B. F. SCHWEIER.

NO. 34.

Dangerous Secret.

ma'am."

"But can't I relieve Patsy for an ho

or two, Mr. Kennett? I don't care about

the school feast; and if you will let her

go, I will stay here and try to amuse Mr. Strother till she returns."

"You're main good, ma'am," says the

girl for the second time, as she takes ad-

her and runs down stairs, leaving Delia

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tia attempts to ingratiate herself with her

"Shall I read to you, Mr. Strother?"

news? I have to-day's newspapers with

"Would you like to hear a chapter out of the Bible?"

"I care nobbut ae thing. Ye'd best gang

"But I have promised not to leave you

slone, so I must stay here till Patsy re

And the old wretch places his elbows of

is knees and his head upon his hands,

"You have been in Scotland, Strother?"

"Aiblins I have conseederin' it's my

"Do you like it better than England?"
"Mabbe I do."

"Would you like to go back again?"

"Ay! but there's nane left at hame a

does it not? But you have good friends here to love you and look after you, and

beautiful place to live in. Do you ever

and drops upon his grizzled beard.
"The kirk—the kirk!" he utters, excit

edly, "wha'll harm the kirk? Muster

Gray maunna do it, and the storm maunna do it, for the water will come

wha'll dream the puir auld mon wha's

been twenty year about the place and

been main car'ful, and aye dune his duty

could mak a meestake at the lairst. Ye

e exclaims, making a dash at Delia, who

backing toward the door, with serious

thoughts of beating a retreat downstairs.

'Ye maun say ye saw the carle do it, or

I'll mak ye greet for the day we ever

saw him do it," she replies boldly, for she can gather his meaning without compre-

hending his words; "but don't excite your

self in that way, Mr. Strother, or you may

"Ill! ill!" he ejaculates, slowly, as he

wipes the sweat off his forehead with a

weel sin' the day? But 'twas an awfu'

starm surely. Eno' to burn the grondest

difeece that mon ever raised. And puir

Simon was only the clairk, and couldna be expected to ken the reason of the fire.

Twas an awfu sight to see it burn, with

the flames leckin' oop the rafters and the

roof, and cracklin' through the beeldin'."
"Of what are you speaking?" says De-

The old man eyes her suspiciously, and

"Do tell me all about it," she coaxes.

'I love to hear a story, and you tell it so

"Ay! But ye want to drair the seecret

frae me, and ye wullna do it, na! na

Simon's a puir auld mon, but he can keep

seecret wi' the best o' thum."
"Indeed! I don't wish to know you

secret, Mr. Strother. I only want to hear shout the fire. Was it in Scotland?"

"Na! na! 'twasna in my ain country

"But it would pack away so nicely un-ier the bed and your room would look all

"Ayl but I consider it's best whar'

wrapping?"

"I suppose there's a box inside that

"A box with clothes in it. Do you never

"Do you never want to look at your

"I dinna ken what you're speakin

"Do you ever look at the things you've

got in that parcel-well, the books, or

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ake off the covers, Mr. Strother?"

"I' no need to tak' them off."

whatever they may be?"

"Have you ever been in a

ragged cotton handkerchief. "Hae I bee

make yourself Ill."

lia, curiously. "Hav fire, Mr. Strother?"

loon and pit it oot. And the poor

As she puts this simple question

"Na, na! I care nobbut the Buik."

"What do you care for then?"

"Ay! Dinna fash me then!"

ain country.

"What'll ye be arter readin'?" he asks "I will read anything you please, Mr. Strother. Do you the any interest in the

As soon as Patsy has disappeared, De-

vantage of the permission extended to

alone with old Simon Strother,

which have been allotted to her ome degree of cclat. It is not able to effect it. Delia pos manner that makes her apmore interested than she is s nor any of the formula of pas ig in her hand. But she taker wo illustrated papers from Mrs ah's drawer, and a few roses out tage garden. She will not enter

threshold until she has received id people and the children stare at first with the uncouth breeding ower orders, but although she is d to their society, she make el at home with her at once. Her a simple one. She treats them gh they belonged to her own rank and takes no liberty with them

without knocking, but stands

my a cordial invitation to return nd has engaged herself to read the a week, to such of her friend; turns."

its her early efforts to establist and closes his eyes in intimation that he Cloverfield, and how it has set considers the interview, so far as conver By and by Delia recalls Kennett's asroom for the purpose, she might sertion that the old creature frets sorely the pleasure by giving the old peooffee, and permitting them to after his native land, and makes a second hile she reads to them. effort to interest him.

