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PARADISE OF THE NEGRO.

Bahama Islands Especially Suited to the African Race. It is the negroes' paradise for cheap living and the very climate of all the world for dolce far niente ways, irrespective of color. The editor goes to his office about 10 and goes home at 2; there is no night editor. The postoffice opens late and closes early; business men lock up and go home to dinner; there is plenty of time, if not to-day, to-morrow, and hustling competition is unknown. It is all a climatic necessity, conducive to longevity and a quiet conscience. Gray heads are numerous and the number of aged negroes is remarkable. I asked some of them how old they were, but nobody knew. Probably because so many of them are

native Africans, speaking to this day the Congo or Youraba language. They were captured when young from slave ships. The British cruiser Sappho landed 1,000 at Nassau in 1838. They were apprenticed to reputable families and well brought up. Many of them bear the names of the best Nassau citizens. Some of them wear tattooed marks of their African origin upon their faces. Their character averages better than that of the Bahama blacks, who were emancipated. The negroes constitute four-fifths of the whole population. They take no undue advantage of the fact. They are admitted to the ballot on the same terms as the whites, encouraged to make the best of themselves and all worthy success is appreciated. At a horticultural lawn party on the government house spacious grounds I saw the Governor, Sir Frederick Haynes-Smith, engaged in courteous conversation with a portly and distinguished-looking colored man of the same name, who is a member of the colonial parliament and has been postmaster of Nassau. Many well-dressed and well-mannered colored people were on the grounds. They were politely treated; the excellent musicians were all colored. When they played "God Save the Queen," all heads were uncovered and the people forthwith dispersed. Governor Geenral Smith is a courtly gentleman of commanding presence and withal kindly, accessible and affable to all. He gave a special reception to the transient visitors, and he especially welcomes, as do all the leading citizens of Nassau, the recent influx of Americans by the Florida

The basest thought possible concerning man is that he has no spiritual nature; and the most foolish misunderstanding of him possible is that he has or should have no animal nature. For his nature is nobly animal, nobly spiritual-coherently and irrevocably so; neither part of it may, except at its peril, expel, despise, or defy the other.

East Coast Stemship line .- New Prov-

idence letter to New York Post.

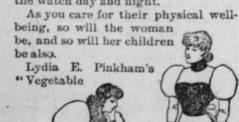
Rhode Island's new capitol building is to be 350 feet long. The bucket under the eavespout will have to be placed either in Connecticut or in Massachu-

"That idiot of an Englishman visiting here took me for a waiter at the Highley's reception." "I don't see how that ever happened. I never noticed the least bit of dignity about you."-Indianapolis Journal.

### A MOTHER'S DUTY.

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### REV. DR. TALMAGE.

The Eminent Washington Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "Kindness for Another's

TEXT: "Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? \* \* \* So Mephibesheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he did eat continually at the king's table and was lame on both his feet."—If Samuel ix., 1 and 13.

Was there ever anything more romantic and chivalrous than the love of David and Jonathan? At one time Jonathan was up and David was down. Now David is up and Jonathan's family is down. As you have often heard of two soldiers before going into battle making a covenant that if one is shot the survivor will take charge of the body. the watch, the momentos and perhaps of the bereft family of the one that dies, so David and Jonathan had made a covenant, and now that Jonathan is dead David is inquiring about his family, that he may show kindness unto them for their father Jonathan's

Careful search is made, and a son of Jonathan by the exceedingly homely name of Mephibosheth is found. His nurse, in his in-fancy, had let him fall, and the fall had put both his ankles out of place, and they had never been set. This decrepit, poor man is brought into the palace of King David. David gazes upon him with melting tenderness, no doubt seeing in his face a resem-blance to his old friend, the deceased Jonathan. The whole bearing of King David toward him seems to say: "How glad I am to see you, Mephibosheth! How you remind me of your father, my old friend and benefactor! I made a barzain with your father a good many years ago, and I am going to keep it with you. What can I do for you, Mephibosheth? I am resolved what to do— I will make you a rich man. I will restore to you the confiscated property of your grand-father Sau', and you shall be a guest of mine as long as you live, and you shall be seated at my table among the princes." It was too much for Mephibosheth, and he cried out against it, calling himself a dead dog. "Be still," says David; "I don't do this on your account; I do this for your father Jonathan's sake. I can never forget his kindness. I remember when I was hounded from place to place how he befriended me. Can I ever forget how he stripped himself of his courtier apparel and gave it to me instead of my shepherd's coat, and how he took off his own sword and belt and gave them to me instead of my sling? Ob, I can never forget him! I feel as if couldn't do enough for you, his son. I don't do it for your sake; I do it for your father Jonathan's So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he did eat continually at the king's table and was lame on both his feet."

