RELIGIOUS.

next week of one of the largest gatherings of young people that ever assem bled in this country. On July 20, 21, 22, 23 will be held the fourth international convention of the Epworth league, an organization largely composed of the young people of the Methodis. Episepal church, when it is expected that there will be fully 5,000 people in at-

This will be an event long to be remembered in Methodism, and the people of Indianapolis are making the most extensive preparations for the entertainment of the visitors and all assured of an enthusiastic

"Hoosier" welcome. The very best of the speakers and lecturers of the Methodist church are to be in attendance. General Lew Wallace, whose name has been made immortal through his great book, "Ben Hur," will have charge of one of the meetings to be held on Friday evening, July 23. This meeting is to be a love feast for closer union of England

and America. Chaplain McCabe, who is well known to Methodists of this part of the country, is also to be there. He will be aided by other prominent speakers in conducting an evangelistic meeting. Canada is to be represented by the famous Dr. Potts, who is considered one of the best of the Methodist clergy in the Dominion; he will be assisted by Dr. J. M. Buckley in conducting a ser-

vice at Indianapolis opera house. Three large patriotic meetings are also to be held. At one of these Bishop Fowler will deliver his greatest lec-ture, "Abraham Lincoln." General John B. Gordon, commander of the Confederate veterans, will lecture at the great Tomlinson hall; his subject will be "The Last Days of the Confederacy." The third one is to be a lecture on "International Relations," by Dr. John Potts, the general secretary of education for the Methodist Episcopal church of Canada, and chairman of the International Sunday School lesson committee. In addition to these will be many other speakers of national reputation.

The convention will be opened at 2.30 p. m., July 20, with an address of welcome by the governor of Indiana at the large tent meeting, and by the mayor of Indianapolis at the meeting in Tomlinson hall at the same hour,

By a joint resolution of the last legislature of Indiana, the state house one of the most magnificent buildings in the convention city, together with the capitol grounds, were placed at the disposal of the Epworth league general committee, and every delegate and visitor are expected to register at this

An official badge has been specially designed for this occasion, and bears the American and British flags inter-twined, together with the emblem and motto of the Epworth league. This badge is to be the only ticket of admission to the metings, and all those not possessing one of them will not be allowed to enter the places of meeting until within fifteen minutes of the commencement of the exercises.

An official flag has also been designed and copyrighted, and will be used in all the decorations at the many places of meeting and is being used very extensively by the business men of Indianapolis, and surrounding towns and cities. The flag is very artistic and attractive, 17x28 inches, on white muslln. 'ane design is a Maltese cross in red and white, which are the colors of the Epworth league, with the motto, "Look Up, Lift Up," on the lower right hand corner, and a Multese cross in old gold with the motto, 'All for Christ," in the upper left hand corner. Diagonally through the center appear the words, "Indianapolis, 1899," and in the upper center is a combination of the British and Aerican flags.

All railroad companies have given a special rate of a single one way fare for the round trip. Special arrange ments have been made with the Penn sylvania Railroad copany for all those going from this city and special stopover privileges have been obtained a places of interest for those who may desire. The first party will leave here on Tuesday, July 8. The Epworth League City union, of this city, are to be represented at the convention by will give any information that may be desired by any who intend taking the trip by calling on him or addressing him at 504 Lackawanna avenue.

The musical programme for Ebn Park church services tomorrow will be as follows; Mrs. A. L. W. Price acting nisistant organist:

"Not a Sparrow Falleth"......Choir Postlude Fugue, No. 2...Mendelssohn Evening

Prelude, "Heavens are Telling," vari-"Protect Us Through the Coming Quartette Offertory, Judex, from "Mors Vita" Gouned Soprane sole, "Crossing the Bar," Poem by Lord Tennyson; music by Dudley Buck.
Postlude, "Sonata Pathetique". Rinck

Religious News Notes

Rev. M. B. Donlan's of St. Mary's church, Dunmore, will celebrate mass at Lake Ariel Sunday morning.

