

is on my side."

The start of surprise and disappoint

this announcement is not jost upon Sunt

amicable arrangement?

"Oh, all right," says James Moray, mys

"Well, I think that is a perfectly fair

proposal, and one to which my brother

should be pleased to assent. What do

you say, James? Have you any further

"Does she mean to come home with m

"I have already said I will. But I

ditions; but the next time you force me

for the present."
"We will have peace, then," says James
Moray, as he holds out his hand to Delia.

The James Morays return to their com

fortable home almost in silence. Delia

sits in one corner of the third-class rail-

on space. But as her husband giances

furtively at her, every now and then, he

mouth and the gravity or ner counte-

and neither James nor she has dined She orders something to be prepared for

them as soon as possible; and Willy is delighted to be allowed to walk round

address each other, except in the most

s permitted to chatter unrebuked.

But the hatred with which Moray has

ommenced to regard his wife waxes

stronger with each proof of her power.

He is in the position of a madman bound with fetters, from which there is no pos-

sibility of freeing himself, lashing out in

impotent fury, and foaming with rage be-

ning, pale blue eyes of his have a danger

action. But she takes no notice of hi

ous light in them as he watches her every

mood, believing that it is but the natural

consequence of the unpleasant scenes

they have gone through, and that it will cure itself with time and reflection. She

With the evening comes his brother William. Delia has retired to bed; in the

first place, because she is very weary; in

the second, because she has no wish to

The conversation which ensues between

is perfectly fearless of him.

encounter her brother-in-law.

cause he cannot reach the passers by. He would like to murder Delia. Those cun-

There is nothing to eat in the h

remark to make upon the subject?"

CHAPTER VII-(Continued.) "Am I Mrs. James Moray, or am I not?" says Delia as she confronts her wherein-law boldly.

he stammers in reply. I will not leave the house," she says, not for hanother hour, for I refuse to "until you answer my quesion, and give me back my boy. Am 1 ray. "Hit was never represented to me, our brother's wife, or am 1 not?" when I consented to hallow the child to Well-of course-at least James assures me." he commences, still utterly at hoffspring hof a hactress." s loss to know how to get out of the di-

"Why. Mr. Moray!" exclaims his better half, "do you mean to tell me there's hany the matter, when you've has sured me, times hout of number, that your brother his a widower and the boy

"Then he lied to you," says Delia. "He knew his brother had a wife. He has and throws down her next card boldly. spent evening after evening at our rooms, going out with my unfortunate husband, and encouraging him in drinking and oth-

"Well, if you must have it," says Moray, "this woman is my brother's wife; knowing the objection you would naturally feel toward her profession, I thought it best not to let you hear the cially as I have decided to

'Hadopt the little boy!" exclaims Mrs "I'll allow you to do no such What! you expect me to hact the part of mother to a hactress' himp? Never! The very hidea makes my blood curdle," fore he quickly interposes to cheek the to my boy!" cries Delia, in "I would like to see you or any other woman dare to try it. I am his! Where is my child?" she con- ing too far! What has your wife done tinues flercely, as she turns upon William Moray; "where is my Willy? Give him that you should threaten her with the or I'll go straight to the next quires a little settlement. Cannot we talk it over together and come to some

magistrate and tell him the whole story from beginning to end." But at the sound of his mother's voice attering his name, and raised as though to summon him, little Willy has got down from his chair at the inneheon table, and now, appearing at the drawing room door, flies, with a cry of pleasure, into Delia's

"My child?" she exclaims, "my own, own child! Let those take heed who would Mrs. Moray, that you require my brother Delia is sleeping soundly. She does not But under the circumstances I shall not be justified in permitting you to re-move my nephew from my care," interinterferes, you have no right to take

him away. In fact, I will not let him te doorstep," says his wife.
"If you don't, I claim my right to re

main by his side till the affair is settled." William Morny is like a man between two fires. He really is to be pitied the mest of the three. He does not know which of these women to conciliate first

her on what tack to steer so as to make his peace with either. "I took the child from your lodgings with the best intentions," he says to Dein. "You cannot bear the whole burder of his support in case of anything happention to help you by adopting Willy as my

"Mr. James Moray his coming hup the havenue," just here announces Jeames

Plush, hastily It is evident that Mr. James Moray is no welcome visitor at the Firs, since the servants have been ordered to give warn ng of his approach. But his presence at this particular moment is a real relief to his brother, who gives a ready order for his admittance. At the intelligence of her husband's presence. Delia turns very pale, and clasps the boy tighter to her besom. But she does not quail, nev-

"That low creature here hagain?" ejac ulates Mrs. Morny, "with his drunken abits and his hunpleasant, cunning countenance. Well, there's a nice pair of you, and that's my hopinion, and hif I'd known hit would come to this, I never would have demenned myself by hentering such

a family-no, never!" enough to keep it to yourself for the present," replies her husband. "My brother's coming is most opportune. It relieves my mind of a great responsibility. He can new do what he thinks best with his own

again," says Delia, as she holds the boy close-close against her throbbing heart, and nerves herself for the coming inter-

CHAPTER VIII.