all have you setting up a 'free at the plane and the bar yourself a dreadful mistake I have made by otions in your head, to run rio innocent parishioners! Have able to make anything out of old

Not yet. He would not even look a less speak. But I hope that may Far worse! He has taken a hatred to church, Strother? or to the kirk, fear, of me-I cannot tell why-which is you call it in Scotland?" old person. I wish he had never come

of Mrs. Kennett, who died many years ago. His daughter undertook the charge m when he became a widower. consider the old man to be quite mad and advised Kennett to place him in th ty asylum; but it seems that he prom and his wife upon her death-bed not to So he will be saddled with his support as long as he lives, which must b saw Muster Graw do it, didna ye noo? very imporvenient, as he requires constant

"Ills granddaughter, Patsy Kennett complained bitterly to me the other day of the confinement it entailed on her Poor Patsy! Yes; she is a fine girl, replies Mr. Le Mesurier, with a slight in crease of color.

"She appears devoted to you." "It is all fancy, I assure you. She sut fered terribly from neuralgla a short tim since, and I was foolish enough to try it tenner was successful but the natives d understand the meaning nor the effect of such a cure, and I had great reason to regret having used it."

"In what way?" ward me, and my motives and action were altogether misinterpreted. That i in that I seldom cross Kennett' hreshold now unless I am obliged to d

You are a practiced mesmerist, then? Yes, yes. But pray don't speak of it The ambject is an unpleasant one to me and I would rather not discuss it. Shall

"I think I shall not find my way up t ett's form until Monday." Monday will be the day of the school feast, when I had hoped to have had you

ance in the field." not be present. Mrs. Bond intends to b

there, I know, with a sackful of toys and sugar plums; but I cannot play at children's games, and shall be more usefully employed elsewhere."

out 'twas an awfu' fire. But Muster Gray lid it, and ye saw him do it, and ye canna stermined not to be associated with him to back frae your spoken word."
"Of course not! I do not wish to do so."
"Weel then, ye maun be content. If ye saw the carle do it, ye ken a' aboot the one the affair itself is so thoroughly necessity think she has taken part in it e simple intention of pleasing him are, and need name to tell it ye." So she remains firm in her refusal; and She laughs quietly at the trap the cur an Monday afternoon, when the tent is sing old creature has set for her, and re pitched, and the flags are flying, and the turns to the contemplation of her village band is making most discordant little thinking of the import of Mr usic in the vicar's field, and the school children, with their tin mugs hung round Strother's secret is to her.

Presently he fidgets about on the tog
of his bundle, and she asks him if he is their neeks, are marching two-and-two up anneled drive, Delia is half a mile comfortable. "Why don't you sit in a chair instead away, toiling along the lane that leads to

of on that great packet, Mr. Strother!
I'm sure it must be a very hard seat."
"It does weel eno' for me." fr. Kennett's farm.
As she enters the long, narrow garder that fronts the house, she becomes aware of land voices engaged in altercation and open window.

v. then, Patsy!" exclaims Farme Kennett, "off with all that fal-lal finery sit down to your work agen, as I tel Why, where wad ye be runnin' to a time o' the arternoon? T'se going to the school feast, to be

replies the girl. 'Ay! I guessed as much. A follerin parson agen! A bleaten' arter 'ir like an unweaned lamb! Now, I tell ye once for all, I won't have it! There's the old man's meals to be got, and he to b looked arter! and the parson may go t blazes before you shall neglect your pro per work to run arter him! We've enough

o' that already, I tell ye." "Mr. Kennett," exclaims Delia, unwillng to hear any more of the conversation ithout making her presence known, "is Mr. Strother indoors to-day?"

Simon Strother springs up from his perch like a jack-in-the-box, and comes down again upon the packet, glaring at sure, ma'am, I was just having a tall

"And how are you, Patay?" his visitor.
"The buiks! the buiks! what do ye ke "I'se well enough, ma'am, thank ye!"

ald chiel carried them safe to his hame. HAVE NO MALE ISSUE, and the awfu' fire daurna burn them! Hoot! see the lightnin', and listen to the peals of thoonder! The puir lassle 'ull be keered wi' the flashes and the rain. ess but theer's haird times before ye, but

rillna hae your wits burned oot like puir ome to the ground. But he saved the suiks—the gude auld buiks that had sairved the peerish for so mony years.