There will be regular services ton row morning and evening at the Weish Baptist church, West Market street. Rev. W. E. Davis will occupy the pulpit of the Puritan Congregational church tomorrow morning and even-

Next Tuesday evening the pulpit of

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Indianapolis, Ind., the home of ex- | the Weish Congregational church will President Harrison, will be the scene be occupied by Rev. R. Evans, of Penmain, Wales, who is now visiting this country.

The gospel meeting at the Railroad Young Men's Christian association Sunday will be addressed by the Rev. James Hughes, late missionary to South Africa. All railroad people wel-

Sunday services at the Rescue Mision will be held by Secretary Adair, of R. R. Y. M. C. A. Song service at 1:45, after which there will be short talks, bright testimonies and good singing

Rev. H. A. Grant, B. D., of the Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church, will conduct a gospel meeting at Nay Aug park tomorrow at 3 o'clock. A choir of good singers, led by Mrs. Sadie J. Morton, will be pre-

Ray, L. R. Foster, of Sumner avenue Presbyterian church, will have charge of the services at the Rescus Mission this evening. Mr. Foster is an earnest Christian worker, and we can promise those who attend and hear him a pleasant hour.

Rev. Prof. G. F. Spieker, D. D., professor of church history in the Lutheran Theological seminary, Philadelphia, will preach tomorrow at both morning and evening service in Holy Trinity Lutheran church. Dr. and Mrs. Spicker have been the guests of their son, Rev. C. G. Spieker, during the past week.

An illustrated talk by Miss Krigbaum will be given at the Young Women's Christian association rooms, 205 Washington avenue, Sunday, July 16. Every woman and girl are cordially invited. Gospel meeting at the West Scranton branch, South Main avenue, every Sunday afternoon at 3.45. Good singing; short service. Girls are cordially invited.

The services in the North Main Avenue Baptist church will be held as usual Sunday. David Thomas, a theological student at Bucknell university, will occupy the pulpit morning and evening. Mr. Thomas is a young man and is possessed of ability as a preacher. As this will be Mr. Thomas' first appearance in the pulpit, it is hoped that a large congregation will be present to hear him.

Tomorrow's Services

Episcopal.

Saint Luke's parish, Rev. Rogers Israel, rector; Rev. E. J. Hauhton, senior curate; Rev. M. B. Nash, junior curate—Seventh Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke's church—7 a. m., Holy Communion; 10.39 a.m., morning prayer and sermon; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and ermon; 9.15 a. m., Sunday school and

St. Mark's, Dunmore-8 a. m., Holy and sermon; 3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

East End mission, Prescott avenuep. m., Sunday school and Bible

South Side mission, Fig street-2.30 p. Sunday school and Bible classes.

St. George's, Olyphant—2.30 p. m., unday school and Bible classes. Church of the Good Shepherd, Green Ridge street and Monsey avenue, Rev. Francis R. Bateman, rector—Services Sundays at 7.30 a. m., 10.30 a. m. and 7.20 p. m.: Wednesdays, litany and address at 7.20 p. m.; Holy Communion. Sundays, 7.30 a. m.; first Sunday, 7.30 and 10.30 a. m.; holy days, 9 a. m.; Holy Baptism, second Sunday, 10.30

David's church, Edward James McHenry, rector-Celebrations of Holy Eucharist at 7.30 and 10.30 a. m.: evensong, choral, at 7.30 o'clock; Sunday

Christ's church, Grand View and Washington avenue-Services at 10.20 a. m., 7.30 p. m. and 2 p. m. All wel-come. Good music by Hudson's or-chestra. Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector.

Evangelical Lutheran.

Evangelical Lutheran-Seventh Sunday after Trinity. Gospel, Mark, 8:1-9. Epistle, Rom., 6:19-23.

