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DAY SERMON.

Subject: "Sulcide."

TEXT: "He drew out his sword and would have killed himself, supposing that the pris-oners had been fied. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm." Acts xv1, 27, 28. Here is a would be suicide arrested in his

Here is a would be suicide arrested in his deadly attempt. He was a sheriff, and ac-cording to the Roman law a balliff himself must suffer the punishment due an escaped prisoner, and if the prisoner breaking jail was sentenced to be endung-oned for three or four years then the sheriff must be en-

been dressed tore them open and perished, spointed time will I wait till my change Mithridates killed himself rather than sub- come." mit to Pompey, the conqueror. Hannibal destroyed his life by poison from his ring, considering life unbearable. Lycurgus a suicide, Ergius a suicide. After the disaster

early part of this sermon I wish to admit that some of the best Christians that have viorious and nothing to pay for it." giorious and nothing to pay for it." Influti-ity always has been apologetio for self immo-lation. After Tom Paine's "Age of Reason" was published and widely read there was a marked increase of self-slaughter. Itousseau, Voltaire, Gibbon, Montaigne, under certain circumstances, were apolo-getit for self immolation. Infludity puts up no bar to people's rushing out from this world into the next. They teach us it does not make any difference how you live here or go out of this world, you will land either in an oblivious nowhere or a glorious someover lived have committed self destruction but always in dementia and not responsible. I have no more doubt about their eternal Identify than I have of the Christian who dies in his bed in the delirium of typhold fever. While the shock of the catastrophe is Christian friends under cerebail aberration step off the bundaries of this life to have no doubt their inspiness. The dess Lord took them right out of their dazed and i fren-tied state into perfect safety. Hor Christ Beits oward the insane you may know from the kind way he treated the demonias C Gardara and the child lunatic, and the po-tency with which he hushel the tempest either of sea or brain. fellcity than I have of the Christian who section of the best Highland blood, and he was a descendant of Donald Boy, a man eminent great for science and great for God. He came of the best Highland blood, and he was a descendant of Donald Boy, a man eminent for his plety and the rare glft of second sight. His attainments, climbing up as he did from the quarry and the wall of the scientists, and Dr. Chaimers, the theologian, and held universities spellbound while he scientists, and Dr. Chaimers, the theologian, and held universities spellbound while he told them the story of what he had seen of God in the old reil sandstone. That man did more than any being that ever lived to show that the God of the hills is the God of the Bible, and he struck his tuning tork on the rocks of Cromarty until he brought geology and theology accordant in divine worship. His two books, entitled "Footprints of the Creator" and the "Testi-mony of the Boeks," proclaimed the band science and revelation. On this latter book he tolled day and night, through low sleep, and his train gave way, and he will for the last century on the story of which the could not sleep, and his train gave way, and he worship with a revolver by his side, the crue instrument having had two bullest-one for him and the other for the guarship with a revolver by his side, the crue instrument having had two bullest-one for him and the other for the guarship with a revolver by his side, the found dead with a revolver by his side, the crue instrument having had two bullest-one for him and the other for the guarship with a revolver by his side, the crue instrument having had two bullest-one for him and the other for the guarship with a revolver by his side, the found dead with a revolver by his side, the crue instrument having had two bullest-one for him and the other for the guarship has the reason. for the last century on the part of those who had their reason. My friends, if ever your life through its cruel instrument having had two bullets-one for him and the other for the gunsmith who, at the coroner's inquest, was examinwho, at the coroner's inquest, was examin-ing it and fell dead. Have you any doubt of the benification of Hugh Miller after his hoi brain had ceased throbbing that winter night in his study at Portobello? Among the mightlest of earth, among the mightlest of heaven.

picture gallery in some parts of the Bible, the pictures of the people who have com-mitted this unnutural crime. Here is the headless trunk of Saul on the walls of Bathheadless trunk of Saul on the walls of Bath-shap. Here is the man who chased little David-ten feet in status chasing four. Here is the man who consulted a clairvoyant, witch Of Endor. Here is a man who, whipped in battle, instead of surrendering bis sword with dignity, asks his setvant to slay him, and when the servant declines then the giant plants the hilt of the sword in the

Singing of you

that fellow in his attempt at particle. Not conting what he wanted by change of polities be takes a short cut out of a disgraced life into the suicide's eternity. There ho is, the

prisoner, and if the prisoner breaking jail was sentenced to be endungeoned for three or four years then the sheriff must be en-dungeoned for three or four years, and if the prisoner breaking jail was to have sup fared enpital punishment. The sheriff had received especial charge to keep a sharp lookout for Paul and Silas. The government had not had confidence in bolts and bars to keep safe these two elergy-men, about whom there seemed to be some

