Between Two Millstones.

"I am about to have gas put into my house," said the citizen. "Is it necessary to get a permit?" "Yes, sir," replied the City Hall of-

ficil. "It will cost you \$10."

"Ten dollars! What's that for?" "The street's paved, isn't it?" "Yes."

"Well, the \$10 is for tearing up the pavement."

"But the men that are working for the company do all the tearing up." "Certainly. 'The \$10 is to guarantee that they'll replace the pavement in as

good shape as it was before."

"Why don't you hold the gas company for that?" "The work is done for you. You are

the party responsible." "Does the city ever inspect a pave-

ment after it has been torn up and laid down again?"

"Not that I have ever heard of." "Do you know that I had to pay for the laying of that pavement in the first place?"

"I presume you had."

"And that I have to make a stiff deposit with the gas company before it will begin this work of putting in the gas?"

"Very likely."

"Then I have to pay the city for a permit for the gas company to tear up my own pavement, I can't hold the gas company responsible for the way in which it is done, the city gives me no protection, and I'm bled in advance by the city and the gas company both for the privilege of becoming a contributor to the coffers of the gas company. That's the regular thing, is it?'

"That's about right."

"Do you call it a square deal?"

"My friend, you don't have to put gas in your house if you don't want to. Would you mind stepping to one side? You're in the way of that man that wants to get a permit to move a house." -Chicago Tribune.

"In all my career," said the eminent statesman, "I can say that I have never done anything to be ashamed of." "You mean," sneered the cynic, "that you have never done anything you were ashamed of."-Indianapolis Journal.

Why She Smiles Sweetly.

Sparkling eyes, quick beating heart, and the rosy blush of pleasure on the checks, makes the strong man happy when he meets his lady love. That's the kind of a man whose very touch thrills because it is full of energy, vigorous nerve power and vitality. Tobacco makes strong men impotent, weak and skinny. No-To-Eac sold by Druggists everywhere. Guaranteed to cure Look, titled "Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away," free. Ad. Sterling Bemedy Co., New York or Chicago.

A-He is a relation of yours by marriage,] telieve? B-Yes, he married my girl.

For Well People.

REV. DR. TALMAGE. The Eminent New York Divine's Sun-

day Sermon.

Subject: "Expurgation of the Scriptures."

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a liar."—Romans iii., 4. The Bible needs reconstruction according to some inside and outside the pulpit. It is no surprise that the world bombards the Scriptures, but it is amazing to find Chris-tian ministers picking at this in the Bible and denying that until many good people are left in the fog about what parts of the Bible they ought to believe and what parts reject. The heinousness of finding fault with the Bible at this time is most evident. In our day the Bible is assailed by scurrility. eriticism of the word of God. Why, it makes me think of a ship in a September equinox, the waves dashing to the top of the smoke-stack, and the hatches fastened down, and many prophesying the foundering of the steamer, and at that time some of the crew with axes and saws go down into the hold of the ship, and they try to saw off some of the planks and pry out some of the timbers be-and it challenges the admiration of all the

moon I could make them stand still or cause the refraction of the sun's rays so it would appear to stand still. "But," they say, "you don't really believe that the whale swal-lowed Jonah?" Yes, and if I were strong enough to make a whale I could have made very easy ingress for the refractory prophet. leaving to evolution to eject him if he were an unworthy tenant! "But," say they, "you don't really believe that the water was turned into wine?" Yes, just as easily as water now is often turned into wine with an admixture of strychnine and logwood! "But," say they, "you don't really believe that Samson slew 1000 with the jaw bone of an ass?" Yes, and I think that the man who in this day assaults the Bible is wielding the same

-Walter Scott's Waverley Novels, Macau-lay's "History of England," Disraeli's "En-dymion," the works of Tennyson and Long-fellow, and all the popular books of our time having no such sale in the last ten years ap this old worn out book. Do you know what a struggle a book has in order to get through one century or two centuries? Some old books, during a fire in a seraglio of Constantia auring a fire in a seragilo of Constanti nople, were thrown into the street. A may without any education picked up one of those books, read it, and did not see the value of it. A scholar looked over his shoulder and saw TEXT: "Let God be true, but every man liar."-Romans iii., 4.

