The great strength of bamboo poles is not at all understood by the majority of persons. It is stated on excellent authority that two bamboo poles, each of them one and seventenths inches in diameter, when placed side by side, will support a grand piano slung between them by ropes, and that they will neither seg or break under the burden. Bamboo will form poles sixty-five to seventy feet long and from eight to ten inches in diameter. A derrick, twenty-six feet high, made of four-inch bamboo poles, raised two iron girders weighing together four hundred and twenty-four pounds. The wonderful lightness of this material in proportion to its strength has excited comment of late, and new uses are constantly being made of it. Scaffoldings of bamboo have the advantage of lightness and strength. It is predicted that this material will come into general use for such purposes.

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The swooning and tearful maiden has had her day. There is no place for her in this athletic age. While going through a prison, an English woman noticed on a shelf in the janitor's room bottles of smelling salts, cologne and so forth, and asked him the meaning, whereupon he replied, with a rueful shrug: "Them's relics of the time when women was women and fainted, and had to be took out." It is a matter of fact that in a novel of a period not so long back the heroine faints thirty times between the proposal and the altar.

Jim and John.

Jim and John were townsmen and chums, and went out to see baseball. It was a redhot afternoon, and the bleachers were like frying-pans at breakfast time. Jim had a bald head and John had a crick in the back. They sat for an underdone roast and laughed at everything. Jim's bald spot was a shining mark, like a brass door-plate. A stray ball, fleree and sharp, from a false bat, struck the spot and ploughed a furrow. bat, struck the spot and ploughed a furrow. It dazed him. Jim's eyes and face looked like a sick owl's, and John laughed. He laughed an hour straight along. The game ran late into twilight. Meanwhile John had shed his coat, and a cool, damp draft got in its work on his back. The time came to leave but John couldn't. He couldn't to leave, but John couldn't. He couldn't bend or get up. Lumbago had set in in its worst form. He laughs best who laughs last, and Jim had revenge. But they got down town to Jim's room, when he said, "Here's something all those athletes use for hurts and ailments, and it's the best known cure for lameback." He rubbed it on John's back and some on his own head. They were both feeling cured and com-fortable from the use of St. Jacobs Oil, which Jim always kept in a handy place. He was a sport bimself and knew what was best. They went to bed. John laughed in Both rose in the morning fresh as daisies; then Jim laughed at John.

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vantage of an Unfortunate Name-Some Mistakes That Cloud the Early Life. TEXT: "The wind was contrary," Mathew

As I well know by experience on Lake Galilee, one hour all may be calm and the next hour the winds and waves will be so boisterous that you are in doubt as to whether you will land on the shore or on the bottom of the deep. The disciples in the text were caught in such a stress of weather and the sails bent and the ship plunged, for "the wind was contrary." There is in one of the European straits a place where, whichever way you sail, the winds are opposing. There are people who all their life seem sailing in the teeth of the wind. All things seem against them. It may be said of their condition as of that of the disciples in my text, "the wind was contrary.

A great multitude of people are under seeming disadvantage, and I will to-day, in the swarthiest Anglo-Saxon that I can manage, treat their cases not as a nurse counts out eight or ten drops of a prescrip-tion and stirs them in a half glass of water, but as when a man has by a mistake taken a large amount of strychnine or paris green or beliadonna, and the patient is walked rapidly round the room and shaken up un-til he gets wide awake. Many of you have taken a large draught of the poison of dis-couragement, and I come out by the order of the Divine Physician to rouse you out of

First, many people are under the disadvantage of an unfortunate name given them by parents who thought they were that lethargy. doing a good thing. Sometimes at the baptism of children while I have held up one hand in prayer I have held up the other hand in amazement that parents should have weighted the babe with such a dissonant and repulsive nomenclature. I have not so much wondered that some children should cry out at the christening font as that others with such smiling face should take a title that will be the burden of their lifetime. It is outrageous to afflict hildren with an undesirable name because it happened to be possessed by a parent or a rich uncle from whom favors are excted or some prominent man of the day who may end his life in disgrace. It is no excuse, because they are Scripture names, to call a child Jehoiakim or Tiglath-Plibaptized one by the name Bathsheba. Why, under all the circumambient heaven, any parent should want to give to a child the name of that loose creature of Scripture times I cannot imagine. I have often feit at the baptismal altar, when names were announced to me, like saving, as did the Rev. Dr. Richards, of Morris town, N. J., when a child was handed him