Ay! he was main car'ful of the buiks, and ane could thraw bleeme upon him beaise the buiks came to hairm!

books! the fire! the kirk! Some thing like a gleam is dawning upon Deia's mind. It cannot be! It is altogether oo unlikely-yet if it were!
"Mr. Strother," she cries, "what was he name of the place where the kirk was

burned down?" "What! ye saw it dune, and ye canna

Berwick you are speaking of? The "Cheelton! Cheelton!" screams the old

Barwick to me? I ken naethin' of the of these (and doubtless there are othtoon. I dinna ken if there is a kirk in srs) does a direct male representative Cheelton or no. I'm a Heelandmon, I ken exist. Turn from literary celebrities say I do, they lee. I tell ye they lee. Get men and to politicians. Sir Philip Sie 'ye're a leear, I say-a leear! and naethin' n this paircel but a peer o' breeks. What would ye be luikin' at the auld mun's reek for? Get oot, I say, and leave me o mysel'; I willna hae ye specring about s for the paircel, it's my paircel, and

and the door, and stumbles down the narrow staircase, where, to her infinite of Albemarie, had but one son, and comfort, she encounters Patsy Kennett, with him expired the hardly carned who, much flushed and smiling, is mountng to relieve guard. "O. Patsy! I am so thankful you have

returned. Your grandfather has fright-"Has be, now? It's just like him! The old hunks can't keep a civil tongue in his head for ten minutes together." "I want to ask you a few questions

Scotland?" "A matter of five year or more, ma'am." "Is he mad, Patsy? "Bless ye! yes, ma'am! as

"But what drove him out of his erribly burnt in it. You can see the sears

ee, grandfeyther he was parish clerk at place called Chilton—"
"Not Chilton in Berwick, Patsy?" "Yes, ma'am! that's the place!

Mr. Strother denied just now that he'd bear the least talking to on the subject. pened; but grandfeyther lost his situation, ed eyes roll wildly; his hand is clinched; and the saliva bubbles from his mouth and took it so to heart that he's never been right in his head since."

(To be continued.)

The Largest Bible. In 1857 Mindon-min, King of Burma, erected a monument near Mandalay. called the Kutho-daw. Then he built 700 temples, in each of which there is a slab of white marble. Upon these 700 slabs is engraved the whole of the Buddhist Bible, a vast literature in itself, equal to about six copies of the Holy Scriptures.

This marble Bible is engraved in the Pali language, thought to be that and canvas, twice soured by early disspoken by Buddha himself 500 B. C. appointments, never married. Photographs of some of the inscriptions have reached England, and Professor Max Muller-perhaps the greatest linguist in the world-has examined them. But, alas for all this human ingenuity and perseverance! If his majesty, Min don-min, thought to perpetuate the teachings of the Great Buddah by causing it to be graven on the rock, he nour-

shed a vain ambition. The climate of Burma is moist, and its effects have already wrought havor on the surface of the white marble, and the photographs show a partial effacement of some of the Burmese characters in which the Pali text is en-

graved. This is certainly the largest known copy of any portion of literature. Even the National Encyclopedia of China, in 5.000 volumes, occupies a comparatively small space. To reach the other end of the limits of the printers' and engravers' art we need only remember the "Smallest Bible in the World," and the diamond editions of Catullus, Tibullus

and Propertius. To engrave the Bible of Buddha or the marble slabs in the temples of Kuthodaw must have cost many thousands of dollars, but these sermons in stone are easily outclassed by a copy of the New Testament, which, beautifully printed, can be bought for 25 cents, and if carefully cherished will last many generations.—Boston Trav-

The greatest pligrimage to the holy land are undertaken by the Russians. It has been calculated that between 30,-000 and 40,000 Russians visit Palestine every year.

KEITH'S THEATRE, PHILA.

Mirth, Magic and Melody Galore. The entertainment at Keith's, Philadelphia, this week, the favorite thea-tre of residents of this town, will be one the most remar'iable ever presented Philadelphia. It will be headed by

in Philadelphia, It will be headed by Ching Ling Foo, probably the greatest magician in the universe. He created a sensation in the Keith theatres in New York and Boston, his engagement exceeding that of any specialist ever seen in those cities. Even magicians have hear haffed by his Boston were crowded nightly during his engagement. In Philadelphia, where the entertainment lasts from noon to 10.30, he will appear twice daily and, as some of our prominent citizens have al-10.30, he will appear twice daily and, as some of our prominent citizens have already seen the act in New York, doubtless many from this town will go to Philadelphia during Ching's engagement. Fifteen other entertaining acts will be furnished, including Robert Downing in "The Gladiator," and blograph pictures of the Columbia-Defender race and other highly interesting pictures. The blograph is exhibited at 2 4 and 9 P. M.

aboot the bulka? I was main car'ful of them. The fire burned the kirk, but it great speed, even outstripping a house -The land crabs of Cuba run with

MANY GREAT NAMES IN ENG-LAND ARE EXTINOT.

nees Forms to Die Out Quickly.

