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THE reconciliation of Emperor William with his former prime minister is the most hopeful sign we have lately seen. For nearly four years those two have been estranged, and many a time the young Emperor has needed the help and advice of the statesman whose abilities made Germany an empire, but whom he was too proud to consult. Bismarck, too, has chafed under his unnatural retirement from public service. We shall probably hear again from Bismarck whenever the threatening condition of German affairs requires his help to set things right.

PATENT COMMISSIONER SEYMORE has under consideration the publication of lists of patents that have expired within the past few years. Such a publication will open many valuable inventions that now belong to any who desire to use them. Large enterprises keep posted as to the time patents expire, but the information ought to be made as public as possible. It is also proposed to make the patenting of articles more simple, giving one patent with as many specifications as it devolves on the idea, instead of granting a separate patent for each idea. This will diminish the cost of getting out patents, reduce their number and make it much easier to keep track of them.

PEOPLE who notice the increasing diffusion of knowledge among young women of the humble class and the steady advance in wages commanded by good servants sometimes wonder what posterity will do for servants. The wonder is gratuitous. The tendency of mankind is to flock to the spots where life is easiest and most agreeable. The migration will go on till such places are overcrowded. Then the supply of labor will be in excess of the demand, wages will fall, and the number of competitors for each vacant place will swell. In other words, the tide which began to flow when prosperity befell this country will ebb, in consequence of the superabundance of persons who seek to share that prosperity.

NORTHWESTERN farmers are fighting combine of threshing-machine manufacturers and operators which was formed last November. Under this combine no threshing is to be done at less than 5 cents a bushel for wheat and 3 cents for oats. The plan of the farmers is to co-operate in each neighborhood, a number of farmers uniting in buying a machine and exchanging works in managing and running it. There will, however, be a necessity for employing some one skilled in managing the thresher and running the engine. In most eastern localities the business of threshing is overdone. So many engage in it as a rapid way to earn money that the season does not last long. By the time the machine and engine are paid for both are nearly worn out. The threshing outfit costs a good deal more than it used to do, and prices for threshing as well as the prices of grain have generally declined below paying rates.

A YOUNG and uneducated Norwegian named Edward Brekhus is astonishing the people of Tacoma by going into a trance condition and then uttering most remarkable messages. His preaching is in Norwegian, and those who can understand him say he uses language far beyond his natural powers. He has very little acquaintance with the Bible, but in his trance state he repeats whole chapters without mistake. After he comes out of the trance he does not know what he has said. The case has attracted much attention from clergymen in Washington, and they are puzzled to account for it except as a manifestation of spiritual powers like those recorded in New Testament times.

CHICAGO HERALD: Dr. John T. Nagle, of New York, has evolved the idea of a transcontinental boulevard, with termini at New York and San Francisco. The boulevard, as proposed by the Doctor, is to be wide, fine and well made, taking in many towns and cities, giving the country the grandest driving track in the world. It is to be built by the gov-

ernment and should be begun at once, thus providing work for thousands of unemployed. The scheme is not without virtue. A boulevard from New York to San Francisco would be one of the wonders of the world. To the cities along the line it would give a drive known only in fairy tales. It would also, and here is its greatest virtue, enable people who cannot afford to ride to walk out of New York City.

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THE Governor of Arkansas makes and proves a serious accusation against the Indian Territory, it is under its present government that the recruiting and organizing place for bands of train robbers, whose depredations are often reported in the Southwest. Maps of the localities adjacent to Indian Territory have been captured, showing the route by which the robbers traveled, both in going to the lines of railroads and returning. On these maps were time tables showing when valuable trains were due at points favorable for waylaying. It will be the duty of Congress to take action on this complaint. To make Indian Territory a rendezvous for criminals is demoralizing alike to the Indians and to all the whites in the Territory, and the criminal classes should be cleaned out for the protection of the mass of citizens.