James Morny enters the drawing room at the Firs with anything but an assured intenance. He is perfectly sober, but not at all certain of the reception he will get at his sister in law's hands. For the twice before this once when his brother introduced Willy to the notice of his wife, and again when the child was hastily conveyed from the lodgings at Holloway to Brixton, and some false excuse was made for taking him there at that time

He has thought to make Willy's preence at the Firs an excuse for inquiring after the child, in hopes his brother may ask him to stop and take his Sunday dinher with them. Little does he think whom he will encounter in Mrs. William Motay's drawing room. As he enters at the oor, he makes his way at once up to her. Reholds out his hand to her almost depretalligly. She rejects it coarsely.

Than't haffer your hand to me, hif you please, Mr. Jan. ..., for I have found hout all your deception for myself."

the brothers relates solely to the little boy, whom William, notwithstanding the oppo-sition he is likely to encounter from his What does it mean?" he asks, turning to his brother, and in turning he sees his wife, has taken a great fancy to adopt. wife and child. Then there is no need of on He wants to persuade James to make a will, appointing him sole guardian of the child, subject to no control whatever of plaration. "So you are at the botton of this, are you?" he says, angrily, hight have guessed as much. What de You mean by coming up here without my the mother, in the event of which he leave? How coming up here without my the mother, in the event of the mother, and promises to make little Willy his heir, and promises to make little will be a supplied to the mother of the moth relations in this way?"

Teame here for my boy," she answers a wool merchant.
"And so I will byme—bymeby eldly, "and if you had placed him ir Buckingham Palace, I would have forced algebraic into the very presence of royalt and seder to get him back again."

"And so I will byme—bymeby as severates Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, who is beginning to be severated to severate Jemmy, which is the severated to severated to severate Jemmy, which is the severated to severate Jemm

"Dunno." save Jo-"Well, we can but try," replies Wil-

When the landlady answers it, he meets her on the threshold.

"Better do it at once," urges his brother.

I have draws up a paper that will an-

awer all the purpose, if you will just write your name at the bottom—here. Stop,

hough! we must have a witness. Will your landlady officiate, do you think?"

"Mrs. Timson, will you oblige us by witnessing my brother's signature? (1 have been inducing him to make a proper vision for Mrs. Moray in case of his death," he adds in a lower tone, "and really his health appears to be breaking up so fast, that I think the sooner it is all settled the better.") "With pleasure, sir!" replies Mrs. Tim-

James Moray just manages to sign his name legibly, and when his brother's and Mrs. Timson's autographs have been addthough!" exclaims her husband, as he makes a feint of wresting the child from the landlady retires, and James Moray applies himself afresh to the brandy bot-

applies himself afresh to the brandy botdo exactly as I choose with him. The inw "I don't think you had better drink any more to-night, Jem," says William, as he buttons up the paper that has just been keep him," interposes Mrs. William Mosigned in his breast pocket. go to bed and sleep? You'll be another when I consented to hallow the child to man to-morrow morning. I'm afraid I remain hunder my roof, that he was the

can't stay any longer." "It won't be long before you'll have played out your little game, and I shall ment with which James Moray receiver be able to claim the boy as my own," he thinks, as he makes his way down stairs sighted Delia. She reads its motive at a with the paper securely fastened in his glance, and takes advantage of it. 11 breast. Strange to say, the thought gives Willy is discarded by his nunt, the burder him the greatest pleasure. He does not not only of the child's support, but his love the child, but he covets him.

own, must fall upon her husband. She James, meanwhile, with the brandy botremembers Mrs. Hephzibah's last word tle still close at his elbow, sits and rumi nates over the events of the past day. He "Take your son, then." sne says, in a is not quite certain as to what he has loud voice, but with trembling lips, as she committed himself by placing his signapushes Willy toward his father. "If you are to have the sole disposal of him, so ture to that paper, but he remembers it was something to "vex" his wife, and must you take the sole responsibility. ; that idea alone is sufficient to give him will go out into the world alone and sup pleasure. He would like to do a great But this unexpected move upon the

If she were only gone now-out of the way-unable to trouble him any more! mother's part startles William Moray. He advised the recapture of the boy solely to The wicked thought presses on the burncompel Delia to follow him. If she is ing brain, more than ordinarily confused driven too far, and deliberately deserts by the approach of illness, until it gains her child, the support of both brother and the ascend lency, and that which appeared nephew will come upon himself. And he an impossibility ten minutes before, seems is not prepared to undertake it. There the easiest thing in creation now. If he only had a knife—a sharp, good knife that he could trust—she is sleeping soundangry rejoinder that he sees upon James' ly, and it would be over before she could "Stop, James! pray stop! You are goawake.

drunken blindness to the cupboard. loss of her child? This matter only rewhence he draws an ordinary knife and regards it stupidly. It is dreadful after that to see him kneel down by the firelace and sharpen the blade upon the hearthstone, drawing it deliberately backtified by the other's change of tactics, "but I thought you said—" ward and forward, while a malicious smile plays about his countenance.

