THE POWER OF KINDNESS

Dr. Talmage Says a Spirit of Amity and Good Feeling is to Be Commended.

Victory Through Good Will-Most Potent of Worlds.

[Copyright, 1901.] WASHINGTON, D. C.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage commends the spirit of amity and good feeling and mentions illustrious examples of that spirit; text, Acts xxviii, 2, "The barbarous people showed us no lit

2, "The barbarous people showed us no little kindness."

Here we are on the Island of Malta. another name for Melita. This island, which has always been an important commercial centre, belonging at different times to Phoenicia, to Greece, to Rome, to Arabia, to Spain, to France, now belongs to England. The area of the island is about 100 square miles. It is in the Mediterranean Sea, and of such clarity of atmosphere that Mount Etna. 130 miles away, can be distinctly seen. The island is gloriously memorable because the Knights of Malta for a long while ruled there, but most famous because of the apostolic shipwreck. The bestormed vessel on which Paul sailed had "laid to" on the starboard tack, and the wind was blowing east-northeast, and, the vessel drifting probably a mile and a half an hour, she struck at what is now called St. Paul's Bay. Practical sailors have taken up the Bible account and decided beyond controversy the place of the shipwreck. But the island, which has so rough a coast, is for the most part a grader. Bickest fruits and a profusion of so rough a coast, is for the most part a garden. Richest fruits and a profusion of honey characterized it in Paul's time as The finest oranges, figs and well as now.

olives grow there.

When Paul and his comrades crawled up When Paul and his comrades crawled up on the beach, saturated and hungry from long abstinence from food and chilled to the bone, the islanders, though called barbarians because they could not speak Greek, opened their doors to the ship-wrecked unfortunates. My text finds the ship's crew ashore on Malta and around a ship's crew ashore on Malta and around a hot fire and with the best provision the islanders can offer them. And they go into government quarters for three days to recuperate, Publius, the ruler, inviting them, although he had severe sickness in the wouse at that time, his father down with a dangerous illness. Yea, for three months they stayed on the island watching for a ship and putting the hospitality of the islanders to a severe test. But it endured the test satisfactorily, and it is recorded for all the ages of time and eter-

endured the test satisfactorily, and it is recorded for all the ages of time and eternity to read and hear in regard to the inhabitants of Malta, "The barbarous people showed us no little kindness."

Kindness! What a great word that is! It would take a reed as long as that which the apocalyptic angel used to measure heaven to tell the length, the breadth, the height of that mynificent word. It is a height of that munificent word. It is a favorite Bible word, and it is early launched in the book of Genesis, caught up in the book of Joshua, embraced in the book of Ruth, sworn by in the book of Samuel, crowned in the book of Psalms and encrowned in the book of Psalms and en-throned in many places in the New Tes-tament. Kindness! A word no more gentle than mighty. I expect it will wres-tle me down before I get through with it. It is strong enough to throw an archan-gel. But it will be well for us to stand around it and warm ourselves by its glow as Paul and his fellow voyagers, stood around the fire on the Island of Malta, where the Maltese made themselves im-

where the Malese made themselves immortal in my text by the way they treated these victims of the sea. "The barbarous people showed us no little kindness."

Kindness! All definitions of that multipotent word break down half way. You say it is clemency, benignity, generosity; it is made up of good wishes; it is a contribution to the happiness of others. Some one else says: "Why, I can give you a definition of kindness. It is sunshine of the soul; it is affection perennial; it is a climacteric grace; it is a combination of all the graces; it is compassion; it is the anliness." Are you all through? You have made a dead failure in your definition. It cannot be defined. But we all know what it is, for we have all felt its Paul felt it on some coast of rock as Some of you may have felt it as ship went to pieces, but more of us have again and again in some awful stress of life had either from earth or heaven hands stretched out which "showed us no little kindness.

There is kindness of disposition, kindness of word, kindness of act, and there is Jesus Christ, the impersonation of all of them. Kindness! You cannot affect it; you cannot play it as a part; you cannot enact it; you cannot dramatize it. By the grace of God you must have it inside you, an everlasting summer, or, rather, a com-bination of June and October, the genial ity of the one and the tonic of the other. It cannot dwell with arrogance or spite or revenge or malevolence. At its first ap-pearance in the soul all these Amalekites and Gergishites and Hittites and Jepu sites must quit and quit forever. Kind-ness wishes everybody well, every child well, every bird well, every horse well, every dog well, every cat well.

