Subject: "The Spiritual Conflicts o.

Life."

TEXT: "And Jacob seas left alone, and

thigh was out of joint as he werestled with him.
And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh.
And he said, I will not let thee go except thous
bless me, "—Gen-sis xxxii, 24-26.

The dust arose from a traveling herd of
eattle and sheep and gouts and camels.
They are the present that Jacob sends to gain
there goed will of his offended brother. That
night Jacob halts by the brook Jabbok. But
there is no rest for the weary man, no shining
ladder to let the angels down into his dream,
but a flerce comean, that lasts until the morning, with an nuknown visitor. They each
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You see, in the first place, that Go'd allows good people sometimes to get into a terrisle

ment to prove Anothers of the age model with the control provided in the contr

nibal erossing the Alps, or the pass of Thermopy to or Balaklava, where "into the jaws of Jenth no le the six hundred."

These heroes had the whole world to cheer floor on, but there were none to appland the struggle in the humble home. She fought for bread, for clothing, for fire, for shelter, with acting head, and weak side, and exhausted strength, through the long night by the brook Jabbok. Could it be that none would give her help? Had God forgotten to be gracious? No, contending sould. The midnight air is full of wings coming to the rescue. She hears it now in the sough of the night wind, in the ripple of the brook Jabbok—the prom-lee made so long ago ringing down the sky, in the ripple of the brook Jabbok—the promlee made so long ago ringing down the sky,
'Thy fatherless children, I will preserve
them alive, and let thy willows trust in Me?'
Some one said to a very poor woman,
'How is it that in such discress you keep
obserful?' She said: 'I do it by wint I call
cross prayers. When I had my rent to pay
and nothing to pay it with, and bread to buy
and nothing to buy it with. I used to sit down
and cry. But now I do not get discouraged.
If I condone the street, when I come to a and cry. But now I do not get discouraged. If I co along the street, when I come to a carner of the street I say, 'The Lord help me.' I then go on until I come to another research of the street, and again I say, 'The Lord help me!' And so I utter a prayer at every crossing, and since I have got into the halst of saying these 'cross prayers' I have been able to keep up my courage.'

Learn again from this subject that people sometimes are surprised to find our that when

etimes are surprised to fin I out that what they have been struggling with in the dark-ness is really an "angel of blessing." Jacob found in the morning that this strange permany was not an enemy, but a God dis particle was not an enemy, but a God dis-particle messenger to promise prosperity for him and for his oldidren. And so many a man, at the close of his trial, has found out that he has been trying to throw down his own blessing. If you are a Christian man, I will so back in your history and find that the grandest things that have ever happened to you have been your trials. Nothing short of scoutcing, inversionment, and shipweek courging, imprisonment and shipwreck could have made Paul what he was.

When David was fleeing through the wilderness pursued by his own son, he was being prepared to become the sweet singer of scael. The pit and the dungeon were the cost schools at which Joseph over graduated. The hurricane that upset the tent and killed Jab's chilitren prepared the man of Uz to write the magnificent poem that has as-tounded the ages. There is no way to get the wheat out of the straw but to thrash it. the wheat out of the straw but to thrash it. There is no way to purify the gold but to burn it. Look at the people who have had their own way. They are proud, discontented, useless and unhappy. If you want to find sheeful folks, go among those who have been purified by the fire. After Rossini had rondered "William Tell" the five hundredth time a company of musicians came under his window in Paris and sersanded him. They put upon his brow a golden crown of laurel caves. But amid all the applause and enput upon his brown golden crown of isures leaves. But amid all the appliance and enthusiasm Rossini turnel to a friend and said, "I would give all this brilliant scene for a few days of youth and love." Contrast the molan-holy feeling of Rossini, who had everything this world could give him, to the oyful experience of Isaac Watts, whose mis ortunes were innumerable, when he says:

The hill of Z on yiel is A though discret sweets Before we reach the heavenly fields Or walk the golden streets.

Thes let our songs abound And every tear be stry We are marcular through Immanuel's ground To fairer worlds on ht p.

march, amid great privations and hardships, they behaved well. After awhile they prayed for meat, and the sky darkened with a great flock of qualis, and these qualis fell in large multitudes all about them, and the Israelites are and ate and stuffed themselves until they died. Oh, my friends, it is not hardship or trial or starvation that injures the sout, but abundant supply. It is not the vulture of trouble that eats up the Christian's life; it is the qualis, it is the qualis! You will yet find out that your midnight wrestle by the brook Jabbok is with the angel of God, come down to bless and save.

