

...his study of history, and... The most interesting... narrative history in... pronounced... Yet no other employment... intellectual improvement... thoughtful study of his... the dead—the biography... which acquaints us with... of Grecian orators... makes known the dis... Columbus. It disposes us... by pointing to unnatural... which immortalize the in... of Nero and the abominable... of Caligula, and prompt... to deeds of virtue, by... of the great and... Yet these interests are dire... by the fiction lover. For a... here historical facts are blend... in the fiction, please and inter... soon become entirely too... to meet the demand of the ex... of the novel reader. The low... of the degrading class of lie... is then resorted to, studied... until the reader's exist... thoughts by ad and his... at night, because one unmin... of rehearsing startling tra... and terrifying tales... in these considerations in view... every novel reader resolve... earnestness, determination, and... to abandon this vain, fool... and injurious practice, and to... to abilities which God has given... for other purposes than self-im... degradation; to use the... caution in selecting reading;... for the purpose of obtaining... and to store the memory... useful information, keeping over... that truthful advice, "As 'tis... what we earn, but what we save... makes us rich, so 'tis not what... makes us wise." DEFOREST DAVIS.

...that his shrine is crowded every... Sabbath, that his congregations... faithful to the true impostor? If we... true, God-fearing Israelites? We err... in certain such opinions, we err in... All the novelties fail to... the minister's eloquence pro... to effect, his fans have no effect, his worshippers, when he finished, worldly vocations. Thus limited, another change was carried out;... every religious impression be lost... they will not attend on the Jewish... the Christian Sabbath which will... attract them, and the result will... itself to every well regulated mind... In saying this much, our object is... to place before our readers our hun... opinion. Nothing but an overbi... powerful sense of duty could have... tempted us to touch a subject con... which, after all, is but one con... of keeping intact that which has... been handed down to us for con... and for perpetration, in... on the importance... Sabbath day holds... It has received its... from on high, and those who... who desecrate it by making it sub... to their worldly views, vio... of the Ten Commandments, and... manifest by those acts that they... the word of God... FAITH AGAINST APPEARANCES... It is true, as Bro. N. V. H. holds, that "the present tendency of the public mind is strongly in the direction of no-Sabbathism," that "there is little public conscience in the interest of Sunday, and that little is fast passing away." This is indeed true, and judging from appearances, "the no-Sabbath sentiment must grow in this country, and prevail, except in those places where the true doctrine of the Sabbath is taught... But from the efforts now being made to incorporate Sunday observance into our national organic law, it is evident that the so-called "American Christian Sabbath" will not die without a struggle... And when we look into the sure word of prophecy, we find the results foretold so plainly, that we can have no doubt... Notwithstanding the tendency to the no-Sabbath sentiment, that word clearly teaches, that when the day is made, as is now the case, that an image should be made to the beast that had the wound by the sword and did live, that "he," the two-horned beast, "has power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Rev. 13: 11-17... Now, since the United States exactly fills the prophetic description of the two-horned beast, and no other government on earth does, it is certain that an image of the Papacy will here be made, by a union of church and state, and that prominent among its enactments will be the enforcement of that institution which is the distinguishing "mark" of that power which, according to prophecy, should think himself able to change the times and laws of the Most High, Dan. 7: 25. Faith in the word of God says, The Sunday movement will carry... Let those who believe prepare to meet the result. And let those who do not yet believe, watch the signs of the times; and be sure that you do not wait too long, till it shall be too late to find a refuge from the "hour of temptation" and trial that is coming. Make haste to take a position on the side of the truth of God. R. F. CORTELLI... THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE... The forthcoming meeting of the Evangelical Alliance is likely to be one of the most important and interesting meetings of the year. Great pains have been taken to secure the attendance of the most able representatives of Protestant Christianity in Continental Europe, as well as in Great Britain. The meetings will continue some ten days, opening on the 23d of September, and closing on the 1st of October. The following is an outline of the proposed proceedings... On the first day, Friday, September 23d, reports will be made on the present state of Protestant Christianity. Delegates from those countries will speak for France, Italy, and Spain, as well as others for distinctive Protestant churches. Prof. Tholuck and the Rev. Messrs. Krummacker and Cohen Stuart will represent Germany and the Low Countries, and the Rev. Dr. Stevens the United States... Christian Union is the subject for the second day. Dean Alfred and Dr. Hodges will exhibit "Vital Union by Faith in Christ" as the basis of Union. Bishop Melville and Rector Marston, of Manchester, will vindicate the Union and denominational distinctions. The objects and influence of the Alliance will be explained. Dr. Schaaf will discuss the religious relations between America and Europe... Monday's subject will be the Antagonists of Christianity, including all the shapes and names of Rationalism and Skepticism. Papers are to be offered by Dr. McCosh, on "Materialism and 'Cosmism';" by Prof. Grot and Dr. Hofmann, on Berlin, on the "Harmony of Science and Revelation;" by Prof. Van Oosterzee, of Utrecht, on "The Gospel History and Modern Skepticism," etc. In the eleven papers that are proposed, the most important questions of Christian thought, on the most difficult intellectual questions of the age, may be looked for... The American delegates will be largely represented in the following day's discussion on subjects of Christian life. They will present the results which have been more perfectly developed among the free churches of the United States than in any other country. The Rev. J. H. Vincent, of Sunday Schools, Baron von Loon, of Amsterdam, Professor Theodor, of Bonn, and President Mark Hopkins, of Andover, are among the speakers.