In our day the Bible is assailed by scurrility, by misrepresentation, by infidel scientists, by all the vice of earth and all the venom of perdition, and at this particular time even preachers of the Gospel fall into line of eriticism of the word of God. Why, it makes mathink of a schip in a Scatembra conjugation of a science in the old books are mummified mathink of a schip in a Scatembra conjugation of a science in the old books are mummified mathink of a schip in a Scatembra conjugation of a science in the old books are mummified mathink of a schip in a Scatembra conjugation of a science in the old books are mummified mathink of a schip in a Scatembra conjugation of a science in the old books are mummified mathink of a schip in a Scatembra conjugation of a science in the old books are mummified

the ship, and they try to saw off some of the planks and pry out some of the timbers be-cause the timber did not come from the right forest. It does not seem to be a commendable bus-iness for the crew to be helping the winds and storms outside with their axes and saws inside. Now, this old Gospel ship, what with the roaring of earth and hell around the stem and stern and mutiny on deek, is hav-ing a very rough voyage, but I have noticed that not one of the timbers has started, and the captain says he will see it through. And thave noticed that keelson and counter tim-ber knee are built out of Lebanon cedar, and she is going to weather the gale, but no credit to those who make mutiny on deek. When I see professet Christians in this particular day finding fault with the Scrip-tures, it makes me think of a fortress ter-rifically bombarded, and the men on the ram-parts, insteal of swabbing out and loading the guns and helping fetch up the ammuni-tion from the magazine, are trying with tor whats to nry out thom the were and the area and added to and the spice and the were expised and protected in and hell. I appeal to your common sense if a book so divinely guarded and protected in the please God ought it not to please us? Not only have all the attempts to detract from the books failed, but all the attempts to add to it. Many attempts were made to add the apochryphal books must be added to the Old Testament. "They must stay in," said those learned men, but they staid out. There is not an intelligent Christian man that to-day will put the book of Isaiah or Bomans. Then a great many said, "We the guns and helping fetch up the ammuni-tion from the magazine, are trying with crowbars to pry out from the wall certain blocks of stone, because they did not come from the right quarry. Oh, men on the ram-parts, better fight back, and fight down the common enemy, instead of trying to make breaches in the wall While I oppose this expurgation of the Scriptures, I shall give yon my reasons for such opposition. "What!" say some of the theological evolutionists whose brains have been addled by too long brooding over them by Darwin and Spencer, "you don't now

been addled by too long brooding over them by Darwin and Spencer. "you don't now really believe all the story of the garden of Eden, do you?" Yes, as much as I believe there were roses in my garden last summer. "But," say they, "you don't really believe that the sun and moon stood still?" Yes, and if I had strength enough to create a sun and moon I could make them stand still or cause the refraction of the sun's rays so it would