St. Mark's, Washburn and Four-centh streets, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and p. m.: Luther league at 6.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m. Morning sub-ject, "Servants to Cod:" evening sub-ject, "The Goodness of God Revealed Nature." Congregational meeting Holy Trinity, Adams avenue and Mul-

rry street, Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p Sunday school at 12 m. Rev. Prof. G. F. Spieker, D. D., of Philadelphia, will ccupy the pulpit morning and even-St. Paul's, Short avenue, Rev. W. C.

L. Lauer, pastor-Services at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2.30 Zion's, Mifflin avenue, Rev. P. F.

Zizelmann, pastor—Services at 10.30 a.m.: Sunday school at 2 p.m..
Christ church, Cedar avenue and Beech street. Rev. James Witke, pastor Services at 10,30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.;

Peter's, Prescott avenue, Rev. J. W. Randolph, pastor-Services at 10,30 a, m.; Sunday school at 9 a. m. Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church f the General Synod, corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street, Rev. Luther Hess Waring, pastor—9.50 a. m., unday school and pastor's Bible class 10.30 a. m., preaching services, subject, "Conditions for God's Forgiveness;" 530 p. m., Christian Endeavor society;

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preaching services, subject

Elm Park church-Prayer and praise service at 9.30; preaching at 16.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by Rev. Dr. George P. Eckman, of New York; Sunday school at 2 and Epworth league at 6.30 p. m. Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, F. P. Doty, pastor—The pastor will preach at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.: Sunday school at 11.45 a. m.: Junior Epworth

Enworth league at 3.30 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.30 p. m. A welcome to all. Asbury Methodist Episcopal church corner Monaey avenue and Delaware street, Rev. W. G. Simpson, D. D., passured the street, Rev. W. G. Simpson, D. D., passured at the Booth. Devotional meeting of the Brothhood of St. Paul at 9.30 a. m.; preachat 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at p. m.; Senior Epworth league at 6.20 p. m.; preaching at 7.30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m.; Brotherhood of St. Paul Friday at 8 p. m. Seats free. All are welcome.
Howard Place African Methodist
Episcopal church, Rev. H. A. Grant. B.
D., pastor—10.30 a. m., Rev. Harry
Smith, of Muncy. Pa., will preach; 2.30
p. m., Sunday school; 7.59 p. m., subject. "The Church of the Fatter." ject, "The Church of the Future;"

m., gospel meeting is part of Nay Aug park. meeting in the southern Simpson Methodist Episcopal church-Rev. J. B. Sweet, pastor. Morning prayer meeting at 9.30 o'clock, William Denman, leader: preaching service at 10.30, sermon by the pastor, subject. "Christ the Truth;" Sunday school at 12 m.; Young Men's meeting at 4 p. m.; Epworth League, Miss Anna Hughes

leader, at 6.30 p. m. evening preaching service at 7.30 o'clock; 15-minute sermon by the paster. All seats free. A wel-****

Presbyterian. First Presbyterian church-Preaching by Rev. Joseph T. Smith, D. D., of Baltimore, Md. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Strangers are welcome. Presbyterian chapel, Adams avenue and New York street, Rev. James Hughes, pastor—Mr. Chandler will deliver a short address on his visit to the great convention of Christian Enthe great convention of Christian En-deavor societies at Detroit last week, and Dr. Hughes will preach a short sermon on "Some of the Giants of Mod-ern Times that Should Be Slain." Time of service, 7.45 p. m. All are welcome. Green Ridge Presbyterian church— Morning service at 16.30; evening ser-vice at 7.45. Sermons by Rev. John B. Worrall, D. D., of Pullman, Ill. Bible school at 12 o'clock; meeting of En-deavor society at 6.45 p. m. All are deavor society at 6,45 p. m. All are

Washburn Street Presbyterian church, washburn Street Presbyterian church, Rev. John P. Moffat, D. D., pastor— Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Bible school at 12 m.; C. E. Young People at 6:20 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach morning and evening. The evening service will be a song and praise service, with short sermon. All cordially invited.

Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church, Rev. L. R. Foster, pastor—Sunday school at 2 p. m.; preaching by the pastor at 6 p. m., theme, "The Uses of Our Infirmities;" Christian Edeavor at m.; prayer meeting at 7.30 p. m., Providence Presbyterian church, Rev. George E. Guild, D. D., pastor-Morn-in gtheme, "The Christ Book;" Sunday

chool at 12 m.; Endeavor meeting at 6.30 p. m.; evening service, with short sermon, at 7.30 o'clock. Special music by male voices. Taylor Presbyterian church-10.30 a. b., regular preaching service; 11.30 a.

Baptist.

m., Sunday school,

Penn Avenue Baptist church-Preaching morning at 19.30 and evening at 7.30 by Rev. Barnard MacMackin, D. D., superintendent of city missions of Phliadelphia, Pa. Moring prayers in the vestry at 5.45; Sunday school from 12 to 1 o'clock, following the morning sermon. Sunday school at the Amer-man mission at 3.30; meeting of the Young People's Christian Endeavor so-

First Baptist church, Rev. S. F. Mathews, pastor-Preaching service in the morning by the pastor at 11 o'clock. In the evening at 7.39 o'clock there will be a lecture on "Mormonism," by Mrs. T. J. Collins, wife of the former pastor of the church, and late of Salt Lake City. Sunday school at 2.30 p, m. at Plymouth church; B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting at Ivorite hall; weekly prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7.30

o'clock. All are cordially invited. Jackson Street Baptist church— Prayer meeting at 9.30, led by Ioan Jones, Preaching at 9.30, led by Ioan Jones, Preaching at 10.30 by Licentiate D. C. Thomas, topic, "Christian Courtesy," Sunday school at 2 p. m., Alfred Roberts, superintendent. The B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the evening services, commencing at 7 o'clock, Miss Ida Lewis presiding. Anotheres thems by the choir and addresses will be given by David H. Williams and George Nichols.

North Main Avenue Baptist church-The pulpit will be occupied morning and evening by David Thomas, of

Bucknell university. Dudley Street Baptist church, Dun-more—Morning service at 10.30 a. m., subject of sermon, "A Christian Rea-sonin with His Soul," Sunday school at 12 m.; prayer service at 6.45, leader. J. M. Tucker. A service of song and a short address at 7.30; lively and inter-

esting. All are invited. First Welsh Baptist church. Wayne avenue—Rev. W. F. Davies will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening, preaching a Welsh sermon in the morning and one in English in the evening: prayer and conference meeting at 9 a n.; Sunday school at 2 p. m., John C.

Green Ridge Baptist church, W. J. Ford, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Mr. A. V. Bower will conduct both services. Sunday school im-mediately following the morning service. Meeting of the Young People's ociety at 6.30 p. m. Shiloh Baptist church, 305 Center

street-Preaching at 10.30 a. m. at the church and at 3.30 p. m. a bush meeting at Athletic park if the weather is good. Everybody is invited to attend this meeting. Good singing and speak-ing. Revs. H. H. Harris and W. G. Revs. H. H. Harris and Watkins and others are invited. Rev. J. H. Bell, pastor.

Miscellaneous.

Grace Reformed Episcopal church Wyoming avenue, below Mulberr, street, Rev. George L. Alrich, pastor-Prayer and praise service at 9.30 a. m. . m.: preaching by the pastor, morn ing, "The Holy Spirit," Rev., 5-4; ing, "Studies in Obadiah." Oba Sabbath school at 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.30 p. m. Scats free. Strangers cordially invited. Union Bible class for sson study on Thursday evening at 45 o'clock. All are welcome.

