The Stranger and the Wise Man. What do they do with all the mud they dredge out of this river?" They take it out and dump it in the lake.

That's the last of it, I suppose."

"No, it finds its way into the river again. The current brings it back after a time.

'Do they dredge it out again?" "Yes.' "What for?"

'So they can dump it in the lake and let it come back to the river.'

Well, but what's the use of all that?" "Can't you see? It gives them a chance to dredge it out again."

Fortune.

Once upon a time a young man with a stout heart and a crest on his writing paper entered society and made a close study of the society woman.

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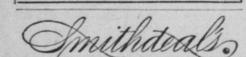
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RELIGION IS EVERGREEN.

The Olive Branch of Peace, the Pine Eranch of Consolation, the Palm

Branch of Usefulness and Victory.

Dr. Talmage Says We Are Only Here in a Temporary Residence.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—This discourse of Dr. Talmage is full of the breath of the hills and fields and is a summer sermon; text, Nehemiah, viii, 15. "Go forth unto the mountain and fetch olive branches and palm branches and branches of thick trees to make booths."

trees to make booths." It seems as if Mount Olivet were un-moored. The people have gone into the mountain and have cut off tree branches and put them on their shoulders, and they come forth now into the streets of Jeru-salem and on the housetops and they twist these tree branches into arbors or beatis. These the people come forth from twist these tree branches into arbors of booths. Then the people come forth from their comfortable homes and dwell for seven days in these booths or arbors. Why do they do that? Well, it is a great fastal time. It is the feast of tabernacles, and these people are going to celebrate the desert travel of their fathers and their deliverance from their troubles the syne. deliverance from their troubles, the expe-rience of their fathers when, traveling in the desert, they lived in booths on their way to the land of Canaan. And so these booths also became highly suggestive-of our march toward heaven and of the fact our march toward heaven and of the fact that we are only living temporarily here, as it were, in booths or arbors, on our way to the Canaan of eternal rest. And what was said to the Jews literally may be said figuratively to all this audience. Go forth into the mountain and fetch olive branches and pine branches and myrtle brawches and palm branches and branches of thick trees to make booths. 'Yes, we are only here in a temporary

Yes, we are only here in a temporary residence. We are marching on. The merchant princes who used to live in Bowling Green, New York, have passed away, and their residences are now the away, and their residences are now the fields of cheap merchants. Where are the men who fifty years ago owned Wash-ington and New York? Passed on. There is no use in our driving our stakes too deep into the earth; we are on the march. The generations that have preceded us have gone so far on that we cannot even hear the sound of their footsteps. They have gone over the hills, and we are to follow them. But, blessed be God, we are not in this follow

But, blessed be God, we are not in this world left out of doors and unsheltered. There are gospel booths or gospel arbors in which our souls are to be comforted. Go forth unto the mountain and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches and branches of thick trees and build booths. Well, now, we are to-day to construct a gospel arbor or gospel booth, and how shall we construct it? Well, we must get all the tree branches and build. Ac-cording to my text, we must go up into get all the tree branches and build. Ac-cording to my text, we must go up into the mount and bring olive branches. What does that mean? The olive tree grows in warm climates and it reaches the height of twenty or twenty-two feet, a straight stem, and then an offshoot from that stem. 'And then people come and they strip off these branches sometimes, and when in time of war the general of one army takes one of these olive branches and goes out to the general of another army, what does that mean? Why, it means unsaddle the war chargers; it means hang up the war war chargers; it means hang up the war knapsacks. It is but a beautiful way of

saying peace! Now, if we are to-day going to succeed in building this gospel arbor we must go into the mount of God's blessing and fetch the olive branches, and whatever else we must have we must have at least two olive branches—peace with God and peace with man. When I say peace with God, I do not mean to represent God as an angry chieffini having a superconstruction of the same superchieftain having a grudge against us, but I do mean to affirm that there is no more antagonism between a hound and a hare, between a hawk and a pullet, between elefluence of the pine. There is health in it, and this pine branch of the text suggests the helpfulness of our holy religion. It is full of health, health for all, health for the mind, health for the soul. I knew an aged man who had no capital of physical health. He had had all the diseases you could imagine. He did not eat enough to keep a child alive; he lived on a beverage of hosannas; he lived high, for he dined every day with the King; he was kept alive simply by the force of our holy reli-gion. It is a healthy religion, healthy for the eye, healthy for the hand, healthy for the fiet, healthy for the spleen, healthy for the liver, healthy for the heart, healthy for the liver, healthy for the spleen, healthy for the whole man. It gives a man such peace, such quietness, such independence of circumstances, such holy equipoise. Oh, that we all possessed it; that we possessed it now!

