

THE HERMIT AND THE PILGRIM.

With his holy hermit's hood and prayer, With arms upraised above his hands, form, He called aloud until the heaving storm, Seeking for the homeless heaven's aid.

"O God," he cried, "if in this bitter night There be but one who seeks a sheltering rest— Even as Thou givest to the birds of prey— Lead Thou, O Lord, his fainting steps aright."

Without a timely pilgrim, faint and sore, Dreading thence by the laura's sick'ning hall, A star amid the tempest rained night— Good knocking at the hermit's welcome door.

"A man of God, take pity on my life, Thou art the one who art the living prayer," Thus to the anchorite, absorbed in prayer, There came no sound of knock nor pleading cry.

"In darkness, with its eternal wail had sped, The day dawned, the weary hermit awoke, He saw the form that sought his prayer, and wept, Lay at his feet, uncomprehending and dead."

WOMAN'S WORLD.

A WOMAN WHO IS ASSISTANT PASTOR TO HER HUSBAND.

A Hasting Chicago Woman—Jewels on Glance—Consideration For Showman.

In the New South church of Boston was recently installed as pastor, and at the same time elected to the same services his wife, the Rev. Mrs. Frank Sprague, was installed as assistant pastor.

It is so uncommon for a woman to be installed in the pastorate of a New England church, particularly in Boston, that an elaborate service was arranged. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and palms, and the venerable Dr. Edward Everett Hale delivered a sermon.

Mrs. Sprague has been together in the ministry for seven years. They were graduated together from the Theological seminary at Andover, Pa., and in 1889 were married. The following year they were ordained in All Souls' church in Chicago and soon afterward were called to a church in Monroe, Cal. From there they went to Minnesota, Cal., where they were called to a church in the roughest part of the town.

Their success in Pomona was such that they were called to the pastorate of the Second Baptist church in San Francisco. That was two years ago. They went to Boston to the New South church in January of this year.

Mrs. Sprague is the founder of the woman's parliament of southern California, and is also greatly interested in the woman's congress in San Francisco. She is slight in stature and unassuming in manner, but she has a way of winning confidence and sympathy which has made her career successful in all these great affairs, and her sermons are strong and interesting.

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One young woman, who makes her appearance daily in the little group which gathers about the close of the market at the north end of the board of trade corridor, has selected an unusual and novel costume.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 11.

SPRITS TURPENTINE—Market quiet and steady at 77 cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 84 cents for country casks.

ROBIN—Market firm at \$1.45 per barrel for Strained and \$1.50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market firm at \$1.00 per barrel of 380 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal. Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm, 84 1/2 to 85 1/2; rosin firm, \$1.80 to 1.85; tar, firm, 90c; crude turpentine, not quoted. No receipts.

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CORN—Firm; 40 to 42 1/2 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—55 to 70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch hearts and saps, \$1.80 to 2.35; six inch, \$2.25 to 2.85; seven inch, \$2.50 to 3.00.

TIMBER—Market steady at \$5.00 to \$6.00 per M.

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