"Never mind what I said. We were Then he tries the instrument upon his both put out at the time by finding Mrs. own finger, and drawing blood with the Moray had deserted you. But now that action, laughs softly to himself, and hav- size. I think you have grasped the gist two watches had been marked with the ing opened the door stealthily, makes his of my discourse, which is, 'Don't wear she has come back, we must try to patch up this little disagreement. What is it, way into the next room.

hear her husband's step. Nothing disturbs her rest, until she feels the pressure of a hand upon her body, outside the bed-clothes, as it is feeling its way up to her "Simply this: To treat me decently! To

expect it for years past, but if he will She stirs-the hand is still; she asks "Is only promise to refrain from striking me and Willy, and to leave us together, I will anyone there?"

The only answer she receives is the work for him, as I have done, until I can falling of a heavy body against her in work no more?" and something sharp and cold is drawn across her unprotected shoulder. In an instant the truth flashes upon her mindthat her husband is attempting her life,

With a scream for help that rouses half the household, she wrestles with the arms and do her duty?" demands James in a that attempt, ineffectually, to hold her down; then leaping from the bed, makes door, and throws it open, don't consider it my duty to submit to be the full light from the gas upon the land-

treated like a dog rather than a woman. ing stream into the room. There he stands-a detected criminal-I can support myself, and you can't. I shivering like a wretch upon the brink of am willing to support you on certain conthe gallows, with the knife still in his to leave you. I shall go, not to Holloway. hand. Mrs. Timson, clad in a mysterious but straight into a police court, and see if I cannot get satisfaction from the law." brown garment which she always dons in of emergency, has come up the "Let it be peace, James," whispers his stairs to inquire what the disturbance is brother; "it is the best policy, at all events

Delia is about to denounce him who both women start back with horror and surprise. He stands where Delia saw him Their hands meet, but there is no life in the clasp that unites them. last, but now the knife has fallen from his grasp, and he is shaking violently from head to foot. His countenance, usually so pale, has assumed a dark purple and works violently, his eyes proway carriage, with Willy held tightly in her arms, and her eyes fixed apparently trude, and the foam is bubbling round his

"James! James! speak, for mercy's sake!" exclaims his wife. "I forgive evperceives by the stern expression of her erything-I will be silent as the gravenance that she is perfectly determined and

But before she can conclude her sen tence the wretched man, after one or two ineffectual efforts to retain his position, falls forward with a gurgle and a groan upon the floor, and is writhing in a fit at her feet. Delia is beside him in a mowith Mrs. Timson to the butcher's and ment, loosening his cravat and necktie. In try and persuade him to cut a steak on Sunday. gain strength to meet the much worse husband and wife sit down together, and eat at the same table; but they do not quiet and struggles no more. "He is dead!" says Delia, in a lov

formal manner. But the boy is present and talks for both of them. Once Moray and she is right. harshly bids him hold his tongue in the When the doctor, who has been old fashion; Delia does not resent the moned by some of the lodgers to his aid, order, but she just raises her eyes and arrives upon the spot, he co rms her verdict. The drunkard has been overlooks him steadily in the face. It is sufficient. In that determined glance he reads taken by the fate he was attempting to a reminder of their agreement, and Willy

compass for another. (To be continued.) -A Buffalo concern is about ship-

to New South Wales.

—In Greenland potatoes never grow -A curious state of things was served in investigating the electroly-sis of water pipes in Dayton, Ohio, in which it was found that stones and pebbles near the pipes in some cases seem to have been electroplated with the metal of the pipes, which one of the experts believes has never been observed before—Interesting tests of wireless tele-

graphy have been made at Kiel recent-ly on board a number of war vessels three German miles apart (about 14 English miles). On the whole the experiments have been successful.

-Berlin boasts of seven coachme who are ret'red army officers, three who are ex-pastors and sixteen who Eight of the olive trees in the historical Garden of Olives, in Jerusalem are known to be over one thousand n of Olives, in Jerusalem

Vanity is the yeast-cake of pride. Time wasted is good untasted. Safety and success are the ends Judgment and decision are man's

great wheels of fortune.

Prosperity is the touchstone of virtue: it is less difficult to bear misfortunes than to remain uncorrupted by

An injury done to one is a threat held out to hundreds.

WHAT SLIPPERS WILL DO.

wners of Nestly Turned Ankles Are "I'm afraid," said the girl, "that you'll have to set the buttons over uttle."

"Yes," assented the clerk, "I believe will. You've worn slippers a great ical, haven't you?"

"Certainly," she replied. "I thought so," he said. "Slippers make such large knotty ankles." The girl blushed a little at the uncomplimentary allusion to that portion of her foot. "But everybody wears them," she argued.

"Yes. I know," he returned, "but no

ody ought to. Slipper wearing, when ndulged in to any great extent, spoils the shape of the foot. Slippers are worn for various reasons. Some women like them because they are comfortable, others because they imagine their feet look better in low, fancy shoes, and still others because they are con renlent. The fact of the matter is, slippers are not a bit more conducive to ease than high shoes if the latter are selected judiciously. Indeed, they are less comfortable in the long run, for the woman who is addicted to slippers bound to have swollen feet a good part of the time, and when she finds it ecessary to wear high shoes the inslippers. For that reason the beauty ing attractive in bulging, overgrown

slippers. The ankles need support, and if they don't get it they not only become deformed to a certain extent, but their strength is impaired."