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mit to Pompey, the conqueror. Hannbal destroyed his life by poison from his ring, considering life unbearable. Lycurgus a sulckie, Brytus a suiche. After the disaster of Moscow Napoleon always carried with him a preparation of opium, and one night his servint heard the ex-omperor arise, put something in a giass and drink it, and soon after the groans arouse all the attendants, and it was only through utmost medicat skill he was resuscitated from the stupor of the opiate. Tames have changed, and yet the Ameri-Tames have changed, and yet the Ameri-tan wind it was not be toned upon the

the oplate.
Things have changed, and yet the AmeriThings have changed, and the adding the AmeriThing have a state of the world's existence.
Thing have and more spreading.
A pulpit not long ago expressed some
Tom say it is business trouble, or you say it is business troub

SINGING OF YOU. Blake as long as there was a chance of capturing Brown, and the former well flossoms and blossoms and blossoms ! and knew of such opinion. Brown had birds singing of 'em so sweet ! been West for a number of years, and Pressing the down of their bosoms 'gainst th there had been whispers of wild, if not flowers that fall at your feet ! criminal, doings there, but, in view of Clinging and swinging and flinging their

his financial worthiness, they remained souls to the heavens so blue--whispers and finally died away. "Take care what you say about him," O, sweet to my soul is their singing. because they are singing of you !

said the girl, a note of alarm escaping, her. "He was here to-day, as I said," and he is very bitter against you. He did not threaten you openly, but he In the dawn and the dew-Singing of heaven and singing of you'

said many things to show that he hates ms and blossoms and blossoms ! and you and that he means to be even with just sparkling with beautiful pearls, you for the snub you gave him at the meeting last week." Twining themselves for your tresses, and falling and kissng your curls ! "Just like the coward," Blake said

And all the birds swinging and flinging their angrily, "to come with his threats to souls to God's heavens of blue, And my soul dreaming soft in their singing a woman. Why doesn't he come to me and make them ?" because they are singing of you !

"Reginald Brown is a man not to be defied," Mary said, putting down her knitting to conceal the trembling of Singing of you In the dawn and the dew-Singing of heaven and singing of you her hands, "and you had best not be mk L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution so outspoken. If he should hear you, -Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitut

you might regret it." "Pshaw," he cried impatiently, "I'm BLACKMAN'S GULLY. not afraid of him. If you want him

Mary, just say so; don't try to scare me away." She looked doubtfully at him a mo BY H. M. HOKE. T wasa cold Januar

ment: then anger flashed over her night when James Blake, on his way face, and she said : "I'm not trying to scare you away. to Mary Graham's Mr. to Mary Graham', Mr. Brown has probably the same home, camt right to consideration as you. He through the dense was here to-day, as I have said, just as woods crowning the you came to-night, to get a final antop of Blackman's hill. The night was wer from me."

"And what answer did you give long remembered him?" he asked impulsively. hood. A heavy snow had fallen the "Have you a right to ask that? But

will tell you anyhow. I gave him provious day, succeeded by a rain which a sudden north wind had frozen to 1 he same answer I will give you. I will take my own time to answer. I slippery crust. The moon, one night on the wane, was a half hour above the eady. I have no answer to give you eastern mountain, silvering the long to-night. That is your answer." stretch of snow, and turning the ice or

The young man rose slowly, took his how a hat from the table and walked toward yet?" the trees into diamonds. Blake stopped a moment on the summit of the hill, the door. Deep despondency was upto admire the spectral beauty of the on his face as he turned there, and night, and to cast an awed glance down said : to the hideous gully into which the steep and jagged side of the hill fell "Mary, I see it all now. You love

Brown. You love him when he comes The place was upon the farm of young to you, trying to win you by threats of a rival. That isn't manly." Rodney Blackman, and ever since the accident death or murder of the elder

"Haven't you done just as much? You have called him names to-night." Blackman there many years before, it had been regarded with aversion and "He deserves them. I don't fear

his threats and I'm going to leave you to him. I'll take the liberty, though, It may be that Blake stopped, too, more firmly to set his courage for his of saying that you'll never be happy errand. He was a prosperous young of saying that you'll never be nappy mechanic in Templeton, the village with him. I repeat that he is a cow-whose lights twinkled in the valley te He turned again, and, with sudden

He turned again, and, with sudden his left, and was going to learn Mary Oraham's final answer to his declaraimpulse she moved one hasty step toward him, but determination came tions of love. Beset by the customary back to her face, and she restrained obstacles, the principal being elusive her impulse and let him go out. He ness or coquetry on Mary's part, he had wooed her for two years. He was and turned aside into the path leading hastened down the walk to the road, now determined to have the question past Blackman's Gully.