for baptism and the name given, "Hadn't you better call it something else?" Impose not upon that babe a name suggestive of flippancy or meanness. no excuse for such assault and battery on the cradle when our language is opulent with names musical and suggestive in meaning, such as John, meaning "the gracious gift of God," or Henry, meaning "the chief of a household," or Aifred, meaning 'good counselor," or Joshua, meaning God, our salvation," or Ambrose, meaning "immortal," or Andrew, meaning "manly" or Esther, meaning "star," or Abigail, meaning "my father's joy," or Anna, meaning "grace," or Victoria, meaning "victory," or Rosalie, meaning "beautiful as a rose," or Margaret, meaning "a pearl," or Ida, meaning "godlike," or Clara, meaning "illustrious," or Amelia, meaning "busy," or Bertha, meaning "beautiful," and hun-dreds of other names just as good that are

is not in the given name, but in the family pame. While legislatures are willing to and-so," mentioning some family celebrayoung man does not rise, saying to his brothers and sisters, "If you want to keep his nuisance or scandalization of a page." ted for crime or deception. It is a wonder to me that in all such families some spirited I will keep it no longer than until quickest course of law I can slough off this gangrene." The city directory has hun-dreds of names the mere pronunciation of which has been a life-long obstacle. If you have started life under a name which either through ridiculous orthography or vicious suggestion has been an incumbrance, resolve that the next generation shall not be so weighted. It is not demeaning to America, and I suppose it is so in all countries, names which ought to be abolished and can be and will be abolished for the reason that they are a libel and a slander. that you must bear, God will help you to overcome the outrage by a life consecrated ecrated to the good and useful. You may erase the curse from the name. If it once stood

quered the disasters of the name inflicted Again, many people labor under the misfortune of incompetent physical equipment. We are by our Creator so economically built that we cannot afford the obliteration of any physical faculty. We want our two eyes, our two ears, our two hands, our two feet, our eight fingers and two thumbs. feet, our eight fingers and two thumbs. Yet what multitudes of people have but one eye or but one foot! The ordinary casualties of life have been quadrupled, quintupled, sextupled, aye, centupled, in our time by the Civil War, and at the North and South a great multitude are fighting the battle of life with half, or less than half, the people of the progressiant of the product of the progressiant of the product of the progressiant of the product of the the needed physical armaments. I do not wonder at the pathos of a soldier during the war, who, when told that he must have his hand amputated, said, "Doctor, can't you save it?" and when told that it was impossible, said, "Well, then, goodby, old hand. I hate to part with you. You have done me a good service for many years, but either and the war.

you can make it stand for purity. There

have been multitudes of instances where

men and women have magnificently con

seems you must go. Goodby."
Put to full use all the faculties that remain and charge on all opposing circum-stances with the determination of John of Bohemia, who was totally blind, and yet at a battle cried out, "I pray and be you to lead me so far into the fight that I may strike one good blow with this sword of mine!" Do not think so much of what faculties you have lost as of what faculties remain. You have enough left to make yourself felt inthree worlds, while you nelp the earth and balk hell and win heaven. Arise from your discouragements, O men and women of depleted or crippled physical faculties, and see what, by the special help of God, you can accomplish!

Another form of disadvantage under which many labor is lack of early education. There will be no excuse for ignorance in the part generation. tion. There will be no excuse for ignorance in the next generation. Free schools and illimitable opportunity of education will make ignorance a crime. I believe in compulsory education, and those parents who neglect to put their children under educational advantages have but one right left, and that is the penitentiary. But there are multitudes of men and women in midlife who have had no opportunity. Free there are multitudes of men and women in midlife who have had no opportunity. Free schools had not yet been established, and vast multitudes had little or no school at all. They feel it when as Christian and throw it into the air, and it shall become angels of victory over all the armies of earth and hell. The voices of your adversaries, human and satanic, shall be covered with confusion, while you

They owe nothing to English grammar, of geography, or belles lettres. They would not know a participle from a pronoun if they met it many times a day. Many of the most successful merchants of America and in high political places cannot write an ac-Sunday Sermen.

