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THE DIVINE SYMBOL.

PILLARS OF SMOKE TYPIFY GOD'S POWER AND MERCY.

Dr. Talbanc speaks of the Trials Through which Truth has Triumphantly Struggled—The Church to be the Arbitrator of Nations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The trials through which the truth has struggled are by no means new.

The architecture of the smoke is wondrous, whether God with his finger curves it into a cloud, or rounds it into a dome, or points it in a spire, or spreads it in a wing, or, as in the text, hoists it in a pillar.

In the first place, these pillars of smoke in my text indicate suffering. What do I mean by the church? I mean not a building, not a sect, but those who in all ages and all lands and of all heres have been and are trying to do right.

Martyrs to Faith. Catholicism as well as Protestantism has had its martyrs. It does seem as if when any one sect or denomination in any land the devil of persecution and cruelty took possession of that sect.

The smoke of martyrdom, the blood of the martyrs, the blood of the saints, the blood of the heroes, the blood of the heroes, the blood of the heroes.

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night then it would be well if the ladies' hats were a mile high, so as to completely obstruct the vision of professed Christians going to such places during the week, no one will ever persecute them for their religion, for they have none, and they are the only ones that are persecuted.

But, as I already hinted in the first sentence of this sermon, nothing can be more beautiful than the figures of smoke on a clear sky. You can see what you will in the contour of this volatile vapor, now enchanted castles, now troops of horsemen, now a fleet of galleons, now winged carriers, now a black angel of wrath under a spear of the sunshine.

A Divine Symbol. The beauty of the transfigured smoke is a divine symbol of the beauty of the church. It is a symbol of the church, and it is a symbol of the church.

Meet me at any depot the world over, and with my eyes closed take me by the hand, and you will find my feet will not stumble, and without my eye looking down or looking on the level take me to some high roof or tower, and let me see the tops of the churches, and I will tell you the proportion of suicides, of arsonists, of murderers, of thieves.

Men may derivate it, as Cromwell when he stabled his cavalry horses in St. Paul's church, and he will tell you the proportion of suicides, of arsonists, of murderers, of thieves.

The Best Institution. You lying and hypocritical world, shut up your eyes, and you will find my feet will not stumble, and without my eye looking down or looking on the level take me to some high roof or tower, and let me see the tops of the churches, and I will tell you the proportion of suicides, of arsonists, of murderers, of thieves.

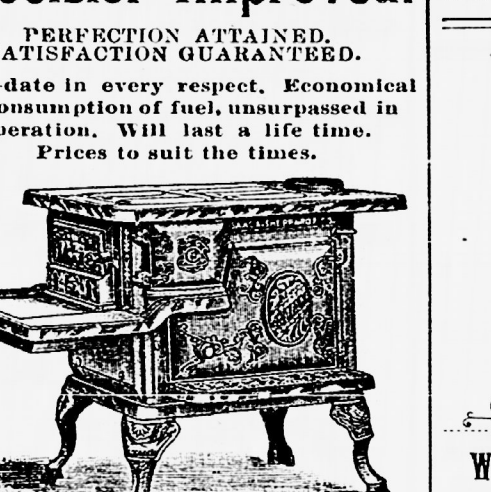
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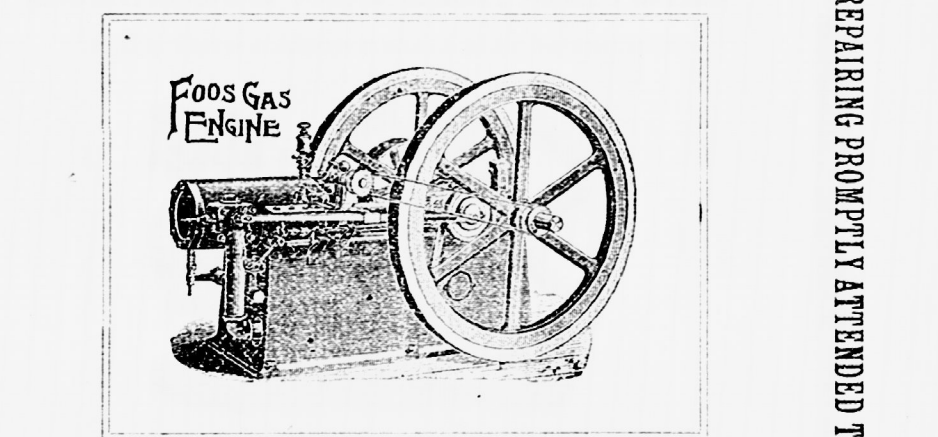
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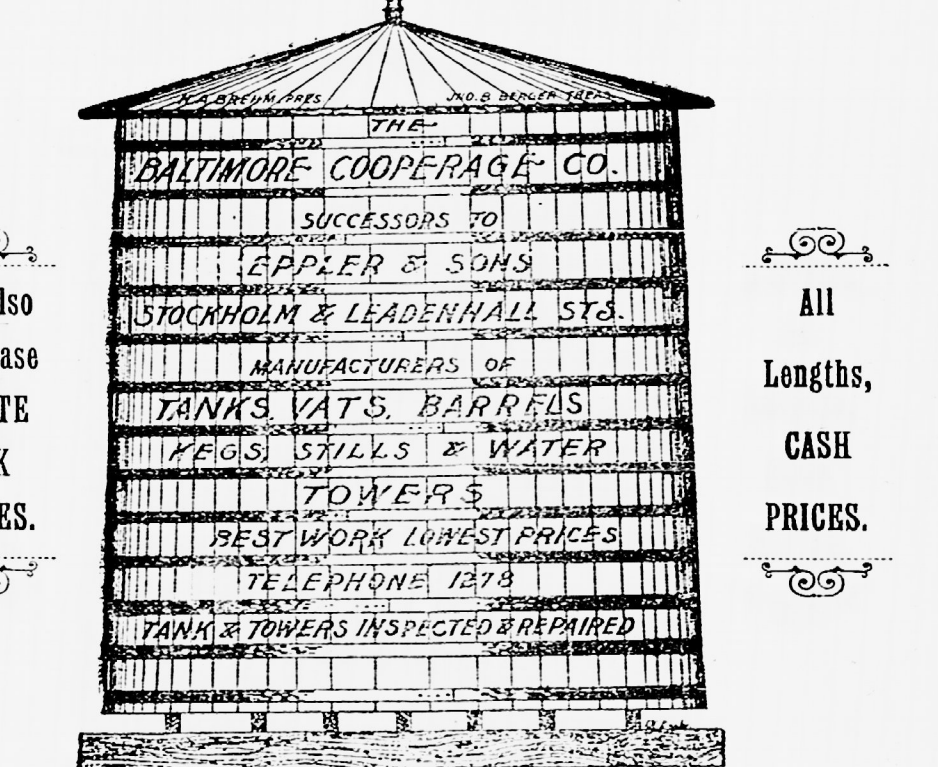
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