"What about the people who go bare

foot or wear sandals all the time?" interposed the purchaser, with a smile that she thought she had him there. whole foot grows and is strengthened also the number and date. proportionately. But even in sandals "I am certain that it is mine, you will notice that the straps always the response. "Describe the man who fasten tightly around the ankles, thus has pawned it." measurable wrath called down upon my head for preaching an iconoclastic octrine that dispels the illusions of a and persevere in the right course in ere the shoes with the buttons set over. will be frank with you and tell you slippers except at odd moments when . This was done, and a reply was

NEW RAILROADS UNDER WAY. Satimated that 5,000 Miles Will Be

Constructed This Year. According to the Railway Age, the present year is likely to see a great re vival of railroad building. It estimates that 5,000 miles will be added to the mileage of the United States, which would be a greater record than

that of any year since 1890. According to the Rallway Age, the building of 5,000 miles of railroad means the investment of about \$150,-000,000, and the permanent employ ment of 25,000 men. Tables show that there are 590 now lines projected or under construction, with a total length of 40,563 miles. Of these lines less than 2,500 miles of railroad is in the New England or Middle States. In the Southwestern States there are 110 new roads under way, with a length of 12,-211 miles. The South Atlantic, Gulf, and Mississippi Valley States have an equal mileage of new roads in prospect, the Central Northern and Northwestern States have nearly 9,000 miles projected, and more than 4,000 miles of railroad are to be built in the Pacific

States. The 4,000 miles of new track to built this year consists largely of extensions and links for the large Western systems. With these additions the railroads in operation in the United States will be in the neighborhood of 192,000 miles long, of a total value of about \$12,500,000,000, and employing a million men in their operation

Prominence brings with it all kinds of trouble, the biggest of which is the annoyance from cranks. During Victoria's long reign she has been pursued by these visionaries. The most noted crank who ever bothered England's Queen was a man, or boy, named Jones. He stuck at nothing to find out as much as possible about her Majesty. He was always appearing in the most unexpected places, and managed to slip into the palace times without number. Once he was discovered under the table in a sitting-room, and ignominiously ejected. Four times was he taken to jail before he disappeared for

Ktpling's Clever Sister. Rudyard Kipling has but one sister now married to an English army offieer in the staff corps stationed some where in India. She is a great beauty and familiarly known as "Tricksey." She is a very accomplished woman and

has written several clever stories.

Reminded of His Departed Wife. Widower-I say, my friend, have you wer been here before?

Burglar-N-no, sir. Wldower-Well, would you mind coming around quite often-say once or twice a week-and going through my trousers, just as you are doing now? You don't know how much you remind me of my dear, departed wife, Angeline. It seems almost as if she were alive again. Good-night, my friend. God bless you!-Judge.

A Russian woolng culminates in the betrothal feast, at which the bride elect cuts off a long tress of hair and gives it to her betrothed, who in turn presents her with bread and salt, an almond cake, and a silver ring set with

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

Strongest Chain of Incriminating In-A recent incident in London serves o prove that the strongest chain of astantial evidence may be defect

A visitor at the American circus exchanged comments with a well-dressed stranger who sat by his side, and used his own opera-glass freely. Midway in the performance the stranger re-

"I have been here several times, and know the best features of the show. 1 advise you to watch closely with your glass what is now going on in the farthest ring. It is one of the most

interesting numbers of the program." The advice was followed. The risitor watched eagerly the performance in the distance, and when it was finished. thanked his neighbor for the hint, saying that it was well worth seeing. The stranger assented, and after momentary delay left his seat, saying that he would not stay to the end, as he had seen the show several times.

Not long afterward the visitor missed his watch, and felt sure it had been convenience greatly exceeds the pleas stolen by the stranger while the operatre she has previously derived from glass was in use. The police at Scot land Yard advised the victim the next is purely imaginary, for there is noth- day to advertise for the watch, and also to open negotiations with several of the largest pawnbrokers for its recovery, leaving with them a descriphat can be really urged in favor of tion of it. In the course of a week he received a cah from one of the pawnbrckers.

"This looks like your watch," remark ed the dealer, "but I can't believe that

A gold watch was produced and a of satisfaction, which seemed to imply by in size and design with the missing watch. It bore the name of the same "In that case," said the clerk, "the watchmaker on the inner case, and

affording them more support than any This was done. The description tal other part of the foot. I have had un- lied quite closely with that of the visit or's unknown acquaintance at the cir

"You have bought it from the pick restomers and human kind in general in having him arrested and convicted." pite of all censure. Here, madame, widence was strong enough to convict the man, but added that he had abso inte faith in his innocence. He asked that your foot will not look so well as the loser to write to the watchmaker. it would were your ankles the normal and ascertain whether, by any chance, same number.

> pickpocket." Nevertheless, the innocent man would have been convicted if he had been hastily arrested. The circumstantial

evidence would have been regarded as conclusive.-Youth's Companion. "HOT TIME" AT FUNERALS.

