RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

A Word About Words.

Ah me! these terrible tongues of ours, Do we ever trouble our heads at all fall?

"The latest chirp-of that "little bird," The spicy story "you must have heard" --We jerk them away in our gossip rash, And somebody's glass, of course, goes exeash !

What fames have been blasted and broken, What pestilent sinks been stirred, By a word in lightness spoken, By only an idle word?

A sneer- a shrug- a whisper low-They are poisoned shafts from an ambushed bow ; Shot by the coward, the fool, the knave, They pierce the mail of the great and brave; Vain is the buckler of wisdom and pride To turn the pitiless point aside ; The lip may curl with a careless smile, But the heart drips blood-drips blood the

while. Ah me! what hearts have been broken. What rivers of blood been stirred, By a wo d in malice spoken, By only a bitter word !

A kindly word and a tender tone-To only God is their virtue known. They can lift from the dust their abject

They can turn a foe to a friend instead; The heart close barred with passion and

Will fing at their knock its portals wide : And the hate that blights and the scorn that sears

What ice-bound griefs have been broken, What rivers of love been s'irred, By a word in kindness spoken,

By only a gentle word !

A Maternal Outrage.

to wonder what sort of nerves a certain class of mothers can havemothers who sit down quietly and allow their children to make themselves nuisances to every one else about them, while they themselves

pursue life with placidity, and chat place last fall, I noticed that they to reform him kept him in the com- ployment can furnish a sufficient and sew and read and eat and amuse had not only an engine, a separator pany of another that never used excuse for careless personal habits, themselves as if they had not the and a full complement of men and bad language. It was not long be- for few things are more important least responsibility in the case, and horses, but a five-gallon can of fore both parrots became very pro- to the well-being of a family. There THOMAS WORKMAN,

childhood had got the better of it; pleasantly, realizing that, though many mistakes-well for her if they every one of proper feeling would they have fallen human hearts as are not irremediable. Duty was Are we half aware of their mighty powers? rejoice in its sunshiny presence, and well as yourself, yet it is possible that something never mentioned to her try to increase the reason for sun- you may be just a little in the when a girl. After marriage her Where the jest may strike, or the hint may shine. Were it ill, no one would wrong. Try this oiling process, and hushand gives her no insight into refuse to help and care; were it sorry, I think you will feel better." He his business affairs, no cautions as every one would haston to soot be its went away thoughtful, if not con- to the expenses, never talks to her Cures Diplitheria, Croup, Asthma, Bronchitis, Neuralgia, Pneumonia, little sorrows, and every one would vinced.

> be glad to assist the mother in looking after its well-being. It is not looked cheerful and happy. He said same cruel love and indulgence-or Troubles. and the child's behaviour after all, that he believed that oil was good for it may be indifference-surrounds we will send free, is the question; it is the mother's, in people as well as for reaping ma- her in her new home, and thus she her desire to get through life in the chines, and that he meant to use continues to be left in utter igno easiest way possible, combined with more of it hereafter.

every one clse to get through it with who are like my neighbor Jones. If sunshine and personal enjoyment. no more vexations than naturally so, I advise them to lay in a fresh and inevitably belong to that one's supply of oil. We are all tempted what a noble specimen of womanshare. She has no right to allow to magnify our own rights and in- hood she, perhaps, was capable of a child to finger and handle the terests, and to minify those of being made!-Mrs. Henry Ward

things that are not hers; she has no others. The knowledge of this fact. Beecher. right to allow the child to ask per- ought to make us patient and charsonal and impertinent and wearying itable. I do not advise the yielding questions; she has no right to allow of any right or the compromise of it to annoy and disgust others at the truth in the slightest degree. Our table; she has no right to hear its Christian principles ought to be as lessons in public; she has hardly the firm as the iron axles and journals right to allow practicing, but no in a factory. But as those hard shadow of right to allow drumming surfaces need to be kept well oiled, on the piano, where it can disturb a just because they are hard, the man mortal or immortal soul. We do of adamantine principles needs to not dwell on the child's part of it, be gentle and loving in his spirit. as, of tender years, it has little or This is the combination which seno real accountability yet. But one cures true manliness, true usefulof the duties of motherhood is to rear ness and true happiness. - Senex one's children so that they shall not Smith in Journal.

be in peril of making themselves disliked, and may have the chance of carrying through life all the liking it is possible in them to gather on We are often irresistibly drawn the way, and without which they will find life itself a very heavy