Give this spirit full swing, and you would have no more need of societies for

prevention of cruelty to animals, no more prevention of cruelty to animals, no more need of protective sewing women's associations, and it would dull every sword until it would not cut skin deep and unwheel every battery till it could not roll and make gunpowder of no more use in the world except for rock blasting or pyrotechnic celebration.

But are you waiting and hoping for some one to be bankrupted or exposed or discomfited or in some way overthrown. Then kindness has not taken possession of your nature. You are wrecked on a Malta where there are no oranges. You are en-tertaining a guest so unlike kindness that kindness will not come and dwell under the same roof. The most exhausting and unhealthy and rumous spirit on earth is a revengeful spirit or retaliating spirit, as I know by experience, for I have tried it for five or ten minutes at a time. When some mean thing has been done me or said about me, I have felt "I will pay him in his own coin. I will show him up. The ingrate, the traitor, the liar, the villain!" But five or ten minutes of the feeling has been so unnerving and exhausting I have abandoned it, and I cannot understand how people can go about torturing themselves five or ten or twenty years, trying selves five or ten or twenty years, trying to get even with somebody. The only way you will ever triumph over your enemies is by forgiving them and wishing them all good and no evil.

As malevolence is the most uneasy and

profitless and dangerous feeling, kindness is the most healthful and delightful. And this is not an abstraction. As I have tried a little of the retainatory feeling, so I have tried a little of the forgiving. I do not want to leave this world until I have

want to leave this world until I have taken vengeance upon every man that ever did me a wrong by doing him a kindness. Let us all pray for this spirit of kindness. It will settle a thousand questions. It will change the phase of everything. It will mellow through and through our entire nature. It will transform a lifetime. It is not a feeling got up for occasions but perennial. That is the reason I like but perennial. That is the reason I like petunias better than morning glories. They look very much alike, and if I should put in your hand a petunia and a morning glory you could hardly tell which was the petunia and which the morning glory, but the morning glory blooms only a few hours and then shuts up for the day, while the petunia is in as widespread a glow at 12 o'clock at noon and 6 o'clock in the evening as at sunrise. And this grace of kindness is not spasmodic, it is not intermittent, it is not for a little while, but it irradiates the whole nature all through and clear on till the sunset of our earthly existence.

ere you resolved to -t it? It does not come by haphazard, but through culture under divine help. Thistles grow without under divine help. Thistles grow without culture, Rocky Mountain sage grass grows without culture. Mullein stalls grow without culture. But that great red rose without culture. But that great red rose in the conservatory, its feares packed on leaves, deen dyed as though it had been obliged to fight for its beauty and it were still reeking with the carnage of the battle, that rose needed to be cultured, and through long years its floral ancestors were cultured. O God, implant kindness in all our souls, and then give us grace to watch it, to enrich it, to develop it!

The King of Prussia had presented to him by the Empress of Russia the root of a rare flower, and it was put in the royal

rare flower, and it was put in the roya gardens on an island, and the head gar-dener, Herr Fintleman, was told to watch dener. Herr Fintleman, was told to watch it. And one day it put forth its glory. Three days of every week the people were admitted to these gardens, and a young man, probably not realizing what a wrong thing he was doing, plucked this flower and put it in his buttonhole, and the gardener arrested him as he was crossing at the ferry and asked the king to throw onen no more his gardens to the public. The king replied: "Shall I deny to the thousands of good people of my country the privilege of seeing this garden because one visitor has done wrong? No; let them come and see the beautiful grounds." And one visitor has done wrong? No; let them come and see the beautiful grounds." And when the gardener wished to give the king the name of the offender who had taken the royal flower he said: "No; my memory is very tenacious, and I do not want to have in my mind the name of the offender, lest it should hinder me granting him a favor some other time." Now, I him a favor some other time." Now, I want you to know that kindness is a royal flower, and, blessed be God, the King of Mercy and Grace, that by a divine gift and not by purloining we may bluck this royal flower and not wear it on the outside flower and not wear it on the outside flower and not wear it in our soul and of our nature, but wear it in our soul and wear it forever, its radiance and aroma not more wonderful for time than wonderful for eternity.

On your way to noon luncheon you meet on your way to noon function you may an optimistic merchant, and you say. "What do you think of the commercial prospects?" and he says: "Glorious! Crops not so good as usual, but foreign demand will make big prices. We are going to have such an autumn and winter

prosperity as we have never seen."

