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The Price of a Soul. .

There is a buyer in the markets of the world whose name is never in the newspapers, and whose bids are never in the pricescurrent. Nevertheless, his business is widely extended, and carried on with ceaseless activity. He chaffers in the open street. He into the dimness of the counting house. He steps into the workshop. He goes out upon the farm. He is most successful at the theatre, the tavern, the race course, and the ballroom. He is the buyer of souls.

He has various prices in his dreadful traffie. He bought one soul for thirty pieces of silver. He has bought some for less. But for a larger price-for heaps of gold, to shine and glitter in men's eyes, or for fame and away their immortal spirits!

kind. Some years since, the writer sat in the midst of a large congregation, gathered Pennsylvania. It was the middle of the week, but the Spirit of God was upon the hearts of the people, and they came willingly to the house of God. It was a solemn place. Withvalue of the soul. The servant of Christ fatal to the young, which she could never for and with the same machines; but every part true conversion, but dies a most ignoble closed his appeal with the following narra- get.

## ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK. FRIDAY, APRIL 30 1858.

daughter of a wealthy and worldly parents. gers and crew. During the voyage, I went ponding portions substituted; so that the his creatures, invites them to "consider on give its assent in January to the Sardinian She was fond of the gay pleasures of the city, one evening upon deck, and offered a tract feeding webs, rollers, cutters, kneeding apand plunged into them with the eagerness of to one of the sailors, at the same time speak- paratus, &c., of every machine belongs to monies of the Lord." Reasoning and constyouth. Her gayety, youth, and wealth, were ing to him about the value of his soul. I told the Israelites; but the same steam engine deration cannot be profitably earried on upon sure passports to the highest circles of fashion, him that he would live for ever in happiness may drive the machine, and the same run- the breath of high excitement. There must and there she lived and moved and trifled as or woe; that as a transgressor of the holy ning gear will suffice for the holy bread, that be caracstness and zeal on the part of those though there were no other world. While thus living in pleasure she was in- that God sent his beloved Son to suffer and so-particular Gentiles.

her to the weekly prayer-meeting in a church believed these good tidings, and was willing, of the city. There it pleased God to visit through Divine help, to lead a holy life, God her with the influences of his Spirit. She would graciously pardon his offences, and was convinced of sin, and returned to her give him the Holy Spirit; and, at length, home in deep sorrow. Her heaviness of when the voyage of life was over, receive inch thick. This is the ordinary unleaven- the most intense mental excitement. And spirit was soon discovered, and her worldly him into the haven of everlasting rest. parents were in consternation lest their beau. "The sailor listened to me respectfully, the week of the Passover. The same dough deliverance from the thraldom of sin, without could be purchased in the city. She reluc. portance of at once giving his heart to God tandy consented to their request, went to the "Next morning, early, on ascending the of the Jewish faith should be supplied with salvation. Thought first, excitement afterfestival, and returned without one trace of stairs to take a walk, what was the first sight

then sent for her father and mother. In a is your leisure now?"" few moments they stood weeping by her Boast not thyself of to-morrow.' 'What side. She looked upon each of them for a thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' time; then lifting up her hand, and point- 'NOW is the day, of salvation.' ing to the dress, said to each of them distinctly, and with the terrible calmness of despair, " Father, mother, there is the price of my soul." In a few hours she knew the full value of that which she had lost. There are which we do well if we take heed.

Holy Ghost. They sneer at the wholesome Observer. fears of the sinner, as the imaginary troubles We copy the following account fom the

vil their master, they perplex the inquirer every Jewish family thoroughly clean and with sophisms, and thus fill his mind with purify their house from attic to basement .by cunning temptations to open sin. Like pure, uncorrupted, and the unleavened bread some mer of our Saviour's day, they neither is typical of purity. Accordingly every that their "da:nnation is just."

greatness of their sin. They may have done food. it "ignorantly, in unbelief." But the daugh- The most extraordinary care is exercised the Spirit banished from her heart.