...Bishop James and Dr. Anderson, of Rochester, are to present the demands of Christianity on men of wealth. The important questions relating to Protestantism and Romanism will be reviewed by such men as Professor Donner, Lightner, Berger, George P. Fisher, and Alvah Hovey, and by the Rev. Drs. Dr. Pressense, Storrs, and Coulin... On the relations of Christianity and civil government, Professor Dwight and Dr. Woolsey will explain to the European delegates, who have never been able to comprehend the matter, the theory and operation of the American system of entire separation of Church and State. There will be papers on Sunday laws, and on legislation on moral questions, the latter by Attorney General Everett. The free churches of the continent of Europe will be described by delegates from Switzerland... One day will be given to missions. Dr. Grundmann, Dr. Malles, of the London Missionary Society, and Dr. Anderson, of the British Board, are appointed to review various aspects of the missionary work. Papers on the evangelization of the masses in nominally Christian countries are assigned to Count de Bismarck, of Prussia, and Dr. Stoff, of Prussia. Dr. Pagan, of the African Church, will have a topic in this section... Social evils, as intemperance, pauperism, new and false theories of marriage, together with the exercise of Christian philanthropy, will be considered on the concluding business day, Saturday, October 1st. Distinguished Americans are appointed as speakers among them the Rev. Dr. F. A. Johnson, of the Methodist Church. The Rev. Dr. Wicken and the Count De Gasparin, are among the foreign essayists... EDUCATION... The American Institute of Instruction was in session recently at Worcester, Mass., and its exercises included the reading of several papers worthy of preservation... Rev. Mr. Grow, of Worcester, read an essay in relation to Academies. The object of the essay was to discuss and set on foot the academy in our system, and the work schools, even where they are established, do not meet the wants of those who wish to fit for college, and therefore the academy must be the principal school, and the purpose of it only for the grammar school, and for the college itself. More than 10,000 of our youth are annually in the academies of New England. The academy inspires a desire to acquire more of the sciences, and at the same time it constitutes a school where religion may be more fully inculcated... Dr. Stockbridge read a paper on the "Procurator School System." This he stated to be based on the principle that it is the imperative duty of the State to educate the children of the State. The origin of this system was traced from the desire of the Government to make a nation of intelligent defenders, and in 1809 the army of the United States was organized to be a soldier, and a great reliance was placed on German attempts to infuse a German spirit into the people, by giving free access to all the schools from the primary to the university. The leading feature of this system of schools here is stated; first, that all children of sixteen and fifteen years of age shall attend regularly some school; second, each parish shall, as a rule, have an elementary school; third, exemption from military service, and provision for their support while fitting themselves to teach; fourth, the authorities regulating the schools are a branch of the General Government. As a result of this system, a few years ago, and 122,527 school children, and only two were found who could not read and write. Special attention is given to the support of the Normal Schools, and all belonging to the State... A paper was read by Rev. Andrew Peabody, D.D., of Harvard University, on "The Bible in Common Schools," which occupied an hour, and was listened to with close attention. Some suggestions were then given by a distinguished speaker as to the manner in which the Bible should be used in school, and be closed by saying that the Bible has been civilized man's chief educator. Heaven forbid that we should ever regard the Bible alone has rescued us from the barbarism, from which the Bible alone has rescued us. [Applause.] A very animated and protracted discussion followed, resulting in the adoption, almost unanimously, of the resolution "that the opinion of this Association the public safety and the highest interests of education demand that the Bible should not be excluded from the public schools."