assaults the Bible is wielding the same ness of life, who wants the Bible changed. Many of us have inherited family Bibles. Those Bibles were in use twenty, forty, fifty perhaps 100 years in the generations. day take down those family Bibles, and find out if there are any chapters which have would be a very poor God who could be fully been erased by lead pencil or pen, and if in understood by the human. That would be a any margins you can find the words, "This understood by the human. That would be a very small Infinite that can be measured by finite. You must not expect to weigh the thunderbolts of Omnipotence in an apothe-cary's balances. Starting with the idea that God can do anything, and that He was pres-ent at the beginning, and that He is present Besides that I am opposed to the ex-purgation of the Scriptures, because the sotertiary formation, fallen off the shelf of an antiquarian, a man in the latter part of the have demonstrated no evil result. A cruel glorious nineteenth century believing in a book will produce crueity. An unclean book will produce uncleanness. Fetch me a vic-I am opposed to the expurgation of the Scriptures in the first place, because the Bible in its present shape has been so mirac-ulously preserved. Fifteen hundred years Bible in its present shape has been so mirac-ulously preserved. Fifteen hundred years after Herodotus wrote his history, there was only one manuscript copy of it. Twelve hundred years after Plato wrote his book there was only one manuscript copy of it. God was so careful to have us have the Bible God was so careful to have us have the Bible in just the right shape that we have fifty manuscript copies of the New Testament a thousand years old, and come of them 1500 book, morning by morning, night by night. Years old. This book, handed down from the time of Christ, or just after the time of Christ, by the hand of such men as Origen in the second century and Tertullian in the father beginning and reading one verse and there are an of the men of the men of the second century and the second centur then all the members of the family in turn reading a verse. The father maintained his integrity, the mother maintained her integrity, the sons grew up and entered pro-fessions and commercial life, adorning every sphere in the life in which they lived, and the daughters went into families where Christ was honored, and all that was good and was by ropes lifted over the wall into the convent, that being the only mode of admis-sion, and that he saw there in the waste-basket for kindling for the fires a manuscript of the Holy Scriptures. That night he cop-ted many of the masances of that BUhe bar of the Holy Scriptures ied many of the passages of that Disc. it was not until fifteen years had passed of earnest entreaty and prayer and coaxing and purchase on his part that that copy of the Holy Scriptures was put into the hand ot the Emperor of Russia—that one copy sc marvelously protected. marvelously protected. Testaments as we reactive in a subject of the Testaments as we imagination. If a man cannot read Solo-imagination without impure suggestion, he is a life a libertine. books of the Old and New Testaments as we have it is the same catalogue that has been coming down through the ages? Thirty-nine books of the Old Testament thousands nine books of the New Testament 1600 years seven books of the New Testament 1600 years ago. Twenty-seven books of the New Testa-ment now. Marcien, for wickedness, was turned out of the church in the second een-tury, and in his assault on the Bible and Christianity he incidentally gives a cata-the books of the Bible—that cata-the with ours—test wickedness and gives up his integrity, the Bible does not say he was overcome by the fascinations of the festive board, or that he surrendered to convivialities, or that he be came a little fast in his habits. I will tell you what the Bible says, "The dog is turned to his own vomit again and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." No gilding of iniquity. No garlands on a death's head. No pounding away with a silver mallet at iniquity when it needs an iron sledge Is it not an argument plain enough to every honest man and every honest woman that a book divinely protected and in this shape is in the very shape that God wants it. It pleases God and oraght to please us. The epidemics which have swept thousands of other books into the sepuleher of forget-fulness have only brightened the fame of this. There is not one book out of 1000 that lives five years. Any publisher will tell you that. There will not be more than one book out of 20,000 that will live a century. Yet here is a book, much of it 1600 years old and much of it 4000 years old and with more re-bound and resilience and strength in it than when the book was first put upon parchment or papyrus. and heart washed with earbolic acid. I tell you at this point in my discourse that a man who does not like this book, and who is critical as to its contents, and who is shocked and outraged with its descriptions, has never been soundly converted. The lay-ing on of the hands of presbytery or epis-copacy does not always change a man's heart, and men sometimes get into the pul-ber and men sometimes get into the pulwhen the book was list put upon parchiment or papyrus. This book saw the cradle of all other books, and it will see their graves. Would you not think that an old book like this, some of it forty centuries old, would come along hobbling with age and on crutches? Instead of that, more potent than any other book of the time. More copies of it printed in the last ten years than of any other book

Honored Dying.

It is noticed that Zangwill, the novelist, rarely reverts to humor in his stories, but he is a rare judge of it, nevertheless. "It was in Perth,' he writes, "that, puzzling over a grimy statute, I was accosted by a barefooted newsboy, with his raucous cry of "Hair-r-ald, Glasgow Hair-r-ald!" "I'll take one,' quoth I, 'if you'll tell me whose statue that is.' 'Tis Rabbie Burns,' replied he, on the nail. 'Thank you,' said I taking the paper. 'And what did he do to deserve this statue?' My newsboy scratched his head. Perceiving his embarrassment, a party of his friends down the street ealled out in stentorian chorus. 'Ay, 'tis Rabbie Burns.' 'But what did he do to deserve the statue?' I thundered back. They hung their heads. At last my newsboy recovered himself; his face brightened. 'Well, said I again, 'what did he do to de serve this statue?' 'He deed !' answered the intelligent little man."