which "warned you from that wrath to oven. flee?" And did you not forget these so. The growing wheat, when ready for the

been its result? What has been the effect while it is cut and thrashed on a clean of that critical period in your history? thrashing floor with flails or with a machine Did it leave you penitent and humble at the which is used for no other grain; they gawalks boldly upon "Change." He glides foot of the cross? Or did it leave you with ther up the wheat in new bags, see that it is a harder heart, and a more seared conscience ground in a mill with new or exclusive tongue, or it will prematurely die. There to await in indifference the judgments of machinery, and then gather the flour into are many who, like the noisy, babbling brook system should be arranged forthwith. Almighty God? If this is the case, ponder new sacks for removal to the bakeries. one question more; the Spirit you have It is not absolutely necessary that the when it is high water all around. Such I guilty pl asures, how many have bartered wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing however, only under the superintending vigi-Here is the history of one exchange of this grace?" What must that punishment be, is to see that the flour he provides is all ac-

### Procrastination.

Some years ago I met a lady, who had re- of bread rendered corresponds to the quantity cently crossed the Atlantic in a ship of which of flour provided. out the walls of the old church there waved her husband was the captain. Our conver- In all the large bakeries of the cities the an ancient fores, and hard by, the dust of our sation turned on the sin and danger of pro- laborious duty of kneeding and thoroughly fathers slept. Within, the Holy Ghost was crastination, when she remarked, with deep mixing and incorporating the various ingreworking in a hundred awakened hearts. The feeling, that she recently witnessed an illus- dients is all performed by machinery. The sermon of the morning had for its theme, the tration of that fearful temptation, so often Jewish bread is prepared in the same manner,

vited one evening, by a friend, to accompany die in the transgressor's stead, and that if he

tiful daughter should leave the world of held out his hand for the tract, and politely is also made into other cakes of the same being excited with the most joyful emotions. fashion for the service of God. They be- said, 'Thank you, ma'am, I am much obliged diameter, but of double the thickness, which It implies much real excitement to be resought her and commanded her to return to to you, and I will think of these things when are baked much browner, and are marked moved from the "pit" of sin and to be placed the circles in which she had formerly shone. I have leisure.' I was pleased with the su- with a knife before being baked, some with upon the "rock." And the person who is They surrounded her with her gry friends. avity of the sailor's manners, but his last one, some with two, and some with three afraid of excitement will be very likely to re-Yet, she was still stricken in heart, and re- words, 'when I have leisure,' pained my slashes about an inch or two long. These main in the "gall of bitterness," without the fused to be comforted. At last they succeed heart; and I resolved to take the earliest op- are considered more holy than the rest, and pale of the real church of Christ. Not that ed in bribing her to attend a large party of portunity of endeavouring to impress upon are to be caten on the first second and third kind of excitement that is "got up," but the pleasure, by the gift of the richest dress which him the peril of procrastination, and the im- days of the Passover, respectively.

which arrested my eyes, and gave a violent lying at the point of death. Skilful physici- very young man, lying lifeless on the deck! she ordered a servant to bring her that dress, of religion when I have leisure, and I exand hang it upon the post of her bed. She claimed involuntarily, "O young man, WHERE those who have not the Bible.

Rev. E. Cornwall.

#### The Passover.

This is the season of the Jewish passover, lessons taught by this mournful story, to and a brief sketch of the manner in which it is observed in New York, will be found in-1. It warms us against the terrible sin of teresting. If the descendants of the chosen tampering with the soul that is under the in- people were to turn their attention to Christ fluence of the Spirit of God Some men do as earnestly as they do to one of the Types, this deliberately, and of purpose. They which foreshadowed his coming and office, strive to defeat the merciful purposes of the how much better it would be !- New York

N. Y. Tribune :-

Partaking of the malicious craft of the de- Previous to the coming of the Passover, doubts; or they lure him back to to the world 'The word "unleavened" originally signified go into the kingdom themselves, hor do they possible effort is made to have the house and suffer those who are entering to go in. Sure fall it contains perfectly free from even the ly when such mon are condemned by God, suspicion of uncleanness. Every domestic all others must say Amen, and acknowledge utensil that has been used in the preparation or serving of food is put away and its place daughter. Her parents tempted, and she year's festival. Most exactly and scrupayielded. They offered and she accepted the lously is this law observed with reference and mother may not have been aware of the the dining-room that come in contact with