All Souls' Universalist church, Pine street, between Adams and Jefferson avenues, Rev. O. R. Beardsley, pastor-Morning service at 10.30, subject, "The Open Way, or the Key to Life;" Sunday school after morning service, Mrs. Benjamin, superintendent. There will be no evening service during July Come and worship with us and it will do us good.

United Evangelical church, Capouse avenue, Rev. C. D. Moore, pastor-Sabeath school at 9.45 a. m.; preaching at 19.45 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Keystone League Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m.: Junior Christian Endeavor Monday 7 p. m.: prayer meeting Wednesday First Church of Christ, Scientist, 519

Adams avenue-Sunday services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., subject. 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., subject, "Truth;" Wednesday evening meeting t 8 o'clock, All welcome. Plymouth Congregational church, Jackson street, Rev. E. A. Boyle, pas-tor-Morning service at 10.30 and evening service at 7.30; Sabbath school at o'clock: Sabbath school at Sherman avenue at 2.15 o'clock. The morning discourse will be addressed especially o Christians. Evening subject, "What s Truth?"

Welsh Congregational church-The Rev. R. S. Jones, D. D., will preach in the morning. The services at 6 o'clock will be in charge of the Junior Christian Endeavor society.

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING

From Tit-Bits. Stern Parent (to a young applicant fo

is daughter's hand)-Young man, can ou support a family? Young Man (meekly)-I only wanted Sarah, sir.

FORGIVENESS.

They loved each other well, they swore And so to wed they wildly hoped; Wherefore it wasn't long before They laughed at locksmiths and eloped

Her pa forgave, as papas do: Her mamma, too, forgave and blessed His ma and pa forgave them, too, And brothers, sisters-all the rest

And only two could not forgive; They've not forgiven to this day They can't forgive themselves, they say -Annette Lyons, in the Figaro.

MUSICAL NOTES.

A specialist in pervous diseases whose opinion is an authority in Germany, has recently published an article in "La Science Hustre" in which he asserts that the abuse of music in general and of the plane in particular. predisposes directly to most kinds of neurosis, chlorisis, dyspepsia, brain trouble and other malidles of this type. By "abuse" the author means ,for example, the premature age at which parents cause young children to begin the study of the piano, prolonged exercise at scales by young girls for three or four hours a day, etc. According to the observations of Dr. Wetzhold on 1,000 women who had begun piano lessons at the age of twelve years, more than 600 are today subject to some form of nervous disease. On the other hand, of 1,000 women that had never touched a plano, scarcely 160 had ever suffered from nerve troubles. The author declares in conclusion that the study of the piano should never be begun before the age of sixteen years.

The Scranton Glee society on Tuesday evening filled the air with sweet music as they passed through different avenues trolly riding. A series of serenades were given by them at the homes of Hon, William Connell, Colonel E. H. Ripple and Charles Robinson. The singers are of the best that have ever been brought together in Scranton. Mr. John T. Watkins, the musical director of the Glee club, has given a fair sample of the excellent singing which will be one of the chief events of the mail carriers convention in this city in Sep-

W. D. Bloodgood, a New York broker, has secured a South Dakota divorce from his wife, Katherine Bloodgood. the noted contralto singer and stage beauty. Cruelty was the alleged cause although it is said the action of the roman in selling her kisses at auction to bidders who would pay anyway from \$100 to \$500 at a St. Louis charity fair a year ago was the case. Mrs. Bloodgood, who is a remarkably handsome young woman, was introduced to Scranton audiences three or four years ago, by Professor George B. Carter. and created a very favorable impres-

Over in Philadelphia the other day riend of Mrs. Sousa, who was a Quaker City belle when she married the gallan eader of the Marine band, told me the following story, with which goes a Philadelphia affidavit, says a writer in the New York Telegraph. It seems that when the musician set forth like a modern Jason, from his native Greece to find the golden fleece of success on these shores, his sole luggage was contained in a chest marked: "JOHN P. SO. U. S. A."