In high political places cannot write an eccurate letter on any theme. They are completely dependent upon clerks, and deputies, and stenographers, to make things Draft of Discouragement—The Disad-vantage of an Unfortunate Name—Some years in this city made his fortune by writing speeches for congressmen or fixing them up for The Congressional Record after they were delivered. The millionaire il-

literacy of this country is beyond measure-Not a word have I to say against accuracy of speech or fine elocution or high men-tal culture. Get all these you can. But I do say to those who were brought up in the day of poor school-houses and ignorant school masters and no opportunity: You may have so much of good in your soul and so much of heaven in your everyday life that you will be mightier for good than any who went through the curriculum of Har-vard or Yale or Oxford, yet never graduated in the school of Christ. When you get up to the gate of heaven, no one will ask you whether you can parse the first chapter of Genesis, but whether you have learned the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, nor whether you know how to square the circle, but whether you have lived a square life in a round world. Mount Zion is higher than Mount Parnassus.

But what other multitudes there are unler other disadvantages! Here is a Christian woman whose husband thinks religion a sham, and while the wife prays the children one way the husband swears them another. Or here is a Christian man who is trying to do his best for God and the church, and his wife holds him back and says on the way home from prayer meeting, where he gave testimony for Christ What a fool you made of yourself! I hope hereafter you will keep still." And when he would be benevolent and give \$50 she criticises him for not giving fifty cents. must do justice and publicly thank God that I never proposed at home to give anything for any cause of humanity or religion but the other partner in the domestic firm approved it, and when it seemed beyond my ability and faith in God was necessary she had three-fourths the faith. But know men who, when they contribute to charitable objects, are afraid that the wife shall find it out. What a withering curse such a woman must be to a good man!

Then there are others under the great disadvantage of poverty. Who ought to get things cheapest? You say those have little means. But they pay more. You buy coal by the ton; they buy it by the bucket. You buy flour by the barrel; they buyit by the pound. You get apparel cheap because you pay cash; they pay dear be-cause they have to get trusted. And the Bible was right when it said, "The destruc-

tion of the poor is their poverty."

Then, there are those who made a mistake in early life, and that overshadows all their days. "Do you not know that that their days. "Do you not know that that man was once in prison?" is whispered. Or 'Do you know that that man once attempted suicide?" Or, "Do you know that that man once absconded?" Or, "Do you know that that man was once discharged for dishonesty?" Perhaps there was only one wrong deed in the man's life, and that one act baunts the subsequent half century of his existence.

Others have unfortunate predominance of some mental faculty, and their rashness throws them into wild enterprises, or their trepidation makes them decline great op-portunity, or there is a vein of melaneholy n their disposition that defeats them, o they have an endowment of overmirth that causes the impression of insincerity. Others have a mighty obstacle in their

personal appearance, for which they are not responsible. They forget that God not responsible. They forget that God fashioned their features, and their complexion and their stature, the size of their nose and mouth and hands and feet, and gave them their gait and appearance, and they forget But sometimes the great hindrance in life that much of the world's best work and the church's best work has been done by homely people, and that Paul the Apostle ifft such incubus, there are families that keep a name which mortgages all the generations with a great disadvantage. You say, "I wonder if he is any relation to Soglasses or in studdying killing attitudes and in displaying the richness of ward-

Others had wrong proclivities from the start. They were born wrong, and that sticks to one even after he is born again. They have a natural crankiness that is 275 years old. It came over with their great-grandfathers from Scotland, or Wales, or France. It was born on the banks of the Thames, or the Clyde, or the Tiber, or the Rhine, and has survived all the plagues and epidemics of many generations, and is living to-day on the banks of the Potomac, be so weighted. It is not demeaning the solution of the Sevannah, or the La Plata. And when change a name. Saul of Tarsus became the Sevannah, or the La Plata. And when the sevannah tries to stop this evil ancestral proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the proclivity he is like a man on a rock in the rapids of Niagara, holding on with a grip from which the swift currents are trying