No direct male descendant of the

Lord Protecter survives to enjoy the tribute paid to the memory of his having been one Oliver, an attorney, the son of a worthy grocer of Snow Hill. In this connection it is interes ing to note how many of our illustriou lead are now unrepresented by direct member the name of the place!" he re- male descendants. Here is an ample arns, with a cunning leer.
"Was there a girl married on that day literary history: Chaucer, Shakspeare, list of names of light and leading in den, Pope, Swift, Addison, Cowper, ightning that burned Chilton Church to Goldsmith, Dr. Johnson, Byron, Shelley, Kents, Tom Moore, Charles Reade, man, "wha daurs to mention Cheelton, in and R. L. Stevenson, and of not one methin' of the Border-land, and if any to naval and military heroes, to states he continues, angrily, to Delia; sey, illustrious in letters and in war, left but "one fair daughter," who died without issue. Sir Walter Raleigh's male descendants have long since died sut, or have descended to such social lepths as to be untraceable. Sir Franels Drake and Nelson, the naval heroes of two great fighting epochs, died childess. The patriot Hampden's last male descendant passed away "a lonely bacheler" in 1754. Gen. Monk, Duke

> and newly acquired family honor. Though it is not infrequently assum that the Dukes of Marlborough of our day are directly descended in the male line from the great Churchill, this s not the case. That splendid soldier's only son died in infancy, and his hopers and possession passed to his daughrs. The great Lord Peterborough had but ne grandson. Ill-starred Strafford married thrice, but each of is sons died without issue. The celebrated Duke of Ormonde's direct line ended with his grandson's death at Avignon. Clarendon, famous historian of the rebellion, though he left four ons, had but one grandson, who died without male issue. Horace Walpole was the last male descendant of Sh Robert, the famous minister, and be ever married. Bolingbroke twice made natrimonial venture, but had no child ay either wife. The historic family of Pitt in respect of direct male beirs eased in 1835, while the rival house of Fox lasted but little longer. Charles b son of his nephew, the third Lord Hol-and, died childless at Naples just forty rears ago. Edmund Burke had but ne son, who died in early manhood, eaving his broken-hearted father to

exclaim: "Mine is a grief that cannot e comforted!" As with the statesmen, so with the philosophers and scientists. Neither Bacon, Newton, Locke, Davy nor Stuart Mill left a son to inherit his fame; while of historians, Hume, Gibbon and Macaulay were never married. Among sur great painters, Reynolds, Lawrence and the late Lord Leighton were bach slors. Hogarth perpetrated a romantic ove match, which was fruitless, and Furner, the great magician of color appointments, never married. Handel, o may almost be claimed as an Engishman, had no wife but his art. Braham, perhaps our greatest singer, whose daughter some of us remember is Lady Waldegrave, I believe, left no ion; while of the giants of the footights, Davy Garrick and John Kemble Hed childless, and the direct male is ne of Edmund Kean ended with the

leath of his son Charles.—London Pay Mall Gazette. A SWEET REVENGE

ad Condition in Which She Returns Clarence's Letters. "Oh, Eleanor, I am so glad to find you here. I went up to your house, and your mother said you had come here to be fitted," and as Eleanor grasped the speaker's hand the dress-maker frowned, for she didn't want the fit of the new gown interfered with. "Well, Daisy," said Eleanor, "I am

glad, too, for I see by your eyes that you've semething to tell me." "Yes. This morning I went over to see Kit, and I ran right up to her room as we always do, you know."
"Yes," assented Eleanor.

"And she was crying. All round ber on the floor were letters. I said, 'Marry, Kit, what's the matter? Every now and then she would make a vicious jab ut a letter and appear to be writing." "Oh, Dalsy! I am almost wild! I'm se busy!"

"What are you doing? I asked. "Well,' said Kit, 'you know Clarence and I have had a quarrel—and I'm glad of it—and here she sobbed the gladdest kind of a sob-and-and-be sent all my letters back - and the silver bookmark-and the lovely pipe I gave him with his name engraved on it-and -oh, Daisy! I can't use any of themlow can 17—and so I'm getting his letters ready to return. I'm-I'm correcting them,' and then she laughed and made another jab with her pen.

" 'Correcting them? I gasped "Yes correcting them. You know Marence is a terrible speller, so I have rone over each letter in red ink, and made him see that it was intentional Humph! I'll bet he won't tell another man he broke it off!"

