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Washington used to go to one or another of the Episcopal churches in Philadelphia. John Adams was the first President at Washington. He was a Unitarian, and as there was not a church of his denomination in the capital in those days, he did not identify himself with any place of worship.

Thomas Jefferson believed with Thomas Paine, that man should be guided by his own reason rather than by the reason of others; therefore he didn't go to church. Madison went to St. John's Church. Monroe evoked some of his famous doctrine while sitting in the same pew Madison had used. In 1839 St. John's set apart pew No. 1 for the special use of the President of the United States.

John Quincy Adams, like his father, the shoemaker, was a Unitarian. He, both others founded the Unitarian church whose congregation met in the building now used by the Police Court. Jackson went to the Presbyterian church, on Fourth and a Half street which was built in his term of office, and to St. John's church. Van Buren went to St. John's. William Henry Harrison, whose grandfather was also President, went to the P Street Presbyterian church, now Wilbur's Hall. The P Street congregation has lost its identity by joining the New York Avenue church.

Tyler went to St. John's Episcopal church. Polk went to the Fourth and a Half street Presbyterian church. Buchanan went to St. John's. No religious figure of President Lincoln was seen on Sunday in a pew of the New York Avenue church. Johnson evoked some of John's. Grant used the name and wealth of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church, by his regular attendance.

Hayes went to the Foundry church. Mr. Hayes was active in all church affairs. His church life in Washington was as plain and simple as it was in his home out in Ohio.

Garfield attended the Vermont Avenue Christian Church and preached occasionally from its pulpit. Arthur went to St. John's. Cleveland has been a regular communicant at the Fourth and a Half street church. Johnson attended the Presbyterian church on Connecticut Avenue.

An Incongruity.

The Mississippi river flows up hill. Its mouth is higher than its source—both its source and its mouth are on the earth, on account of the bulge of the earth toward the equator.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

### SELECT MISCELLANY.

#### The Local Newspaper.

The importance of supporting the local newspaper is not felt as keenly as it should be by the dwellers in the smaller cities and towns. The newspaper is really as important to the community as properly is the police. It is brought to the benefit of the community and the church does not usually receive the support it deserves.

For that newspaper which gives its constituency what that constituency demands is of the only kind which has stability. A town which can show a well supported newspaper, means a town whose inhabitants are quick-witted people of keen active interest in what concerns them and their neighbors; while one in which a newspaper drags out wearily, generally argues itself the abode of people with sluggish livers or torpid temperaments, to whom the world presents little interest beyond the limited range of experience immediately bounded by their own senses.

The excuse which is sometimes offered that the local paper is not of sufficient interest to warrant the expenditure of the small price of its subscription, should avail these shortsighted moles nothing. Such people should be told to patronize the home industry and foster its growth into a more pretentious affair by their encouragement. Newspaper men are not slow to respond to encouragement; in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred their hearts are in their work and they need but the sign of a disposition toward it to call forth their best effort.

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It is a help to make his town known, increase its prestige and add to its reputation of being a live, wide-awake place, by subscribing to the local newspaper.—Newspaper Maker.

### Too Much Knife!

The use of the surgeon's knife is becoming so general, resulting fatally in such a large number of cases, as to occasion general alarm.

Mr. William Walpole, of Walsworth, South Dakota, writes: "About three years ago, there came under my left eye a little blotch about the size of a small pea. It grew rapidly, and shooting pains ran in every direction. I became alarmed and called a doctor. He said that it must be cut out. This I would not consent to, having little faith in the indiscriminate use of the knife. Reading of the many cures made by S. S. I determined to give that medicine a trial, and after I had taken it a few days, the cancer became irritated and began to discharge. This after awhile ceased, leaving a small scab, which finally dropped off, and only a healthy little spot remained to mark the place where the cancer had held fast away."

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### In a Tomb of Solid Rock.

Lizards were found in the solid quarries of a tomb in Northern Maine. Workmen about to loosen some rock after a blast discovered a series of small pockets. In each of these there was a living lizard, but as soon as they were taken out of their hiding place and exposed to the air they died within a few minutes. They were of a peculiar copper color, and although there was a place for them, they were not found in any of the quarries. They were the result of a promise reward. Zoologists declare that these lizards have lived for thousands of years, and it seems to be borne out by their being in the rock and alive, that they must have been closed in at the time of the formation of the rocks. There was no possibility of passing in or out of these cells, within which they were found, and no nourishment other than moisture could penetrate into these recesses of the rock.

The foregoing, most likely conceived in the brain of some "patent outside" editor of a "scientific" column, has been going the rounds of the press. Of course, every man who has the faintest idea of general scientific truths knows that no such discovery as described in the foregoing has ever been made, or can be made. Granting the unbiological assumption that any animal could live a few thousand years, or tens of thousands, would it be the rock formation, incident, pressure would be a proper life. Fossils are found in rocks, but have they in this case? Sometimes unfossilized remains of animals in all kinds of rocks, but the fossils are found in a solid rock deposit, as preposited so far as the possibilities of life are concerned, as to assert that living organisms exist in igneous rocks.

Zoologists have never puzzled themselves with any such statement of alleged discoveries. They know that life is not possible with a such environment.—Ed. Journalist.

If any man should escape temptation, it will not be because he is a saint, but because he is a man.

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On the editor as publisher an' wrapper of the shop.

He wears his britches in his boots an' never comes to hair.

Except on legal holidays or some such big affair.

An' thinks a starch collar a mark of servitude.

An' wears socks exposable in outfit's 'bout a dule.

He's prominent at luncheons, chills the argument a dule.

Works a nation's speculation every time he gets a chance.

Keeps a string of running horses for the Torment his.

An' never strikes a meetin' when he's not to lend in prayer.

So have his "contrasts" in conditions with the men.

Who do the public preachin' with a stubby pointed pen.

An' I just think he's snuffler a doggonation with.

Then them as don't do nothin' 'till God's green earth but write.

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