Learn again that while our wrestling with trouble may be triumphant we must ex-

there werestled a men with him until the breaking of the day. And when he sawthat he prevailed not against him he touched the hottoo of his thigh, and the hollow of Jacob's
thigh was out of joint as he wrestled with him,
And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh.
And he said, I will not let thee go except their
bless me."—Genesis xxxii., 24-26.

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Jacob prevailed, but the angel touched him,
and he said, I will not let thee go except their
bless me."—Genesis xxxii., 24-26.

moved, see our cradle riflet of the bright eyes and the sweet lips? Can we stand unmoved and see our gardens of earthly delight uprooted? Will Jesus, who wept Himself, be angry with us if we pour our trars into the graves that open to swallow down what we love best? Was Lazarus more deal to Him than our beloved dead to us? No We have a right to weep. Our tears mus

or and help me up. Unlearing, unlouder on and help me up. Unlearing, unlouder ing, may I step right out into the light on be able to look back to my kindred and friends who would derin me nere, exemine the ing t "Let me go, let me go. The day breaketh!"

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Love not thyself. Count your resources, Contentment is riches. Every fellow has his price. Honesty is not contagious. Life is full of compensations.

A coming man must keep going. Hard times are the times to think. Custom is often only the antique of

Fvery noble activity makes room for

Every man with a clever son believes Learn whit you are fit for, and give

up wishing for. In striving to gain wealth, wo're apt to lose our health. God made him, and therefore let him

pars for a man.

Imhistry is Fortune's right han I and regality ber left. A millstone and a human heart ere riven ever round. The stroke of disaster is frequently a

lessing in a disguis-. Under the freest Constitution ignorant

people are still slaves. It takes a strong-minded person to go ack on his own mi-takes. There are 1,000 ways of being a fool,

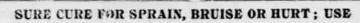
and they are all easy to find. People who cross a bridge before they get to it always pay high toll. Time is money, they say, And 1 has been noticed that it tales a good coal of money to have a go d time.

It is hard to be a friend to a man who is an enemy to hi uself. The actions of men are the best inter preters of their thoughts.

We hand folks over to God's mercy, and show none ourselves. A mean man can get religion but he cant stay mean and keep it. In the beginning of society all men were equal in being equally poor.

One thing is clear to me that no indulgeoce of passion destroys the spiritual nature so much as respectable selfish-

When a man is self-made he is gener ally the first to find it out; but when he a well or stream and empty pitcher three bushels of per-pods and fourteen sure. It was only last week he told me



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CAPTURING A SHARK.



very exciting and sometimes very lingerous, as only very light boats are used, and these are sometimes apset or crushed by the monsters. An old hunter thus speaks of the On the far-off horizon. The sunshine tilling of a tiger shark, one of the most formidable monsters of the It is coming-is coming; the darker the tribe: At length the harpoon rose, and the glittering weapon sank with The brighter and nearer the beautiful lights thud into the neck of a large tiger. We crouched again into the canoe and clutched the rope. Away rushes boat, a foaming wave two feet iigh on either side of the prow After a few minutes the speed slack-

ned and we are able to haul in a few athoms. The distance was shortened, so that we could see the luminous eddies around the powerful tail. of the shark, like the feam around the crew of a small steamer. At last the monster floated on his side, appar- John, " He is so hampered usually by

IVING THE DEATH THRUST TO THE MONSIER

lashed the water into spray with the

lashings of his powerful tail. A few

lance thrusts, however, put an end to his struggles and he floated dead

Pleasure Deferred.

Johnnie-"Mister Hayrick, kin

Sam cum an' go a-fishin' wid me?"

on' splits some wood."-Judge.

Good, but May Not Be True.

Lincoln, it is said, was pursued by an angry bull. He made for the fence

says Life's Calendar,) but soon dis-

overed that the bull was overtaking

him. He then began to run around

a haystack in the field, and the bull

pursued him; but, in making the

short circles around the stack, Lin-

coln was the faster, and, instead of

the bull catching him, he caught the bull and grabbed him by the tail. It was a firm grip and a controlling

one. He began to kick the bull, and

the bull beliewed with agony and

dashed across the field, Lincoln hang-

ing to his tail and kicking him at

every jump, and, as they flew along,

Lincoln yelled at the bull: "Darn you,

The Affections.