"I couldn't help laughing, but wasn't t a fine revenge?"—London Tit-Bits.

Marriage has no religious element Surmah. There is no marriage cermony. Just as two men go into partip in business, so a man and weman may enter into the marriage state without undergoing any form. Coupled with this very secular nonchalant riew of marriage is the fact that facilities for divorce are very great. As marriage is merely a partnership, so fiveree is a dissolution of partnership, and may be obtained on demand by other of the parties from the elders of

Sie village. In Burmah, nowever, as else where, we find that a priori danger are largely neutralized by practical good sense. The fear of outraging public

nishes a powerful motive RECIPES. Raspberry Dumplings.-Make a rich

From the observatory at that place, 8,050 feet above the sea, a black spot, disc, has been seen on Mt. Charchani,

are eucalyptus, and they afford little de, as they have learned to turn heir leaves edgewise to the sun. The The United States Department of ing tomatoes in France and makes

Agriculture has by experiments found nice change from fruit for break that the force of a growing pumpkin sufficient to lift two and one-half tons, provided the weight is so placed tule of the cherry juice, stir into it a sanot to interfere with the growth or natural development of the vegetable. and bring to a boil in a granite or porgnite on any surface, but which are sugar. ree from the objections raised against

tific processes is indicated by the revestigator, that bacteria are affected avorably, or otherwise, by the charac Efferences in the behavior of cholers erms were noted, according to the and of glass composing the vessels used. The degree of alkalinity imparted by the glass to the water is be-

The discovery last summer of a reto suggest that Mars itself should nd the great eccentricity of its orbit ng it as a member of the asteroid fam

ly. If the asterolds once formed a single planet, as some have supposed hen possibly Mars is simply the largest existing fragment of the ancient planet, which traveled an orbit lying the yorks of two cases to sugar; stir etween the earth and Jupiter. According to Prof. J. Joly, of Trinity College, Dublin, a skater really glides about on a narrow film of water, conthually forming under the skate, and la resuming the solid form when relieved to

of pressure. He shows that the pres ire under the sharp edge of the skate along the short portion of the steel curve which is at any moment in contuct, is great enough to liquefy a thin line of ice, and this gives the skate its "bite." When the ice is very cold, the pressure is sometimes inadequate to sduce the melting-point sufficiently, and then, as all skaters know, it is dif ficult to make the skates bite. Fo sery cold ice. Professor Joly recommends "hollow-ground" skates, be nuse the effective pressure increases with the thinness of the edge.

Proof Wanted. "Razor all right, sir?" queried th arber.

"Would you mind letting me look t?" said the victim in reply. "Certainly not, sir," answered th onsorial artist. "But why do you wish

"Oh, merely to see if you hadn't mistake in calling it a razor," replied he other. "I thought perhaps it migh e a piece of old barrel hoop."

Smoking by French Women. Statistics taken in France in relation to the smoking habit show that within the last year the use of the cigarette and the pipe has found an enormous increase among the women indulgence in the narcotic is no longe confined to the secrecy of a privat oom, but it is freely indulged in before the eyes of all mer.

In all cities numbers of men exist who are willing to work without w. ge-Hundreds of foreign waiters in London work without salary, relying only on the tips they receive from generous patrons. Some of these men even pay for the privilege, and find it profitable so to do. Many of the toy-makers in the hamlets of Hungary and Bavaria work without wages, their toil being emunerated by free board and resi dence on the estate where they live Here and there in the hop gardens of Kent, during the process of picking are to be found respectable familles who offer their services without reauneration, and work well, regarding the affair merely as a healthy holiday outing. Some of these folk occasionally assist tired hoppers at their work, gen ssist tired hoppers at their work, gen erously refusing remuneration of any Scores of solo singers give their voices the remainder of the growing scakind from the income thus augmented. without fees of any kind, in the hope of securing fame and fortune in the future by the efforts they are putting forth now. Not a few music-hall artistes deem it 2dvisable to work a while without remuneration, when they are desirous of making a name, continuous the securing fame and fortune in the sential to cultivate against weeds at has been to stir the ground to retain moisture. Any farm that can be kept clear of weeds for two years will then be free of them comparatively, and the saving of labor will be a large litem on the right side. re desirous of making a name, cor sidering that a place "on the boards' s worth more to them in the present han any agent's promises concerning

world were it not for the movement

Household. SERMON

quares. On each put as many berrie the edges together and place in a but-tered pan. Steam half an hour, put in the oven for ten minutes and serve with a hard sauce, to which has en added a few spoonfuls of crushes

quart of berries, add one quart of strong vinegar and let stand for 24 hours. Strain, add another two quarts of berries, let stand as before, strain and repeat a third time. Measure and to each pint add one pound of sugar. Heat slowly to the boiling point, skim cool and bottle.