Mary walked back to the soon let it Mary berself was a vigorous fall to the floor. She was restless; Mary's father was a well-to-up the set med her knitching, but was restless; mer. Mary herself was a vigorous fall to the floor. She was restless; country girl, who might well have been looking into the fire a moment, then

that Mary Graham would never marry serious. In addition, he had bees Blake as long as there was a chance of almost frozen. Had he not providentially lodged against a tree, h would have been dashed to pieces of the rocks in the gully, or, escaping these, would surely have perished in the awful cold of the night. The narrowness of the escape sent a shudden through all the community, and as the facts of the case were freely and closely discussed, opinion as to Brown's guilt became fixed, and indignation increased

as the horrors of a lonely death in Blackman's Gully were graphically de tailed. Meanwhile, with remorseful solicisude, Mary Graham watched over

James through the long hours of unconsciousness. He was near death; but at last one day, when she and her father sat by the hearth, talking in alternate hope and despair, the doctor came down from the sickroom and told them that the young man would live;

that he had just come out of a quief sleep; and that, in view of theserious ness of the charge against Brown, s question as to his guilt would not harm

he sufferer. Mary and her father ascended to the nickroom, and James feebly welcome them.

"James," said the farmer, "do no excite yourself at the question I am going to ask. You know, I suppose, that you were found down in Black man's Gully. A man is in jail accused of pushing you down, and a word from you will decide his guilt. Did Regihald Brown push you into the gully?"

Farmer Graham hastened away, and won't give it to anyone until I am James, reaching out his trembling

hand, asked : "Mary, I know I mustn't talk, but

"Oh, James, how cruel I was was-an answer which he was only too glad to meet by relinquishing his re-

solution not to come and live on the farm. --- Yankee Blade.

Cast-Iron Pillars.

"Have you ever noticed." said a St. Louisan, "those massive iron pillars now standing erect in the basement of the new Planters' House? Well, did

you ever stop to think of the immense weight they will be compelled to sup-port steadily for many, many years i Oh, you have? But I suppose you have thought the manufacturers just