By some custom house freak Mr. So's destiny and his destination became so entangled that when he landed at Castle Garden be found an addition tacked ento his name, and himself and his luggage labeled:

"JOHN P. SOUSA." He accepted the addition as an omen that the U. S. A. was his, and proceeded to make it so. And certainly if there is one musician more than an other who owns the United States at this moment it is the gallant little man who was born So and bapized Sousa by the au thorities when he landed among us

Programme of Bauer's band at Lake Ariel tomorrow, July 16th:

March, "Commodore Dewey"Holt Overture, "Nach Slavischen Melo-Selection, "Il Trovatore "Poem of Love" Batiste 'Cavalry Charge' lection from 'El Capitan' Sousa Fantasic, "Ein Marchen" Suppe My Maryland," Paraphrise, Heineman March, "Battery Park" Thayer

The music at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow morning and afteroon will be Anthem. "Seek ye Lord," anthem, "Hark, Hark My Soul;" anthem, "Now the Day is Endbaritone solo, "My Redeemer and My Lord."

J. T. Watkins will participate in a production of the opera "Sleeping Beauty" at Ocean Grove during Au-

This week's issue of the New York Musical Courier makes note of the reent recitals held in our city.

The new musical organization known as the Scranton Glee club, is destined to be among the best ever organized in Scranton. The very best vocalist of the town are its members, also a set of busiling officers and a brilliant director Their singing has already made a deep impression.

QUEER COMPANIONS.

Fire Compels Wild Beasts and Cattle to Herd Together.

From the San Diego Union.

An incident of the forest fires in the nills of the Descanse neighborhood in southern California Illustrates the omradship that common peril brings bout among beasts, as well as among men. After the flames had completed their work of destruction and spread a pall over the hills, a rancher went forth among the charred stumps and smoking brush heaps to look for . number of cattle and colts, which he cared had been hemmed in by the fire. He went across gully and ridge in his search, until at last he saw his stock some little distance ahead. He was more than astonished upon coming up to the group to find not only his cattle and colts, but a deer, three wildcats, a coyote and several rabbits, all alive, and apparently in no fear of him. They watched his approach with indifference, the timidity gone from the big-eyed deer, no venom in the wildcat's purr and honesty shining in the gray coyote's face. The rabbits sat on their haunches, as meek as the pets of children. But the poor covote was in pain, and as the farmer came close the erstwhile robber of the roost dragged his helpless hindquarters toward the man in mute supplication. The legs of the animal had been frightfully burned.

The rancher was in no mood to make friends of such strange creatures, and at once drove his stock through the mouldering brush, the deer along with the cattle, the rabbits hopping along at the rancher's heels, the wildcats slouching along behind, and the coyote, unable to follow, whining pathetic appeal for succor. When the surning field was passed the deep broke into a run for the distant hills the rabbits were away like a flush, and the old defiance and snarling leer came back to the wildcats, who scorned to make a show of haste. They walked slowly out of sight.

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Mr. Theophilus Templeton leaned back very comortably in his crimson leather, brass-nail studded library chair rested his elbows on the brought his finger tips together, and looked very benign and important.
"A rich man, eh?" Well, yes, I am n

ich man-what some people would call very rich man; and the beauty of it is, I made my fortune myself. When started out for myself, a lad of tenthat's fifty years ago or more-I had all my worldly goods in a red handkerchief, slung on a stick over my shoul-Today-I say it without beasting-there's not a finer line of steamships affoat than the 'Clytics' and I own 'em all-every blessed baker's

Fred. Warrington listened respectfully-a handsome young fellow, with a wide-awake, frank look in his blue eyes, and general manly bearing about him that recommended him wherever

he went, very especially to ladies, "And yet, with all your wealth, your beautiful home, your kindly, affectionate nature, you have used all your life in accumulating riches. You have never married-never had a real true home,

barroada a "That's the rankest kind of nonense, my boy. I never married because I never yet saw the woman I wanted. But it's a good thing for a young fellow to settle down-I believe that, if I didn't practice it. I hope you'll marry early, Fred."