There is so much gospel in this quaint in-

cident that I am embarrassed to know where begin. Whom do Mephibosheth and David and Jonathan make you think of? Mephibosheth, in the first place, stands for the disabled human soul. Lord Byron deséribes sin as a charming recklessness, as a gallantry, as a Don Juan; George Sand describes sin as triumphant in many intricate plots; Gavarni, with his engraver's knife, always shows sin a great jocularity; but the Bible presents it as a Mephibosheth, lame on both feet. Sin, like the nurse in the context, attempted to carry us and let us fall, and we have been disabled, and in our whole moral nature we a e decrepit. Sometimes theologians baggle about a technicality. They use the words "total depravity." and some people believe in the doctrine, and some reject it. What do you mean by total deprivity? Do you mean that every man is as low as he can be? Then, I do not believe to other. Then I admit your proposition not so much difference in an African jungle -with barking, howling, hissing, fighing quadruped and reptile, and paradise, with its animals coming before Adam, when he patted them and stroked them and gave them names, so that the panther was as tame as the cow and the condor as tame as the dove-as there is between the human soul disabled and that soul as God originally coustructed it. I do not care what the sentimentalists or the poets say in regard to sin. In the name of Gou I declare to you to-ay that sin is disorganization, disintegration,

ghastly disfiguration, hobbling deformity.

Your modern theologian tells you that man is a little out of sorts; he sometimes thinks wrong; he sometimes acts wrong; indeed, his nature needs a luttle moral surgery, an outside splint, a slight compress, a little Religion is a good thing to have; it might some day come into use. Man is partially wrong, not all wrong. He is lame in one foot. Bring the salve of divine grace and the oiniment and the pain extractor, and we will have his one foot cured. Man is only half wrong, not altogether In what is man's nature right? his will, his affections, his judgment? No. There is an old book that says: "The whole head is sick and the whoie heart faint." Mephibosheth lame in both feet. Our belief of the fact that sin has scarified and deformed our souls increases as we go on in years. When you started life you thought that man was a little marred by sin and he was about one tenth wrong. By the time you had gone trade or occupation or profession you be-lieved that man was about half wrong. By the time you came to midlife you believed that man was three-fourths wrong. But within these past few years, since you have been so lied about and swindled and cheated, you have come to the conclusion that man you have come to the conclusion that man is altogether wrong, and now you can say with the prayer book and the Bible, "There is no health in us." Now you believe with the prophet. "The heart is deceitful, above all things, and desperately wicked." Whatever you may have believed before, now you believe that Warbilband. believe that Mephibosheth is lame on both

Again, Mephibosheth in the text stands for the disabled human sou, humbled and restored. When this invalid of my text got a command to come to King David's palac trembled. The fact was that the grandfa her of Mephibosheth had treated David most shockingly, and now Mephibosheth says to himself: "What does the king want of me? Isn't it enough that I am lame? Is he going to destroy my life? Is he going to wreak on me the vengeance which he holds toward my grandfather, Saul? It's too bad." But go to the palace Mephibosneth must, since the king has commanded it. With staff and crutches and helped by his friends. I see Mephibosheth going up the stairs of the palace. I hear his staff and crutches until the angels of God novering in the air, rattling on the tessellated floor of the rattling on the tessellated floor of the throneroom. No sooner have these two persons confronted each other—Mephibosheth and David, the king—than Mephibosheth throws himself flat on his face before the king and styles himself a dead dog. In the east when a man styles himself a dog he utters the utmost term of self-abnegation. It is not a term so strong in this country. It is not a term so strong in this country, where, if a dog has a fair chance, he sometimes shows more nobility of character than some human specimens that we wot of, but the mangy curs of the oriental cities, as I know by my own observation, are utterly detestable. Mephibosheth gives the utmost term of self-loathing when he compares him-

self to a dog, and dead at that. Consider the analogy. When the com-mand is given from the palace of heaven to

parish who was about to be turned out be cause she could not pay her rent. One night she heard a loud knocking at the door, and she made no answer and hid herself. The rapping gontinued louder, louder, louder, but she made no answer and continued to hide herself. She was almost frightened unto death. She said, "That's the officer of the law come to throw me out of my home."