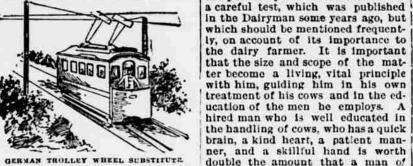
manner as cast-iron stoves-by running the liquid metal into sand molds; but MONUMENT TO THE HAIDERS. plongside of each pillar is cast an iron The bar is bar from the same metal. aral" from the Confederates at Big precisely an inch square and five Shanty, Ga., in April, 1862. It was and one-half feet in length. When their intention to selze a locomotive cold it is subjected to a very simple test. Each end of the bar is placed in the direction of Chattanooga, cut-"Really, you must pardon me," replied the Englishman, very timidly upon a table and weights are suspended from the centre by a rope. It must bear a tensile weight of 500 pounds to and evidently doubting his new acquaintance, "but I really" "Oh, don't you remember me? We the square inch. The test may begin with 400 pounds and be gradually in-aptured and placed in jail at Chatmet at Luxor, up the Nile, and aftergether." creased until the bar is found to be tanooga. Their leader, James J. "Ah, yes; ah yes," drawled the En perfectly supporting the required weight. If it breaks, for instance, at 480 or 490 pounds, then the pillar cast clishman. "You were giving entertainments, imitating American cocktails, and such things. I am really from the pot of metal which cast the ville, and seven of them were arglad to meet you." bar is discarded, broken up and put raigned before a court martial, "That was a horrible ride up the into the pot again, with more pig iron charged with being spies. All the Mandalay," remarked Lincoln. added. The pillars, you know, are prisoners were removed to Atlanta, "Very beastly," was the reply. largely made from scrap iron, and the Ga. On June 18, 1862, their prison "Just think, twenty-four hours to manufacturers cannot know the door was opened and the death sengo 316 miles. Well, you'll see the difference in this country," said Linstrength of the cast until it is tested. tence of the seven who were tried at The addition of pig iron, in the event Knoxville was read to them. They of failure, brings the cast up to the were at once tied and carried out to coln, throwing out his American chest. "Our trains sometimes travel standard. execution. The remaining fourteen that many miles in an hour." "Six or ei t of the pillars designed for the new Planters' House had to be made their escape from prison in Oc-"Ah, yes, I know," answered the tober, 1862. Six reached the Union Englishman quickly, "but unforturecast in this way."-St. Louis Repub- lines, six were recaptured, and of the nately you generally arrive in pieces." remaining two nothing is known. lic. -New York Telegram. Many of the visitors to the World's Growth of a Snake's Rattle, Fair will remember seeing the old lo-**Rarest Stamps for Collectors**. comotive "General" in the Trans-At the philatelic section in the The growth of the rattle of the ratnortation Building. rotunda in Vienna, a Swedish coltlesnakc has been studied by Doctor lector exhibited a very rare stamp-a Feokistow, who finds that the rattle is Asparagus. frequently shed; and, after being "the" (instead of tre) skillings, yel-Asparagus, deservedly a favorite shed (his snakes were kept in a very vegetable, was extensively cultivated once purchased by the Field Interwarm room), in three or four month ty the ancient Romans, but was not national Postage Stamp Museum for two rattles were present, their appear introduced into England before 1660. the sum of 2,400 florins, (\$1,109 Uniance having nothing to do with the In some parts of Europe the seeds ted States currency) - the highest casting of the skin. The snakes were are used as a substitute for coffee, price ever paid thus far for an ob made to register the vibrations of the and a spirituous liquor is made from literated European stamp. The rarest rattle on smoked paper, and it was the ripe berries. Asparagus is both and most costly postage stamp anyfound that the vibration was a comlishic and diueretic, and its roots where is, up to the present day, pound one, consisting of the vibration of the tail as a whole, and of the rattle were once extensively used in medicine. The young tender sprouts of which is valued at 30,000 marks, and independently of the tail vibrations. stems, from six to ten inches long, of which only a single specimen is The approximate figures of vibrations are the edible parts, and those that known to exist in the unique collecwere f the tail seventy-five, of the are entirely green are the most ten- tion of M. Philip Ferrari, Paris. rattle 110 a minute.-New York Indeder and delicate. The white aspara- Next in value (15,000 marks) is the paign in an honest, fair, and straightgus is, as a rule, very tough, the tips two-cent Sandwich Islands stamp. alone being catable. In some old recipe books directions are given for two-cent stamp, of 1850, estimated Rather a Knowing Cat. boiling asparagus one hour, but this at 6,000 marks; while Mauritius Post J. W. Moses of Megquier Hill, has is a great mistake. Twenty or thirty Office 1d. and 2d. (non-obliberated) an unusually intelligent cat, called minutes is long enough to cook it recently sold in London for 14,000 Isaac, who is very fond of fresh fish. sufficiently. marks-a price which might be ob

Device Which Avoids Much Inconven-Points Wall Worth the Attention of Ev lence and Delay. ery Dairy Man. It is a half-hourly occurrence with Every discerning farmer, who has kept cows, knows in a general way very electric trolley car that the rolley wheel leaves the wire, usually | that there is a great difference in the it a curve or crossing, stalling the amount of milk they will get from ar and not infrequently causing a the same cow. As between two hired pretty close approach to profanity on men in milking ten or twelve cows the part of the conductor, whose of equal flow, one man will be worth luty it is to bring everything back to double what the other is in his inthip shape. It is somewhat to be fluence over his cows. Until Dr. wondered at, therefore, that inven- Babcock made a special experiment live progress has not yet given birth on this matter but little was really o any thoroughly satisfactory device accurately known as to the extent of

COWS AND HIRED MEN.

for maintaining uninterrupted com- this personal influence in affecting munication between a trolley wire the profits of cows. How much we and a car. Putting projecting prongs have learned on old, old questions the past ten years! The Doctor made |

NEW TROLLEY TRAVELER.

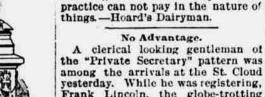


opposite character will cost. on each side of the trolley wheel, to Dr. Babcock found that one milker atch the wire as the wheel tends to obtained from four cows 26.2 pounds lip off, has been tried at Chicago of butter fat in seven days. From with fairly good results, but, after the same cows the week following, all, this expedient represents only a another milker obtained 21.8 pounds. partial solution of the problem. On "Brown push you into the gully?" Blake repeated, weakly, but in great surprise. "Why, which made you think that? Of course he did not.] was careless, and I slipped on the ice and fell down myself." Here was a difference of nearly four one German road, built at the city of pounds and one hall of butter fat Barmen, the conventional trolley depending for its value, of course, on the price of butter. Neither of these milkers was abusive, and both milked the cows equally dry. By this bears against the under portion of convincing experiment any dairyman the conducting wire. The frame is can see how important it is to take supported by something analogous to especial pains to educate the hired a trolley pole, and the theory of action apparently is that the width