A little twinkling look was in Warrington's handsome face. "I agree with you there, sir, to a think I shall marry early."

Mr. Templeton bestowed a satisfied

"All right, my dear boy! Marry early, and marry to please me, and I'll re-member you handsomely. I'll give you country house to live in in summer time, and the town residence for winter. I'll give you ten thousand a year ncome, and your wife shall have the handsomest diamonds Street's can col-

Anyone in the world would have thought Fred. Warrington was transported to the seventh heaven of rapture at the bewildering prospect held out to him; but he merely looked a little graver as he bowed courteously. "I know you are just as good and

generous as it is possible for man to e. Uncle Phil: but-Fred, hesitated in his speech, and a houghtful frown gathered on his fore-

Mr. Templeton looked the surprise he 'But!' Where can the 'but' be to such an offer as that !- You've only to marry to please me. By Jupiter, Fred-

crick! it isn't possible you're already

"Already; and engaged to the sweetest and dearest little dar-Mr. Templeton remorselessly short the lover-like enthusiasm. "Oh, of course-of course! But who

s she? What is her name? Mr. Templeton looked sternly across the library table. "I don't care whether they are black green, you can't marry her. I've

picked out a wife for you and the juicker you get clean of your music eacher the better." Fred colored-then the look of wildsyed defiance Uncle Phil was acquaintd with came into his eyes, making

them deep and darkly blue,
"I beg your pardon, sir," he said. quietly, "but a fellow prefers to pick out his own wife. I have chosen Miss Fleming."

let's hear what you've got to say when | taste, will you You wouldn't mind | ments.

I tell you the lady I have in my eye for my future niece is the most beautiful, cultured, refined girl who ever flashed into West Side society. She's rich, too, and just the very daisy for and drew that gentleman away. you. A music teacher indeed, when She is the sweetest, most beautiful Beaturice Lovett is to be had for the I ever saw. I'll marry her tomorrow if asking!"

Which doesn't raise her in my es imation," avowed Fred serenely. "What!" Mr. Templeton said sternly.

'Fred, you're a-a-fool!"
And then Fred laughed, which had most exasperating effect upon the old gentleman. "I say you shall marry her, and I

want you to put on your hat and go with me at once and be introduced to her! She's staying at Mrs. Saxony's. dome along, sir. Fred rose promptly. "Certainly; I'll go and be presented

to her, and I dare say there will be no reason why I shall not admire her immensely. But as for falling in love with Miss Lovett--He laughed and shrugged his broad houlders, then put on his hat, and

went out with Mr. Templeton to meet the charming young lady intended for his destiny. It was a beautiful little villa, not far from Mr. Templeton's stately mansion. a little back from the Parade, and it made a very pretty picture, with its white lace draperies floating on the

stiff sea breeze and the spray from

the fountains blowing in a rainbow shower, and the gay striped awnings fluttering their scalloped borders in the July sunshine. The liveried footman bowed his best and regretted to be obliged to inform the gentlemen that Mrs. Saxony was not in. A swift look of dismay on Mr. Templeton's face perhaps touched that functionary's tender heart for he hastened to assure them that "Miss Lovett

was in the drawing-room-would they walk In?" But that Mr. Templeton declined dong, as he was not personally acquainted with Miss Lovett, at least not sufficiently acquainted with her to present himself. He had known her when she was a girl of 10, and had always been her father's most cherished friend. and had been in correspondence with Mr. Lovett when that gentleman died so suddenly in India: but all the same, with an old bachelor's characteristic shrinking from pretty young girls, he declined the invitation until Mrs. Eax-

ony should be present. "It's too bad-too bad?" he said, as they went through the beautiful little park, into which carriages were not admitted: and, impelled by an impulse he recognized afterward his fate, Mr. Templeton paused midway down the path, and turned to look back at Mrs. Saxony's house.