A few days after a Christian philanthropist met her in the street and said: "My poor woman, where were you the other night? I came round to your house to pay your rent. Why didn't you let me in? Were you at home?" "Why," she replied, "was that you?" "Yes, that was me. I came to pay "our rent." "Why," she said. "If I had had any idea it was you I would have let you in. thought it was an officer come to cast me ou of my home." O soul, that loud knocking at the gate to-day is not the sheriff come to put you in jail; it is the best friend you ever had come to be your security. You shiver with terror because you think it is wrath. It is mercy. Why, then, tremble before the King of heaven and earth calls you to His palaze? Stop trembling and start right away. "Oh," you say, "I can't start. I bave been so lamed by sin and so lamed by evil habit I can't start. I am lame in both feet." My friend, we come out with our prayers and sympathies to help you up to the palace. If you want to get to the palace, you may get there. Start now. The Holy Spirit will help you. All you have to do is just to throw yourself on your face at the feet of the King, as Mephibosheth did.

Mephibosheth's caninial comparison seems extravagant to the world, but when a man has seen himself as he really is and seen how he has been treating the Lord, there is no term vehement enough to express his self condemnation. The dead log of Mephibosheth's comparison fails to describe the man's utter loathing of himself. Mephibosheth's posturing does not seem too prostrate. When a soul is convicted, first he prays upright. Then the muscles of his neck relax, and he is able to bow his head. After awhile, by an almost superhuman effort, he kneels down to pray. After awhile, when he has seen God and seen himself, he throws himself flat on his face at the feet of e King, just like Mephibosheth. The fact is, if we could see ourselves as God sees us, we would perish at the spectacle. You would have no time to overhaul other peo-ple. Your cry would be, "God be merciful

And again, Mephibosheth in my text stands for the disabled human soul saved for the sake of another. Mephibosheth would never have got into the palace on his own account. Why did David ransack the realm o find that poor man and then bestow upon im a great fortune and command a farmer of the name of Ziba to culture the estate and give to this invalid Menhibosheth half the proceeds every year? Why did King David make such a mighty stir about a poor fellow who would never be of any use to the throne of Israel? It was for Jonathan's sake. It was what Robert Burns calls for "auld lang David could not forget what Jona than had done for him in other days. Three times this chapter has it that all this kindness on the part of David to Mephib-osheth was for his father Jonathan's sake. The daughter of Peter Marryr, through the vice of her husband, came down to penury, and the senate of Zurich took care of her for her father's sake. Sometimes a person has applied to you for help and you have refused him, but when you found he was the son or brother of some one who had been your bene-factor in former days, and by a glance you saw the resemblance of your old friend in the face of the applicant, you relented, and you said, "Oh, I will do this for your father's sak"." You know by your experience what my text means. Now, my friends, it is on that principle that you and I are to get into the King's palace.

you are invited to a company of persons where there are distinguished people presnot believe it either. But do you mean tor." "This is the Governor." "This is the that sin has let us fall; that it has scari- President." Before we sit down at the King's flet and wounded and crippled our entable in heaven I think we will want to be tire moral nature until we cannot walk introduced. Oh, what a time that will be the grace of God, get into There is heaven, and are introduced to the mighty spirits there, and some one will say: "This is Joshua." "This is Paul." This is Moses."
"This is John Knox." "This is John Milton." "This is Martin Luther." "This is George Whitefield." Oh, shall we have any strength left after such a round of cele tial introduction? Yea, we shall be potentates ourselves. Then we shall sit down at the King's table with the sons and daughters of God, and one will whisper across the table to us and say, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God!" some one at the table will say: "How long will it last? All other banquets at which I sat ended. How long will this last?" and Paul will answer. "Forever!" and Joshua will say, "Forever." and John Knox will say "Forever!" and George Whitefield will say,

"Forever And the wine at that banquet will be old wine. It will be very old wine. It will be the oldest wine of heaven. It will be the wine that was trodden out from the red clusters on the day when Jesus trod the wine press alone. Wine already more than eight-een centuries old. And no one will deride us as to what we were in this world. No one will bring up our imperfections here, our sins here. All our earthly imperfections completely covered up and hid-den. Mephibosheth's feet under the table. Kingly fare. Kingly vesture. Kingly companionship. We shall reach ly companionship. We shall reach and ever. I think that banquet will hard in through the early experience of your this world than to those who had it hard in trade or occupation or profession was beeasy. That banquet in David's palace meant more to Mephibosheth than to any easy. one else, because he had been poor and crip-pled and despised and rejected. And that man who in this world is blind will better appreciate the light of heaven than we wh in this world had good eyesight. And that man who in this world was deaf will better appreciate the music of heaven than we who in this world had good hearing. And those will have a higher appreciation of the easy locomotion of that land who in this world were Mephibosheths.