On your way back to your store you meet a pessimistic merchant. "What do On your way back to your store you meet a pessimistic merchant. "What do you think of the commercial prospects?" you ask. And he answers: "Well. I don't know. Wheat and corn crop blasted in Kansas and Missouri, and the grain gamblers will get their fist in, and the hay crop is short in some places and in the southern part of Wisconsin they had a hailstorm, and our business is as dull as it ever was."

You will find the same difference You will find the same difference in judgment of character. A man of good reputation is assailed and charged with some evil deed. At the first story the pessimist will believe in guilt. "The papers said so, and that's enough. Down with him!" The optimist will sav: "I don't believe a word of it. I don't think that a man that has been as useful and seemingly honest for twenty years could have got off track like that. There are two sides to this story, and I will wait to hear the other side before I condemn him."

My hearer, if you are by nature a pes-

My hearer, if you are by nature a pes-simist, make a special effort by the grace of God to extirpate the dolorous and the hypercritical from your disposition. Beieve nothing against anybody until the wrong is established.

When you can speak a good word for some one, speak it. If you can conscientiously give letter of recommendation, give it. Watch for opportunities for doing good fifty years after you are dead. All my life has been affected by the letter of introduction that the Rev. Dr. Van of introduction that the Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, of New Brunswick Theological Seminary, wrote for me, a boy under him, when I was seeking a settlement in which to preach the gospel. That letter gave me my first pulpit. Dr. Van Vranken has my first pulpit. Dr. Van Vranken has been dead more than thirty years, yet I feel the touch of that magnificent old professor. Strange sensation was it when I received a kind message from Rev. Thomas Guard of Baltimore the great Methodist. orator, six weeks after his death. By way of the eternal world? Oh, no: by way of this world. I did not meet the friend to whom he gave the message until nearly two months after Thomas Guard had ascended. Guard, of Baltin

cended.

So you can start a word about some one that will be on its travels and vigorous long after the funeral psalm has been sung at your obsequies. Kindness! Why, if fifty men all aglow with it should walk through the lost world methinks they would almost abolish perdition!

Furthermore, there is kindness of action. That is what Joseph showed to his outrageous brothers. That is what David showed to Mephibosheth for his father Jonathan's sake. That is what Onesipherus showed to Paul in the Roman penitentiary. That is what William Cowper recognized when he said he would not trust a man who would with his foot needlessly crush a worm. That is what our assassicrush a worm. That is what our assassinated President Lincoln demonstrated when his private secretary found him in the capitol grounds trying to get a bird back to the nest from which it had fallen and which quality the illustrious man ex-hibited some years before when, having with some lawyers, in the carriage on the way to court passed on the road a swine fast in the mire, and after a while cried to his horses, "Ho!" and said to the gen-tlemen, "I must go back and help that hog out of the mire." And he did go back

hog out of the mire." And he did go back and put on solid ground that most uninteresting quadruped.

Suppose all this assemblage and all to whom these words shall come by printers' ink should resolve to make kindness an overarching, undergirding and all pervading principle of their life and then carry out the resolution, why, in six months the whole earth would feel it. People would say: "What is the matter? It seems to me that the world is getting to be a better place to live in. Why, life, after all, is worth living. Why, there is Shylock, my neighbor, has withdrawn his lawsuit of foreclosure against that man, and bemy neighbor, has withdrawn and be of foreclosure against that man, and be or foreciosure against that man, and because he has so much sickness in his family he is going to have the house for one
year rent free. There is an old lawyer in
that young lawyer's office, and do you
know what he has gone in there for?
Why, he is helping to fix up a case which
is too big for the young man to handle,
and the white haired attorney is hunting up previous decisions and making out a brief for the boy. Do you know that a strange thing has taken place in the pul-pit, and all the old ministers are helping the young ministers, and all the old doc-tors are helping the young doctors, and the farmers are assisting each other in gathering the harvest, and for that farmer who is sick the neighbors have made a bee, as they call it, and they have all turned in to help him get his crops into

the garner?

And I heard this moreing of a poor old man whose three children were in hot debate as to who should take care of him in his declining days. The oldest son declared it was his right because he was the oldest, and the youngest son said it was his right because he was the youngest, and Mary said it was her right because she better understood her father's vertigo and rheumatism and poor spells and knew better how to nurse him, and the only way the difficulty could be settled was by the old man's promise that he would diway the difficulty could be settled was by the old man's promise that he would divide the year into three parts and spend a third of his time with each one of them. And neighboring stores in the same line of goods on the same block are acting kindly to each other. It seems to me that those words of Isaiah are being fulfilled when he says, "The carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smoothed with the hammer, him that smoot the anvil, saying, it is ready for the soldering." What is the matter? It seems to me our old world is picking up. Why, the millennium must be coming in. Kindness has got the victory. Kindness! I am resolved to get it. got the victory.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "Universal sorrow placed a calming hand on the rush and turmoil of the market place. Everything that could be conveniently postponed was put aside out of respect for the man whose life was devoted to developing the wonderful activity in all branches of trade and industry.