"By Jove! There she is at the window -Miss Lovett! Isn't she a beauty? Isn't she sweet enough to turn any fellow topsy-turvy? Look, Fred-there's the wife I've picked out for you! Can your music teacher beat that?"

And Mr. Templeton seized his unoffending nephew by the sleeve, and gesiculated emphatically toward the open window where a girl sat, beautiful indeed-marveloosly beautiful; fair and dainty-with dark, lustrous hair, braided on a proud little head, and straight. heavy dark brows, that made the purity of her complexion still more dazzling. A rosebud of a mouth, a round, handsomely chisled chin, a white dress, with creamy lace and a pink rose at her throat, made a picture fair enough to indeed have turned any man's senses 'topsy-turvy.'

She did not raise her eyes from her book, and she was unconscious of their espionage, or of Fred Warrington's transfixed gaze.

"So your're struck, eh? So you'll

having her for your wife, after all,

Fred drew a long breath, then quickly linked his arm in Mr. Templeton's, she'll have me," he said.

And how the old gentleman laughed "Music teacher notwithstanding, eh?" he said.

And then Fred laughed, and Mr. Templeton generously decided not to be too sareastic on the poor boy. Almost at the same moment a tall, lovely girl, several years older than the fairy in white by the window in Mrs.

Saxony's drawing room, entered and went up to her. "Absorbed in your book still Rossie? It is time for my lesson, isn't it?" And Rossie Fleming laid down her book, and for an hour she and Miss. Beatrix Lovett devoted themselves to the music lesson, to be interrupted by a gentleman who had bribed the footman to permit him to enter the music room unannounced, and to whom Ros-

sie fiew, with a little shriek of delight, "Fred-O Fred! How did you know was in Brighton? I only came yesterterday to assist Miss Lovett with her music. This is Miss Lovett, Fred-Mr. Warrington, Miss Lovett.

"And I am sure Miss Lovett will not blame me if I insist that I shall marry you, little Rossie, and the sooner the better, before uncle Phil discovers his mistake " And the next week there was a quiet vedding at the local registrar's office, while Mr. Templeton was taking his

chief over his face, dreaming of the days when beautiful Miss Lovett would reign royally in his nephew's home. At 8 o'clock the same night he was electrified by the receipt of a note from

snooze in his chair, with his handker-

"I have been and gone and done it, Uncle Phil," it said. "I promised you I would marry the lady you selected for me, and I shall present her to you in an hour. There's nothing like striking

when the iron's hot, is there?" And punctually to time Fred appeared, his bride on his arm-lovely as the morning, blushing like a rose, her blue eyes shining like stars, her sweet red mouth quivering as she looked wistfully up into Mr. Templeton's face when Fred presented her. "We've quite stolen a march upon

you; but this is my wife, Uncle Theophlius-Mrs. Fred Warrington, sure." "I'm astonished, and dumbfounded. and delighted, my dear. However, did you do it, Fred?" But before Fred could make the ex-

planation he deemed incumbent a servant announced a lady, who came sweeping in in garments of deep purple velvet-a girl with starry eyes and hair

as golden as sunshine. "Miss Beatrice Lovett!" said the servant.

And then-well, the scene is indeacribable, and with two lovely women beseeching him to forgive, and the pansy-purple eyes making him feel the meerest around the heart he had ever felt, somehow-he never knew how-Theophilus Templeton simmered quietdown, and accepted the situation with the best grace at his command until six months afterward, when he triumphantly announced to his nephew that the luckiest day of his life had been when he mistook Rossie for Miss Lovett.

"For since you wouldn't have her for your wife you shall have her for your aunt, and help youself if you

But as no one was at all anxious to help it Mr. Templeton married his beautiful young wife, and it is a question of who of the quarter is the hap-The deuce you have! Well, then, give the old man credit for having good plest -Pauline Montague, in Spare Mo-