Watermelon Salad .- Place the me'c one inch in diameter, placed on a white open and with a silver knife cut th of powdered sugar, one teaspoonful of Travelers in Australia complain that almost only the trees in the continent

> matoes rather thin, sprinkle with a little sugar over them and serve ice cold. This is a favorite way of serv

The French match factories are now which will probably require from turning out friction matches which will half to three-quarters of a cupful of

white sulphur. No smoke or odor is gether the yolks and whites of three eggs, then stir in two cupfuls of milk. flammable ingredients of the paste are and from three to four cupfuls of flour enough to make a smooth batter. A sprinkling of salt and two heaping tablespoonfuls of baking powder. Take a pint of stoned cherries, drain off the Juice, dredge them with flour, and stir thoroughly into the batter. Then turn at once into a buttered mold, and cook ter of the glass containing the water in for three hours in a kettle of boiling which they are suspended. Marked water. The water must not stop boil ing. Serve with the pudding sauc-

> cold water for several hours, then sim-Then stir in a cupful of stoned cher ies and sweeten to taste. Turn it into a dish and set away to cool; serve

omparative smallness of Mar's mass, them in a preserving pan, add the rest of the great eccentricity of its orbit, of the sugar and boil quickly for three-quarters of an hour; break some add to the preserve; boil one-quarter of an hour longer, pour into pots and

Baked Cherry Pudding.-Beat with en whites of the two eggs and one pin of flour into which two heaping table carefully mixed. Into the bottom of ted cherries an inch or more in thickness, and after sweetening the cher ries turn off the juice. Then pou over the batter, and bake immedi

Farm Notes

The amount of water required for crop is enormous. It is said that a crop of corn requires 16 inches of water during the growing season, a large portion of which comes from be-low, having been stored in the soil during the winter and spring. Every Corn requires 350 pounds of water for every pound of dry matter and oats 500 pounds. But for the large amount of water stored in the soil and made available for plants during the growing season there would be a deficiency in the supply if rains were the only ource of obtaining moisture.

Every farmer should have a hive bees on his farm, even if he attaches but little value to the honey. The bees are excellent foragers and carry polici from one plant to another. In commu nities where no bees are kept, there will be found orchards that do not bear, the cause being unknown, while a hive or two of bees in the neighbor bood would change the conditions.

It is estimated that 50 cents should cover the cost of a barrel of apple from tree to market. If this estimat correct-and it is given by an expe rienced grower—there is a profit in apples if proper selection of varieties i made. The trees should be picked over and the fruit thinned out when the trees are overloaded, and when marketing the fruit only the best should be considered.

should not exceed \$1 per ton. Som-farmers now shred the green corn for ensilage, instead of cutting it, and they also use the shredder for reducing the regular crop of corn fodder. The corn shredder thus serves the purpose o shredder and ensilage cutter.

for laborers, and workingmen in the cities are sometimes advised to seek work in the country. The fact is that good farm hands are not numerou and the man from the city would be entirely out of place causing more less by mistakes than his service would be

Now that the dry spell is past, and son, the new difficulty will be weed and crab grass. It will be just as es

the Twentieth Kansas only eighteen are of foreign birth," according to the Kansas City Journal. "Nearly the whole are of Anglo-Saxon blood, and

on the Business Life-High Compl

ery in Trade Denounced. (Copyright, Louis Klopsch, 1899.) ASBINGTON, D. C.—Integrity and trick-in business life form the subject of Dr. mage's sermon, and the contrast he es between the two is a striking ne. The text is Proverbs xx., 14: "It is aught, it is naught, saith the buyer, but then he is gone his way then he boasteth." they come out and see the world as it is imported goods represented as rare and an other way could king Solomon, the hard to get because foreign exchange author of my text, have known ever it sing that was going on. From my text I am lare he must, in disguise, some day have wilked into a store of ready made clothing in erusalem and stood near the counter and heard a conversation between a buyer and a seller. The merchant put a price on a coat.