O my soul, what a magnificent gospel! It takes a man so low down and raises him so high! What a gospel! Come now, who wants to be banqueted and implaced? As when Wilberforce was trying to get the "emancipation bill" through the British parlament and all the British isles were anxious to hear of the passage of that "emancipation bill," when a vessel was coming into port and the captain of the vessel knew that the people were so anxious to get the tidings, he stepped out on the prow of the ship and shouted to the people tong before he got up to the dock, "Free!" and and watchmen on the battlements, and belimen in the town cry it, shout it, sing it, ring it, "Free, Iree!" I come out now as the messenger of the palace to invite Mephibosheth to come up. I am here to-day to tell you that God has a wealth of kindness to be sow upon you for His Son's sake. The doors of the palace are open to receive you. The cupbearers have already put the chalices on the table, and the great, loving, tender, sympathetic heart of God bends over you this moment, saying, "Is there any that is yet left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?'

Abandoning Tobacco Culture.

mand is given from the palace of heaven to the human soul to come, the soul begins to tremble. It says: "What is God going to do with me now? Is He going to destroy me? Is He going to wreck His vengreance upon me?" There is more than one Mephibosheth trembling now because God has summoned him to the palace of divine grace. What are you trembling about? God has no pleasure in the death of a sinuer. He does not send for you to hurt you. He sends for you to do you good. A Scotch preacher had the following circumstances brought under his ob-The splendid farms in Pennsylvania, near

## FACES DEATH.

## Yellow Fever in Spain's Army Causes a Panic.

### DEATH RATE 50 PER CENT

Hospitals Crowded and New Ones Being Built at Weyler's Command.-Fears of Cholera Epidemic. - Condition of the Government

A despatch from Key West, Fla., says:-Advices from Havana state that a panic prevails in the Spanish army in consequence of he terrible increase of yellow fever in the ast few days. It is estimated that fully 46 percent, of the cases prove fatal.

In Santiago de Cuba there are 4,500 solliers in the hospitals. Major General Linares is stricken and his life is despaired of. The physicians and nurses are utterly inapable of coping with the disease. The epidemic is also very serious all along the rocha In some cases entire companies have been stricken. General Arolas and searly every member of his staff are ill. Captain General Weyler has ordered th€

erection of new hospitals along the trochaand will send to Spain for additional hysicians. In Baracoa, Holguin and other places in

Eastern Cuba the fever is raging with great rirulence, and it is spreading to the centra coints. From Matanzas come most distresing tales. In that city it is said the morality is about 60 per cent, and that it is be coming difficult to bury the dead.

The hospitals of Havana contain nearly 5,000 patients, and every day the number is being increased. Friday 450 sick soldiers were brought in from Pinar del Rio Prov

Physicians fear that more serious diseases may result. There is talk now of cholera and it is pretty well established that there nave been several cases of this latter disease along the trochs. Dr. Muratta, the Japa cese army surgeon, who has teen in Cubi several weeks says he doesn't see how s great epidemic of cholera can be prevented

The condition of Spanish troops along the trocha is appalling. They are illfed and ir rags, and are forced to drink from stream in which carcasses are floating. The officers u the field, from captain to general, are applying for permission to return to Spair and the privates are deserting daily. Unless something is done, it seems likely that be fore the Summer is over Spain will have no army in Cuba, and the war will be at ar

#### A NEW WEED FOR FARMERS.

Agricultural Department Warns Against Tumbling Mustard.

American farmers may be confronted with the danger of another troublesome weed somewhat similar to the noted Russian thistle in its destructive extent, unless immediate steps are taken to check the further progress of "tumbling mustard."

Tembling mustard has become very obnoxious as a weed in the Canadian northwest provinces during the past five years and recently has been reported from nine different localities in the United States. Its record in Canada and the rapidity with which it has already spread, have actuated the Agricultural Department to issue a special warning for prompt action.

So far the weed has been confined to a small area in this country. It is usually introduced in baled hay, poorly cleaned seed, stock cars or sweepings from grain cars. It is especially likely to be contained in timothy seed, a large proportion of which is grown in the Sioux Valley of the eastern part of South Dakota.

The weed has not yet infested this valley, but the stated ent 's made that if it should spread in these fields f r two consecutive years it probably would ruin the timothy seed industry of the entire section. Various methods of complete eradication are given in this warning.