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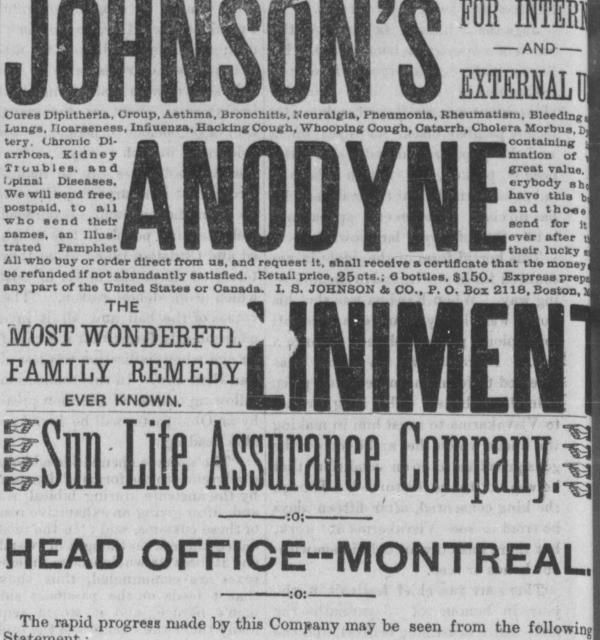
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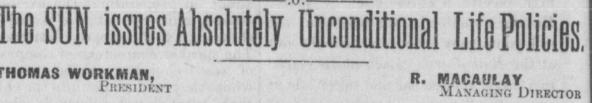
all the state of t Neatness In Dress At Home,

The importance of neat and tasteful house-dressing cannot be overestimated. The matron who appears before the members of her family in a shabby, soiled wrapper, and makes the excuse-if, indeed. she takes the trouble to make one at all-that 'it is so much more comfortable," has little idea of the possible consequences of such a course. Could she but realize that her dress is an evil ex ample to her daughters, and one productive of consequences that will reach far beyond her own span of 1872 life; that her husband and sons can- 1874 not fail to draw comparisons between The world judges us by the com. her dress and that of the ladies they 1880 pany we keep; judges all by the meet in other homes, and that these 1882 worst of the company. Nor is this comparisons cannot fail to decrease 1884 so far from wrong. There is more their respect for her, she might be 1885 probability of our becoming bad enduced to give more attention to 1886 than of the worst becoming good. her personal appearance. Not even

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books made unreadable, fans ruined, "You say 'well oiled;' what do boxes broken, unable in politeness you mean by that? How do you either to express anxiety beforehand, know when you have applied with that which is worth far more hair, and orderly dress, at least at or reproof or condemnation or regret | enough ?'

afterward, and all this while the "We keep applying it all the your life, your soul? tranquil mother, content that the time. The moment that we hear child amuses itself, never observes any creaking of the machinery, we that anything out of the way at all hasten to fill all the oil-cups. It is flatter and deceive you. If he is is taking place. Moreover, the only when all of them are full, that unfaithful to another, what assurchild's inquiring turn of mind does we are sure that there is enough." ance can you have of his faithful- be directed not only to the children, not stop short at handling and And then I thought that many of ness to you? fingering and soiling; it calls in us might learn a lesson from those allies of the voice and of a pertinac- threshers. There is a great deal of yet frankly, your faults. Only true nations and allurements, and who ity equal to a wasp's; it queries and friction in all social intercourse and friends will do that. "Faithful are are being prepared for the duties of wonders and argues and discusses in the working of all human organi- the wounds of a friend." and contradicts, und becomes a liv- zations. And when we feel the ing interrogation point, and makes rough rubbing, or hear the harsh parents and are loved at home. No- ing problem. They will be busy. its victims feel that their innermost grating, we ought to think at once where is there such an opportunity Society calls, amusement invite, secrets are not safe from the cross- of the oil. But we are tempted to given to study one's character so business demands. If the church examination of the prying little fight friction with friction, and to closely studied, as at home. Those neglects them, their interest will be tongue, which may at any moment meet harshness with harshness, who respect their parents will res- enlisted elsewhere, and their fervor, turn up an unexpected treasure, rather than give the soft answer pect what is worthy and good in tact and activity will be lost to the and which all the time, as the that turneth away wrath. We are Irishman said of his corn, is a per- apt to forget that meekness and for- of home love and trust you may re- their number and of the immense STEAN

