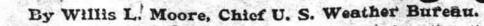
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It's a Popular Delusion That the Climate is Changing





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RUTHFUL and intelligent men are wont to declare that they know from personal recollection that the climate of their particular places of residence had changed since they were boys; that they had reliable landmarks to show that the streams were drying up; that the precipitation was growing less, and that the winters were becoming milder, notwithstanding the fact that carefully taken observations of temperature and rainfall for each day for the previous hundred years at their place of residence showed no alteration of climate. Of course, wide variations, sometimes extending over periods of several years, had occurred; but a deficit at one time was made up by an excess at another.

To be sure, changes must have taken place during geologic periods, but these have been so slow that it is doubtful if man in his civilized state has occupied the earth long enough to discover an appreciable quantity. Quite accurate records of the opening of navigation in Europe and of the time of vintages for 500 years show no change in the average data of the first ten years as compared with the average of the last ten.

The date palm, the vine, and the fig tree flourish as luxuriantly to-day in Palestine as they did in the days of Moses. Dried plants have been taken from the mummy cases of the Pharoahs exactly similar to those now growing in the soil once trod by those ancient monarchs.

American Fire Fighters Are the Best in the World

By Philip G. Hubert, Jr.

HEREVER the American goes in Europe, it is with a feeling of satisfaction that he finds, in the more important cities, the adaptation of our ideas for fighting fire. Our steam fire-engines, our brass, poles that bring men down from the upper stories of their station-houses, our hinged collars that snap around the horses' necks at a touch, are everywhere. At every important international exhibition of recent years, beginning even with that of Paris in 1867. American fire-engines and ladder-trucks have taken prizes. At the Paris Exposition of two years ago an American fire-team from Kansas City, fourteen men under Chief George C.

THE WELL'S SECRET.

I knew it all my boyhood; in a lonesome Looking upward, furtive, startled at the silent, swift intrusion: Valley meadow.

Like a dryad's mirror hidden by wood's dim arches hear; its eye flashed back the sunshine, and

grew dark and sad with shadow; And I loved its truthful depths where every pebble lay so clear.

scooped my hand and drank it, and watched the sensate quiver Of the dippling rings of silver as the

beads of crystal fell, pressed the richer grasses from its little trickling river, Till at last I knew, as friends know,

every secret of the well,

But one day I stood beside it on a sudden, unexpected. When the sun had crossed the valley and a shadow hid the place;

And I looked in the dark water-saw my pallid cheek reflected-And beside it, looking upward, met an

evil reptile face;

THE REFORM MOVES.

The forward march of the temper- vited their guests to the debut of their ance reform is well indicated by a j daughters? Ah, yes, we have moved paragraph written for the Central on! The walls are still standing, but Christian Advocate, by Rev. James A. Hall, as follows:

"An old man, who had reached his 91st year, stood in my pulpit in one of my charges to deliver a temperance lecture. 'Seventy-five years ago,' he said, 'I asked a large audience that had gathered to hear me speak, 'How many of you think it right to use spirituous liquors in your families, and

using them more or less as a bever-Mrs. Stevens Re-elected. age?' and nearly every man, woman and child in that large audience stood up boldly and confidently. I asked it president of the National W. C. T. U. again fifty years ago,' said the old The past year shows a record (and man, 'and there were a few who did only sixteen states gave figures) of not rise; they kept their seats for the sake of their convictions and withstocd the gaze of the standing, smiling crowd. Forty years ago,' he said, 'I asked it, and now here and there, dotted all over the house, there stood a man or a woman, who had gotten up timidly and were looking around as if surprised that they should be alone. I ask it again today, and there is not a man or woman in this audience who would stand on the proposition.' And so in like manner I myself this morning might ask it, and there is not a business man, who values his reputation in the eyes of this community, or his financial standing on the market, or the confidence of his creditors, who would stand up and declare himself for rum. And there is not a young unmarried man, who cares anything for his matrimonial prospects, who would dare stand up; for there is not a respectable woman in the city in whose eyes the act would not discount him an hundred per cent. And indeed would not the very fellows who | 26,260 evangelist meetings, 14,485 vissteal around to the dives in town and its, 5,268 pledges, 1,066, conversions. keep beer in their cellars mark him as The banner states are New York and a failure, and taboo him when they in- Missouri.

