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## CHILDREN NOT WANTED.

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The immense wealth now concentrated in the hands of a few families, in conjunction with the desire of the many less favored ones to vie with those more fortunate, has set the standard of luxurious requirement so high in New York that the home as it is remembered by so many of us is almost disestablished. It was a separate domicile, set in an ample yard, not to say grounds, from which all strangers were excluded except as invited and temporary guests. Now it only exists, in a metropolis, for the very rich. The great mansions of the city's less populous days are utilized to accommodate boarders by those who have narrow incomes. In the crowded cities these are the refuge of people of moderate means to some numbers there. In these caravansaries be wonderful in a generation, but he people are crowded into a few rooms,

the other occupants. There is a certain comity among the lodgers, especially where the partitions are thin and the space very circumscribed, which enforces the duty upon each family to see to it that their neigh-

bors are not disturbed or inconvenieced, and therefore the family must be quiet. A crying child, and gener-ally an ill child does cry, will upset a whole floor full of ordinarly 'rindly, considerate people. Consequently the landlord or janitor of the suite is sorely put about. When one enters the door of the department house, and generally in the more luxurious of them, the first question asked by the suave agents is: "Haye you children in your family? We do not lease to families with children.'

Perhaps there is a placard on the door to save the proprietor trouble, announcing: "No children or dogs taken;" or if the children or lodged. "Children and dogs not allowed in the halls." The buildings can be filled easily with childless couples, they say, and tenants who have no children of their own do not want be annoyed by those of other people; besides, children are destructive to furniture, carpets and walls. In some of the poorer tenements, copying the fashion of the batter lodging houses, where there is a miserable oilcloth only on the floor, one reads: "Children not allowed to play in this hall." Indeed, in many a home there is a sign invisible, but none the Children, like the lepers of old must keep aloof from every one except their own family, and in many cases these find them burdensome. It is an awful charge to bring against modern civilization that it is not making proper provision for the coming generation. Once, in a similar state of society, children were a precious possession prayed and longed for, a sacred trust, a Godgiven well spring of joy and hope in the home, but now they are to some extent considered a nuisance, an affliction and to be avoided if possible, and if not, to be merely tolerated. The hotels reject them, so do the boarding houses and renting agents, and the rents demanded for a detached entire house, taken in conjunction with the increasing difficulty of getting servants and the very condemn the poor little Ishmaelites, whether their parents desire it or not, tion of crime unless they be guarded to a joyless future in the pent-up apartments of lodgings.

in the splendid equipages which roll by in endless succession. Very often there is a dog, sometimes one of considerable size, on the seat with the mistress, but very rarely a child. I do not know whether it is unfashionable to take children or whether it is considered better for their health to walk.

I heard a bright, devoted girl one day say to her mother after being unavoidably separated for many years from her: "If my judgment had not approved of you after seeing so little of you in my childhood, I could not have loved you and been your friend as I am, for all sense of your motherhood had died out of my heart.'

Mr. Robert Dale Owen from his large together in rural hamlets, where they should be attended by nurses not of extent, but more frequently apartment their own blood-a kind of co-operative speech. remedial plans as unpractical, but alas, to formulate a practicable one is much more difficult. There is a certain virtue in having attempted, if in vain, to

> solve the problem. The pressure of congregated millions 'A fine boy for adoption; relinquishmouth to those which cry for food.