... STATISTICS OF MURDER... Since the "taking off" of Mr. Nathan, in one of the most frequent of New York, without any trace of who did it, the daily papers of that city have reprinted accounts of various murders perpetrated in that city without the guilty party being detected. In connection with such accounts, the following statistics are given: Edward Craspey compiled, recently, for *The Galaxy*, some of the murder statistics of the thirteen years from 1856 to 1868, both inclusive, and from his report it seems that there are about 100 in New York every day during the year. There has been a fraction over one per week. These are the figures: Murders—by persons known, 467; by persons unknown, 155. In those numbers are not included over 100 who were arrested in street riots in New York during the year 1868 and 1867. These homicides by persons known were murders. Some of them bordered closely on accidents. Others were killings in self-defense. Very few of them ranked legally as murders. The killings by persons known were more frequently willful than in the other class; but, generally, it is shown that the pur...

...Paris. His losses have been enormous. The Prussians overtook the retreating French forces by Saverre, near the town of Saarbrücken, near the hills. General Kappeler commenced an attack supported by Generals Barasouk and Stumpelung. General Van Goeben ultimately assumed the command. The action was severe. The position at which the French endeavored to make a stand during their retreat, was carried by the Prussians at the point of the bayonet. The battle is known as that of Hagenau... Under date of August 7th, King William sent the following dispatch to the Queen: "God wins. A great victory has been won by our Fritz. God be praised for his mercy. We captured four thousand prisoners, thirty guns, two standards, and six military eagles. McMahon during the fight was reinforced by the main army. The contest was very severe from eleven o'clock in the morning until nine at night, when the French retreated, leaving the field to us. Our losses were heavy."... A MERRILL ACCIDENT, involving the death of two persons by drowning, under circumstances of a peculiarly distressing nature, occurred at Rye Lake, Westchester county, a few days since. It appears that a party of young people residing in the neighborhood had been enjoying a picnic in an adjacent grove, where innocence clasped with mirth, and every eye sparkled with childish delight. During the afternoon a little group, consisting of a young lady named Hart, aged about fifteen, with a younger sister, Jacob, and a youth named Hart, aged about fifteen, were separated, and each a youthful soldier from their companion, and wandered to the edge of the lake. While there Miss Hart incautiously attempted to stand upon a large stone, from which she slipped, and fell into the water, and did not rise. The boat which she was in, at that point is thirty feet deep. Without a moment's hesitation, young Roach, who was an excellent swimmer, heroically sprang into the lake to rescue his companion, and twice the brave boy succeeded in bringing her to the surface. She could cling, and becoming exhausted with his almost lifeless burden, the two sank together and were drowned... DICKENS'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS.—The London *Figaro* supplies some facts concerning the family of Dickens, that have not previously been mentioned in connection with his death: "Though so much has been written and said about Charles Dickens, it may not be generally known that he had ten children, two only of whom are dead. Two Mrs. C. A. Collins, and one Mrs. C. A. Collins, and one Mrs. C. A. Collins. The single one bids fair to be a good novelist; already three stories from her pen have appeared in *All the Year Round*—*Ant Marguerite*, *Veronica*, *Mabel's Progress*, and *Veronica*. Of the six sons, the eldest conducts *All the Year Round*, and has made a few efforts in various magazines; one, the youngest, is a Prussian General; the Royal Grand-duke of Austria, and one sheep-raiser in Australia. Those who know Mil-lis's picture of 'The Black Brunswick,' may be interested to know that the lady there depicted in a good likeness of Mrs. Charles Collins... EVILS OF DANCING.—Bishop Hopkins, after enumerating the evils of dancing, among which are, its 'generating evils in the youthful heart and throwing many obstacles in the way of youthful piety,' said: "Hence I am obliged to conclude, on the whole, that the hilarity of the ball-room cannot be truly regarded as a blessing, and that the evils which necessarily attend it, in the period of youthful education I have shown that dancing is chargeable with a waste of time, the interruption of serious study, the indulgence of personal vanity, and excitement of the passions. At the age of maturity, also, it adds a small danger to health by late hours, fitness dresses, heated rooms, and exposed persons, which is incongruous with the sober and abstemious life of a Christian. Hence, to the love of dissipation, are so manifest that no ingenuity can make it consistent with the covenant of the Christian profession."