ter had a quickened conscience. She was concerning the preparation of the unleavened under the influence of the Holy Ghost. She bread lest any substance other than the lawhad convictions of sin, and solemn impres- ful element should designedly or accidentally son of duty. In doing what she did, she be introduced. The only permitted ingreacted in direct opposition to the suggestions dients are wheaten flour and water; no of conscience and of God's Spirit. She took particle of salt or other flavouring matter the fatal bribe, and went where it was hoped being used. Should there, by any carelessconscience might again be stupefied, and ness or negligence, be any portion of Gentile bread, or any dust or greasy matter so inyou not resited them? Have you never seen adulteration, and consequent defilement, hand which " pointed to the coming it is watched, by persons appointed to that

reaper, is visited by this Committee while it If there has been such a season, what has is yet standing in the field; they watch it away the spirit of sober, candid reflection,

grieved is its author: "If he that dispised hands that prepare the dough should be those Moses' law, died without mercy under two or of the faithful, for the touch of a Gentile does three witnesses : of how much sorer pun sh- not defile the sacred bread; and in this and ment, supose ye, shall he be thought worthy other large cities, where many thousand who hath troddeen under foot the Son of God, pounds are required, the Christian bakers and hath caunted the blood of the covenant, generally prepare and bake it. This is done, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of lence of an attendant Israelite, whose duty it which is " sorer" than " dying without mer- counted for, and to guard against the possible cy? Whatever it may be, it will be the intrusion of improper substances. To this in a church in one of the eastern counties of portion of the despiser of God's Holy Spirit. end he is constantly in attendance. He weighs the flour, satisfies himself of the purity of the waler, and sees that the amount

"Before," she said, "I left New York, I contact with the dough, and which has been thought, but the mere ebullition of feeling, A few years ago, there was living in one furnished myself with a supply of tracts, to previously used in preparing the "leaven of warmed to a very high mark be some ex-doubly complicated. Owing to a diplomatic papers transmitted were about 71 millions,

law of God, he merited eternal death; but are used for the every day work of the not- who seek to know the Lord. It will not be

The bread is not made into loaves, but and wrong. into large thin cakes, resembling, more than So great a change as the new birth im-

an abundance of the bread during the holy wards. serson, that private individuals and some of It is not best to bind the disenthralled sonl In a few weeks after, that daughter was shock to my feelings, but the body of this the benevolent societies contribute large sums to human creeds and human forms, and set of money to purchase quantities of it for gra- it affoat upon the broad sea of Chaistian beans were around her, but they could only tell He had been ordered in the morning to go tuitous distribution among those who are not nevolence. Let the gospel be always and ever her dismayed parents that "there was no aloft, had lost his hold, fallen down head-fore- able to pay for it. Colporteurs or missiona- our guiding star. It will shine when those hope." When this opinion was made known most, and was killed upon the spot! The mo- ries go about among the poor Hebrews, fur- dim luminaries, human creeds, shall have to the dying girl, she lay for a few minutes ment I saw him, I remembered his sad words, in shing the needy with unleavened bread, in taded in the darkness of night.—Cor. Mor. in perfect silence. Then reusing herself, uttered but a few hours before, 'I will think like manner as similar persons of the Chris- Star. tian faith go about seeking and supplying

> About 5,000 barrels of flour are made into Passover bread in the city of New York; it is generally sold for eight cents per pound, but this year the price is but six cents. when a considerable quantity is required.

On the first two days and on the last two days of the Passover no work is done, but the rest of the week the Israelites attend to their affairs as usual.

#### Excitement in Revivals.

ligion, and put everything down as spurious that grows out of " excitement." In worldly matters, where a little worldly interest is at excites in the mind the most joyful emotions | bank. The news of a political victory creates great excitement amid the party interested. And wherefore? There are principles of truth at issue, or there is some particular personal intermitted, are left to balance the two India interest to be answered .- A bold, defiant Bills which are before the nation. The earnestness of purpose, a steady, uniform Derby plan of eighteen members of Council, course of action, can alone insure success. partly nominated, and partly elected by va-But what of excitement in "revivals?" members to be chosen by large electoral

ings of Christian rapture," as to frighten Legislation, however, cannot be delayed. There are some honest Christians who claim within the heart must make a noise upon the revival. And the man who is toiling hard to promote a true religious interest, should impress this fact most distinctly. 'The very real and genuine reformations, is, that the spirit of serious, earnest thought is frightened a few misguided brethren and sisters. Such hide behind that timely admonition : "Quench not the Spirit." It is most consummate folly to suppose that every pious impulse of the seen the anxious inquirer confused and thrown off his glorious purpose by the clamor way to Jesus. Such excitement is not al-ways profitable, not always productive of and so gratify his enemies? of the mechanism that comes into actual death. It is not the result of sober, serious

inferred that excitement even is improper

anything else, exaggerated sea-biscuits. - plies, must excite the mind greatly, to give Each cake is about the size of an ordinary any evidence of its validity. No person can breakfast plate, and is about the eighth of an see himself as a condemned sinner without ed bread for common use at any time during no sinner can be conscious of his complete