Arrangements Under Way to Open Up New Railway Connection.

Sereno E. Payne, of New York, announced his candidacy for Speaker of the Fifty-eighth Congress.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

ury awarded to W. C. and C. G. Barton, of St. Louis, the contract for the erection of the Government building at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. An agreement with Colombia for the

construction of the Panama Canal has virtually been completed. The Treasury Department ruled in

the case of Mascagni's orchestra that musicians are artists and not subject to deportation under the Alien Coutract Labor law.

Revenue for Alabama, was removed excluding colored Republicans from the State convention.

The Civil Service Commission urged will receive stock in said railroad comthe reclassification of the entire depany to the amount of his subscription partmental service of the Government. as set forth herein.-The subscriptions A treaty providing for reciprocity here to be made payable to and placed between the United States and Newfoundland was signed by Secretary in the hands of Mr. J. E. Rankin, Hay and Sir Michael Herbert, the cashier of the Battery Park Bank. Dr. British Ambassador. Ceorge H. Lumbert is to undertake the

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

competent engineer. Controller Ridgeley chartered the "It is estimated the amount necessa-First National Bank of Porto Rico. ry to be raised for said investigation an American Institution. and surveys will amount to \$2.000."

General Miles arrived at Iloilo, P. I. There were a reception and banquet in his honor. A further decline in silver compelled

the Manila Government to make the mooted proposition to give Asheville a rate \$2.50 for \$1 of gold. The old rate competing railroad outlet, a few days was \$2.46 to \$1. ago secured a six months' option on the Methodists of San Francisco, Cal. existing franchise for the Rutherforddecided to establish a Japanese Chris-

ton, Hickory Nut Gap and Asheville iian home in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Treasury Department ordered William H. Eustis to Hawaii to inves- ing the latter part of October to inter-

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NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The forthcoming municipal loan of Berlin will amount to \$56,250,000. Mussolino, the condemned Italian bri-

gand, is starving himself to death. The annual auction of boxes for the New York Horse Show netted \$35,000. Flour rates from San Francisco, Cal., to Central and South American ports

have been advanced. The arsenal grounds at Indianapolls, Ind., have been bought for a technical school for \$150,000.

Newspaper guessing contests have been declared legal by the Superior Court at Cincinnati, Ohio.

It is announced that a good many more valuable coal beds have recently been discovered at Rosario, in the Soudau.

France has granted pensions to widows of civil and military officials who lost their lives in the Martinique disaster.

The University of Chicago has agreed to absorb the Rush Medical College if the latter raises \$1,000,000 by uext July.

The city of Bloomington, Ill., is building a big schoolhouse all on one floor to save children the strain of stair climbing.

Electric trains on the Zossen-Berlin, military railroad have been successfully run at a speed of seventy-five miles per hour.

It is reported that the Dutch Government has secured the right for twenty-five years to build Holland submarine boats.

An international music festival will be held in Berlin, Germany, in October next year. One day will be devoted to American and English music.

Professor Ledochowski, Vienna's noted "weather sharp," predicts that this winter will be the coldest Europe has had in half a century.

Germany does a large business in toys. Every year she sells over 11,000 Railroad. He made a trip North dur- | tens to Great Britain and about 6000 tons to the United States.

there are great rents in them! The enemy is still bold and arrogant, but

he is at bay! All great revolutions are slow, and often most discouraging. The French revolution muttered and struggled for many years before the tyranny of class was broken. And in our own country the wrong that was explated in the civil war grew old amid the protests of the public conscience."

how many of you are in the habit of

Then it darted toward the grasses, and saw not where it fled; But I knew its eyes were on me, and the old-time sweet illusion Of the pure and perfect symbol I had cherished there was dead.