"Mercantile payments continue prompt but it was to be expected that bank exchanges would not show the customary heavy gains over previous years.

'Corn has met with another setback. After passing through the vicissitudes of heat and drought it was subjected to the other extreme of temperature. How much injury was done by frost cannot yet be determined, but reports were sufficient to force prices to an exceptionally high point on Tuesday. It was not possible to retain the advance, and there was evidence of much manipulation during the movement. One result of inflated quotations was further reduction in exports from the Atlantic Coast to 290,801 bushels, against 1,518,820 a year

ago and 3,118,215 in 1899.

"Wheat is stronger with less speculative support and more actual cash demand. Shipments abroad continue heavy despite much interruption during the past week, amounting to 4.033,455 bushels, against 3,219,211 last year and 3,242,764 two years ago.

Failures for the week number 157 in the United States, against 211 last year, and 26 in Canada, against 33 last year.

LA EST QUOTATIONS.

Flour-Best Patent, \$4.60; High Grade Extra, \$4.10; Minnesota bakers

Wheat-New York, No. 2 red, 763/sc Philadelphia, No. 2 red, 731/2274c; Baltimore, 731/2c. Corn-New York, No. 2, 643/8c: Philadelphia, No. 2, 621/4a623/4c; Baltimore,

No. 2, 63a64c. Oats-New York, No. 2, 39c; Philadelphia, No. 2 white, 42a421/2c; Baltimore, No. 2 white, 39c.

Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$16.50; No. 2 timothy, \$15.50a16.00; No. 3 timothy, \$14.00a14.50

Green Fruits and Vegetables—Apples
—Maryland and Virginia, per brl, fancy,
\$1.65a1.75; Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, packed, per brl, \$1.50a2.50. Beets-Native, per 100 bunches, \$1.25a Cabbage-Native, per 100, -a 1.50. Carrots-Native, per bunch, 2a \$2.00. Cauliflower-Long Island, per crate, \$2,50a3.50. Celery-New York State, per dozen stalks, 30a4oc. Corn-Sugar, per dozen, native, 8agc. Dam-New York, per 10-lb basket, 30a Eggplants-Native, per basket, 15a Grapes-New York, per 5-lb basket, Concords, -agc; do, per 5-lb basket, Niagaras, 10a11; do, per 5-lb basket, Delawares, 12a-. Lettuce-Native, per bushel box, 30a40c. Lima beans-Native per bushel box, 65a70c. Onions-Maryland and Pennsylvania, yellow, per bu, 65a75c. String beans-Native, per bu, green, 30a40c. Peaches-Eastern Shore, per box, yellows, 6ca8o; Mountain, per 20-lb basket, 35a50. Pears-Eastern Shore, Duchess, per basket, 15a2oc. New York Bartletts, per brl, \$2.50a4.00. Pumpkins-Native, each 3a31/2c. Tomatoes-Eastern Shore, Maryland, per basket 25a30c; do, fancy, 30a35. Turnips-Native, per basket, 30a35c. Watermel-

-Selects, per 100, \$8,000,10.00 Potatoes-White-Native, per bushel box 75a85c; do. Maryland and Pennsylvania, per bu, No. 1, 75a8o; do, seconds, 50a60; do. New York, per bu, prime, Sweets-Eastern Shore, Virgin-

ia, per brl, yellows, \$1.40a1.50.

Provisions and Hog Products.—Bulk rib sides, 10c; clear do, 101/4c; shoulders, 91/4c; do, fat backs, 14 lbs and under, 01/4c: 18 lbs and under, 91/2c; do. bellies, 101/2c; do, mess stripe, 81/2c; do, ham butts, 81/2c; bacon clear rib sides, 11c; clear, 111/4c; do, shoulders, 10c; sugar cured breasts, small, 131/2c; do, do, 12 lbs and over, 131/2c; do, do, shoulders, bladecuts, 91/2c; do, do, narrows, 91/2c; do, do, extra broad, 101/2c; do, do, California hams, 93/4c; hams, 10 lbs, 13 to 131/2c; do, 12 lbs and over, 123/4c; mess pork, \$17; ham pork, \$16.50; lard, refined, 50-lb cans, 101/2c.