THE season of "didn't-know-it-was-loaded" is on. It was opened the other evening at Decatur. Sitting down to a game of cards in the home of his fiance a young man took from his pocket a revolver and, extracting what he supposed to be all of the cartridges, laid it on the table, jocosely remarking that it should be used on the first one who quarreled. A play made by the girl was questioned. Recalling his former remark she jokingly pointed the weapon at the young man's head; there was an explosion and her partner at cards and intended husband was dead on the floor. Neither "knew it was loaded."

Human understanding cannot account for the desire, strong in some people, to carry a revolver. Much less can it account for the uncontrollable, passion to "fool" with it. There was no more reason for the young man to carry a pistol than to wear armor or to wheel around with him a Hotchkiss gun. The sorrow which his deed has brought on the girl will doubtless serve, in her case at least, as an everlasting warning not to play with a revolver, loaded or unloaded.

IN less than a month after the fatal bomb was thrown in the French Chamber of Deputies the murderous bomb-thrower, Vaillant, was executed. There was no precipitation. Every step leading to the guillotine was decorous and according to law. At first it was mystery who threw the bomb, and then, after the man had been discovered and identified, he was given every reasonable opportunity to defend himself. France sets herein a good example to America. Justice is largely defeated in its effect by unnecessary delay. The man Vaillant was a typical anarchist. He had no excuse whatever for his act. He threw the bomb in the hope of killing some of the national lawmakers, and that solely upon the theory that to do such murder would tend to the disintegration of society, and that such disintegration is the fundamental need of the people. This is alike preposterous in its premise and its destruction. The largest possible destruction by that bomb would have simply been a personal calamity, having no effect upon the fabric of society. The only question from the first was the measure of punishment, capital or imprisonment for life. The man Vaillant reasoned well on this point. He said that if he had been sentenced to imprisonment for life he would probably have been pardoned out some time, and then he would have gone to making bombs again.

WASTED ADVICE.

Now, my text suggests how we may, independent of features, make ourselves agreeable. "A man's wisdom maketh his face shine, and the sourness of his face shall be sweetened." What I say may come too late for many. Their countenance may by long years of hardness have been frozen into coldness, or by long years of cruel behavior they may have Herodized all the machinery of expression, or by long years of avarice they may have been Shylocked until their face is as hard as the precious metal they are hoarding, but I am in time to help multitudes if the Lord will. That it is possible to overcome disadvantages of physiology was in this country mightily illustrated by one whose life recently closed after having served in the Presidential Cabinet at Washington. By accident of fire in childhood his face had been more pitifully scarred than any human visage that I ever saw. By hard study he arose from being a poor boy to the very height of the legal profession, and when an Attorney General for the United States was needed he entered the Presidential Cabinet. What a triumph over death and human countenance!

I do not wonder that when an opposing attorney in Philadelphia court-room cruelly referred to this personal disfigurement Benjamin F. Brewster replied in these words: "When I was born, I was a beautiful blue-eyed child. I know this because my dear dead mother told me so, but I was one day playing with my sister when her clothes took fire, and I ran to her relief and saved her, but in doing so my clothes took fire, and the fire was not put out until my face was as black as the heart of the scoundrel who has just now referred to me as disfigured." Heroism conquering physical disabilities! That scarily regular features are not necessary for making a powerful impression witness Paul, who photographed himself as "in bodily presence weak," and George Whitefield, whose eyes were struck with strabismus, and Alexander H. Stephens, who sat with pale and sick face in an invalid's chair, while he thrilled the American Congress with his eloquence, and thousands of invalid preachers and Sabbath school teachers and Christian workers. Aye, the most glorious being the world over saw was foreseen by Isaiah, who described his face bruised and gashed and scarred and said of him, "His visage was so marred, more than any man." So you see that the loveliest face in the universe was a scarred face.

THE NEW PASTOR—My brother, I adjure you to love your enemies.

COLONEL FEUD (of the Kentucky Moonshine District)—Can't do it!

THE NEW PARSON—You could if you would try.

COLONEL FEUD—IMPOSSIBLE! Hain't got none to love. Shot the last one this mawnin'!

MARRIED WOMAN'S DESCRIPTION OF AN IDEAL MAN IS A PICTURE OF THE KIND SHE DIDN'T GET.—ATCHISON GLOBE.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE MAP OF THE MIND IS ABLY DISCUSSED.

