

PAYING GOLD DEBTS.

In short they now have the unfortunate debtor in a ditch from which he is struggling desperately to extricate himself, and they tell him that if he

PREACHES ON PROCLIVITIES DUE
TO ANCESTRY.

You know as well as I know that you can make the centripetal force overcome the centrifugal, and you can make the centrifugal overcome the centripetal, when there is a mighty tide of good in a family that may be overcome by determination to will—as in the case of Aaron Burr, the liberator of the father of the President Burr, the consecrated; as in the case of Pierrepont Edwards, the scourge of New York society eighty years ago, who had a Christian ancestry—while, on the other hand, some of the best men and women of this day are those who have come of an ancestry of which it would not be courteous to speak in their presence. I have no doubt that the subject of this sermon is to show you that, if you have come of a Christian ancestry, then you are solemnly bound to preserve

Oh, the power of ancestral piety, well illustrated by a young man of New York who attended a prayer meeting one night and asked for prayer and then went home and wrote down these words: "Twenty-five years ago to-night my mother went to heaven, my beautiful, blessed mother, and I have been alone, tossed up and down upon the billows of life's tempestuous ocean. Shall I ever go to heaven? She

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For Years He Was Poor as a Pauper!
Now He Is Rich as a Prince.

Pierce had no money himself, so he had to do all the developing work on a small scale. He managed to take out several tons of ore and ship it away. The result from this shipment was over \$3,000. With this amount of money he sunk a shaft and opened his claim so that it was possible to ascertain the extent of the ledge. After

RECORD OF EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK.

Boys Abducted From Home.

While rounding up a gang of tramps supposed to have had a hand in the robbery of Zeitner's hardware store at South Bond, the police ran across ten men accompanied by two boys, aged 12 and 13 years. They said they were the sons of your parents and had been abducted by Bennett and Stephens. They offered to accompany them on begging tours around the country. When the two men were searched \$6 was found upon Bennett's person and \$27 upon Stephens'. The boys said the men had about \$300 secreted on their persons.' Chief Cassidy compelled Bennett to take off a wooden leg he wore. In it was found a compartment containing a letter box, and in this was \$345. Chief Cassidy will write to the boys' parents and endeavor to secure the money for them.

All Over the State.
Alex Anderson, of Petersburg, was shot and killed near Elizabethtown, Ky., by the marshal of the place, who suspected him of horse stealing.

Near Lowell, Lutter Bartley, a young farm hand in the employ of Peter Miller, robbed his employer of \$75 and made good his escape. Bartley arrived recently from Upper Sandusky, O., and he is a nephew of Mayor Ingard of that city.

Lon Dale who was to have made a balloon ascension and parachute leap at the Russian bicycle races, fell from a tree where he was fastening the guy rope. The injury is fatal. Dale's back being broken in the fall. He is 20 years old and this was his first attempt to make an ascension.

Farmer Burkhardt, of Kokomo, has a sagacious hen. Hogs robbed its nest in the orchard. It continued to lay eggs and cackle, but the nest could not be found. Finally Mr. Burkhardt set a watch on the fowl, and was surprised to see it fly to the top of a tall tree. There, in the forks of the topmost branches, he found a nest containing sixteen eggs.

This is the only case known of a domestic fowl making a nest in a tree.

A portion of Port Wayne was submerged Wednesday by the waters of a flood at Shawnee Run, a creek which runs through the southern part of the town. The cause of the flood was a deluge of rain which poured down from midnight until almost noon. Many of the houses on the sides of Shawnee Run were completely ruined. Some of the poorer people moved out of them in boats. About 500 acres were filled with water and in some cases the foundation walls were weakened, allowing the buildings to sag. There was good boating on many of the streets. The sun came out but after the rain and ruined thousands of acres of thirty corn in that vicinity. The St. Mary's, St. Joseph, and Maumee Rivers overflowed from their banks and filled with driftwood.