Nothing is more common than to

neglect the many small amenities and

courtesles of life under the im-

pression that they are needless.

Where the affections are very strong

they may survive this treatment,

though even then much of their deli-

are of only moderate intensity it is

pretty certain to kill them. When

visits and letters gradually diminish

and finally cease, when reunions are

liscontinued, when accustomed kind-

lesses are abandoned and sympathy

rows silent, it is inevitable that the

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Crossing a field one day, President

N. M.

on the water.

Mr. A. J. Davenport

Militon, N. J.

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cure. I was at last advised to try Hood's

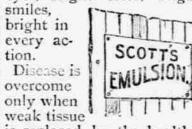


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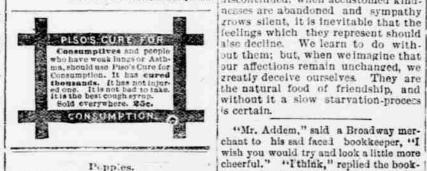
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THE SUNSHINY DOOR Oh! He not at morning encurtained in

of islands on which whaling stations Pull the drapery back! Push the shutters awayi been captured it is towed to one of | And drink the first draught from the wellspring of day.

carcass is cast adrift or anchored in if you open the sunshiny door of your heart. some nook in the channel between Ohtsit not at evening in darkness and dread the islands as a bait for sharks. The And watch for the shadows. Still lift up i r, as it yields a valuable oil, and Till the stars twinkle out. Their reflection

will start, If you open the sunshiny door of your heart Oh! sit not at midnight when troubles arise With the fingers of wretchelness close to

your eyes. Though friendship prove faithless though loved ones are dead, lough the burden of sorrow is bowing your head,

Light the candle of hope, and its brightness shall dart Through the windows of faith to the gloom of your heart.

Cheer up, though the shadows be black everywhere there.

night Through the crimson of day all your fears will depart, If you open the sunshiny door of your hearl--Julia H. May, in Boston Journal.

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Seven cars of mail matter, aggregating eighty tons, passed through Pittsburg on one train one day recently. In 1850 "Brown's Branchial Troches" were ntroduced, and their success as a cure for Colds. other fellow."—Tit-Bits. Bee hive tea is one of the items on

ently help'ess, and we hauled in the the bill of fare of a New York eating rope. On approaching him he seemed house. It consists of tea with a spoonto recover his lost energies and full of honey in it in lieu of sugar. The advertising of Hood's Sarsaparilia is sub- through and through my head all the

stantiated by endorsements which in the finan-cial world world would be accepted without a moment's hesitation. They to'll the story— Wood's crisis. HOOD'S CURES. Hood's Pills cure liver ills, jaundice.

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A Good Do; Story. Last summer I stopped at a small towa-

Mr. Hayrick-"All right, Johnnie; n Northern Virginia, writes a correes' as soon as he waters ther hoss an' ipondent. A young man at the same feeds ther pigs an' drives ther cows lotel had two setters and a black and ter pasture an' takes er bag o' corn an terrier. I experimented extensively ter ther mill an' cleans ther wagon with these three dogs during my stay, and deduced therefrom some conclusions which were inevitable. The hotel reranda opened on the street and was a place of resort for gentlemen of leisure sbout town. There was also a side ontrance through a large yard. I have frequently observed the dogs lying asleep on the veranda when the owner would enter the side yard on a flagstone walk, often in the midst of conversation of a dozen men. The terrier would recogsize the footsteps of his master, would atter a low sound and spring to als feet and rush at once in the direction whence he heard the steps. The setters invariably seem to know what it meant, would raise their heads, ash their tails upon the floor, showing evident signs of understanding the situ-I have seen this terrier recogstion. size the steps of his master when the latter was accompanied by two or three other persons. The delicate precision of his hearing was marvelous. I cannot believe that he was guided by the sense of smell, as it is evident that the setters whose habits of hunting have developed

in them much more sensitive olfactory power, would naturally have been the first to detect their master's approach, and yet it was equally evident that the cate fragrance is lost; but where they terrier's ears were the first to catch the sounds .- New York Press. His Secret of Happiness. "Professor" said a gentleman recently o the famous Professor Blackie, of Edinburgh, "may I ask the secret of your happiness?" "Yes," replied the genial Professor. out them; but, when we imagine that who, in his old age is as sprightly and merry as a schoolboy., "Here is the

secret. I have no vain regrets for the past, I look forward with hope to the without it a slow starvation-process future and I always strive to do my duty."-New York Herald. Belle-"I suspect that Carrie is going to get married at last. Mr. Manning was having a long conversation with her last

evening." Kate—"But was he serious?"
Belle—"Serious? Positively sad."— Boston Transcript. "Mercy!" grunted the little pig. "I Annie—"It is not very gallant for Mr. am nearly starved to death. I haven't Bald to speak of ladies as 'hous.' I had anything to eat for almost three should be mad enough if he called me you were no chicken."-Boston TranGIVE THEM NOW