So necessary is it deemed that every one telligent consideration of the great truths of

## Gorrespondence.

### London Correspondence.

London, April 9th, 1858.

seeing, has come too early, if we may judge from the cold wind and dripping skies which There are multitudes who cry out loudly have attended it. Christmas Day was milder may be instituted by the Country of the cou against all excitement upon the subject of re- than Good Friday or Easter Sunday,-an stake, the most intense mental excitement is indeed, was wanted, and it has come, but in justifiable. An item of "good news" is a manner that will retard the development of. sufficient cause for great rejoicing. The the ten thousand wayside beauties which policy, the recovery of any "lost interest," nestle under the shelter of the hedge and

### PARLIAMENTARY AEFAIRS.

Parliament is scattered, and the individual seducing gift. It is possible that the father to all the articles, both of the kitchen and Sometimes people misjudge, and not unfre-constituencies, is eyed with distrust as a mess They tolerate excitement in minor, trivial want to buy off the Reform expectations of for next year, a serious deficiency will then things, and condemn it in things far more the people. I think that such a proposal as appear. this would have one really good effect-that We may state one fact which no one will of keeping Indian politics before the public attempt to controvert, viz: Excitement is mind, and necessitating an amout of acquinalways consistent if it arise from honest con- tance with them which has neither been posvictions of the importance of the subject at sed nor desired. Atter all, the main point issue. The cause may be a bad one, the as affecting the good government of India has that the Lord Mayor in saying this was as litend sought may be destructive of human respect to the official responsibility attach- the expressing the sentiments of his fellow happiness, yet the excitement manifested is able to the new Secretary of State; and on citizens, as when he uttered his belief that perfectly consistent. But while great reli- the ground that the smaller Council will in- "the Conservatives only could save the gious excitement must be right, and a thing crease that responsibility and the larger one country." This partizan speech at a Lord question which is addressed to you in all cannot be at once wholly removed, the whole very much to be desired, yet it cannot be diminish it, very many will support Lord Mayor's banquet was as extraordinary in reearnestness and sincerity: Have you not quantity is laid aside for other uses. In denied that there is some reason for that prefelt the strivings of God's Spirit, and have you not resited them? Have you never seen adulteration, and consequent defilement, ly tolerated in religious meetings, in prayer a Council of three having equal divisional writh?? Have you never heard a voice office, from the harvest field to the baker's meetings for awakening, and in conference powers might answer the exigency of the meetings, so much noise and confusion, so case. It is not expected that the Tories much of what some please to term "outgush- will "go out" if beaten on this question .-

The telegraph brings word of the reduction that every devotional feeling that is begotten of Lucknow, and the submission of Oude will soon succeed: so that what has to be done for the inauguration of a new home

Foreign affairs are not very important .-Orsini's second letter to the French Emperor and his will and testament, may leave a lingering hope in the minds of Italian patriots that French imperial influence will interfere reason who so many " revivals " do not prove for their relief. Meanwhile the Emperor is reported to be the victim of terrors which prey upon his constitution, and tempt him to away by the careless, unmeaning outcries of the nightly insensibility produced by deep draughts of brandy. He has recourse to a miserable comforter if that is true. His impassive demeanor may be the veil of a throbheart must, to live, find utterance. I have letter to him, lately published, will not act as a cordial or opiate on his mind. The extriumvir writes with terrible force, his words of a score of voices all crying vehemently in are bold and strike like bolts from heavenhis behalf. Although there may be honesty contrasting—say his enemies—with his deeds of purpose on the part of the supplicants, the which are pusillanimous and mean. Yet, inquirer cannot, in the midst of it all, find his ask his friends, is every writer forced to be

of our large cities, a young lady who was the distribute during the passage to th authority consulted affirms the illegality; so that Naples is likely to be called to a strict account for its misdoings. One of the British engineers, Watts, has continued insane since his return, and the other, Park, sends home an account of the vile treatment inflicted, which will help to rouse the sentiment of the country against their barbarous captors. Such a good chance of bringing up a despotic and cruel government for judgement ought not to be let slip. But Lord Malmesbury is not a man to be stern to crowned tyrants, be they small or great.