Dairy Products.-Elgin, 22c; separator, extras, 21a22c; do, firsts, 6oc; do, gathered cream, 19a2oc; do, imitation, 17a19c; ladle, extra, 15a17c; ladles, first, 14a15c; choice Western rolls, 15a16c; fair to good, 13a14c; half-pound creamery, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, 21a23c; do, rolls, 2-lb, do. 20c.

Eggs .- Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, per doz, 171/2a18c; Eastern Shore Maryland and Virginia, per doz, 171/2a18c; Virginia, per dozen, 171/2a18c; West Virginia, per doz, 17c; Western, per doz, 171/2c; Southern, per doz, 16a 161/2c; ice-house, closely candled, 16a

Live Poultry.-Chickens-Hens, 110; do, old roosters, each, 25a3oc; do, springs, large, 121/2c; small, 121/2c. Ducks, spring, 3 lbs and over, 10c. Geese, Western, each, 35a5oc.

Live Stock.

Chicago.-Good to prime steers, \$6.10 a6.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.50a4.30; \$2.50a4.75; heifers, \$2.25a5.00; COWS. bulls, \$1.80a4.75; calves. \$3.00a6.75; Texas steers, \$3.00a4.50. Hogs-mixed and butchers', \$6.60a7.20; good to choice, heavy, \$6.95a7.30; bulk of sales, \$6.85a7.00. Sheep—Sheep and lambs steady at recent decline. Good to choice wethers, \$3.60a3.90; fair to choice, mixed, \$3.30a3.60; Western sheep, \$3.25 a3.65; native lambs, \$3.00a4.75; Western lambs, \$3.75a4.60.

East Liberty.—Cattle steady; choice

\$5.75a6.00; prime, \$5.50a5.70; good, \$5.20a5.50. Hogs firm; prime heavy and best, \$7.35a7.40; heavy Yorkers, \$7.25a 7.30; light do, \$7.00a7.10; grassers, \$6.80 a7.00; pigs, \$6.50a6.75; skips, \$4.50a5.50; roughs, \$5.85a6.50. Sheep steady; best wethers, \$3.85a4.00; culls and common \$1.25a2.25; yearlings, \$2.50a4.25.

calves, \$7.00a7.50. LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Minneapolis servant girls will organ-

There are telephones on Alpine peaks Italy's income from foreign visitors is estimated at \$40,000,000 a year.

Eggs to the value of \$27,000,000 were imported by England last year. Minneapolis plumbers will withdraw from the Building Trades Council. New Orleans painters work eight frours and earn 31 1-4 cents per hour. Robert Offenbach has paid \$62,000 for a seat on the New York Stock Ex-

He Broke It Gently.

What do you want, little boy?" 'Is this where Mr. Upjohn lives,

'Yes.' 'The Mr. Upjohn that runs the

bank?" 'He is an officer in the bank.' "The Mr. Upjohn that went down town on a trolley car this morning?" 'I presume he went on a trolley car.

'Is he the Mr. Upjohn that was in that hor'ble street car accident?" "I haven't heard of his being in any

street car accident. 'Didn't hear 'at he'd sprained his ankle jumpin' out o' the car when the train run into it?"

No, little boy, you frighten me. What has-'Didn't you hear how he run into a drug store for a piece o' court plaster to stick on a little cut he'd got over the

Not at all. For mercy's sake-" 'He isn't in, is he, ma'am?' No. he's-

Name's John U. Upjohn, isn't it?" Yes, that's his name.' Then he's the same man. He won't be here for an hour or two, I guess,

'cause he's stoppin' to have one of his teeth tightened that got knocked a little bit loose when he was jumpin' out o' danger, y' know.' 'Little boy, tell me the whole story; I think I can bear it now."

'Well, ma'am, he's in the hospittle with four ribs broke an' one leg in a sling an' his nose knocked kind o' side ways, but he's gettin' along all right, an' he'll be out again in about a month, an' here's a letter f'm the doctor tellin' ye all about it, ma'am."

Bridget's Ultimatum.

"I'm leavin', mum," said the maid of all work to her mistress, at present an "I'm goin' dresmakin', and I couldn't stay here nohows, anyhow."
"Oh, it's too bad, but I would have given you due notice and a week's

"I'll give you warnin' till I pack me trunk, mum. I'm no slave, and I'm not used to bein' complained of, either kin cook with the best of 'em, and I wouldn't go down on me knees to lord or lady, not me. Didn't you tell your husband to look after the house while you was sick, mum?"