> cents a bound one man was worth at i to the Andrews Raiders

Chattanooga. more than the other. When a man This monument is Ohio's tribute to is milking, say ten cows, this would the Andrews raiders, and is placed amount to \$2.80 a week, or nearly jook it, mum." "Didn't you know in the national cemetery at Chatta- \$12 a month. This is but one of the nooga, Tenn., to commemorate the hundreds of fine points that throng then. I hadn't eat it then, mum."

shows so clearly that this unthinking, unreading, unskillful way of handling cows that so many farmers



among the arrivals at the St. Cloud Exchange. vesterday. While he was registering, Frank Lincoln, the globe-trotting

HUMEROUS PARAGRAPHS FROM THE COMIC PAPERS.

SUPPOSE WE SMILE

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over-Sayings That Are Cheerful to the Did or Young-Funny Selections That Everybody Will Enjoy Reading.

Her Rival.

Mrs. Dearlyloved-Boo-hoo-hoo! 1 im so miserable! I shall get a divorce. Mrs. Bynthayer-Why, my hear, what's the matter? Mrs. Dearlyloved (with a fresh outburst) -1 got hold of Charlie's expensebook last night and since Easter he has spent \$160 on some "Kittle" he's been spending his evenings with --Judge.

Suspicion

Hicks-Did you hear about the tow a Howbig's house? Mrs. H. distreatment of his cows and in the ed- covered a letter in his pocket in a hired man who is well educated in jeuce she did! Do you know, I althe handling of cows, who has a quick ways suspected Howbig. Hicksbrain, a kind heart, a patient man-lit was a letter that Mrs. Howbig ner, and a skillful hand is worth wrote ten days before and gave him double the amount that a man of o mail -- Boston Transcript

Eminently Fitted.

Mr. Peighweakly-I should think, Ars. Slimdie:, that you would be nore successful if you turned your boardinghouse into a hotel for inralids. Mrs. Slimdiet-What kind of invalids ought 1 to take in? Mr. Peighweakly-Well, you might run a anti-fat sanitarium, for instance

Hobson's Choice.

Father (who is on the point of fallng -But, young man, will you be ible to take care of my daughter in the way she has been living. Young man, as well as himself, to an under- Man-I'll guarantee it, sir, or return standing of what he has at risk. he girl. Father-Er-well-never The usual number of cows miked by one person in a large dairy is from ind the guarantee, you can have the ind the guarantee, you can have the irl, anyway. - Exchange. rirl, anyway.-Exchange,

Would Not Do So Again.

Mrs. Goode-Aren't you the tramp least twenty-eight cents a cow a week who was here this morning? Odorous more than the other. When a man | liver-Yessum. "Well, I missed a ake I had left in the window." "I petter than that?" "No, mum, not -'lew York World.

He Was Mistaken.

"Will you kindly pass me the buter?" said a guest at the hotel to a compous looking man on the other ide. "I'm agentleman," he retorted, A clerical looking gentleman of "That's what I thought when 1 asked the "Private Secretary" pattern was you," said the first man, quietly .-

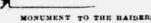
Overheard in the Heal

Speckled Dominicker-I learned humorist, watched him curiously. mmething awful about Miss Plymouth At the proper moment he stepped up to the hotel register and read the Rock to-day. Mrs. Leghorn Whyte -For gracious sake, what was it? "She prides herself on her family newly signed name, "G. Rupert Coxe, England." Turning to him, Lincoln extended his hand, and said :- "How connections you kno iny. She was hatched in an incu do you do, Mr. Coxe. Let me welhator." come you to America."

how about my answer? Are you ready of the frame will rermit considerable lateral movement without breaking ontact. you," was all she could say; but he ontact. knew from it what the joyful answel OF INTEREST TO OLD SOLDIERS. eight to fifteen. In Dr. Babcock's experiment if butter was twenty-five

bravery of twenty-two Union sol- the pathway of dairy farming. It diers, who stole the locomotive "Gen-

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made those pillars and sold them without knowing anything about how much weight they would bear or how long they would bear it. Let me tell you about that. "Those pillars are cast in the same

heaven. No one ever doubled the plety of William Cowper, the author of those three great hymns, "Oh, For a Closer Walk With Goi !" hymns, "Oh, For a Closer Walk With Gol T "What Various Hindrances We Meet " "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood"— William Cowper, who shares with Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley the chief honors of Christian hymnology. In hypochondris he resolved to take his own life and rode to the river Thames, but found a man scated or foome goods at the very point from which he expected to spring and rode back to his home and that night three himself upon his of nations. expected to spring and road block to he home and that night threw bimself upon his own knife, but the blade broke, and then be hanged himself to the ceiling, but the rope parted. Ne wonder that when Gol merzi-uliy delivered him from that awini demen tia he sat down and wrote that other hymn

just as memorable : Got moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. Be plants His footsteps in the ses And thes upon the storm Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain. God is His own interpreter. And He will make it pinin.

