexander Dumas, the distinguished French writer, is said to have made nearly one million of dollars by his labors, but has spent his money as fast as he earned it.

The order recently issued from the War Department, mustering out 37 regiments, includes 24 colored organizations, mustered out is about 30,000 men.

Two women and one man have been arrested at Pittsburg, Pa., on charges of poisoning. That is going to be a wasted city for the commission of such crimes.

An old miser in Ohio recently died from grief at his heavy income tax.

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Miscellaneous.

AN EXQUISITE BALLAD.

Come to me, sweetest, I'm lonely without thee; Daytime and night time in dreams I behold...

THE WESTERN PLAINS.

The following communication from L. G. Bennett, Esq., engineer in charge of the late Powder River Expedition, addressed to Col. Moore...

Reaching White River, we found it high, and the water muddy, from the washings of the adjacent hills, and of about the color and consistency of cream.

Rising from the plain, sometimes to the altitude of five hundred feet, were masses of hard clay in the form of pyramids, or rounded temples, crowded with spires and minarets...

Scattered over the summit of these cliffs, or around their base, were fragments and sometimes almost perfect fossils of marine and other animals...

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by an ocean of waters. (A) A subsequent period, another flood, has cut this second plain into deep ravines, leaving the dry water-courses which still intersect the country in every direction.

On the ridges separating the Elk, Bear, Minnawak, and Bear Butte creeks, were found large masses of fossil fish and other marine animals, some of a huge size.

AN EGYPTIAN RAILROAD TRAIN.

An Egyptian railroad train is quite a curiosity. The locomotives and carriages for ordinary use are English built. The first-class carriages are of the same abominable pattern found in England and nearly all parts of the Continent.

The interior is lined with buff leather, much the worse for wear, both in regard to cleanliness and repair. The four very light iron wheels, not capable of the least strain.

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cause her to continue kicking until it has become a habit. Keep cool, pay no attention to the kick; do not let the eye notice that you know she is kicking; go to milking as if nothing had happened; and in nine cases out of ten, such a course will cause even old practical kickers to abandon the habit.

ABOUT THE CURRENCY.

Never since the passage of the legal tender act, in February, 1862, has any more important currency measure received the sanction of Congress than the resolution which was offered Dec. 18th, by Mr. Alley, in the House of Representatives.

The decisive vote of 144 to 6, by which this conservative and sound policy was adopted, naturally seals the fate of the mischievous schemes of further inflation which late have been urgently pressed forward in certain quarters.

We have now arrived, therefore, at a critical point in the history of our paper money inflation, and it may be of use to glance back at the course of legislation in reference to it.

And this reminds me of one of those touches of nature which make the whole world kin. On my first public audience, we passed through the centre of a large hall, in which all the principal nobles of the land, clad in garments of gold, lay on their faces, with their faces nearly to the ground, and from a raised tribune at the end of the hall, appeared the king, seated on his throne, clad in gorgeous apparel, and wearing on his head, surrounded by all the wealth of Ormus and of Ind.

Under these four acts about 1,120 millions of currency of various kinds have been issued, of which nearly 500 millions have been withdrawn, leaving only 626 millions afloat on the 1st of December last.

Among mechanics, punctuality is a great desideratum. Show us a mechanic who will get out work done by the time specified, and we will cherish him as the apple of our eye. But to the mechanic who makes us call twice, we bid farewell; he is not the man for our money.

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at least 21 years of age, and the male 28 years. The doctor says there should be a difference of several years between the sexes, at whatever period of life the connection is formed.

THE BULLING KING OF SIAM.

Sir John Bowring writes in the London Fortnightly Review as follows: During the reign of the usurping sovereign of Siam, the legitimate heir (let him be honored with all his titles) Phra Bala Somdech Phra Praemard, Maha Mongkut, Phra Ghom Klau Chau Tu Hua, provided for the safety of his person, seriously menaced, by withdrawing from the sphere of public observation, giving to himself the sacred character of a Buddhist priest, and taking possession of apartments in one of the Wat, or temples, which form the most prominent objects in all the towns of Siam, and especially in the city of Bangkok.

But his principal source of instruction was found in dictionaries, and his conversation was therefore much combined with words little used in ordinary colloquies. For example, he would use zenith and nadir in preference to North and South; his collection of words is not always grammatical, but he had always an expression at hand, though not in common use, by which he very distinctly conveyed his meaning.

And this reminds me of one of those touches of nature which make the whole world kin. On my first public audience, we passed through the centre of a large hall, in which all the principal nobles of the land, clad in garments of gold, lay on their faces, with their faces nearly to the ground, and from a raised tribune at the end of the hall, appeared the king, seated on his throne, clad in gorgeous apparel, and wearing on his head, surrounded by all the wealth of Ormus and of Ind.

Under these four acts about 1,120 millions of currency of various kinds have been issued, of which nearly 500 millions have been withdrawn, leaving only 626 millions afloat on the 1st of December last.

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A Philadelphia paper tells a story of a remarkable old man in Northumberland county, Pa., who is about one hundred and eighty years of age, and so strong and active that he will walk five miles to town and back again in half a day without apparent fatigue.

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