Then the customer with a roll under his arm started to go out and enter his own place of business, and Solomon in disguise tollowed him. He heard the customer as he unrolled the coatsay: "Boys, I have made a great bargain. How much do you guess I gave for that coat?" "Well," says one, wishing to compliment his enterprise, "you gave \$39 for it." Another says, "I should think you got it cheap if you gave \$25." "No," says the buyer in triumph, "I got it for \$15. I beat him down and pointed out the imperfections until I really made him believe it was not worth hardly anything. It takes me to make a bargain. Ha, ha!" Oh, man you got the goods for less than they were worth by positive faisehood, and no wonder, when Solomon went back to his palace and had recken in geometh, and in addition to the horror and condemnation of anytheria. Solomon went back to his palace and had put off his disguise, that he sat down at als writing desk and made for all ages gone his way then he boasteth."

There are no higher styles of men in al

the world than those now at the head of mercantile enterprises in the great cities of this continent. Their casual promise is Such bargain makers are all the more to be bonored, because they have withstood year after year temptations which have flung so many flat and flung them so hard they while all positions in life have powerful besetments to evil there are specific forms of allurement which are peculiar to each occupation and profession, and it will be useful to speak of the peculiar temptations

First, as in the scene of the text, busines men are often tempted to sacrifice plain truth, the seller by exaggerating the value of goods and the buyer by depreciating them. We cannot but admire an expert salesman. See how he first induces the customer into a mood favorable to the proper consideration of the value of the goods. He shows himself to be an hor est goods. He shows nimself to be an no est and frank salesman. How carefully the lights are arranged till they fall just right upon the fabric! Beginning with goods of medium quality, he gradually advances toward those of more thorough make and of more attractive pattern. How he watches the moods and whims of his customer! With what perfect calmness he takes the order and bows the purchaser from his presence, who goes away, having made up his mind that he has bought the goeds at a price which will allow him a living margin when he again sells them. The goods were worth what the salesman The goods were worth what the salesman said they were and were sold at a price which will not make it necessary for the house to fall every ten years in order to fix up things.

But with what burning indignation we

But with what burning indignation we think of the injustious strategems by which goods are sometimes disposed of. A giance at the morning papers shows the arrival at one of our hotels of a young merchant from one of the inland cities. He is a comparative stranger in the great city, and, of course, he must be shown around, and it will be the duty of some of our enterprising houses to accord by. around, and it will be the duty of some of our enterprising houses to escort him. He is a large purchaser and has plenty of time and money, and it will pay to be very at-tentive. The evening is spent at a place of doubtful amusement. Then they go back to the hctel. Having just come to town they must, of course, drink.

A friend from the same mercantile estab-lishment drops in and usage and generos-

lishment drops in, and usage and generosity suggest that they must drink. Business prospects are talked over, and the stranger is warned against certain dilapidated mercantile establishments that are about to fall, and for such kindness and about to fall, and for such kindness and magnanimity of caution against the dishonesty of other business bouses of course it is expected they will—and so they do—take a drink. Other merchants loging in adjoining rooms find it hard to sleep for the clatter of decanters, and the coarse carousal of these "half fellows well met" waxes louder. But they sit not all night at the wine cup. They must see the sights. They stagger forth with cheeks flushed and eyes bloodshot. The outer gates of hell open to let in the v ctims. The wings of lost souls flit among the lights, and the steps of the carousers sound with the rumbling thunders of the lest. Farewell to all the sanctities of home! Could mother, sister, father, slumbering in the inland home, in some vision of that night catch a

sister, father, slumbering in the inland home, in some vision of that night catch a glimpse of the ruin wrought they would rend out their hair by the roots and bite the tongue till the blood spurted, shricking out, "God save him!"

What, suppose you, will come upon such business establishments? And there are hundreds of them in the cities. They may boast of fabulous sales, and they may have an unprecedented run of buyers, and the name of the bouse may be a terror to all rivals, and from this thrifty root there may rivale, and from this thrifty root there may spring up branch houses in other cities, and all the partners of the firm may move into all the partners of the firm may move into their mansions and drive their full blooded span, and the families may sweep the street with the most elegant apparel that human art ever wove or earthly magnificence ever schleved. But a curse is gathering surely for those men, and if it does not seize hold of the pillars and in one wild ruin bring down the temple of commercial giory it will break up their peace, and they will tremble with sickness and bloat with dissipations, and, pushed to the precipice of this life, they will try to hold back and cry for help, but no help will come, and they will clutch their gold to take it along with

clerks that they compelled to dishonesty and runners and draymen and bookkeepers who saw behind the scenes will bear testimony to their nefarious deeds, and some virtuous soul that once stood aghast at the splendor and power of these business men will say, "Alas, this is all that is left of this great firm that occupied a block with their merchandise and overshadowed the city with their influence and made righteousness and truth and purity fall under the galling fire of avarice and erime."