white we make this merciful and righteou llowance in regard to those who wer plunged into mental facoherence, I deciare that the man who in the use of his reason

the custodian of your life as he made you the custodian of no other life. He gave you as weapons with which to defend it two arms to strike back assailants, two eyes to watch custodian of no other life. A strike back assailants, two eyes to watch for invasion and a natural love of life which | Christian's immortality ! for invasion and a natural love of life which sught ever to be on the alert. Assussmation of others is a mild crime compared with the assussmation of yourself, because in the latter case it is treachery to an especial trust, it is the surrender of a castle you were especially appointed to keep, it is treason to a natural law, and it is treason to God added to ordinary muscler.

to ordinary murder, To show how God in the Bible looked upon this crime I point you to the rognes'

upon herself an estimate by no mean Infidel too low. She was not backward in making known the standard by which the successful wooer must measure. a much discussed question in the lo-

equal Mary's prophesied dowry, he had a capital of vigor and determination well worth taking into consideration.

horror by the country folk.

Another of the obstacles had been set up by Farmer Graham. He declared that, having no son of his own, the man who won Mary must come and live on the farm and learn to care for it after he was gone. To many this would have been-and, indeed, wasmore of an inducement than an obstastacle, but Blake was interested and

successful in his business enterprises, and he stoutly asserted that the woman he married must leave all for him. It was to adjust this difference, as well as to get a final answer from Mary, that he knocked that bitter January night at the front door of the Graham farmhouse, and was bidden "Come in !" Mary sat knitting by the wood fire in the capacious chimey place, and seldom have hearth flames brightened a pret-

tier domestic picture. James put his hat on the table, pulled a chair over near her, and, after a few preliminaries, began to state the purpose of his call. "Mary, do you know how long I've

been coming to see you now?" "It must be," she replied, pausing mischievously, as if she did not know "It was two years ago yesterday."

"Is it, indeed?" she said, in captions astonishment. "I wouldn't have thought it."

the root of the temple, but as he resisten so resist ye. Christ came to medicine all our wounds. In your trouble I prescribe life in-stead of death. People who have had it worse than you will ever have it have gone eongful on their way. Renember that God keeps the chronology of your life with as much precision as He keeps the chronology of nations. of nations. Why was it at midnight, just at midnight, the destroying angel struck the blow that set the Israelites free from bondage? The 430 years were up at 12 o'clock that night. The 430 years were not up at 11, and 1 o'clock would have been tardy and too late. The 430 years were up at 12 o'clock, and the de-troying angel struck the blow, and Israel was free. And Goi knows just the hour you that I came to get yes or no."

was free. And God knows just the hour when it is time to lead you up from earthly bondage. By his grace make not the worst of things, but the best of them. If you must take the pills, do not chew them. Your ever-issing rewards will accord with your earthly perturbations, just as Caius gave to Agrippa a chain of gold as heavy as had been his thain of from. For your asking you may have the same grace that was given to the failan martyr. Alcerius, who, down in the the last statement. Italian martyr, Algerius, who, down in the iarkest of dungeons, dated his letter from the delectable orchard of the Leonine pris-

by his own act, snaps the bond between his body and his soul goes straight inter part in the late than. Shall I prove iff Revelation xxi. 6 "Murderers shall have their part in the late whith burneth with fire and brimstone." Revelation xxi., 15, "Without are dogs and sorogrers and whoremongers and murder ers." You do not believe the New Testa ment. Then perhaps you believe the Ter Commandments, "Thou shalt not kill." Do you say all these proges relet to the taking of the life of others? God gave you a special trust in your life. He made you the custodian of no other life. He gave you as on." There is a sorrowless world, and it is so replied-

> Don't refuse to do good in fractions, when you can't work in whole numbers. Never mind where you work; le your care be for the work itself. ing to come any time." Good is best when soonest wrought:

ingering labors come to naurght. contemptuously. The ambitious young graduate now goes forth to Lunt up some tides to

she put on her shawl and a red hood and stepped to the door, but there she stopped, took them off, and with a Whether James Blake so measured was only imagination, or the frost on the forced laugh said : "Nonsense, it was cality. It was admitted that he was pane," and sat down again by the fire. cality. It was admitted that he wat an ideal of muscular and honest man-hood, and if his means did not quite the repeated. "I am like a child. But I didn't do wrong. If he is so independent about not wanting to come ere to live, I can be independent, too. And then the way he demanded

ny answer. I just won't stand it, and She was interrupted by the distant crunch of the frozen snow under run-

ning steps. They came rapidly nearer, and when they turned into the yard, she leaped up and stood ready to receive the comer. Her father hurried in, his face pale and startled. "Mary, get a bed ready at once," said. "There have been terrible he said. doings this night."