Lively Music that Follows the Burio

War has introduced strange funera customs among the United States troops in Cuba. The increase of the appropriation for the burial of privates from \$10 to \$35 has enabled the comrades of men who have given up their lives for their country to provide ceremonies that are impressive and to insure the proper care of bodies. Notwithstanding the number

deaths that have taken place within the year of war, the Americans have not become blunted and funerals are attended with much solemnity, only one strange custom marring the impressiveness of the ceremonies. The cometery in which the dead belonging to the companies stationed at Matanzas are placed to await removal to the United States is about a mile from the city. Six soldiers carry the casket containing the body of a soldier upon their shoulders, each detail of pall bearers being relieved every few rods. As the little company of men march out in the early morning, or at sundown, the band plays the "Dead March from Saul" or "Chopin's Funeral March." Officers and men advance with measured tread The chaplain reads the burial service, heads are bowed, and the casket is cousigned to the receiving vault. There i a moment of silence. The chaplain turns away, the men face about, and then the band plays "A Hot Time in

the Old Town To-night." The funeral is a thing of the past The tune restores the soldiers to cheerfulness. When they reach the camp on their return all the sad associations of the death and burial are forgotten.

The Spider. three years.

Growth of the Human Hair. Authorities differ as to the rate o growth of the human hair, and it is said to be very dissimilar in different individuals. The most usually accepted calculations gives six and one-half inches per annum. A man's hair, allowed to grow to its extreme length, rarely exceeds twelve or fourteen inches, while that of a woman will grow, in rare in stances, to seventy inches or seventyfive inches, though the average does not exceed twenty-five to thirty inches.

A VICARIOUS SACRIFICE

faculty, were unusually energetic in

their investigations and the evidence

was closing around the poor_ young

ole, when Robert A. W. Walsh, a sopho-

more from St. Louis entered the office

of the president and said: "I did it."

Walsh was a onlet, well behaved boy,

popular with the faculty and the stu-

dents, and his confession created a

sensation, for he had not been suspect-

enforced, and with reluctance and re-

gret he was expelled from the institu-

tion. He left Washington, escorted to

the railway station by a large body of

students, returned to his home at St.

Louis and the next fall entered Prince-

ton University. The poor young man

received his diploma and went his way

never spoke of Walsh without emo-

tion. As the young men are no longer

students at Georgetown there is no ne-

cessity of preserving the secret, and

the faculty and the students are all

ware that Walsh, being an under-class

nan and the son of wealthy parents,

and having nothing at stake, voluntari-

y offered himself as a sacrifice to save

the reputation and the prospects of his

friend, who otherwise would have been

turned out of the institution in dis-

grace. The act was done without con-

sultation and without the knowledge

of the student who was saved, and has

received absolution, and Walsh can re-

turn to the university whenever he de-

sires. He prefers to remain at Prince

ton, however, and the publication of

the story now will not injure his repu-

AN INQUIRING LAD.

nal Adornment Which App

to Be Unnecessary.

variou. times such glimpses of life as

you pampered children of the luxurious

capital never get. I remember one

June morning I arose from my simple

a log cabin and proceeded down a lad-

yards down to the creek, where I was

"As I splashed my face in the clear

shore watching me with much interest

which I am positive never felt the pen-

etrating and persuading influence of a

comb. He was too much interested in

the mysteries of my toilet to say any-

thing until I took out a pocket comb

and began to use it on my tangled

locks. After a tug or two at it, look-

"'Say, mister,' he said, curiously,

"'Do what there?' I smiled in reply

"'Well, geewhillerkins, mister,' h

said, with much feeling, 'you must be a

heap o' trouble to yerself.' "-Washing-

Care of Peach Trees.

Peach trees should not be forced in

growth too rapidly, nor should they be

deprived of a sufficiency of plant food.

Orchards should be kept clean and cul

tivated like corn. Peach growers hec

ommend that trees should be so trim

med as to shape each tree in a manner

to shade its own body, and thus pre

vent sun scalds. Distribute the growth

of limbs uniformly so as to secure sym-

metry and have the weight of fruit

evenly distributed. Strengthen the

limbs by shotening them back, in or-

der that they may sustain a crop. Re-

fuce the quantity of fruit when the

trees are overloaded, and also, by ju-

dicious shortening early in the season

of the shoots bearing the fruit buds.

and direct the growth so that the crop

ca nbe gathered by a man standing on

A Pleasant Task.

Insurance Agent-Before filing the

claim, will you be kind enough to give

me a certificate of your husband's

—The New York Tribune says that of a large number of camphor trees re-cently imported from Japan by the

Federal Department of Agriculture nearly all were found to be diseased.

Though the trees appeared on cursory examination to be fairly healthy, close

Despite all his refinement, the light

and habitual taking of God's name in vain betrays a coarse and brutal will. Choosing a wife is like unto a strat-

Choosing a wife is like unto a strat-agem of war, wherein a man can err

The New Widow-With ple

death, madame?"

Life.

ing at him meanwhile, he spoke.

have yer got to do that there?"

"That there that yer doin'."

"Yes.

on Post.

" 'Certainly.'

"You mean combing my hair?"

"'Of course, it has to be done."

"'Every mornin' this erway?'

big enough to run a saw mill with.