mother pursues the same easy path; revenge are the vices of barbarism. care for little ones are rarely found Experience proves that young conthe child speakes up unrepressed, Gentleness, patience, forbearance in hearts that are very bad. aud expresses its preferences and and charity are as essential in Choose true Christians. They once assigned, develop into a strong commands its own dishes, and keeps civilized society as oil is to the live from principle, and believe that and useful Christian manhood, while the waiter running, and consumes time in making selection, spills the and you must give up engines and friends of God, they will bring you cline to work at once, are seldom of St. John river, at Victoria Corner, C, Co., friends of God, they will bring you cline to work at once, are seldom of Shingle Machine and Lath Machine, with its plate, monopolizes conversation, Jones came to me in great trouble. keep you before the mind of the age. A few men, good and true, do mill. There being a good opening for a repast is being injured, the appetite find out what. I went over with friends, for heaven-the place you young, and the young ceases to care property will be sold at a bargain and on destroyed, and the pleasure taken him to look at it. I saw at once hope for - is their home. You for the church. When the aged easy terms.

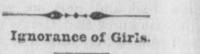
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You would hardly trust strangers presenting themselves with well-kept with property; will you trust them hands, clean faces, neatly-brushed -your comfort, your reputation, every meal where the family assemble.-Farmers' Home.

Choose such as you can trust. He who deceives or flatters others may

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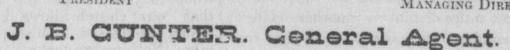
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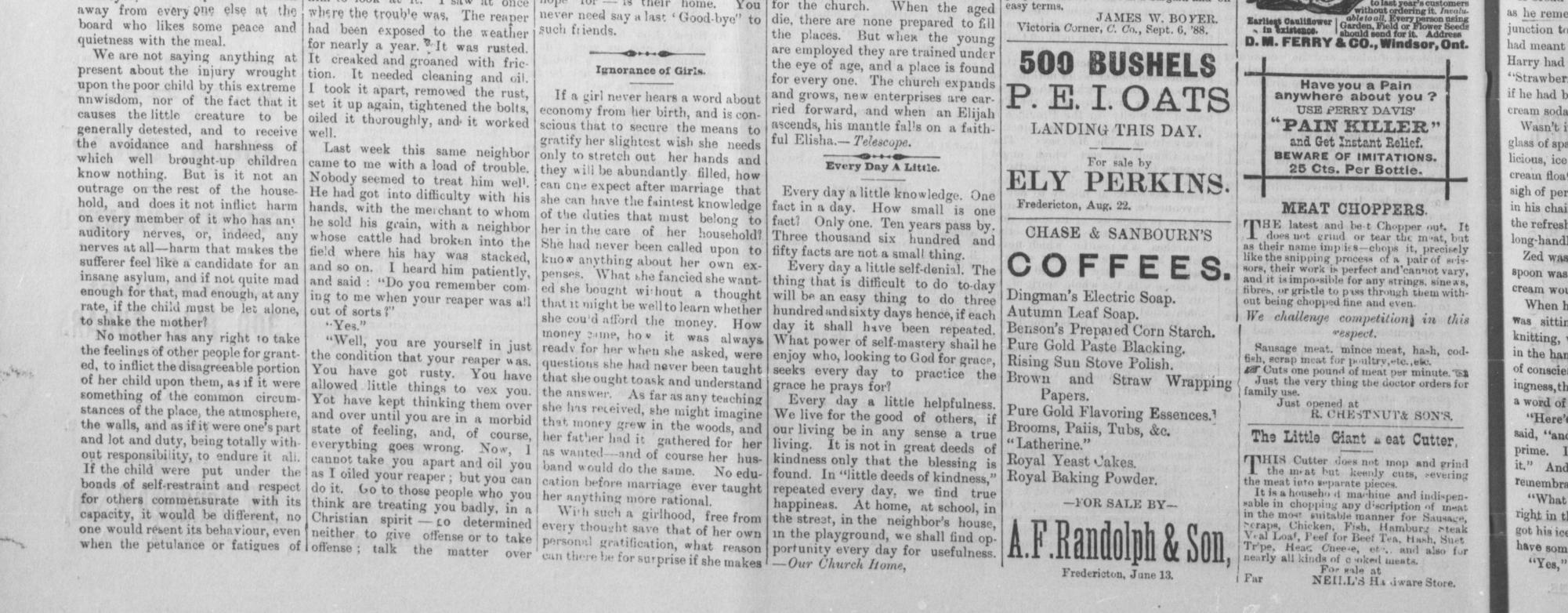
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