O the pain, to know the perjury of seeming truth that blesses!

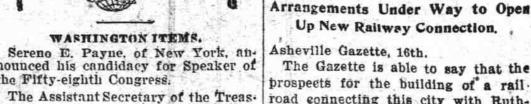
My soul was seared like sin to see the falsehood of the place; And the innocence that mocked me

while in dim, unseen recesses There were lurking fouler secrets than the furtive reptile face.

And since then-oh, why the burden?when joyous faces greet me, With their eyes of limpid innocence

and words devoid of art, can not trust their seeming, but must ask what eyes would meet me

Could I look in sudden silence at the secrets of the heart! -John Boyle O'Reilly,



road connecting this city with Rutherfordton have recently taken the most promising shape. This week the following petition will be circulated among the citizens of Asheville:

fordton, Rutherford county, N. C., to J. H. Bingham, Collector of Internal the city of Asheville, county of Bunby the President because of his part in combe, N. C. If after said surveys, investigations, etc., it is found practical

to build said railroad each subscriber

Celgium, Switzerland, Denmark, Italy, Germany, Turkey, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, New Zealand, India, Austria, Mexico and Peru. Nearly 8000 thremen took part in the competitions. The first contest was made with steam fire-engines, on the banks of the Seine. About 100 engines competed. The test was made from cold water in the boiler. The average time for foreign engines in getting a stream from the hose was from eight to twelve minutes. Their streams reached about half way across the river. In five minutes and thirty seconds the American engine threw a stream that wet people on the opposite bank, a distance of 310 feet. The size of the stream was nearly double that thrown by the other engines .- From "Fire-Fighting To-day and To-morrow," in Scribner's."

Hale, carried off all the most important honors at the International Fire Con-

gress; at which were represented America, France, Portugal, Holland, Norway,



By Helen Oldfield.



RINCIPALLY the cause of what is called woman's unreasonableness is the direct result of her not being told the truth. Half the time a woman does not know how she stands to face a problem, because she cannot get a man to tell her the simple facts in the case. He will say all sorts of soothing things to her and mislead her with rosy hopes, and he will try to make up by the fervor of his compliments for the lies he is telling her, and so she goes blundering along, making all sorts of mistakes, that she might have been saved from if anybody had

had the courage to tell her the truth.

A curious example of this once came under my own observation. A man died, leaving his widow without any means of support. His friends, in the most delicate way in the world, provided for her, and began exerting themselves to get some occupation for her by which she could support herself. Place after place, was offered, but she scornfully rejected every one.

"Did you ever hear of anything so unreasonable in your life," cried the men to each other, "not a penny in the world, actually living on charity, and won't do a thing!" Finally in a gust of passion one of the men blurted out to the woman the naked truth-that her husband had died absolutely bankrupt. and that his friends had been providing for her. The woman was aghast. She had never an idea of the real state of affairs, and the minute she knew the truth she accepted the situation with a courage, a philosophy and a determination to make the best of it that fairly astonished every one.

So far as business women are concerned, the chief enemy to their progress is man's fear of telling them the truth. A man who has a clerk who falls into careless ways, or has some annoying fault, will talk to him plainly and give him a chance to correct it before he dismisses him; but he will not give a girl the same chance. He won't tell her the truth about her faults. He will make an excuse about business being bad, and then turn her off rather than speak the truth to her. How many times has that happened in our big cities! Girls know.

Another thing-and I don't know a more pathetic thing-is that the whole world seems banded together to deceive women about the real facts of working life.