"What?" she asked forbodingly. "You will know soon. A man has been thrown over into Blackman's Gully. As I was coming home I saw him lying part way down the steep side, where he had lodged against a tree. It's mighty lucky it's moonlight, or he'd have frozen to death, if he's not already. I roused the neighbors and they're bringing him here. Be quick and prepare the bed." "Father," she asked, tremulously

catching his hands, "tell me right out. It's James; I know it's James. Isn't it ?" "Yes, it's James."

The willfulness with which she had the exact time to the day, "a year, on the hearth, and gave place to an driven him away died now like a spark anxiety which would have rendered her helpless to get ready for his coming had not her father sternly bade her

obev. The unconscious man was brought in "Mary," he said, in mild censure, and placed in the bed. While a pendent. "I'm serious to-night, and I'd like you physician, who had accompanied the wellas I do that it's two years since the Mary followed the men down stairs. first night I brought you home from She was thoroughly active and earness the protracted meeting in Templeton. now, and calling their attention in the it have told you often that I love you utting-room, she said : sitting-room, she said :

and want you for my wife, but you "Men, Reginald Brown has done have been pleased to turn away that this. I know it. He was here this subject, and I see you are disposed to afternoon and he threatened Mr. hold me off to-night. I want to tell Blake. Mr. Blake was here to-night, He paused, and she looked up in real he called him a coward. At the mowonder at the decisive tone marking nent he called him a coward I saw a face in the window there. I told my-

"Ycs, I'm in dead earnest to-night." "Ycs, I'm in dead earnest to-night, he continued. "What is your answer?" foll at the time it was only the shape of the freet on the pane, but now i There was no sound save the click-know it was Brown looking in. He ing of her knitting-needles but the heard Mr. Blake call him a coward, and gave hor head an independent toss, he has pushed him into the gully for and pursing her lips in like spirit, she that and other reasons. Go and do

your duty." "And suppose I don't choose to give The accusation was as a draft of air 703 any answer to-night?"

apon their smouldering hatred of "Well, no answer this evening will Brown. The whispers of the life he nean 'no' to me. You have had time had led in the West sounded again in to find out if you can love me as a their ears as loud corroborating voices. husband, and if you cannot tell me There was not a man in the crowd to now I'll think you don't want me, and whom James Blake had not shown his I'll never ask you again." fairness and generosity. Of course "Very well," she said willfully, "you the scoundrel Brown had committed rempleton to have any new in satis-ted here. There are plenty of young the act under the probability that a man could easily alip into the gully on such an icy night. One of the men, a nen who'd be glad enough to come sere to live as father wishes. You are burly, resolute fellow, who had often he only one that refuses to, and I'm denounced Brown, constituted himself wre no one is trying to compel you. Why, even Reginald Brows, with all loader and marched the crowd off to Brown's residence. his money and his fine house, was here

Notwithstanding his protestations of this afternoon, and told me he was willinnocence, he was rudely taken from the house, hurried before a Justice, "Reginald Brown," he exclaimed and lodged in jail to await the result of Blake's injuries. These were s

the neighborhood, and therefore con-internal discharter of the second internal inte

Recently while the cat was lying on the floor a member of the family said to it: "Isaac, do you want us to go had a frog for bait we would go." On this old isaac got up with a knowing look and trotted out, only to return frog, which he had caught in a swale near by. -Portland Press.

Etching.

When etching is done by the aid of lectricity a wire is soldered to the piate to be etched, by means of which an electric current is passed through the etching solution, which is made much more dilute than in the case of ordinary etching. This action is much increased in intensity, and, in many cases, acids, which under ordinary circumstances are insert, can be used, as, for instance, copper and

weak sulphuric acid. Some men would never marry it

they could not marry a grass widow.

A LEADING QUESTION. Teacher-"For what is Switzerland noted ?"

Pupil (after a pause)-"Sweitzer-kase."

grand, awe inspiring and majestic. Try

Girls in a Cage.