A Wonderful Clock.

St. Petersburg has now the wonderful clock bequeathed by Duke Charles, of Brunswick, to the Swiss republic. The clock has ninety-five faces, and shows the time of day at thirty different places, the movement of the earth round the sun, the phases of the moon, the signs of the zodiac, the passage over the meridian of fifty stars of the northern hemisphere, and the date according to the Gregorian, Greek, Mussulman and Hebrew calendars. It took two years to put the pieces together when it was transported to Russia.

What is Your Foot Like?

An artistic sentimental foot is thus described : The second toe should be longer than the other to denote an artistic temperament. Here sentimentalism dwells and romance and imagination. If the larger toe is strong and broad the inclination toward idealism will be checked by a good amount of practical sense. In the purely artistic foot, the little member of the five should curl inward; its arching upward denotes a passionate nature. The women of southern countries are noted for this distinction.

Schoolroom Tools.

Sixty years ago Mr. Joseph Gillott was a working jeweler in Birmingham. One day he accidentally split one of his fine steel tools, and being suddenly required to sign a receipt and not finding a quill pen at hand, he used the split tool as a substitute.

This happy accident led to the idea of making pens of metal. It was arried out in secret and now the



ABSOLUTELY PURE

M'KINLEY'S MOTHER.

She Is SC Years Old and Is Proud of Her Famous Son. Gov. McKinley has repeatedly said that nearly all of his success in life has been due to the sterling qualities of

> womanhood possessed by his mother. It was her directing mind that shaped the ideals of his early manhood and her devotion to principle did much to keep her son's feet out of those pitfalls which are strewn so thickly in the path of the young poli-MRS. M'KINLEY. cian.

Mrs. McKinley is a resident of Canton, Ohio, and is distinctly a motherly woman. The political honors that have come to her son have been among the pleasantest things in her declining years; not that she is flattered by them. but because, as she says quaintly, "I know that William won't want for friends when I am gone." The innocence of the old lady's mind is shown by this remark, so expressive of her ignorance of the fickleness of political friendships. She has taken great delight in attending the receptions to Gov. McKinley, as she there meets many friends and can live over the happy years of her life. The custom blood depends for its richness and purity. of her friends for many years back has If digestion stops, poisonous matter acbeen to call on her during the after- cumulates and is forced into the blood

A Fine Specimen.

A certain rich man was very fond of exhibiting his pictures in an ostentatious and patronizing manner to artists of his acquaintance. One day a young painter lunched with him, and was escorted around his gallery, and the youth, wishing to curry favor with a possible patron, exclaimed after every picture exhibited:

"And a very fine specimen of that master!"

The picture owner, however, though he was rich, had a sense of humor, and, noticing his audience stifling a yawn, said:

"Now, here is a remarkably fine Salvolatile, you perceive."

"And a very fine specimen of that master!" exclaimed the artist, enthusiastically.

Few men are really grateful. Nine out of ten forget to reward people for favors shown them.



Foul breath is a discourager of affection. It is always an indication of poor health bad digestion. To bad digestion is traceable almost all mman ills. It is he starting point of many very serious maladies. Upon the healthy action of the diges-

tive organs, the noon and evening of her birthday to -there is no place else for it to go. The had breath is a danger signa

Look out for it! If you have it, or

Most medicines are for the sick. Some can be used with good effects by persons apparent-ly well. Occasional resort to Ripans Tabules prevents attacks that result from disorders of the stomach and liver. To preserve is better and cheaper than to

In the bicycle business the greater the number of sales the greater the falling off.

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Laura-The riding is lovely, but-Regge -But what ! Laura-Am I on the horse straight?

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Dashaway-Aren't you spruced up a good deal, Uncle Ebony-Yes, sab. Mah wife has done got work.