The persons employed in charitable life. work among the poor in New York city say that "the number of destitute and growing feeling among the poorer peoto hecome wage-earni These parents want to get rid of their doubt correctly, but his good wife told children when they require attention me as a secret that he worked on it strong enough to work they are wel- week with his coat off and the perspiracomed back. The child when it is a tion oozing from his classic brow. wage earner is a desirable factor, but not otherwise. The children of today are characterzed by wonderful mental and physical activity in proportion to their ages. This perhaps is the outcome of heredity from the strenuous life their parents have waged against want. People rise to the demands of their age, and the needs seem to have created a mighty discusand deprivations of the very poor in a sion in making up the Presbyterian crowded city are fast weeding out the confession of faith at Westminister Abfeeble or diseased units among them, as none but the strongest survive. These editorial in a New York paper in which seem to be given us a hardier, more it was stated that over forty presbyteries high wages they command, seems to alert race of children, who of course of the northern church were in favor of are only the more able for the perpetra- amending the confession of faith and when very young from the tempations of their environment. The plans of the much depreciated families have prevailed so universally slaveholders in the south to promote the a revelation to me, and so I have been comfort and health of the little negroes under their charge might very well be find that there was a long and bitter studied with advantage to the wizened, discussion at Westminister as to whethcareworn little white children of New er God decreed the doctrine of election families are to be found in the great York. Of course their parents must go before the creation of man or after he cities. The large families are generally to their work in the fields. The chil- fell. Calvin declared the former, which the children of the very poor. These dren were never set any task until they he called sublapsinarianism, but the unfortunates overflow onto the side- were ten years old, and even then it Westminister assembly declared that the walks, their only playground, and there was a very light one. This left a large decree of election and reprobation was they associate with all sorts and condi- number of infants and children of al- not determined on by God until Adam most every age, the latter as tricky as had sinned and fell. I tell you, my dren. They are sorely tempted by an little monkeys and as little amenable to Christian friends, those two long words example set them of filching from the reason, to be tended and kept out of are to the common mind as unintelligilittle booths and stalls the cakes for harm's way. This was most satisfactor- ble and uncomprehensible as were "unwhich they long but cannot acquire ily accomplished by having a roomy intelligibility" and "incomprehensibilihonestly, and gradually habits of theft place where they were to remain under ty" to me when a school boy. I have are acquired and other evil ways the care of a reliable old woman, who got along without them all these years "harden within and putrify the feeling." fed and watched over them until their and I am not going to strain my mind The children of the rich are too often parents returned from work, and a more with them now. There is enough in given over to the charge and compan- free, healthy, happy little set of chil- the sermon on the mount to guide us ionship, first of nurses and then of gov- dren it would be difficult to find in any and comfort us in the journey of life.

## BILL ARP'S LETTER.

## When we were little school boys it was a big thing to spell "Baker." When between Calvanism and Arminianism.

expansion and suspenders and when of faith can be found among the mem-we progressed to "unintelligibility" and bers of any Presbyterian church in the 'incomprehensibility'' we thought there state. were no more worlds to conquer. But

"bonny clabber," etc. We innocently put our heavenly Father away off alsupposed that the old blue back spelling most out of reach, though St. Paul de-

we were only in the rudiments. The home to me whenever I hear a preacher experience in London and other crowded little dictionary and English Reader indulging in doctrines concerning eleccities of the old world came to the con- and Murray's Grammar and Smiley's tion, predestination and free agency letter to Pemberton in my shirt and clusion that children would thrive best Arithmetic were all ahead of us. In and shooting away over the heads of isolated from their parents and collected | course of time, however, we learned to the people. parse, which is a Latin word taken from "quae pars oratione"---what part of Then we mastered the rule of houses have grown up as more like a incubative nursery. He thought the three, which is now called proportion. home, and families are found in greater improvement of the coming race would and soon advanced to tare and tret, which we whispered was "enough to was wrong, for a child must be nour- make the devil sweat." About this time and of necessity they and their children ished by a personal love as well as by we began to wear shoes all the year are in a measure interdependent upon food, so his efforts failed, as all mere round and to brush our hair, and had theories do. It is easy to condemn picked out a sweetheart and held her hand on the sly when we stood up to recite, and sometimes we used the look-ingglass to see how the downy beard was coming. When well up in our teens we were promoted to the institute

and introduced to Latin and Greek and necessarily, if they all must live in the Algebra and History. I remember the city, crowded into a limited space, 18 first sentence in the old "Historia Sacra," bringing about an unnatural state of "Deus Creavit coelum et terram intra feeling in the hearts of the overbur- sex diess"-God created the heavens it left out of the new hymn book. She dened, hopeless poor. Every daily and the earth in six days. It was like paper has among its advertisements: a confession of faith and made a more lasting impression, for we had to study ment entire." "A pretty baby girl, perfectly healthy, for adoption," and so on through the dreary items. It is not had been poring over Alcibiades, Pera supposable case that these mothers icles, Thucyides, Sophocies and Demosdesire to part from their little ones, but thenes, suddenly came on a sentence the conditions of their lives are too beginning with the word "besides," and tragic to admit of their aiding another he called it "bes-i-des" and thereby got a nickname that stuck to him through