... HOW IT FEELS TO BE SUN-STRUCK.—Most people have a curiosity to know how it feels to be sun-struck, though very few would care to learn through the whole case, he replied as follows: "Gladly I would heed the cry for mercy, and spare his life if I could. My judgment, however, tells me that the prisoner was justly convicted of murder, and that the interests of the community demand that he should suffer the penalty of his crime. The case preponderates in favor of the law, and the law is the law. The case preponderates in favor of the law, and the law is the law. The case preponderates in favor of the law, and the law is the law."... THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL.—The *Woman's Journal* comes to us accompanied by a request that we will "publish the article entitled John Chinaman and woman's wages," in which article John and the woman are ingeniously blended with a first-class "putt and somebody's patent" washing machine. The editor has a great deal to please the excellent ladies who run the *Journal*, but really this is a little too much to ask, even of so gallant people as editors... RUTGER'S COLLEGE.—The centennial offerings to Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., amount to over \$100,000, of which \$95,000 were contributed by the alumni. Dr. McCosh, President of Princeton College, delivered the centennial address; he took a strong ground in it against any further multiplication of colleges in the Eastern States... PARSONS COLLEGE.—It has been decided to locate Parsons College at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the citizens of that place having bid \$90,000 for it. The Parsons legacy gives it \$50,000 more, to start with.

...NEWSPAPER WAR MAPS.—A writer, in speaking of the war maps produced in such abundance by the newspapers, says: "They are very easily made. A pistol is first charged with powder, and a small bottle of ink is placed on this charge, and fired against a piece of boxwood; the block is then handed to the artist, who chips away all the surface not covered with ink—producing a first-class newspaper war map."... THE NATHAN MURDER, in New York, remains just as much as ever a mystery. The police and detectives keep a sharp lookout for the murderer, stimulated by the offered reward of \$47,000 for his discovery. Several arrests have been made, but evidence sufficient to hold the parties was not obtained, they were discharged... A JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD has just been completed by Rev. Dr. E. D. G. Grime, of the *New York Observer*. He left New York a year ago, and spent one month on the Pacific coast, two months in Japan and China, two months in India, and several months in Egypt, the Holy Land, Turkey, Greece and Italy. He returns in restored health... MORE DOCTORS OF DIVINITY.—The degree of D. D. has been conferred by Madison University upon the Rev. E. D. Cross, missionary to Barbadoes; the Rev. A. M. Hopper, of Bridgeport, Conn.; and the Rev. L. A. Tupper, of Washington, Penn.; the Rev. D. P. Smith, of Iowa City, Iowa... PRESIDENT GRANT and family are spending the heated term at Long Branch, N. J. He made a trip to Washington last week, on public business, and is expected to make a trip to St. Louis for a week... A BRIDAL NOVELTY was attempted at a wedding which was celebrated in the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky a few days since. The happy couple were Miss Lena Orenduff of Breckinridge and Mr. Charles E. Calvert of Louisville. All the ladies of the party were in Cave costume, and very short skirts and Turkish trousers. The bride was magnificent, being composed of a number of stactatics and stactatics, placed in a room 80 feet square; and 15 feet high. One hundred uninvited looters gathered round the bride, and she was surrounded since the 1st of January, including those by the steamship Montana, were \$21,475,000, of which \$7,461,000 was by railroad to New York... SUMMARY OF NEWS... The excitement in London has led to an increase of between 50 and 75 per cent. in the price of the leading raw materials. Such an increase would be impossible in the United States, because here almost everybody reads the papers daily, or no war... The War Department has had a proposition pending for some time to purchase the Davis mansion in Richmond as a military headquarters, and turn it over to the municipal authorities, on condition that the city will bind itself never to set up a claim for rent... 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