'I did.' "It was the mistake of your life, mum. He makes a god of his stomach. That he do, mum, and a serf of his servants. 'He's one of the best-hearted men

alive. "I'm speakin' of his stomach, mum I made him hash, as he likes for break-He says there was too much meat I makes him another plate fur the next mornin' and he says it was all

I gues I can't suit you,' says I. "'Don't guess again, says he, and I tole him that he didn't know no more about stylish hash than a cow does about runnin' a dancin' school. He said he would make me a gift of a cook book so I could learn how to make hash. Me! I could make hash before he had teeth to eat with. Me and him can't live under the same roof, mum, an' you can make your choice.'

How He Got Even-

The members of the Traveler's Club were telling yarns, when the quiet man in the corner was asked to contribute.
"Well," said he, "I once entered a had a good feed and was charged to

resturant where they weigh you before cating, and then charge you by weight. shillings. The next time I went I took in my pocket bricks, weights, old iron and such. I was weighed, and then went upstairs and had a banquet three times as big as the last. I went down and was weighed again, but they couldn't make it out." He paused.

'Couldn't make what out?" asked the lub members.

"Why," answered the quiet man, they owed me four and tuppence.

"All those stories the papers are printing about you are lies," politician's friend. "Why don't you make them stop it?"

"I would," replied the politician, "but I'm afraid they'd begin printing the

truth then. Her Family.

She-She comes of a grand old famly, I believe? He-Yes, very. An ancestor of hers vas beheaded in the Tower during the reign of the fourth Edward.

The Absence of It. If there is any truth in the saying that hap-

She-How perfectly lovely.

piness is the absence of all pain, mental and physical, the enjoyment of it can only be found in heaven. But so far as the physical is concerned, it is within easy reach; at least measurably so, as far as cure will go. The sum of human misery in this line is made up of greater or less degrees of physical suffering. The minor aches and pains which afflict mankind are easy to reach and as easily cured. There are none in the whole category, which, if taken in time, cannot be cured. They must in some form afflict the nerves, the bones, the muscles and joints of the human body. They are all more or less hurtful and wasteful to the system. St. Jacobs Oil is made to cure them, to search out hidden pain spots, and to cure promptly in a true remedial and lasting way. Very, very many have not known happiness for years till they used it, and very many are putting off cure and happiness because they don't use it.

The diamond if laid in the sun and then carried into a dark room shows dis-tinct phosphorescence.

Since 1850 the population of France has increased but 3,600,000.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES do not stain the hands or spot the kettle. Sold by all drug-

"When it comes to matrimony," says the cynical bachelor, "it seems as though no man ever gets old enough to know bet-

Short of Alacrity. "So you lent Harbinger the money, did you?

'What did he say?" "He promised to pay with alacrity."
"He did, eh? Well, let me tell you this; if there's one thing that's scarcer with him than money, it's alacrity." His Work and Hers.

The woman had her arms in the tub, and was fiercely scrubbing one dirty garment after another. Book agents don't often penetrate to that part of Chicago, but this one did. He knocked on the front door until he was tired, and then he went around to the back door. The woman was bobbing up and down over the washboard.

"Good morning, madam," said the book agent, pleasantly. 'Good mornin'," said the woman,

"Pleasant day," observed the book agent, sparring for an opening.
"Good enough," answered the wo-

"Excuse me, madam," said the book agent, "but I have here a work that I would like to show you.

"Have you?" answered the woman "Well, I've got a lot of work that I'd like to show you." She took one soapy hand out of the tub and waved it at a great pile of dirty clothes. 'That's my work," went on the wo-

man. "If your work can beat that, all right. If it can't skip out." The book agent skipped.

An Encompiete House.

We run wild over the furnishings of a house, its furniture, carpets, hangings, pictures and music and always forget or neglect the most important requisite. Something there should be always on the shelf to provide against sud den casualties or attacks of pain. Such come like a thief in the night; a sprain, strain, sudden backache, toothache or neuralgic attack. There is nothing easier to get than a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil, and nothing surer to taste in your mouth? It's cure quickly any form of pain. The house is incomplete without it. Complete it with a good supply.

The Main Thing.

"Have you covered that story thoroughly?" inquired the city editor of the yellow journal.

"Yes," replied the new reporter; "I've got all the facts in the case. "But have you got the news, that's the question?"

Rest For the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. Cascaners help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce casy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. Cas-CABETS Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C.C.C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

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