Wife used "MOTHER'S FRIEND" before first child-was quickly relieved; suffered but little; recovery rapid. E. E. JOHNSTON, Eufaula, Ala

Blazier-How did that bank clerk friend of yours come to be crooked? Lazrey-He used to ride a bicycle.

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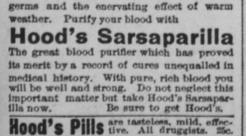
Professor-Johnnie, did Willie Jones leave the room? Johnnie (smart toy)-Yes, sir. Did yer s'pose he took it with 'im?

How is Your Blood?

If it is poor and thin and lacking in the

number and quality of those red corpuscies,

you are in danger of sickness from disease



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o arouse skepticism in my heart. Here I stand a fossil of the ages, dug up from the tertiary formation, fallen off the shelf of an

third century, and by men-of different ages who died for their principles. The three best copies of the New Testament in manuscript in the possession of the three great churches-the Protestant church of Eugland, the Greek church of St. Petersburg and the Romish church of Italy. It : 4 a plain matter of history that Tischen-

logue corresponding exactly with outs that timony given by the enemy of the Bible and the enemy of Christianity. The catalogue now just like the catalogue then. Assaulted and spit on and torn to pieces and burned, yet adhering. The book to-day, in 300 lan-guages, confronting four-fifths of the human race in their own tongue. Four hundred million copies of it in existence. Does not million copies of it in existence. Does not that look as if this book had been divinely protected, as if God had guarded it all through the centuries?

Is it not an argument plain enough to

name of Gillott is found on almost every pen you use.

India rubber, used for erasing pencil marks, was known in England as early as 1770. A cube of it half an inch square cost 3s.

Four Pastors in a Century.

In Kings Chapel, Boston, there have been only four pastors in a century, namely, Rev. James Freeman (1783-1824), Rev. Francis William Pitt Greenwood (1824-43), the Rev. Ephraim Peabody (1845-56), and Rev. Henry W. Foote, who became pastor in 1861. The new pastor, Rev. H. N. Brown, is about 50 years old. and has been pastor of a church in Brookline, Mass., for twenty years.

Origin of a Saying.

The doornail in earlier times, says an antiquarian, was the plate on the door upon which the old fashioned knocker struck to arouse the inmates of the house. As the plate or nail was struck many more times than any other nail, it was assumed to be more dead than other nails. Hence the phrase "Dead as a door nail."

Blackcapped the Whitecaps.

Two men in Liberty County tried to work the whitecap scare on an old colored man. The old fellow knocked one of them down with a lightwood knot and caused the other to climb a tree, where he remained till daylight, with two hound dogs awaiting his srrival on terra firma. The old man finally let him go on in peace after paying \$1.

REPORTS to the Agricultural Department from its European agent indicate that the area of winter wheat in France is considerably smaller than last year's, and spring sowings are curtailed. In Great Britain the prospect for grazers is considered excellent, while in Germany the agrarian interests are supposed to be despondent owing to the injury to rye and wheat caused by unfavorable weather. Resowing a large acreage in Belgium and Holland kept the farmers there busy during March. Winter sowings have suffered in most of the continental countries and considerable damage is admitted in Spain and Hungary. Spring field work was in arrears throughout Italy, but good crops are expected, Excellent harvest are also promised in Algeria and

The South Covington and Cincinnati Railway Company has put a fence around Bromble, Ky., a village opposite the west end of Cincinnati, to prevent the people living there from using its cars on Sunday. and to discourage the establishment of Sunday pienic grounds in the neighborhood.

Smyrna.

A Hebrew Bible in the Vatican weighs three hundred and twenty pounds, and is the largest Bibl ein the world. It is all manuscript.

congratulate her and, as she is still vigorous and intellectually keen, the same custom was observed this year.

If any one man knew everything, the rest of the world, instead of respecting him, would hang him.

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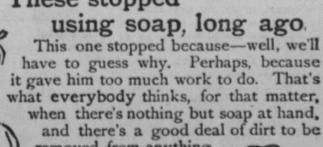
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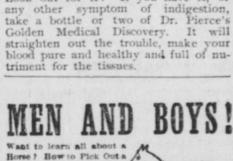






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