Connected with foreign matters, are the trials of the two booksellers for selling pamphlets advising tyrannicide. Their conviction is doubtful, and would have been more so if those publications had not directly pointed to the assassination of Louis Napoleon. Dr. Bernard is to be tried by a special Commission, consisting of Lord Campbell, (Chief Justice), Sir F. Pollock, (Chief Baron), and other judicial luminaries. Rudio, one of the Paris conspirators is to be a witness against him. He will have a fair trial, and every proceeding will be conducted with a strict conformity to British usages and

Tending these (which will engage public curiosity mightly) some criminal trials have been feasting the popular love of the romantic and horrible. Mr. Smith and his wife have been tried for the assault on Mr. Leech. His conduct seemed inexplicable, but is now shown to have resulted from the confession of his wife of conjugal infidelity with Leech in 1851, but not confessed till January last .-Mr. Smith, who was then a clergyman making an income of about £400 per annum, seems to have been driven distracted by the information, and to have been made the atonement of his wife to consist in the epistol-Easter, as a season of holidays and sight- ary co-operation by which Leech was conveigled down to Yate Corner, via Bristol, and half-murdered. The sentence of four punishment will be small or nominal. Yesivnersion of "the order of nature," which is terday the Swiss suspected of murdering the far from agreeable to flesh and bloo! Rain, Haymarket corn taxer was put upon his trial, and though the proceedings were adjourned till to day his conviction seems inevitable .-His capture on the point of sailing to South America will keep alive the common persuasion, rudely shaken of late by several mysterious occurances, that " murder will out."

Retiring for a moment to national affairs, members, when the calls of pleasure are I may notice that the quarter's revenue compared with the corresponding quarter of 1857 shows a decrease of £2,508,830, and the year's receipts a decrease of £4,452,550 .-There is, however, no excess of expenditure Things do not come as a matter of course in rious bodies of the community, is not growing over income; a surplas of £30,000 has been ing the Holy Ghost. This was the sin of the aside may not be used again till the next this world. Certain indispensable conditions into the good graces of the country. Even set apart to aid in the deminution of the Naare the pivot upon which turn our fortunes. the master-stroke of allowing five of the tional Debt! The defect also shows no abatement of the national resources, as it arises from the reduced property and income quently are most strangely inconsistent. of pottage wherewith the Tory government tax. Unless, however, revision can be made

Mr. D'Israeli has fallen in civil times, and snapped at the assurance of the Lord Mayor at a banquet given to Ministers, that the City of London would cheerfully endure the taxes necessary to relieve the Exchequer. , I fancy

The Post Office is flourishing, and it must have been a pleasure to the late Post Master General, the Duke of Argyle, to see his name connected with the Report for 1857, now published under a Tory successor. The numher of Post Offices in the United Kingdom is 11,101 of which 810 are " head" ones-the entire staff engaged in the postal service numbering 23,731 persons There are 3,-200 officials in the London district, including 2,000 who belong to the chief office at St. Martains Le Grand. The mails travel every day 131,030 miles-30,172 by railway, 32, 999 by coaches &c, 63,432 by foot carriage, and 2,879 by boats. In 1857 the total nnmber of letters distributed was 504 millionsan average of seventeen to each person in the United Kingdom; but this average was not exact-in England it was 21, in Scotland 16, and in Ireland 7 to each person. The average number is six-fold what it was in 1839. A quarter of the whole number are addressed to London and the suburbs. The colonial and foreign letters are as one to fifty of the entire mass-therefore about 10 out of the 504 millions. In Manchester there was as many letters distributed by post last year as in all Russia in 1855 (about 16 millions.) Of the 504 millions, 1,250,000 were registered -i. e., the senders paid a shilling fee for which the Post Office guaranteed the safe transmission of the communication, though I believe it is never legally accountable for property so conveyed or losses caused by non-transmission. Yet it is almost impossi ble for a registered letter to be abstracted, The case of the Cagliari has become mislaid, or transferred with. The news-