AS SEEN IN THE FACE—REV. DR. TALMAGE SAYS THE CHARACTER OF THE COUNTENANCE IS A MIRROR OF THE SOUL—MOS TERRIFIC OF GOD'S WORKS.

THE TABERNACLE PALM.

IN THE BROOKLYN TABERNACLE SUNDAY MORNING REV. DR. TALMAGE CHOSE FOR THE SUBJECT OF HIS SERMON "THE HUMAN FACE" AND HELD HIS GREAT AUDIENCE FASCINATED WITH THE CHARM OF HIS Eloquence AS HE DISCOURSED ON A SUBJECT OF GREAT INTEREST. THE TEXT WAS EZEKIELS VIII: 12. "A MAN'S SOUL EARTHENETH HIS FACE TO SHINE, AND THE BOLDNESS OF HIS FACE SHALL BE CHANGED," OR, AS IT MAY BE RENDERED, "THE SOURENESS OF HIS FACE SHALL BE SWEETENED."

THIS A LITTLE CHANGE IN OUR ENGLISH TRANSLATION BRINGS OUT THE BETTER MEANING OF THE TEXT, WHICH SETS FORTH THAT THE CHARACTER OF THE FACE IS DECIDED BY THE CHARACTER OF THE SOUL.

THE MAIN FEATURES OF OUR COUNTENANCE WERE DECIDED BY THE ALMIGHTY, AND WE DECIDE WHETHER WE SHALL HAVE COUNTENANCES BENIGNANT OR BAFFLE, SOUR OR SWEET, WRATHFUL OR GENIAL, BENEVOLENT OR MEAN, HONEST OR SCOUNDREL, IMPUDENT OR MODEST, COURAGEOUS OR COWARDLY, FRANK OR SNEAKING. IN ALL THE WORKS OF GOD THERE IS NOTHING MORE WONDERFUL THAN THE HUMAN COUNTENANCE. THOUGH THE LONGEST FACE IS LESS THAN TWELVE INCHES FROM THE HAIR LINE OF THE FOREHEAD TO THE BOTTOM OF THE CHIN, AND THE BROADEST FACE IS LESS THAN EIGHT INCHES FROM CHEEK BONE TO CHEEK BONE, YET IN THAT SMALL COMPASS GOD HATH WROUGHT SUCH DIFFERENCES THAT THE 1,600,000,000 OF THE HUMAN RACE MAY BE DISTINGUISHED FROM EACH OTHER BY THEIR FACIAL APPEARANCES.

AN INDEX OF CHARACTER.

THE FACE IS ORDINARILY THE INDEX OF CHARACTER. IT IS THE THRONE OF THE EMOTIONS. IT IS THE BATTLEFIELD OF THE PASSIONS. IT IS THE CATALOGUE OF CHARACTER.

IT IS THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE SOUL.

AND WHILE THE LORD DECIDES BEFORE OUR BIRTH WHETHER WE SHALL BE HANDSOME OR HOMELY WE ARE BY THE CHARACTER WE FORM DECIDING WHETHER OUR COUNTENANCES SHALL BE PLEASANT OR DISPLEASANT.

THIS IS SO MUCH SO THAT OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FACES ARE UNATTRACTIVE BECAUSE OF THEIR ARROGANCE OR THEIR DECEITFULNESS,

AND SOME OF THE MOST RUGGED AND IRREGULAR FEATURES ARE ATTRACTIVE BECAUSE OF THE KINDNESS THAT SHINES THROUGH THEM.

ACCIDENT OR SICKNESS OR SCARIFICATION MAY VEIL THE FACE SO THAT IT SHALL NOT EXPRESS THE SOUL, BUT IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES GIVE A DELIBERATE LOOK AT A MAN'S COUNTENANCE AND I WILL TELL YOU WHETHER HE IS A CYNIC OR AN OPTIMIST,

WHETHER HE IS A MISER OR A PHILANTHROPIST,

WHETHER HE IS GOOD OR IGNORANT,

WHETHER HE IS FAIR OR DISHONEST,

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