"When I was down in the Tennesse

tation.-Chicago Record.

rejoicing, but it was noticed that he

ed. Nevertheless, discipline must

man in a manner that made him trem

Georgetown Boy Who Owned Up to Another's Offense That the days of chivalry are not ever and that the spirit of Damon and Pythias is not dead is demonstrated by an incident that occurred at George town University and has just leaked out. A poor young man who had work-

ed his way through college passed his examination and had alluring pros pects of employment as soon as graduating exercises were over, went out with a party of students for a lark one night and got into mischlef, as young men often do. It was not a disgraceful act, but it was a violation of one of the most serious rules of discipline, and expulsion was the penalty. The culprit was unknown, except to his companions, and they being scru-

"It is your first visit here," he added "and you would better remain for the last act, which is the best of the even-

once identified. It corresponded exact

The pawnbroker admitted that the

in perfect repose. Slippers are the nat- wived, stating that, by accident, two One of them had been sold to an Enellahman, whose name was given in the letter. The pawnbroker, when the name was repeated, exclaimed: "That is the name of the man who

pawned the watch because he was penniless! I knew that he could not be

The spider has a tremendous appetite and his gormandizing defies all human competition. A scientist who carefully noted a spider's consumption of food in twenty-four hours concluded that if the spider were built proportionately to the human scale he would ent at daybreak (approximately) a small alligator, by 7 a. m. a lamb, by 5 a. m. a young camelopard, by 1 o'clock a sheep, and would finish up with a lark ple in which there were 120 birds Yet in spite of his enormous appetite a spider has wonderful power of refraining from food, and one has been known to live ten months when abso lutely deprived of food. A beetle lived in a similar state of unrefreshment fo

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Subject: "The Path of Safety"-Menne to Our National Existence-The Dan' gers of Monopoly, Nihilism and In-fidelity Pointed Out.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—In this discourse Dr.
Talmage speaks of some of the perils that
threaten our American institutions and
points out the path of satety; text, Isaian
lxii., 4, "Thy land shall be married."
As the greater includes the less, so does
the circle of future joy around our entire
world include the epicycle of our own republic. Bold, exhilarant, unique, divine
imagery of the text. At the close of a
week in which for three days our national
capital was a pageant, and all that grand
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In discussing the final destiny of this nation, it makes all the difference in the world whether we are on the way to a fourer, or a wedding. The Bible leaves no doubt on this subject. In pulpits and on distforms and in places of public concourse I hear so many of the muffled drums of evil prophecy sounded, as though we were on the way to national interment, and beside Thebes and Babylon and Tyre in the cemetery of dead nations our republic was to be entembed, that I wish you to understand it is not to be obsequies, but nuptlais; not mausoieum, but carpeted altar; not cypress, but orange blossoms; not requiem, but wedding march, for "thy land shall be married."

I propose to name some of the suitors who are claiming the hand of this republic. This land is so fair, so beautiful, so affluent that it has many suitors, and it is not to the construction of the prophecies of Habakkuk, and the infidel cub in Paris and read to the mout of the prophecies of Habakkuk, and the infidel so the mother of some the mother of all reforms and all charities—mother of all reforms

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I propose to name some of the suitors who are claiming the hand of this republic. This land is so fair, so beautiful, so affluent that it has many suitors, and it will decored much many sources, addies will depend much upon your advice whether this or that shall be accepted or rejected. In the first place, I remark: There is a greedy, all grasping monster who comes in as sultor seeking the hand of this republic, and that monster is known by the name of monopoly. His scepter is made out of the iron of the rail track and

Things went on from bad to worse until in the three legislatures of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for a long time monopoly decided everything. If monopoly favors a law, it passes: If monopoly opposes a law it is rejected. Monopoly stands in the rairroad depot putting into his pockets in one year \$200,000 in excess of all reasonable charges for services. Monopoly holds in his one hand the steam power of locomotion and in the other the electricity of swift communication. Mopower of locomotion and in the other the electricity of swift communication. Monopoly has the Republican party in one pocket and the Democratic party in the other pocket. Monopoly decides nominations and elections—city elections, state elections, national elections. With bribes he secures the votes of legislators; giving them free passes, giving appointments to needy relatives to lucrative position, employing them as attorneys if they are lawyers, carrying their goods 15 per cent. less if they are merchants, and if he find a case very stubborn as well as very important puts down before him the hard cash of bribery.

of our States explored and exposed the manner in which a certain railway company of the state of the senators of that State received \$175,000 among them, sixty members of the lower house of that State received between \$5000 and \$10,000 each, the Governor of that State received \$5000, his clerk received \$5000, all the clerks of the Legislature received \$5000 each, while \$50,000 were divided among the lobby agents. That thing on a larger or smaller scale is all the time going on in some of the States in the Union, but it is not so blundering as it used to be, and the refore not so easily exposed or arbed of clapboards on the loft floor of der to the earth, thence a hundred

afforded ample opportunity for my maand the refore not so easily exposed or ar-rested. I tell you that the overshadowing curse of the United States to-day is mo-nopoly. He puts his hand upon every bushel of wheat, upon every sack of sait, upon every ton of conl, and every man, woman and child in the United States feels tutinal ablutions, as the stream was water and spluttered over it after the usual fashion of a man who likes to wash his face, I was joined by the the touch of that moneyed depotism. I re-joice that in twenty-four States of the Union already anti-monopoly leagues have been established. God speed them in the ten-year-old son of the family with which I was stopping. He stood on the orks of liberation works of liberation.