While we admire and approve of all acuteness and tact in the sale of goods we must condemn any precess by which a fabric or product is represented as possessing a value which it really does not have. Nothing but sheer falsehood can represent as perfection boots that rip, silks that specific their specifi

represent as perfection boots that rip, siks that speedily lose their luster, calicoes that immediately wash out, stoves that crack under the first hot fire, books insecurely bound, carpets that unravel, old furniture rejuvenated with putty and give and sold as having been recently manufactured, gold watches made out of brass, barrels of fruit, the biggest apples on top, wine adulterated with strychnine.

ing." "Hold!" 'ays the merchant. "Do not go off in that way. I want to sell you that coat. I have some payments to make, and I want the money. Come, now, how much will you give forthat coat?" "Well," says the customer, "I will split the difference. You asked \$20, and I said \$10. Now, I will give you \$15." "Well," says the merchant, "it is a great sacrifice, but take it at that price."

Then the customer with a roll under his arm started to go out and enter his own.

ong chain of circumstances from which you cannot be extricated by any ingenuity

ampted to throw off personal responsi-officers, shifting it to the institution to which they belong. Directors in banks and ralirond and insurance companies cometimes shirk personal responsibility anderneath the action of the corporation. anderneath the action of the corporation, and how often, when some banking house or financial institution explodes through fraud respectable men in the boar! of lirectors say, "Why I thought all was going on in an honest way, and I am utterly confounded with this demeanor! The banks and the fire and life and narine insurance companies and the railroad companies will not stand up for judg-nent in the last day, but those who in them acted righteously will receive, each for himself, a feward, and those who acted the part of neglect or trickery will, each lor himself, when the second control of the second con

or himself, receive a condemnation. Unlawful dividends are not clean before God; because there are those associated with you who grab just as big a pile as you do. He who countenances the dishonesty of the firm or of the corporation or association takes upon himself all the moral liabilities. If the financial institutions iteal, he steals. If they go into wild specuteal, he steals a gambler. If they lations, he himself is a gambler. needlessiy embarrass a creditor, he himself is guilty of crucity. If they swindle the aninitiated, he himself is a defrauder. No Inancial institution ever had a money vault strong enough, or credit staunch enough, or dividends large enough, or policy acute mough to hide the individual sins of its nembers. The old adage that corporations are acute in midlanding. Fores or

poration has as many souls as it has mem-ers.

Again many business men have been tempted to postpone their enjoyments and futles to a future season of entire leisure. What a sedative the Christian religion would be to all our business men if, in-stead of postponing its uses to old age or feath, they would take it into the store or factory or worldly engagement now! It is folly to go amid the uncertainties of busi-ness life with no God to help. A mer-shant in a New England village was shant in a New England village was standing by a horse, and the horse ifted his foot to stamp it in a pool of water, and the merebant, to escape he splash, stepped into the door of an asurance agent, and the agent said. "I suppose you ha e come to renew your fire isurance?" "Oh," said the mere hant, "I and forgotten that!" The insurance was renewed, and the next day the house that had been insured was burned. Was it all accidental that the merebant to escape a and been insured was burned. Was it all accidental that the merchant, to escape a splash from a horse's foot, stepped into the insurance office? No; it was providental. And what a mighty solace for a business man to feel that things are providential! What peace and equilibrium in such a consideration, and what a grand thing if all business men could realize it! ousiness men could realize it!

Many, although now comparatively straitened in worldly circumstances, have a goodly establishment in the future planned out. Their best treasures in eaven, they will go up and take possession of them. The toils of business life, which racked their brains and rasped heir nerves for so many years, will have lorever ceased. "There the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

clerks named Vlasdislar Altmann. Altmann took in a dollar of 1804 in payment for some goods, and got \$1000 for the rare coin from a Chicago dealer. Now the proprietor claims that the coln should have gone into

-A new industry is springing up in Northern Mexico—the sinking of wells for salt water, from which salt is man-ufactured for mining and domestic purposes. One company has secured 120,000 acres of salt water territory at Camaron, 120 miles south of Laredo. Camaron, 120 miles south of Laredo, and has struck water containing 12 per cent. of salt, worth from one to three cents a pound. —The "kissing bug" (melanolestes

will clutch their gold to take it along with them, but it will be snatched from their grasp, and a voice will sound through their soul. "Not a farthing, thou beggared spirit"

And the judgment will come, and they will stand aghast before it, and all the business iniquities of a lifetime will gather around them, saying, "Do you remember that?" And "Do you remember that." And the judgment will call the business iniquities of a lifetime will gather that you have a supplied to the fact of the