And some one says. "My business is to manufacture horseshoe nails." Then manufacture horseshoe nails to the glory of God. There is nothing for you to do that you ought to do but for the glory of God.

Usefulness is typified by the palm tree. Ah, we do not want in the church any more people that arc merely weeping wil-lows, sighing into the water, standing and lows, sighing into the water, standing and admiring their long lashes in the glassy spring! No wild cherry dropping bitter fruit. We want palm trees, holding something for God, something for angels, something for man. I am tired and sick of this flat, tame, inspid, satin slippered, namby pamby, highty tighty religion! It is worth nothing for tops world, and it is worth nothing for this world, and it is destruction for eternity. Give me 500 men and women fully consecrated to Christ, and we will take this city for God in three years; give me 10,000 men and women fully up to the Christian standard; in ten years 10,000 of them would take the whole earth for God. But when are we going to begin? We all want to be useful. There is not a man in the pews that does not want to be useful. When are we going to be-

Ledyard, the great traveler, was brought before the Geographical Society of Great Britain, and they wanted him to make some explorations in Africa, and they showed him all the perils and all the hard work and all the exposure, and after they had told him what they wanted him to do in Africa they said to him, "Now. Ledyard, when are you ready to start?" He said, "To-morrow morning." The learned men were astonished. They thought he would take weeks or months to get ready. Well, now, you tell me you want to be useful in Christian service. you want to be useful in Christian service. When are you going to begin? Oh, that you had the decision to say, "Now; now!" Oh. go into the mount and gather the palm branches!

But the palm branches also mean vic-tory. Well, now, we are by nature the servants of satan. He stole us; he has tory. servants of satan. He stole us; he has his eye on us; he wants to keep us. But word comes from our Father that if we will try to break loose from this doing of wrong our Father will help us, and some day we rouse up, and we look the black tyrant in the face, and we fly at him, and we wrestle him down, and we put our heel on his neck, and we grind him in the dust, and we say, "Victory, vic-tory, through our Lord Jesus Christ!" Oh, what a grand thing it is to have sin underfoot and a wasted life behind our tacks! "Blessed is he whose trans-gression is forgiven and whose sin is gression is forgiven and whose sin is covered."

Some one says, "How about the fu-ture?" What, says the man, I feel so sick and worn out with the ailments of life. You are going to be more than conqueror. But, says the man. I am so tempted, I am so pursued in life. You are going to be more than conqueror. I, who have so many ailments and heart-aches, going to be more than conqueror? Yes, unless you are so self-conceited that Yes, unless you are so self-conceited that you want to manage all the affairs of your life yourself instead of letting God manage them. Do you want to drive and have God take a back seat? "Oh, no." you say: "I want God to be my lead-er." Well, then, you will be more than conqueror. Your last sickness will come, conqueror. Your last sickness will come, and the physicians in the next room will be talking about what they will do for you. What difference will it make what they do for you? You are going to be well, everlastingly well. And when the spirit has fied the body your friends will be talking as to where they shall bury you. What difference does it make to you where they bury you? The angel of the resurrection can nick you out of the the resurrection can pick you out of the dust anywhere, and all the cemeteries of the resurrection can pick you out of the dust anywhere, and all the cemeteries of the carth are in God's care. Oh, you are going to be more than conqueror! Do you not think we had better begin now to celebrate the coming victory? In the old meeting house at Somerville my father used to lead the singing, and he had the old fashioned tuning fork, and he would strike it upon his knee and then put the tuning fork to his ear to catch the right pitch and start the hymn. But, friend, do you not think we had better be catching the pitch of the everlasting song, the song of victory, when we shall be more than conquerors? Had we not better begin the rehearsal on earth? My text brings us one step further. It says go forth into the mount and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches and branches of thick trees. Now you know very well—I make this remark un-der the head of branches of thick trees-that a booth or arbor made of slight branches would prostrate it. So, then, the booth or arbor must have four branches would not stand. The first blast of the tempest would prostrate it. So, then, the booth or arbor must have four stout poles to hold up the arbor or booth, and hence for the building of the arbor for this world we must have stout branches of thick trees. And so it is in the gospel arbor. Blessed be God that we have a brawny Christianity, not one easily upset The <text><text><text><text>

A Clever Woman's Answer.

"Do you not consider your husband he most graceless sinner in existence?' This question was asked the wife of a gay Lothario by a rival for his affecions while playing a game called "Can-

The stillness became intense and every pair of eyes grew rounder as those present looked from one woman to the other. It was the husband's voice that b, oke the silence.

"Your question is out of order, Bea-trice," he said, quietly. "It is a rule laid down in courts of law that a woman is not required to testify against her husband.