But we old men have long since forgotten our Latin and Greek except the neglected children in New York city in- small words that make up much of our creases beyond the power of philantropic modern English. Even a limited knowland religious bodies to cope properly edge of Latin and Greek is a great adwith their needs." "There is a steadily vantage and great comfort in defining the church. He wrote a volume of our language. It is of inestimable value le," these same authorities declare, to professional men, to doctors and Disconsolate." Who would rule that 'that the government is obliged to sup- druggists, botanists and horticulturists port their children. But their parents and those who cultivate flowers. But are not willing to relinquish the right nobody can readily read Latin or Greek and his ladder provoke me to say that to the producing capacity of their chil- nowadaps except the professors and it must have taken a doctrine of elecdren. They want the state to relieve teachers in our schools. Not long ago tion and some amazing grace to have return them when they are old enough turned it over to Professor Davee and for his personal gain. He began by dehe rendered it very beautifully and no frauding his brother out of his birth-

peculiar doctrines of this church or that church are not considered. Not one member in ten can tell the difference

A certain Colonel Fontaine, of Mississippi, has a local reputation as a spinwe reached "crucifix" we had visions of and I doubt whether a dozen confessions ner of yarns. Here are some speci-

mens "When General Grant had Pemberton cooped up Vicksburg it became What the humble Christians of any highly necessary that we should comthere were, for away on near the last Protestant church want is a simple municate with him and let him know page was a catalogue of jawbreakers, such as "ph-th-is-ic," which we called "tisic," and "michilimackinac" and length and thundering sound. They was 150 miles above the town, and bewas 150 miles above the town, and be-tween us and it was a mint of Yankee gunboats. They was tearing up'n down the river all day and night, chompin' the wattah and snortin' like hippopotamuses. I volunteered for the duty and this is how I did done it : I stuck the swum out into the stream about dark,

and waited for one of them dinged gunboats to come along. Them days I could swim for twenty-four hours and never feel it. About midnight one come tearing down. As she went by me I graphed the gunnel, a foot above the water, and hung on. She was goin' fifteen miles an hour and my laigs floated on the surface, but it made no difference. All the way down our boys was shootin' at her from both banks and that made it interesting for me. One bullet hit the hand by which I was holin' on-here is the scar now-but I nevah lost my hold. We was just ten hours makin' the run. When we hit the upper aidge of Vicksburg, I swum ashore, handed over my letter to the

Adams wrote-"Nearer My God to general, went into the wattah agin, went through the Yankee fleet and brought up fifty miles below. I got the thanks of the Confedrat Congress for that, but the records was burned."

> woods up in the Yazoo country with my condition in 20 years. The condition shotgun on my shoulder. It was 10 in Texas is 71, this being the lowest of a cow. Suddenly I heard close by me the deedly rattle of a snake. I knew that in another minute I would be points, and Mississippi and Florida 3 a dead man. I brought my gun down, fired one barrel in the direction I supsed the snake to be, saw him kwiled by the flash of the powder and before it Carolina 2 points and Georgia and Ardied out killed him with the other bar- kansas 3 points above their 10-year avrel. 1'm pretty fast with a gun. "Fishin' in the Yazoo is good some-

times and bad sometimes, but there is always catfish. I was after 'em once. wherever the necessary labor is availa-

hand line. Suddenly I felt a slight cised in cultivation. tug and began to draw in. The fish pulled heavy for a light biter, but I agents of the Department within the dren. They want the state to relieve teachers in our schools. Not long ago them of the cost of support while they I pondered over a Latin preface in a are to many to produce anything and preface in a kept him in the favor of God, for he the bank, on the end of it was nothin' bodied in the present report. The work there is a sign invisible, but hole the less prohibitory, "Children not wanted." are too young to produce anything, and return them when they are old enough turned it over to Brotessor Davee and will be continued throughout the growgallon size. The hook was down in the ing season and should any modification

THE COTTON ACREAGE.

The Agricultural Department Puts It Bown as 25,558,000 Acres, an Increase of 2,036,000, or 8.7 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, June 11 .- The statistician of the Department of Agriculture estimates the total area planted in cotton at 25.553,000 acres, an increase of 2,036,000, or 8.7 per cent. over the productive area of last year. He estimates the increase at 7 per cent. in South Carolina and Alabama; 8 per cent in Texas and Georgia; 9 per cent. in Louisiana and Tennessee; 10 per cent. in North Carolina, Mississippi and Arkansas; 15 per cent. in Indian Territory; 18 per cent. in Oklahoma; 25 per cent. in Virginia and 27 per cent. in Missouri. In all these States the increase is more or less localized, being least where the production of cotton is the most dense and greatest in those regions where cotton growing has hitherto been less extensively engaged in and where physical conditions are not in all respects the most favorable to its production.

