

"SHE."

I sit in my lonely room to-night and from the dark fir trees Aeolian strains of music are borne in upon the breeze; And I shut my eyes and listen, while fancy wanders free; I dream that I am young once more and she is again with me.

COUSIN EVELYN.

A LONG shaft of sunlight crept through the rose briar shading the stony window, and fell across the table where the rector sat writing.

looking a little shy as the rector, with infinite gravity, introduced them suavely. "Constance, my dear—your cousin, Mr. Evelyn Dudley?"

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

EXPONDED BY OUR RELIGIOUS EDITOR. Words of Wisdom, and Thoughts Worth Pondering Upon Spiritual and Moral Subjects—Gathered from the Religious and Secular Press.

A Curious Legend.

THE 6th of January was a marked day in the calendar of mediaeval times, for upon it fell the feast of the Epiphany—the most popular of Christian festivals—Christmas day only excepted.

QUER STORIES

A one-legged knife grinder in Philadelphia has taught a Newfoundland dog to turn his grindstone.

Of the gold offered by Melchior, there is, according to ancient legend, a very curious history. Originally coined by Terah, the father of Abraham,

It is stated in the Koran—adopted from Mesopotamian traditions—that the patriarch was forced into exile on account of his monotheistic convictions,

During the reign of Rhexoboom, Solomon's son Shishak, King of Egypt, made a successful invasion into Judea and despoiled the temple,

The story goes on to say that in the hurry of the flight into Egypt the virgin mother dropped the gold pieces in a field,

The fact that the reward agreed upon to be paid to Judas is spoken of as thirty pieces of silver seems to offer no difficulty.

Give the Bible the place it ought to occupy in your homes. Enshrine it in power. Let not the daily newspaper,

were taught you then have cringed to your memory, and will be part and parcel of you through all eternity.

You may not be able to give your children wealth or the inheritance of a great name, or eminent social advantages;

The resurrection, as a revelation of life, is more than a test of faith or a pledge of truth;

Light of the world, across our paths, The dewy paths of this dull shore,

Often, dear Lord, our footsteps sink In pitfalls strangely deep and wide,

Get God into your soul the first thing you do. Then you will enjoy living,

The general conference of Lutherans in Germany will meet at Brunswick, Aug. 23-26.

The property of the Presbyterian church in the State of California is estimated at \$2,000,000.

It is stated that there have been more than 3,000 avowed conversions during the four years' pastorate of Rev. Dr. James Boyd of the People's Temple in Boston.

Last year the evangelical churches (Lutheran and Reformed) of Germany contributed \$1,000,000 for foreign missions.

The American Sunday School Transportation Committee has chartered the Cunarder Catalonia for the sole use of delegates attending the world's Sunday school convention to be held in London July 11-15.

ANECDOTE AND INCIDENT

Scientists are curious husbands. Once Mrs. Agassiz screamed on finding a snake in her shoe in the morning.

A certain medical specialist was in the habit of using a note-book to assist his memory.

A clergyman is quoted by Sir M. E. Grant Duff in his memoirs as authority for the story that on the occasion of Hallam's going down to Richmond

Sir Francis Doyle was dining with his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, when some one broached the queerest of American names.

The late Charles Pelham Villiers, the "father of the House of Commons," used to tell a story of how he had been asking a Radical elector to support him.

A young Southern attorney, addressing the supreme court for the first time, became hopelessly entangled in his argument,

The date M. Challemeil-Lacour, sent as an ambassador from France to the Swiss confederation, called in due form on his arrival upon the President.

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quarter head of cabbage and a penny's worth of linoleum. The raw material followed her home in a basket borne by the grocer boy.

Marshall, the Gold Discoverer. Had Marshall been a man of ordinary shrewdness or tact, he could have made a fortune by taking up claims and working them by hard labor.

Efforts were made to secure a pension for the man who started the great development of California, and the Legislature granted allowances for four years amounting in all to \$7,200.

His grave is on a hill not far from the site of his great discovery, and two years after his death the State erected a monument to his memory.

The Most Beautiful Spot on Earth. No matter how far you may have wandered hitherto, or how many famous gorges and valleys you have seen,

The big river has room enough to flow and roar obscurely, here and there groping its way as best it can, like a weary, murmuring, overlaid traveler trying to escape from the tremendous, bewildering, labyrinthine abyss,

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Miss Westlake—Do you take much interest in society when you are at home? Young Mrs. Willmerding of Philadelphia—Oh, yes; I have very lively times at home. My husband and I belong to three progressive checker clubs.

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