Now there's plenty of work in the world for every industrious and intelligent girl, but it's nothing short of a crime to make her believe that there is any get-rich-quick way to fortune; and I never read any of these romances about picturesque modes of getting a living that fails to arouse in me a righteous contempt for the authors of such stories.

of a mystical or esoteric character is beyond the belief of

any one not connected with the sale of books or period-

icals or not in touch with the work of public libraries

throughout the country. This includes fortune-telling by

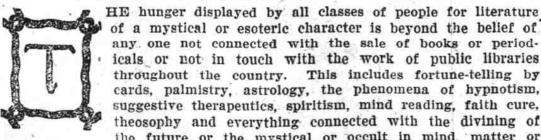
cards, palmistry, astrology, the phenomena of hypnotism,

suggestive therapeutics, spiritism, mind reading, faith cure,

theosophy and everything connected with the divining of

Mysticism is Increasing in This Practical Age

By Ralph M. McKenzie.



the future or the mystical or occult in mind, matter or religion. Many periodicals treating of these various subjects are published now in many languages, and the circulations of some of them have increased wonderfully. A curious phase of the subject is the fact that particular articles in these periodicals attract wide attention, and are often quoted and discussed in coteries which are not usually supposed to be interested in matters beyond the domain of the five senses. Some of these magazines in the Library of Congress are kept under lock and key, and only given out for reading to known persons upon card because the temptation to cut or mutilate certain select portions of the text seems to be too great for those of less than ordinary will power. such as relates to psychology in any direct or indirect way. A great deal of it is ethical, and is of no value as moral instruction or teaching. A great deal of it is obscure, and some of it is almost as unsatisfactory to the intelligent reader as a chapter of Paracelsus or any of the old alchemists or searchers after the elixir of life and the philosopher's stone. Even the many volumes devoted to palmistry may be said to have a raison d'etre outside of their more or less fabled value as a means of divining the future. They serve, perhaps, to draw the attention of people to their hands and to secure for them better care and more cleanliness, The cause which more than all else has led to a great revival of interest In this class of literature is, of course, the wonderful spread in the belief in spiritism and the consequent deduction that the spirits must needs know something of the future of mortals and can be depended upon in some vague way to communicate this knowledge to the material world. Some look to the clairvoyant as the most reliable source of this supposed. spirit knowledge of the individual's future; others depend upon the reader of cards, the reader of paims, or the reader of the stars. But it can all be reduced to the one cause-the yearning of man for immortality and for knowledge of the future years of his present state .- New York News.

NEED TEMPERANCE REVIVAL.

Poverty is the cause of most of the Therefore the Journal believes that drunkenness that afflicts the race. And a pressing need of the country is a Sheriff H. B. McCullough. drunkenness is the cause of much pov- great temperance revival relying erty. It should be the aim of every chiefly upon the personal appeal. friend of temperance, therefore, to Thousands of pledge-signers would give his cordial sympathy to all ef- be rescued from drunkenness and Miss Rodella Bain. forts to abate poverty. But social more thousands prevented from be-

changes that affect the material con- coming drunkards. ditions of the masses of men come And an assured consequence of such about slowly, and while these changes a revival would be to guide public are progressing it is not a waste of thought to the temperance question energy to view the average man and as a whole, and so advance the cause woman as a free agent and to urge in those wider and deeper aspects upon him and her the duty and advantage of letting alcohol alone.

habit from society, at least makes cer- York Journal. tain the savings of many men and

women. It is doing good in detail, while waiting for larger causes to produce came to the conclusion that he had wholesale results. -----

DEAN FARRAR'S TESTIMONY.

Dean Frederick W. Farrar, the cians that the use of alcohol is a subtle and manifold source of disworld famous preacher and author,

First-I become convinced that the late. use of alcohol in any form was not a

necessity. Second-I was struck by the indis- convinced me that total abstinence, so putable fact that in England 20,000 inhabitants of our prisons, accustomed to strong drink all their lives, and the

majority of them brought into prison | that drink is so far from being requidirectly or indirectly by it, could be, site to physical strength or intellecgain, to their personal health.

his present position."

Mrs. Lillian Stevens was re-elected | tigate increased postal facilities there. The Philippines Government is adopting vigorous measures to suppress lådronism in several provinces of Luzon Islands.

The Philippines Commission repealed the Spanish law which imposed an income tax on salaries.

DOMESTIC.