In the confusion that followed as the game broke up the man sought his wife's side. "What should you have re-plied to the query of the fair Beatrice if I had not come to your rescue so neatly?" he demanded.

"I should have said you were a sinner, yes, but a graceful rather than a graceless one.'

Not Profitable Talk.

There is one young gentleman of the tender age of 5 years in this big town who entirely discredits the wisdom of "grown-ups," and with cause. This promising youth has been, and is, noted for the rapidity and persistency with which he can ply his elders with questions

"Look here, Tommy," exclaimed his mother one day, "if you would only keep still and not bother people with questions you don't know how much ou might learn.' Tommy said never a word, but treas

ured the advice. A few days later he was sent to the grocer's.

"Say, ma," said he on his return you told me if I'd keep still and didn' ask questions, I'd learn a lot, but it sn't true. I went to the grocer's and te was talkin' and talkin', but I didn't carn a thing. "Why, that was strange," said

namma.

"No, it wasn't, neither." grinned young hopeful, "he was talkin' Dutch."

The Modesty of Childhood.

Little Philip wanted to go visiting the other day. He longed to go to see Mazie, who lives nearly two blocks away. After a good deal of teasing his mother said he might go.

"And may I stay to lunch?" the boy asked.

"You may if Mazie's mother asks you o," was the reply; "if she doesn't, be ure to come home before noon." Philip reached Mazie's house a few

minutes later and galloped up on the porch where the little girl's mother was "Mrs. Parker," he said, half out of preath, "I've come to play with Mazie all day, and my mother says I must not stay here to lunch unless yau ask me to, but I ain't hungry yet.'

Strictly Personal.

The East Cleveland car had passed Lake View. Near the front seat sat two women, one from the rural districts, the other a Clevelander who was showing the sights.

As the car passed Forest Hill the rusic sister exclaimed, pointing to the half-completed lodge:

"O Cousin Sarah! What's that cute litte stone buildin'?" "That?" returned the Clevelander

with an air of superiority. "Why. that's just a little church Rockeieller's buildin' his own private use!



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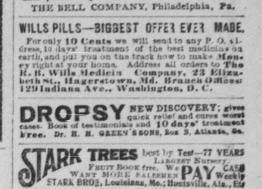
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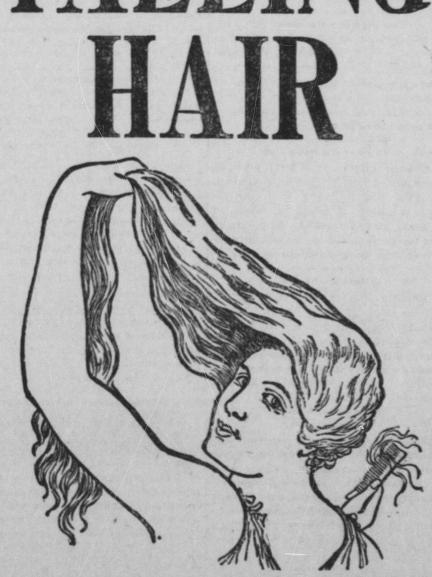
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phant and swine than there is hostility between holiness and sin. And if God is all holiness and we are all

sin there must be a readjustment, there must be a reconstruction, there must be a treaty, there must be a stretching forth of olive branches.

There is a great lawsuit going on now, and it is a lawsuit which man is bringing against his Maker; that lawsuit is now on the calendar. It is the human versus the the calendar. It is the human versus the divine: it is iniquity versus the immacu-late; it is weakness versus omnipotence. Man began it; God did not begin the law-suit. We began it; we assaulted our Ma-ker, and the sooner we end this part of the struggle in which the finite attempts to overthrow the infinite and omnipotent overthrow the infinite and omnipotent to overthrow the infinite and omnipotent -the sooner we end it the better. Trav-elers tells us there is no such place as Mount Calvary; that it is only a hill, only an insignificant hill, but I persist in calling it the mount of God's divine mercy and love, far grander than any other place on earth, grander than the Alps or the Hi-malayas, and there are no other hills as compared with it; and I have noticed in every'sect where the cross of Christ is set

compared with it; and I have noticed in every sect where the cross of Christ is set forth it is planted with olive branches. And all we have to do is to get rid of this war between God and ourselves, of which we are all tired. We want to back out of the war; we want to get rid of this hostility. All we have to do is just to get up on the mount of God's blessing and pluck these olive branches and wave them before the throne. Peace through our Lord Jesus Christ! Oh, it does not make much difference

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And the car rolled on.

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"This, I suppose," said the satirical husband, "is what you call bread, is it?" "Yes, sir," replied his high-spirited Southern wife. "That is bread in Old Kentucky.'

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