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Father Phiney used to say, aiming at the rigging. His words were, "Aim at the best instead of the rigging, you will get a better execution; the rigging will come down." Here is the resolution which almost makes the tailor and dressmaker responsible for the Christian's posture to heaven:

"Resolved, That the brethren wear a plain, round-breasted coat with standing collar; hat, overcoat, and everything else to correspond. A plain way of wearing the hat and beard, no fashionable moustaches, and no ruffled or shingled hair. The sisters also to wear a plain modest dress and bonnet; also a plain white cap in time of worship or on going abroad. In short, that the brethren and sisters let their light shine as a light on a candlestick, and not part or wholly under the bushel, but to show to the world that we try to possess what we profess."

## THINGS IN SHORT METRE.

(BY PEN AND SCRIBBLER.)

Army coffee taverns are being established for the British soldier. The Queen, it is said, is greatly interested in the movement.

It is said that there are at present not less than forty expeditions—scientific, commercial, and religious—exploring Africa. They are penetrating from the north, south, east, and west. At the rate the interior of Africa will soon be as well known to the Christian world as the interior of Asia.

Money is so scarce among the planters in the neighborhood of Vicksburg, Miss., that they are forced in many instances to mortgage their growing crops to procure the necessities of life, and pay for the loan a rate of interest ranging from 50 to 100 per cent. per annum.

There are 10,261 school savings-banks in France, with 213,136 depositors involving an amount not less than \$849,222. The same system has also been introduced into Belgium, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and other European countries, the idea being to teach children useful lessons of economy. In France the teacher of the school receives the contributions of a pupil until they amount to a franc, when they are deposited.

Our objection to the nomination by Mr. Gladstone of Mr. Knox-Little to the canony, made vacant by the death of Mr. Bradly, is that he is a Ritualist, not that he is a worshiper of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, but that he agrees with Brigham Young that the man should be of God to the woman.

His sermon to women, in Philadelphia, was astonishing; but, though he tries to be an idolater of broad based flesh and blood made wise, he is an able and useful revival preacher, a Methodist in fervid earnestness.

The New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad has discontinued all excursion trains and all freight trains on Sabbath, except those carrying live stock or perishable property. "Already," says the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, "the effect is seen. The employees of the road are attending divine service; the depots are places of rest for longing and notices of excursions to Chattanooga, and other resorts—some camp-meetings among them—do not appear."

A Winfield (Kansas) brewer writes, "I have invested over \$10,000 in my brewery; and I do not believe I could get \$500 for it now, on account of the prohibition law. I have \$10,000 worth of beer in my vaults, and am not allowed to sell a drop. My barley and malt cost me ninety-five cents a bushel; but I can not get fifty cents for it now. You have no idea how our people are upset by the new law." Yet we are continually being told that in Kansas, as in Maine, the law is a failure, and that "prohibition does not prohibit."

Referring to the petition against the opium traffic with China, which was recently opened at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Mr. Spurgeon said that, in his opinion, one of the greatest crimes which England committed to commit was the carrying on the opium traffic. That a nation should set up a grog shop to pay its taxes was bad enough, but it was even worse to carry on a traffic in opium to pay the taxes of the people of India. In China, Englishmen went with opium in one hand and the Bible in the other.

The athletes who take shallow scepticism from shallow second-hand sources differ from the great scientist, Louis Agassiz, who said:

"The records of geology reveal a special providence as governing through all past organisms, and convicts naturalism, and all such claims as false, absurd, and visionary. The animals of the secondary period are not the parents of the tertiary; nor are those of the tertiary developed into those of the alluvium; but each were created and adapted to the new state of the earth. There has never been an ascending scale from the sapphire through all grades up to man."

Dr. Fraser, Bishop of Manchester, in a recent discourse, spoke as follows of the ritualistic controversy now so rife in the Church of England: "It engendered strife and bitterness, and wasted energies which might have been better employed in downright earnest preaching and teaching about righteousness. While they were fighting and disputing about vestments, and ornaments, and chalices, and incense, the infidels and infidelists were doing and saying things which were trying to destroy their people's faith in everything that spoke of God, of judgment, and the life beyond the grave."

Religion.—Disraeli says (in Lothian): "Wiseacre goes on talking about the decline of religion, and religion meanwhile goes on building up and tearing down empires. Religion dying in the world! And if you touch religion, or tread on religious convictions, a revolution will be kindled in twenty-four hours in any nation in Christendom as fierce as that which deluged France with blood ninety years ago. Religion dying in America! The Americans are a very patient and wonderfully tolerant people, but touch them as to their religion, and quicker than they spring to arms when Sumter was fired on, will bathe millions with blood, as though the land were sown with dragons' teeth."

