











Miscellany.

TALKING IN THEIR SLEEP.

"You think I am dead," The apple tree said. "Because I have never a leaf to show— Because I stoop, And my branches droop, And the dull gray mosses over me grow, But I'm all alive in trunk and shoot; The buds of next May I fold away— But I pity the withered grass at my roots."

TWO HONORABLE WOMEN.

BY MARGARET SIDNEY.

It was the same old story. Brother John, their only visible means of support, had died. When they looked around on the settled estate, nothing remained but the house, the little one-and-a-half storied brown affair handed down from their parents, and the simple furniture it contained. Clearly a serious state of affairs. Miss Mehitable shut her lips tight, and looked at her sister. "Don't, Hitty!" exclaimed Miss Maria. "You make me as nervous as a witch."

"If I could cook, I'd do it," said Miss Mehitable, in a sorry way. "But I can't; so what's the use in talking and wishing. I can do mending as well as the next one, if I do say it, and there are six families in Berryfield who'll be glad to get me for a day each week. That you know, M'ria." She did, and at that moment almost preferred to starve rather than to face the alternative. "If we could go away," she made haste to utter, "and earn money somewhere else."

HOW MRS. RAFFERTY LENT A HAND.

BY KATE S. GATES.

"An' it's a foine card is it, an' mighty foine in the young juddy to give it to the likes of Biddy Rafferty, but sure an' faith, an' how- ever be I goin' to lend a hand? Not but there's plenty as needs it under me very nose, but I'm not knowledgable how to do it. 'Would I please be after puttin' it where I can see it handy?' Shure I will that, for indeed it's a foine little card, regardless of the wurrds."

bonnets. They were used to the meaning of the trees and stars. The only thing apparently to which they were not used were the changes in ribbons, puffs, and flounces. I went to church with them and listened to the great 'Te Deum' which has come down to us through the ages, and lifted the hearts of countless worshippers to God. They nudged each other while they sang it, to look at a beaded cloak in the next pew. We physicians now test the temperature of a patient's body, and if we find it below a certain degree, know that death is already in the heart. When I find so low a degree in the words, thoughts and actions of a human body, I begin to fear that the soul within is cold and dead beyond recall."

We testify that revelation not only contains the mind of the Spirit, but that it is given in the very words that the Holy Ghost de- viseth, as Christ and the apostles teach. 6. We protest against the transfer of faith from divinely appointed to humanly devised agencies, in propagating the gospel. We testify our undiminished confidence in the truth and Spirit of God to do all that can be done for man's salvation. 7. We protest against that false charity and false peace, in which fatal errors are tol- erated, and fatal errors are complimented for certain "manly virtues," on consid- erations of expediency.—Rev. E. P. Marvin.

Popular S TELEGRAPH IN CHINA.— Tillies with France in 188 Government appears to have for the first time of the fact of the telegraph it is possi administration to keep a m trol over provincial authori damental fact having once h authorities are busily engag lines in all directions betwe great provincial towns. Th purchased either in Englan but the work of construction almost entirely by the Chin The first lines were built by I and workman, but the Chin selves such apt pupils, that time they felt competent to the aid of the Danes. It m the manifold advantages of become so evident to the only to induce them to e throughout their vast and p but also to pay some little than they have ever yet dor other little dodges which o would be only too pleased to to.

UNANSWERED PRAYER.

BY VIRGINIA B. HARRISON.

Against the frozen face Of earth, I lay my own, And softly pleading, make My longing known. Sweet mother earth, give me, I beg, one little spray Of perfumed flower to cheer This wintry day.

PROTEST AND TESTIMONY.

BY VIRGINIA B. HARRISON.

The several periods of man's past history have severally begun in divine mercy, progressed in human apostasy, and ended in divine judgment. In none of these successive periods of man's redemption has God staked his truth upon its prevalence among men. Any intelligent infidel can easily show that the universal prevalence of truth and righteousness in the present church period would be the positive refutation of the New Testament.