President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, testifying before the Strike Commission declared recognition of the union was essential to peace in

\$1,500,000 had been distributed to the men during the strike.

Former President Grover Cleveland said in Norfolk. Va., that David B. Hill's nomination for the Presidency in 1904 was "a possibility."

Charged with accepting an unlawful fee, former Police Captain Moynihan was arraigned in New York City, pleading not guilty.

Frank C. Andrews, the convicted Vice-President of the wrecked, City Savings Bank at Detroit, Mich., was sent to the State prison to begin serv-

ing his fifteen ycars' sentence. For embezzling the funds of the German National B: nk, of Louisville, Ky., former President J. M. McKnight was sentenced to six years' imprisonment. Frank Brunner, a ball player, formerly of Eastern leagues, was shot and killed by Charles Parmenter, at Fort

A dispute over telephone tolls led to John Southern Leing killed at Rogersville Junction. Tenu., by Deputy

Scott, Kan.

Although she confessed the murder of Miss Gay Smith, the Grand Jury at Wheeling, W. Va., refused to indict

Captain W. H. Brownson, the new Superintendent of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., assumed charge.

A tramp ran away with a Rock Island locomotive at Albert Lea. Minn., but gave it up after going five miles. The Illinois State Superintendent of Insurance took action to prevent twenty-one fire insurance companies from doing business in that State.

A shortage of coal placed Knoxville, Tenn., in darkness and caused the withdrawal of half the street cars. An unidentified man jumped from

Brooklyn Bridge and was killed instantly. Arrested for theft of letters at Day-

ton. Ohio, Clinton J. Robbins, a postoffice clerk, confessed his guilt. The postoffice at Culver, Ind., was

robbed of \$1000 in stamps. An unruly elephant, Mandarin, be-

longing to the Barnum & Bailey show. was strangled to death at New York City. The battleship Alabama left New York City for the Carribéan Sea to par-

ticipate in the winter maneuvres. Being refused admittance to his sweetheart's home. Homer Cramer. of Columbus, Ohio, killed the girl, Almeda Burk, and then committed suicide.

FOREIGN.

In his speech at the Lord Mayor's and were, absolutely deprived of it, tual force that many of our greatest banquet Premier Balfour said that he America's Cup have done nothing not only without loss, but with entire athletes, from the days of Samson looked with much hope to the future whatever for the development of

est Northern capitalists in the enterprise and has met with sufficient encouragement to impel him to go forward with the plans for the establishment and construction of the road.

ASHEVILLE TO RUTHERFORDTON

"We, the understigned, agree to pay

on demand the several amounts set op-

posite our names for the following pur-

poses, to-wit: To make the preliminary

surveys, investigation, etc., incident to

the building of a railroad from Ruther-

investigations and surveys under a

Dr. George H. Lumbers, who is the

chief mover in this endeavor to push

to a successful termination this long

This competing railroad, with the important connections with the East and South that it would have at Rutherfordton, would be a tremendous advantage to Asheville, and it is thought that no difficulty will be found in promptly interesting the people of the the anthracite region. He said that city to the extent set forth in the above petition.

The proposed railroad will be about 40 miles long from Rutherfordtonwhere there are important railroad terminals-to Asheville by way of Hickory Nut Gap.

The road from Rutherfordton to Asheville, it is believed, will of itself he a profitable investment, and this belief on the part of those interested in the undertaking is based on several months' careful investigation. Dr. Lambert himself has been busily engaged for two or three months in col-

lecting data that would be of service in the promotion of the enterprise. Many of the most prominent business men of this city have for years looked

with expectant interest to the building of this competing line, regarding it as the most feasible route over which to secure to Asheville a second railroad connection with the outside world, and these men have assured Dr. Lambert of their confidence and cordial support

in his undertaking.

Commission Reports.