-American Register, Paris. Girls are said to be treated in a a-fishing?" and then added, "if we curious way in the Pacific island of New Britain. From two or three In Washington County, Miss. years old until they become of age which is liable to annual inundation they are kept in cages, made of palmfrom the father of waters, dwells old in a few moments with a good-sized leaves. They are taken out once ev-Jesse D----. On one occasion he was ery day to be washed, but in all oth- witness in a case, and prefaced his er respects this kind of imprisonment answer to every question with the is very strict. In spite of this seemirrelevant remark: "Wa'al, I was

ingly harsh usage, however, they grow desp'rately overflowed that year.' up hardy and healthy. But it may Annoyed by the constant petition of be doubted if this custom is really this remark, the examining counsel finally said, in a rather sneering generally observed by the islanders. tone: "Mr. D-, will you please

Unique Record.

Rev. Dr. Scarrow, of Russell, Kan., mean by being 'desp'rately over-within one week recently had ser- flowed?'" Straigthening himself up vices for a man whose body was to- to his full height-six feet threetally consumed by fire, for a man who and with a drawl of corresponding lied in the penitentiary, for a mur-length, he replied: "Wa'al, sir, I lered man, and finally over the bod- mean thar war too much water for ies of three murderers lynched by a wagonin' and not enough for boatin'."

Lost Ilis Last Friend.]

"That's a well-developed industry," suddenly remarked the man who tries to be smart. "To what do you reter?" iuquired the unwary acquaint-"To the traffic in petroleum. ince. And that is how he came to lose his ast friend.-Washington Star.

HIS HORIEON.

U. Nesu-"What is the news?" E. Got-"I am very well, thanks." | few of his favorito wives breaking bread the study of earthquakes. Puck.

When They Are Out Late.

Returned Traveler-What you night call the society girl among the lative savages wear rings in their loses as well as in their ears. Wageigh-That's nothing. Some of the ward traveled up the Mandalay to- lociety girls here have rings around heir eyes.

No Money There.

First Burglar-Hark! I hear some nan talking. Second Burglar-What's he saying? "That he will never bet on another horse race as ong as he lives." "Let's get out of this. No money here: he's lost every ent."- Exchange.

An Awful Crime.

A Kentucky paper which stated that the courts had decided the question in regard to separate coaches for colored people 'on purely coonstitutional grounds," tries to lay the blame on the compositor. - Indianapolis Journal.

Elevated.

"Papa," prattled the golden-haires boy, "is it true that 1 was born in a seventh-story flat?" "Yes, my child," 'nswered the father and then after a low, of 1853-which misprint was at moment's thought he added: "You came high but we had to have you.' -Truth

Hard Luck.

Rusty Raggles-Wat's the matter, Weepin'? Weeping Watson-I've just had de orfuilest nightmare. dreamed I found a barrel of beer wid the bung all out and (sobs) couldn't the British Guiana one-cent of 1856, and no straw .- New York World.

Better.

First Politician-I can say this, that our party conducted the camforward way. What more can you first emission-and a British Guiana say of your perty? Second Politiciar -We won. -Boston Transcript.

Like a Cat.

"I wish you were a cat," said Bar low, ruefully, as Mrs. Barlow stepped tained even for obliterated specimens on his foot in the danc . "Why so?" overied madam. "The cat always lands an her own feet," said Barlow -Harper's Bazar.

Under the Weather

Hicks-Your milk was pretty bad last night. Mrs. Hicks-I expected that thunder shower to affect it some. Hicks-Thunder? Our can was hi by a cloud burst.

They've Changed It.

The New Young Man-Then there is no hope foy me? There is no hope for you in the way you mean. But -but I will be a brother to you -New York World.

Of the Smart Set.

Teacher-Her dress was plain. Can you express that idea in more polite language? Little Miss (one of the 400)-Her gown was ghastly .--Exchange.

Great Grief.

A lady had just just lost her hus band. A gentleman, living next door, on calling to see her, found her, to his great surprise, playing on the harp, and said: "Dear me! 1 expected to find you in deep distress. "Ah!" the lady pathetically replied, "you should have seen me yesterda; afternoon "-L'Arlequin.

The newest science is seismology,

The counsel gave it up. How the Sultan of Turkey Dines. The Sultan of Turkey dines in solemn state in a room overlooking the Bosphorus. He sits on a divan and uses neither table, plates, knife or fork, but only a spoon and his fingers, with which implements he fishes out his food from a series of little saucepans. He generally

He Explained.

state to the court and lury what you

has a large retinue in attendance, but he always eats and drinks alone, not even a

nob.