THE TRADING RATS.

BY VIRGINIA B. HARRISON.

Studies in natural history, calculated to excite the wonder of a young student, abound in the western regions of America. I know I was vastly entertained during a trip through Arizona and New Mexico, by my own observation of the mountain rats, popularly known there as "trading rats."

DO IT NOW.

BY VIRGINIA B. HARRISON.

This is for you, boys and girls. It is a bad habit, the habit of putting off. If you have something that you are to do, do it now; then it will be done. That is one advantage. If you put it off, very likely you will forget it and not do it all; or else—what for you is almost as bad—you will forget, but keep thinking of it and dreading it, and so, as it were, be doing it all the time.

SPIRITUAL STARVATION.

BY VIRGINIA B. HARRISON.

"A friend of mine in his journey is come unto me and I have nothing to set before him." Luke 2-6. Is that your condition and mine? Have we none of the Bread of Life to offer to the lonely and benighted traveler on the King's Highway of Holiness? Have we nothing in the way of doctrine, experience, privilege, promise or practice? Are we in a state of spiritual starvation ourselves? Is our religious larder lean and bare and well-nigh empty? Has it been so long since we visited the divine store-house, where is "enough and to spare," that we have nothing but hard crusts and bare bones? Let us be ashamed to confess it. Our preaching, profession, our conversation—how rich and strength-giving they might be. Let us quit complaining to one another, "O, my leanness," but go to God for all we need.—Selected.

DEAD SOULS.

BY VIRGINIA B. HARRISON.

An old physician remarked lately: "There is no study in human nature so difficult to me as a certain class of young girls. I spent a part of this summer with two specimens of this class. They had the usual amount of capacity for observing, understanding, and feeling. They had been educated at much cost to their parents; both were constant attendants at church. I saw nothing in their faces or bearing to argue that they were imbecile. Their mother was an invalid, nearing the grave. Nothing could be more touching than the patient, appealing gaze with which her eyes followed them, watching for some signal of affection; but they had eyes and thoughts for nothing but a gown they were making. They were used to her love, her illness, even to the thought of her death. I walked out with them through a great forest under the solemn stars. They saw no beauty, no sublimity in them. They chatted incessantly of the new trimming on their

TREATMENT OF WHOOPING COUGH.

BY VIRGINIA B. HARRISON.

following method of disinfecting and dwelling apartments are recommended by M. Mohr in the whooping cough. It is as cases immediately. The child and clothed in clean articles removed to another part of the bedroom and sitting room then hermetically sealed; playthings, and other articles washed are exposed freely in which sulphur is burnt in the twenty-five grammes to the space. The room remains with sulphurous acid for five then freely ventilated. The same day, and may sleep disinfected room.—Lancelotti.

THE WAY A DIAMOND IS CUT.

BY VIRGINIA B. HARRISON.

has to be cut it is placed in a ferrule, which holds the stone tight. Another in a like manner in another diamond is ground against tools being held by the small oblong box, in which the diamond is held, through which the diamond dust is sifted, to be in the process of polishing the patient craftsman against diamond, now more of surfaces, now heating the diamond in another angle to the turn becomes a perfect required number of facets about it is passed on to the steam power comes into play. It is before a disc revolving rapidly with flint and

NEW TEETH IN OLD AGE.

BY VIRGINIA B. HARRISON.

eral cases on record of aged a new set of teeth. In the Hon. Edward Progers, died sixth year "of anguish of c having cut four new teeth, ready to cut, which so infat that he died thereof." Their instances on record of old pe more fortunate than this, a plete sets of teeth after hav time of life when they could be toothless. In some cases teeth appeared after the old without a tooth for twenty

ACCORDING TO A RECENT AMOUNT OF PAPER ANNUALLY MADE FROM ALL KINDS OF MATERIAL.

BY VIRGINIA B. HARRISON.

pounds, of which half is used for printing, 9,000,000, 000,000 pounds are produced in factories, employing 30,000 000 women.