In general the increase has been restricted by the scarcity of labor, the high price of seed, the enlarged area in fall-sown crops, and in certain sections by exceptionally unfavorable weather conditions. Along the northern border of the cotton belt, land from which wheat has been harvested is being hurriedly planted in cotton, but the American amount is relatively considerable aud allowance has been made for it in the estimate.

The average condition of the growing crop on June 1, was 88.5 as compared with 85.7 on June 1 of last year, 89.0 at the corresponding date in 1898, and 87.1 the mean of the June averages of the last ten years. A condition of 82.5 "One time I was walking through the is with one exception the lowest June o'clock at night and darker'n the inside June condition in 26 years and 16 points below the 10-year average. South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee are 2 points and 1 point respectively, below their 10-year averages. On the other hand Louisiana reports 1 point, North erages.

A largely increased use of fertilizers is reported from the older States and There had been a heavy rain, the river ble and planters are not too much diswas bank-full and I was usin' a couraged, unusual care is being exer-

All sections have been visited by

representing 464 delegates, have in-

structed for Bryan. Maryland and

New Jersey are unpledged, the former

having 16 and the latter 20 delegates.

Bryan now lacks only 2 instructed

voters of having a majority of the Kan-

Dr. Hunter McGaire, of Richmond,

who was stricken with paralysis some

weeks ago, is doing quite well. He is

sas City convention.

book contained all the words in the clares that he is very near to every one world, but by and by we found out that of us. I recall some verses that come

A parish priest of Austerity Climbed up a high church steeple To be nearer God, and from there hand down His word unty His people. When the sun was high, When the sun was how, He sat unheeding sublinary things, And with the Lord was ever pleading. Now and again when he heard the creak Now and again when he heard the creak Of the weather vane a turning, He closed his eyes and said : "I know From God I now am learning." His plous thoughts he daily wrote, Thinking that they came from heaven: He dropped them down on his people's heads Twice every day in seven.

In his old age God called and said : "Come down and dle," And he orled from out the steeple, "Where art thou Lord ?" And the Lord replied : "Down here among My people."

That is a beautiful hymn that Mrs. Thee," and it would grieve me to have was a very pious and gifted woman, though she was a Unitarian. Complaint has been made that the hymn ignores the trinity, but it was founded on the story of Jacob's dream and there is no trinity in that. Let it stay there. Dr. How, Mrs. Prentiss and Mr. Charles Robertson have three others close by on the same subject that have the same meter and enough of trinity to satisfy anybody. Many of the most beautiful hymns in our collection were written by non-Protestants and non-professors. Some of them are by Roman Catholic priests and some by Tom Mcore, who was said to be the most licentious noet in all England and did not belong to

hymns and among them is "Come Ye out?

These reflections on old Father Jacob

THE COLONELS YARNS.

The economic objections to large in France that now the government is wrestling with the problem of a steadily diminishing ratio of births to deaths.

It is a melancholy fact that few large tions of desolate "cabin-cribbed" chil-

ernesses, as their ages may indicate. Is country. it possible or even reasonable to expect If the rapid transit plans are as sucthat these will look after the building parent would? The hereditary tenden- are not tabooed. cies of a child can only be known and appreciated by its parents. Certainly the governess must work experimentally pressing duty is personally to watch Servetus was a Unitarian in faith and and in the dark, as well as without an over the children and train them in the enlight ming love to guide her. I once paths of virtue-to see that so far as we asked an insubordinate very small girl can prevent it, the children do not who was alone and crying hysterically on her father's stairway after she had got into an altercation with her governess, "Why are you not a good little girl?" She sobbed out, "I cannot be good because she does not love me." This is the gravamen of a good many of the complaints children make without knowing the origin of meir troubles. They do not associate with their mothers ip an intimate way.

in Central Park to see so few children to the Democratic campaign fund.

# up of the character of the children or wage earners of the future will easily with a mighty foe and no man had a the culture of their moral nature as a come from some suburb where children right to believe as he pleased and be at

I believe the surest way to aggrandize and elevate our country and our most

Know the grief of man without its wisdom. in's into man's despair without its calm."

V. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

James R. Keene, the famous stock live and how to die. It is not doctrine operator, who is now in Europe, 18 said that takes converted people into this to have bet \$25,000 that W. J. Bryan church or that church. It is associawill be elected president this fall. Mr. tion-predilection-our fathers were Keene says he will return to the United there or our mothers or our special States in time to work for Bryan, and friends, and we worshipped there or at- Boers are not too badly whit I have been astonished when driving Keene's friends say he will contribute tended Sunday school when children, make trouble and a heap of it

right and later on tricked his father-inlaw out of his cattle, and after he and support; when they are old and every night till midnight for a whole awaked from that dream at Bethel he I was ruminating about these things

because I came across some words today that I never heard of and had to ing. Of course we have to make new words all the time to keep up with inventions and science, but these words church if they make a thousand on a are old, as old as John Calvin and they bey 250 years ago. I was perusing an going back to superlapsarianism, which was the doctrine of John Calvin. That

the Westminister confession was sublapsinarian and not Calvinistic. That was reading up on these abstruse things and Those oldtime theologists were desper-

ately in earnest in doctrinal matters, cessful as it is hoped they will be, the for they were in a mighty controversy peace. Even Calvin had Servetus ar-

rested and burned as a heretic because he denied the trinity of the God head. a good man in all the relations of life. Sometimes I fear we have too much Otis declared was amp complexity of doctrine. 1 mean some of the preachers and theologians of the schools. The people are all right and give themselves very little concern about doctrine. They want preachers to preach about life and duty, how to

and we feel more at home there. The invading army,

tried to make a bargain with the Lord and said : "If God will be with me and on, and I come to my father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God. consult the big dictionary for a mean- Aimost any sinner would do that now

and even some church members will vow to give a hundred dollars to the BILL ARP. certain speculation.

#### **Confederate Veterans Appeal to State** School Boards for Impartial Histories.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 8 .- The state poard of education met this evening to adopt a standard by which bids shall be made in September, when books to be used in the public schools for a period of seven years will be selected and contracted for. General C. R. Walker, commander of South Carolina Veterans, appeared before the board under appointment of Generals Gordon, commander, and Lee, chairman of the historical commission, to make this fight for veterans for the use of fair and impartial histories. Funds to carry on this fight were provided in Louisville and General Walker's entire ti.ne will be devoted to this work.

Governor McSweeney, chairman of the board, specially invited General Walker to address the board. He forcibly and eloquently presented the subject. General Walker did not advocate any special histories, but explained the principles which should characterize the books to be adopted and urged that any not so written be not used in the schools. He urged that the ciety differs little ! United Confederate Veterans represent known at differ the largest body of southern people, ty of Heave associated to see that justice is done the society, south, and while they primarily repre-Flags, sent the confederate war period, they are composed of representative citizens of the whole south, and their action wa indorsed by the Sons of the Confeder

The Philippine War. The Pittsburg Post sarcastical "Of course the backbone of ppine rebellion has been ing with 15,000 men, for he prophesied a ye

insurrection would soo was increased to 65,000, General MacArthur tele wanted three more regil ry, and they have been ( the Pacific. Gen. Lawton 100,000 will soon be reached a of progress.

The British are finding out

jug. I broke the thing to get the hook of the acreage figures be found noteout, and when I did so uncovered a worthy, report will be promptly made gaspergoo that must have weighed five to the public.

pounds. That fish got into the jug when it was little and staid in until it Keen interest is being taken by offiwas too big to get out. The mouth of cials at national Democratic headquargive me bread to eat and raiment to put the jug was upstream and it lived on ters in the reports of Democratic such food as drifted in." States conventions. Up to date 24 States have held conventions; of these 23,

> "I'm a surveyor by trade and I don't lift my hat to any man that ever carried a chain. Once I was engaged to survey an enormous body of land in Western Texas. It was an old Spanish grant and the deed said that a grindstone had been used to mark one of the corners. That was 200 years ago. Well, I got

> my hearin's and started out. I surveyed twenty-six miles north by northeast, thirty-one miles east by southeast, eighteen miles south by southwest, twenty-six miles west by northwest and thirty-one miles north by northwest by north. When I got to the end I said to the flagman : 'This is it ! Strike your pole here.' He struck it hard and it went through the whole in the center of the grindstone that was then a foot under-ground. We dug a hole to set the post in and there was the stone.'

#### Boxers Made Up of Coolies, River Men, Bandits and Criminals,

The membership of the "Boxers" society is made up of coolies, river men, idlers, pirates, bandits and criminals of all classes. But their leaders, although unknown to the European authorities in the far east, are unquestionably men of ability and shrewdness.

The "Boxers" may be considered as simply a part and parcel of the retionary propaganda in Chis

