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Mr. Shelley, of Indiana, left here yesterday, after a visit of three days, for his home in the West. He called at O. C. a year ago last April, to spend an hour or two, but was so much interested in what he saw and heard, that his call was prolonged to three days. For a year past he has resided in Newark, N. J., manufacturing a patent whip-socket—a very nice thing. He owns one half of it, provided the patentee is not litigated out of his invention by another claimant to the same thing.—Mr. S. met a committee yesterday, of sixteen men and occupied nearly two hours in giving us a sketch of his life, religious experience, &c. He was born in 1834, and when about sixteen years of age was converted or got religion, as he called it, in a protracted meeting; but did not join the church, not seeing any particular use in that. The pentecostal spirit possessed him for a while, but in trying to live it out, practically, he found himself quite alone. Professors of religion were glad to have him work for them on that principle—it pleased them well to have little jobs of blacksmithing done for them without pay. Mr. S., however, soon got tired of working for that kind of religion that brought him no bread and butter.

But just as he discovered, to his great disappointment, that the religion of the churches was not the

genuine article of the apostolic stamp, he formed the acquaintance of a Dutch shoemaker who had formerly lived in Penn., and had been a subscriber to Mr. Noyes's publications. The Dutchman reported that Mr. Skinner, of the Putney Corporation once called upon him and remained his guest over night. This German friend loaned Mr. S. papers and books, the contents of which were eagerly devoured. From that time to the present, he has been a firm believer in Mr. Noyes and the Community, as door-keepers to the Bible and the apostolic church. His faith has carried him through a great many trials safely, insanity among the rest.

He hopes ere long, to become a member of some Commune. He said to the writer on leaving, "Do you think I shall make a good soldier?" c.

A Miss Williams, from Philadelphia, came here yesterday and staid over night. She has a sister living not far from Canandaigua, and she is on her way to visit her. Miss W. is thirty-six years old, and dependent on her own efforts for support. She has kept a shop in Philadelphia, and hired girls to assist her in dressmaking—but her health failed, and she wearied of so much care. The last year she has spent with her friends, but says as her health has improved, she must again seek employment. She would have liked to work for us in the Bag-shop for a time, if the work had not been too hard. She had from time to time

heard of the O. C., but had never read any of our writings, and was very glad of the opportunity to call here. She said she had always been religiously inclined, though she had never made a profession, and the necessity there was that she should work incessantly, had precluded her from giving the subject of religion any very serious thought.

The following letter was directed to "President Bible Communists."

New Orleans, July 16.

FATHER NOYES, BIBLE COMMUNISTS, ONEIDA NEW YORK.—*Sir*:—Be kind enough to inform me by what means persons obtain permission to enter your Community. Also the rules in regard to the admission of women. Be specific in regard to regulations in regard to work, how many hours each day, also how the labor is distributed among men and women. I am very much interested. Please direct Col. Andrew Daly, New Orleans Post Office.

A lot of raspberries, 475 quarts, reached us yesterday, from Palmyra in a damaged state. About thirty quarts were thrown away and the remainder made into wine. Mr. Bradley engaged the Express Co. to send them through the same day they were shipped, but they remained in Syracuse over Sunday. When they arrived at the Depot Mr. B. refused to take them off the hands of the Express Co., but they engaged to

pay all the damage, if we would take them home and do the best we could with them. Mr. Thacker has offered to pay five cents per quart for what he used.

The carpenters are making some changes of machinery at the shop to facilitate the box business.—They have also put in a new water-wheel, which gives equal or greater power than the old one. It draws 96 inches of water, while the old one drew 144 inches.

We have 70 bushels of peas on hand this morning, and expect more at 11 o'clock. There is not one case of "busting up" among those that were experimented with, nearly two weeks ago.

Mr. E. H. Hamilton arrived yesterday afternoon. His coming was an agreeable surprise to the family.

450 quarts of raspberries were gathered from our bushes yesterday.

A house owned by Mr. Dole, of Pine-Bush, was destroyed by fire, last night.