I have nothing to sav against capitalists. A man has a right to all the money he can make honestly—I have nothing to say against corporations as such; without which I am glad to say I returned with zest, for he was a picture boy. He was sandy and freckled and didn't look as if he had had a bath in the memory of man. His clothes were simple enough, consisting of a cotton shirt and a madeover pair of papa's pantaloons, and there was no hat to hide a head of hair

say against corporations as such; without them no great enterprise would be possible, but what I do say is that the same principles are to be applied to capitalists and to corporations that are applied to the poorest man and the plainest laborer. What is wrong for me is wrong for great corporations. If I take from you your property without any adequate compensation. I am a thief, and if a railway demograte the property of the papping with tion. I am a thief, and if a raiway damages the property of the people without making any adequate compensation, that is a gigantic theft. What is wrong on a small scale is wrong on a large scale. Monopoly in England has ground hundreds of thousands of her best people into semistarvation and in Ireland has driven multitudinous tenants almost to madness and in the United States proposes to take the wealth of 60,000,000 or 70,000,000 of people and put it in a few silken wallets.

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Monopoly, brazen faced, iron fingered, vulture hearted monopoly offers his hand to this republic. He stretches it out over the lakes and up the great railroads and over the telegraph poles of the continent and says, "Here is my heart and hand; be mine forever." Let the millions of the people North, South, East and West forbid the banns of that marriage, forbid them at the bailot box, forbid them on the platform, forbid them by great organizations, forbid them by the overwhelming sentiforbid them by the overwhelming senti-ment of an outraged nation, forbid them by the protest of the church of God, forbid them by prayer to high heaven. That them by prayer to high heaven. That Herod shall not have this Abigail. It shall not be to all devouring monopoly that this land is to be married. Another sultor claiming the hand of this republic is nithlism. He owns nothing but a knife for uni

versal cutthroatery and a nitroglyceric bomb for universal explosion. He believe in no God, no government, no heaven and no hell excep. what he can make on earth! He siew the czar of Russia, keeps many a king practically imprisoned, killed Abra-ham Lincoln, would put to death every king and president on earth, and if he had the power would climb up until he could drive the God of heaven from His throne and take it himsel', the universal butcher. In France it is called communism; in the United States it is called anarchism; in Russia it is called nthillism, but that last is the most graphic and descriptive term. I means complete and eternal smash up. I would make the holding of property rime, and it would drive a dagger throng your heart and put a torch to your dwell-ing and turn over this whole land into the possession of theft and just and rapine and

Where does this monster live? In all the towns and cities of this land. It offers its hand to this fair republic. It proposes to tear to pieces the ballot box, the legislative half, the congressional assembly. It would take this land and divide it up, or rather take this land and divide it up, or rather divide it down. It would give as much to the idler as to the worker, to the bad as to the good. Nihilism! This panther, having prowled across other lands, has set its part on our soil, and it is only waiting for the time in which to spring upon its prev. I was nihilism that burned the railroad projectly at Pittsburg during the great rols; was nihilism that slew black people in or Northern cities during the war; it was nibilism that manied to death the Chinese minigrants years ago; it is nihiliem that glares out of the windows of the drunkeries upon sober people as they go by. Ah! Its power has never yet been tested! I pray God its power may never be fully tested. It would, if it had the power, leave

every church, chapel, cathedral, school house and college in ashes.

Another sultor for the hand of this naion is infidelity. When the midnight ruflans despoiled the grave of A. T. Stewart
n St. Mark's churchyard, everybody was
shocked, but infidelity proposes something
worse than that—the robbing of all the
traves of Christendom of the hope of a resurrection. It proposes to chisel out from
the tomb-stones of your Christian dead the
words, "Asleep in Jesus" and substitute
the words, "Obliteration—annihilation."
Infidelity proposes to take the letter from
the world's Father, inviting the nations to
virtue and happiness and tear it up into the world's Father, inviting the nations to virtue and happiness and tear it up into fragments so small that you cannot read a word of it. It proposes to take the conscistion from the broken hearted and the soothing pillow from the dying. Infidelity proposes to swear in the Fresident of the United States and the supreme court and the Governors of States and the witnesses in the courtroom with their right hand on Cat's "Age of Reason" or Voltaire's "Philosophy of History." It proposes to take away from this country the book that makes the difference between the United States and the kingdom of Dahomey, between American civilization and Bornesian cannibatism.

I tell you that the worst attempted or ine of the century is the attempt to destroy this book. Yet infidelity, loathsome, steachful, leprous, pestiferous, rotten monster stretches out its hand, ichorous with the second death, to take the hand of this re-public. It stretches it out through seducpublic. It stretches it out through seductive magazines, and through lyceun lectures and through caricatures of rolligion. It asks for all that part of the continent already fully settled, and the two-thirds not yet occupied. It says: "Give me all east of the Mississippi, with the keys of the church and with the Christian printing presses—then give me Wyoming, give me Alaska, give me Montana, give me Colorado give me all the States west of the

Alaska, give me Montana, give me Colorado, give me all the States west of the Mississippi, and I will take those places and keep them by right of possession long before the gospel can be fully intrenched."