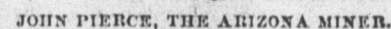
A terrible tragedy occurred in Floyd County Monday morning, in Greenvilltownship. Edward Miller, a well-to-do farmer, educated and greatly respected as were all his family, became angry at some of the domestic arrangements of his wife. Both he and his wife were temperamental, and in his anger he went out of the house, procured a heavy club, and, returning to the house, struck his wife a terrible blow, knocking her senseless and unconscious. He then picked up his rifle and, ordering his little son of 12 years from the house, took down his Winchester rifle and shot his wife through the back of the head, the ball coming out at the mouth and passing into her lap. Miller then left the house and went to Winchester with him and, going into the woods about a quarter of a mile from home, took the shoe from his right foot, placed the gun between his eyes, and discharged it, thus ending his life. The body of the man was found, lying in the open air, the rim of his head, drinking instantly.

Excitement is running high over the discovery of a large snake of unknown species on a farm near Waterloo. About two years ago a mammoth snake was seen in that vicinity and it is believed to be the same one.

H. D. Smith, a Rockville coal dealer, killed himself with a revolver, the ball passing entirely through his head. Mr. Smith was once a wealthy coal operator in Clay County, and later a resident of Terre Haute. He was about 70 years old. Suffering induced by an attack of grip is assigned as the cause of the sui-

Rev. Alexander Posey, a minister of the colored Methodist denomination, was stricken with paralysis while preaching a sermon at Rushville, and will die. He was carried from the church to his home and the services brought to a sudden end.

The Woman's Club of Muncie has passed resolutions condemning cheap advertisements by merchants as placed on poles and on fences and will take steps to stop it. They also denounce immoral pictures as posted by show and theatrical companies and will try to stop their display on bill boards in Muncie. The club is the most influential social organization in Muncie and the oldest women's club in



FUNERAL OF PIUS IX.

**The Body Lay in State Four Days in
the Chapel of the Sacrament.**

It was in the Chapel of the Sacrament that the body of the good Pope Pius IX. was laid in state for several days. That was a strange and solemn sight. The gates of the church were all shut but one, and that was only a little opened, so that the people passed in one at a time from the great, wedge-shaped crowd outside—a crowd that began at the foot of the broad steps in the Piazza, and struggled upward all the afternoon, closer and closer toward the single entrance. For in the morning only the Roman nobles and the prelates and high ecclesiastics were admitted, by another way.

Within the church the thin stream of men and women passed quickly between a double file of Italian soldiers. That was the first and last time since 1870 that Italian troops were under arms within the consecrated precincts. It was still winter, and the afternoon light was dim, and it seemed a long way to the chapel. The good man lay low, with his slippers feet between the pews, and his eyes on the gate. The people paused as they passed the embroidered crosses and looked at the still figures before they went on. It was dim, but the six tall waxen torches threw a warm light on the quiet face, and the white robes reflected it around.

There were three torches on each side, and on each side, too, there were three Noble Guards in full dress, motionless, with drawn swords, as though on parade. But no one looked at them. Only the marble face, with its kind, far-away smile, fixed itself in each man's eyes, and its memory remained with each when he had gone away. It was very solemn and simple, and there were no other lights in the church save the candles on the altars. The Confession and before the altar. The long, thin stream of people went swiftly, and out by the sacristy, all the short afternoon, till it was night, and the rest of the unsatisfied crowd was left outside as the single gate was closed.—Century

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HISTORY OF THE A, B, C.

the Horn Book Was the First Alpha-
bet Card.

The horn book, which was the first alphabet card, is described by a recent author as "a board of oak about nine inches long and five or six wide, on which was printed the alphabet, the nine digits and sometimes the Lord's prayer. It had a handle and was covered in front with a sheath of thin horn to prevent its being soiled, and the backboard was ornamented with a rude sketch of St. George and the Dragon." This board and its horn cover were held together by a narrow frame or border of brass.

The oldest horn books were undoubtedly frequently used in the schools and common-rooms of the great monasteries. In the earliest specimens the let-

A stone tablet with the alphabet carved into it, showing letters A through P.

QRSTV
WXYZ&

AN OLD HORN BOOK.

ers are arranged in the form of a Latin

The people who go to hell ought to have wings so they would have something to brush the hearth with.