### SHOT AT M. FAURE.

A Frenchman's Way of Securing the President's Attention to His Grievances.

As President Faure, seated in an open car riage and accompanied by M. Meline, the premier, and MM. Boisdeffre and Tournier, appeared upon the review ground at Longchamps, France, a well dressed man, apparently about forty years of age, who had been leaning against a tree, took deliberate alm and fired twice in quick succession with a revolver at the President. The man had not time to fire again before the crowd closed in upon him and seized him, and but for the intervention of the police, the would-be as-

sassin would probably have been lynched. Throughout the sensational incidents of the day and the exciting" scenes that accompanied and followed the attempt upon his life, President Faure maintained an outwardly placid demeanor and manifested not

the slightest sign of agitation. When Francois, the would-be assassin, straightened up from bis lounging position against the tree and deliberately opened fire upon the President of the republic the latter showed no symptom of alarm and the open carriage in which he was riding made no pause, but proceeded across the review ground to the presidential tribune, where he was to review the troops who were out on parade in honor of the anniversary of the fall of the Bastile.

The improvement in the condition of winter wheat which the Department of Agriculture reports is a fine business indicator. Last year's corn crop broke all the records, but the wheat yield was not above the average. There are indications that the wheat crop in 1896 will equal, and perhaps exceed, the greatest harvest of the past. As good crops are the basis of prosperity, the autlook for the country this year is encouraging.

SARGENT'S GREATEST PICTURE.

One Critic Thicks It Is His Portrait of a Little Girl.

I do not think that there is anything in Mr. Sargent's work since he painted the "Beatrice" to lead us to imagine that he may not again paint a portrait as perfect as this, or even a finer one; but all things being considered, and the factor of personal preference being admitted in the judgment, it is the one that I choose as the best, and if limited to a single canvas, the one upon which I should rest his claim to rank with the world's great painters.

This little girl, with the golden hair tied with a pink ribben, in a go in of silk with stripes of pink and gray, her small hands joined before her with the finger-tips touching, and the cockatoo in his high gilt cage behind her, presents an adorable picture. That the portrait is delicate and harmonious in color, that the figure and accessories are painted with facile grace and sure precision, that it is captivating in aspect, and that it is complete in the sense that nothing may be taken away, changed, or added to-it is easy to say all this, and it is easy to support the assertion before the picture.

To explain it's great charm is more difficult than to analyze its merits. The charm seems to lie in the marvelous excellence of the painter's handiwork, expressing, as it does so perfectly, the sweet attractions of beautiful childhood. There are other ways of painting than the manner in which this picture is painted. There are certain more naive ways of interpreting nature, some that appeal more touchingly, perhaps, by a sort of timidity perceptible in the painter's heart, and made seductive by the justness of the final rendering; but nothing better in this particular way could well be accomplished .-

#### Byles on Bills.

Among the humorous memories connected with English judges is one of Justice Byles and his horse. This eminent jurist was well known in his profession for his work on "Bills," and as this gave a fine opportunity for alliteration, his associates were accustomed to bestow the name on the horse, which was but a sorry steed.

"There goes Byles on Bills," they took pleasure in saying, and as the Judge rode out every afternoon, they indulged daily in their little joke. But the truth was that the horse had another name known only to the master and his man; and when a too-curious client inquired as to the Judge's whereabouts, be was told by the servant, with a clear conscience, "that master was out on Busi-DOSS."

"Hello, Sappy, where have you been?" "I've been to the gymnasium, exercising, old chap." "You exercising?" "Yes; watching the rest. Exercising my eye, don't you know."-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Mohammed's Only Male Descendant The only male descendant of Mohammed is Elsaid Ahmed Effendi Abdel Khalek Sheik-el-Sadat, who lives in Egypt and is a prominent Arab gentleman in the Khedive's country. The shiek's house in Cairo is an ancient affair and his ancestors have occupied it for eight centuries. He is typically oriental except that he is of an enormous stature. His face is very red, his hair short and curly and sprinkled with gray, his eyes small, beady and black, with heavy lids. His face is sensual, with thick lips and heavy, jowl, stolld and expressionless except when moved by anger or pleasure.

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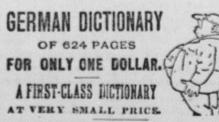
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St. Vitus' Dance. One boitle Dr. Fenner's specific cures. Circusar, Fredonia, N. Y. Life is an oyster that very often turns out to be bad just as we get ready to eat it.

## How Old are You?

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