Wyou have gentle words and looks, my To spare for me-if you have tears to she That I have suffered—kept them not, I pray, Until I hear not, see not, being dead.

If you have flowers to give-fair Hy buds Pink roses, daisies (meadow-stars that be Mine own dear namesakes) let them bloom and make

The air, while yet I breath it, sweet for me For loving looks, though fraught with tenderness,

And kindly tears, though they fall thick an i fast, And words of praise, alast can naught avail

To lift the shadows from a life that's past. and rarest blossoms, what can they suffice, Offered to one who can no longer gaza Upon their beauty? Flow'rs in coffice laid. Impart no sweetness to departed days. -Margaret Eytinge, in Detroit Free Press.

PITH AND POINT.

Blackmail-Mouraing letters. Nothing pays a poorer interest on the nvestment than wearing a long face .-Ram's Horn. "I am several laps ahead," said the

cat who had stolen the cream. - Washington Star. Rimer-"Pve written a poem on the crinoline." Trivvet-"That's right. It

leserves it."-Life. "He behaved dreadful at the swarry," said Mrs. Partington. "Acted like perfect idiom."-Quips. In love affairs, men make too wild

statements, and women are too wild in believing them .- Atchison Globe. The sugar, come from Sandwice, Perhaps, may class as staple, But Sandwich cannot furnish The sugar which

The sugar which is maple.

—Detroit Free Press. No matter how solid the road is finanially an engineer many times has to

whistle for his pay .- Rochester Demo-The bald-headed man is a blessing in more ways than one. He never gets his hair cut Saturday night.—Du Bois

Courier. Mrs. Brown-"Wao was best man at When a prisoner resists the Paris your wedding?" Mrs. White—"Why, my husband, of course."—Harvard d compel him to walk like "YAT.

He-"My income is small, and perhaps it is cruel of me to take you from your father's roof." She (anxiously)-"I don't live on the roof."-Tit-Bits.

Chicago's quaking now with fear 'Bout erinoline, the nasty stul', She knows the buildings for the lair Will not by half be large enough. —Pittsburg Dispatch.

Blinkers-"One never loses maything by keeping his engagements punctually.' Winkers—"My experience is he is apt to lose half an hour's time waiting for the Doctor-"Did you repeat the pre-

scription as I directel? "Yes; I can say every word of it by to-ward, but I don't feel a blame! bit better."-Chicago Inter-Ocean. Young Callow-"Do you know there are certain lines that keep running

time." Miss Cutting-"Well, what's to stop them?"—Boston Courier. Sweet Girl - "Mercy! It's ten o'clock. Has time ever passed so quickly with you as it does no v?" Devoted Lover (a commercial traveler) - "Never, except at allway dining rooms." - Pit-Bits.

A-"Have you heard that the house lately erected by Wackler, the con-tractor, has fallen to pieces?" B-"Just what I expected; it was so heavily nortgaged."-Zarcher Freitagszeitung. Ethel-"Isn't it too bad about that murlerer to whom we were carrying flowers?" Grace-"Why, what has happened to him?" Ethel-"Haven't you heard?

At daybreak he glesfully hurried away, That cat who had caused such distress, And he murmured, "That cone set, I venture

He's been acquitted." -- Detroit Tribune.

to say,
Will be known as a howing saccoss,

-Wasaington Star. When a man comes around with a scheme with "millions in it," it may be safe enough to inderse his sentiments, but one should be careful about inders-

ing his paper. - Cinculate Commercial Gazette. Old Menagerie Monkey-"Well, what do you think of the white people so far?" New Monkey-"The most striking trait about them seems to be their intense cariosity."-Indianapolis

Several of the ancient nations conidered that the disembodied spirit was a tangible substance of a bluish color. Pliny says that the Romans learned use of yeast from the Greeks durthe war with Persius, King of

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