The last, it seems, is coming into use again. Mr. Duff, Police Magistrate of Kingston, sentenced a prisoner on Saturday to two years in the Central Prison, and "forty-eight strokes of the lash upon his back." There is no doubt that hardened offenders often regard the lash as a punishment, and enjoy themselves better in goal—well fed, clothed and housed—than out of it. This class will undoubtedly be reached more effectively by the lash than by any other means, but at the same time its re-introduction can hardly be regarded as an untried good, while many will, no doubt, consider it a return to barbarism.

A royal lease is attended only by gentlemen. Four are held yearly in London by the Prince of Wales as the representative of the Queen. Full dress uniform is worn by officers of the army, navy, militia, yeomanry or volunteers. Dignitaries of the church wear official full dress. Civilians, without inherited or acquired rank, are expected to appear in a court dress of cloth or velvet. If of cloth, it consists of claret-colored trousers, with a narrow gold stripe down the sides, single-breasted dress coat, with broad collar, cuffs and pocket-flaps, white tie, cocked hat and sword. If of velvet, it must be black, and is embellished with bright steel buttons, and instead of a sword, a cane. The lace stockings, shoes and buckles are worn. The lace usually lasts a long time, but no refreshments are served.

## LITERARY NOTES.

The October Wide Awake is notable for the inauguration of a Reading Union for the young folks, giving a Reading Union for the month of sixteen pages. This will be a regular feature, forming a permanent enlargement of the magazine. Law papers for little orators, Magnificent tales, Health and Strength papers, Musical, biographies, a series about the ocean, articles telling how to do things, The Wide Awake's page, and Natural History explorations, constitute an attractive and valuable miscellany for the first year. The magazine has been named for Chattanooga, "Chattanooga Young Folks' Reading Union," (C. Y. F. R. U.) in honor of Chattanooga's great clientele of young people who have adopted the Course of Reading here given.

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Three hundred barrels of potatoes that arrived to-day from Prince Edward Island, added to the accounts contributed by local dealers make 1,200 barrels which will be shipped to-morrow via St. John's Harbour.

the magazine opens with a charming article "Two Bears," by Amanda B. Harris, giving, by the way, some interesting reminiscences of Theodore Parrott. This is followed by one by Mrs. Lizzie W. Chapman's stories—semi-historical, of course, entitled "A Foreign Embassy," and illustrated with Everett Hale, in his tooth talk, the best one yet tells how to play "a newspaper game," and a good deal about illustrating stamp collections. "Boys' Life in Ancient Egypt," is a graphic story of street life by F. S. Church. "Isaac Lennox," by James H. Ambrose, under the title of a story, is a name, a dramatic account of the boyhood of Abraham Lincoln, the incidents gathered from conversations with old neighbors of the plucky lad, "Part II. of 'King Philip's Head,'" by Arlo Bates, a full-page illustration of "Sharon," by the same author, and "Polly Colgate," together with many light and wistful poems, music, and puzzles make up a very companionable number. D. Lothrop & Co., Publishers, Boston, Mass.

Harper's Magazine for October is a remarkable number, both for the beauty of its illustrations and the interest and importance of its varied contents. The number opens with a beautiful frontispiece by a full-page illustration by Abbey, entitled "With Grandpa." The leading illustrated article is by William Hamilton Gibson, and is entitled "A Berkshire Road." The article and the illustrations (which are from Mr. Gibson's drawings) are fully worthy of the author of "Pastoral Days."

Joseph Hutton contributes the first of a series of papers on "Journalistic London." Mr. Hutton gives his article with an interesting description of Fleet Street—the journalistic centre of London—and discusses the comparative importance of provincial and metropolitan newspapers, the social standing of journalists, and gives some very entertaining information respecting the establishment and career of several journalistic enterprises, paying special attention to "Punch," "The Field," "The Queen," and "The Daily News." The article is illustrated with sketches drawn by M. W. Ridley, and from photographic portraits of J. R. Robinson, F. H. Hill, Archibald Forbes and Justin McCarthy.

Henry Vane's article, "Aldinodact Days," is a charming sketch of vacation life spent, with beautiful illustrations.

Those who saw the Bridgman collection of pictures exhibited in New York last spring, and all who are interested in American art, will give hearty welcome to Edward Strahan's article on Frederick A. Bridgman. The author knew the