But there is another suitor that presents his claim for the hand of this republic. He is mentioned in the verse following my text where it says. "As the bridegroom rejoicet over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." Before Columbus and his 120 men embarked on the Santa Maria, the Pinta, and the Nina, for their wonderful voyage, what was the last thing they did? They sat down and took the holy sacrament of the Lord Jesus Christ. After they caught the first glimse of this country and the gun he secures the votes of legislators; giving them free passes, giving appointments to needy relatives to lucrative position, employing them as attorneys if they are lawyers, carrying their goods 15 per cent. less if they are merchants, and if he find a case very stubborn as well as very important puts down before him the hard cash of bribery.

But monopoly is not so easily caught now as when during the term of Mr. Buchanan the Legislative Committee in one of our States explored and exposed the manner in which a certain railway commander in which a certain railw What did the pilgrim fathers do after the sanded in New England? With bonded kee and uplifted face and heaven besigns prayer, they took possession of this continent for God. How was the first America. nent for God. How was the first American
Congress opened? By prayer, in the name
of Jesus Christ. From its birth this nation
was piedged for holy marriage with Christ.
And then see how good God has been to.
us! Just open the map of the continent
and see how it is shaped for immeasurable
prosperities. Navigable rivers, more in
number and greater than of any other land,
rolling down on all sides to the assessment.

rolling down on all sides to the sea, prophe-sying large manufactures and easy com-merce. Look at the great ranges of moun-tains timbered with wealth on the top and sides, metaled with wealth underneath. tains timbered with wealth on the top and sides, metaled with wealth underneath. One hundred and eighty thousand square miles of coal. One hundred and eighty thousand square miles of coal. One hundred and eighty thousand square miles of iron. The land so contoured that extreme weather hardly ever lasts more than three days—extreme heat or extreme cold. Climate for the most part bracing and favorable for brawn and brain. All fruits, all minerals, all harvests. Scenery displaying an autumnal pageantry that no land on earth pretends to rival. No South American earthquake. No Scotch mists. No London Fogs. No Egyptian plaques. No Germanic divisions. The people of the United States are happier than any people on earth. It is the testimony of every man that has traveled abroad. For the poor more sympathy, for the industrious more opportunity. Oh, how good God was to our fathers, and how good He has been to us and our children. To Him, blessed be His mighty name—to Him of cross and triumph, to Him who still remembers the prayer of the Huguenots and Holland refugees and the pilgrim fathers, to Him shall this land be married. Oh, you Christian patriots, by your contributions and your prayers, hasten on the fulfillment of the text.

While some people may stand at the gates of the city saying. "Stay back!" to While some people may stand at the gates of the city, saying, "Stay back!" to

gates of the city, saying, "Stay back!" to foreign populations, I press out as far beyond those gates as I can press out beyond them and becken to foreign nations, saying, "Come, come, all ye people who are honest and industrious and God loving!" But say you, "I am so afraid that they will bring their prejudices for foreign governments and plant them here." Absurd. They are sick of the governments that have oppressed them and they want free Americal Give them the great gospel of welcome. Throw around them all Christian hospitalities. They will add their intian hospitalities. They will add their in-dustry and hard earned wages to this country, and then we will dedicate all to Christ and "thy land shall be married." But where shall the marriage altar be? Let is be the Rocky Mountains, when, through artificial and mighty irrigation, all their tops shall be covered, as they will be, with vineyards and orchards and grainfields. Then let the Bostons and the New Yorks and the Charlestons of the Pacific coast come to the marriage altar on one side, and then let the Bostons and the New Yorks and the Charlestons of the Atlantic coast come to the marriage altar on the other side, and there be-tween them let this bride of nations kneel, and ther if the organ of the loudest thusders that ever shook the Sierra Nevadas on the one side or moved the foundations of the Alleghanies on the other side should open full dispason of wedding march that organ of thunders could not drown the voice of him who would take the hand of this bride of nations, would take the hand of this bride of nations, saying, "As a bridegroom rejoiceth over a bride, so thy God rejoiceth over the "at that marriage banquet the platters shall be of Nevada silver, and the chalices of California gold and the fruits of northern orchards, and the spices of southern groves, and the tapestry of American manufacture, and the congratulations from all the form patients. the free nations of earth and from all the triumphant armies of heaven, "And so thy land shall be married."

-The Chicago Drainage Canal from Lake Michigan to Joliet will be shown by a topographical model on a scale of seven inches to the mile at the Paris Exposition. It will cost \$3500.

—The most expensive fur is that of the black fox of Kamtchatka, the skin of which when dressed becomes skin of which when dressed becomes a very attractive blue. A single skin is worth as much as \$1000. A pelisse worn by the Emperor Nicholas, lined with this fur, cost \$10,000.

—An old man named Gregor Berds, of Erlau, in South Hungary, committed suicide because a little grandson had broken his favorite pipe. Near his body was found a note on which was

body was found a note on which was written: "My pipe is dead; I will die,

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-Paper quilts are extensively used abroad by the poorer classes.