The State board of examiners of public institutions place its first report in Governor Aycock's hands. It is expected that it will make a pamphlet of 150 pages. The board began work August 22, but was several times called off for periods of from a week to ten days so that it really worked a little over 60 days. It examined 40 institutions which receive State aid. These are as follows: Agricultural Societies, North Carolina, Raleigh, Forsyth, Winston, Central Carolina, Greensboro, Alamance, Burlington, Cumberland, Fayetteville, Oriental, Newbern; North Carolina Industrial, Raleigh; Albemarle Agricultural and Fish, Elizabeth City; board of public charities, Raleigh; colored normal schools at Fayetteville, Winston, Franklinton, Goldsboro, Elizabeth City, Salisbury, Plymouth; Croatan Indian Normal School, Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, white at Raleigh, colored at Greensboro; Cullowhee High School, Guilford Battle-Ground Association, penitentiary, dangerous insane department of penitentiary. State board of health, Raleigh; /State Schoool for the white Blind and that for negro deaf mutes and blind, both at Raleigh; School for Deaf Mutes at Morganton; State-Hospitals for the Insane at Raleigh, Morganton and Goldsboro . State geological survey, State University, orphan asylums at Oxford, one for white, the other for negroes; State Firemen's Associations, white and colored.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger states that the recent races for the

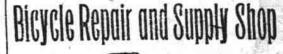
Yankee Drummers in Orient. The experience of two young Amer-

icans who recently spent six months traveling through Japan, China and the Philippines for the purpose of soliciting trade affords good evidence that there is much commerce to be secured by Americans if it is properly sought. These young men studied the Chinese language in San Francisco and acquired a sufficient knowledge of it to make themselves understood. They had, therefore, the great advantage of being able to do business directly with their Chinese customers. As it was their first trip to the Orient they did not bring a large variety of samples, but the results have been so encouraging that they propose to return equipped with an enlarged outfit. The method pursued by these young men is worthy the attention of our manufacturers. If two young Americans can learn the language in San Francisco sufficiently to enable them to deal with the Chinese in their own country, others can do the same.

The average explorer is inclined to wait till he finds the north pole before venturing on any suggestions as to how it may be made useful.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread discase Consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Catarrh, Bronchitis and all throat and long Maladies. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address, Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Brooklyn, New York.





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ease, even to thousands who use it in took the temperance pledge for the following reasons: quantities conventially deemed moder-Fourth-Then the carefully-drawn statistics of many insurance societies

far from shortening life, distinctly and indisputably conducted to longevity. Fifth.-Then I accumulated proof

which involve legislation, not only upon the liquor traffic directly, but That method, though it does not upon the industrial conditions which promise the elimination of the drink are responsible for poverty.-New

After counting the cash on hand the receiver of a New Jersey salt company been preceded by an evaporator.

Third-I derived from the recorded hol mightier feats than have ever been testimony of our most eminent physi- achieved with it.

HE WHO HAS CONQUERED.

The man who early in the day has | and hears within himself, amid the overcome, by vigilance and restraint, calm he has created, the tuneful paean Of course, there is much of this literature of distinct value, especially the strong impulses of its blood to- of a godlike victory. Yet he loves the warfis intemperance, falls not into it | virtue more because he fought for her after, but stands composed and com- than because she crowned him .- Lanplacent upon the cool, clear eminence, dor.

> Minor Mention. News of the Day. An Indianapolis Ditpatch says: Messrs. Caesar Cone and associates of Greensboro, N. C., have purchased "President Mitchell, of the Mine Workthe Hucomuga Mills at \$23,000. This ers of America, has formally stated property includes mill building, 144 that he would not accept the presidencoms, power plant, operatives' houses, cy of the American Federation of Lasupplies, etc. It is reported the plant bor, in a telegram to Secretary Wilson, will be entirely remodeled. in which Mitchell authorizes Wilson

to say that under no circumstances would he accept the elevation, believ-C., will establish plant for manufacing that he can be of better service in turing cotton belting for filling mattresses and felt goods for lining fur-

William Marconi arrived at Glace piture. They have begun erection of Bay, N. S., to continue his experiments the necessary building, and will soon in wireless telegraphy. have the machinery in position.