to sweep him into the abyes beyond. Oh, this world is an overburdened world, But if for any person you are submerged oh, this world is an overburdened world, either by a given name or by a family name and overworked world. It is an awfully tired world. It is a dreadfully unfortunate world. Scientists are trying to find out the cause of these earthquakes in all lands, cisatlantic and transatlantic. for meanness, you can make it stand for generosity. If once it stood for pride, you can make it stand for humanity. If it once stood for fraud, you can make it stand for honesty. If once it stood for wickedness, you can make it stand for nurity. There diameter. Some new Cotoxpaxi or Stromboli or Vesuvius will open, and then all will be at peace for the natural world. But what about the moral wees of the world that have racked all Nations, and for 6000 years science proposes nothing but knowledge, and many people who know the most

nomically | are the most uncomforted? In the way of practical relief for all disadvantages and all wees the only voice that is worth listening to on this subject is the voice of Christianity, which is the voice of Almighty God. Whether I have mentioned the particular disadvantage under which you labor or not, I distinctly dewhich you labor or not, I distinctly de-clare, in the name of my God, that here is a way out and a way up for all of you. You cannot be any worse off than that Christian young woman who was in the Pemberton mills when they fell some years ago, and from under the fallen timbers she was heard singing, "I am going home to die no

Take good courage from that Bible, all of whose promises are for those in bad pre-dicament. There are better days for you, dicament. hand under your chin and lift your face into the coming dawn. Have God on your side, and then you have for reserve troops all the armies of heaven, the smallest company of which is 20,000 chariots and the smallest brigade 144,000, the lightnings of heaven, their dearms. either on earth or in heaven. heaven their drawn sword.

An ancient warrior saw an overpowering host come down upon his small company of armed men, and mounting his horse he threw a handful of sand in the air, crying, "Let their faces be covered with confu-sion." And both armies heard His voice, and history says it seemed as though the dust thrown in the air had become so many angels of supernatural deliverance, and the weak overcame the mighty, and the immense host fell back, and the small number matched on. Have faith in God, and, though all the allied forces of discouragement seem to come against you in battle array and their laugh of defiance and contempt resounds through all the valleys and mountains, you might by faith in God and importunate prayer pick up a handful of the very dust of your humiliation and throw it into the air, and all. They feel it when, as Christian men, they come to speak or pray in religious assemblies or public occasions, patriotic or political or educational. They are ilent because they do not feel competent.

How to Laundry Fancy Linen.

To wash embroidered linens so as not to fade the colors, fill a tub half full of warm water, to which add a little Ivory Scap. Wash each piece through the suds carefully, rinse in blue water, to which a little thin starch is added. Hang in the shade to dry. Iron on the wrong side, pressing down heavily to bring out the stitches, thus restoring their original beauty. ETIZA R. PARKER.

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A Little French Trick.

An Englishman recently took a seat at a cafe table in Paris. A Frenchman sat on the other side of it. He began to play with the lever of a seltzer syphon, when suddenly, and seemingly by accident, a stream of the aerated water struck the Englishman in the face. The Frenchman apo'ogized profusely and wiped off the water with his own haudkerchief. After the polite Frenchman had gone the Englishman discovered that his purse containing nearly five hundred pounds had also disappeared.

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Guards Her People.

Not only do they take care of travellers in England, but they force them luck is a deity to be propitiated, not to take care of themselves. You have offended, and has his little supersti- not the privilege of getting yourself tions. The four-leaf clover is his killed that you enjoy in America. If mascot. If he finds one on his way to you are found getting on or off a train the links he is happy; and if he loses in motion, you are fined, and the ofthe game it is not the fault of the fence will cost you "forty shillings," charm, but rather of some malign or to quote a railway rule. Nor have "hoodoo" influence which is too strong | you the freedom of crossing the tracks. to be overcome. Like a "mascot," a The trifling matter of going up a flight "hoodoo" is an actual influence, ac- of stairs to cross the track on a safe cording to the golfer. Certain people and strong bridge saves many lives in have a fatal effect on others. The England, and by our lack of such safe-"evil eye" is often blamed for a missed guards many lives are sacrificed annually, as railway statistics show. this talk is more or less put on, but England may not be as free as the there is a certain belief in occult in United States, but she knows how to guard the safety of her people.

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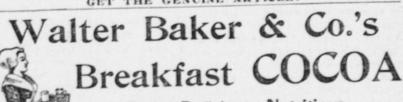
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