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Show a Devotion Rarely Met Among More Favored Creatures. Very funny it is, from the human point of view, to witness the love-mak-ing of a couple of owls on a moonlight inght, as they sit together on the cop-ing of an old wall, or on the horizontal limb of some giant of the forest. Perch-ed on the same bough, or the same wall or ruin, the lady owl, though usually much bigger and stronger than her mate looks the picture of demure coy-ness, if a little excited inwardly, like a girl at her first ball. But the male owl, says the Pall Mall Magaine, is very much in earnest; for a moment or two he remains quite still, then he puffs out all his feathers, bows, and utters a softened scream, folowed by a modified hiss that is full of tender meaning, and then he nudges her with his wing; she opens her big eyes very wide, and gives him a side-long glance that may be a hint, for, horible to relate, from the depths of his interior he instantly brings up a hif-digested mouse; and although she is full of similar rodents and stag heetles as she can comfortably hold, she opens her mouth and accepts the fragrant gift with a murmur of satis-faction that speaks volumes of love and thanks. Then, when the dainty morsel has been disposed of, they ca-res each other tenderly for a moment or two, and then it closely pressed to east indice in sit closely pressed to east indice in sit closely pressed to east indice in sit closely pressed to east indice in the devotion that is rarely me

Not only do the owls guard each other with a devotion that is rarely met with among more favored creatures, they positively idolize their ill-favored they positively idolize their ill-favored offspring, for whose sake they willing-ly risk not only liberty, but life. A young owl is not an attractive looking object from our point of view, but in its father's and mother's eyes it is per-fection, and the way they wait on it, cuddle and carees it, feed it and keep it elean, must be seen to be believed.

the lean, must be seen to be believed. Among the Pigmies. Though it was a dangerous under-taking for the African explorers to travel through the land of the pigmies, there must have been a huge interest in observing the ways of these little inups, who were generally struck spell-bound at the sight of the white men. Mr. Lloyd, writing in Chambers's Jannal, says he was twenty days walking through the great forest in-mbilied by the pignles, a forets so dark that in many places it was im-possible to read, even at noonday. The pigmles were fairly intelligent, and peacefully disposed, although their sense and covered their faces. Tike shy children, when spoken to. The forest was alive with elephants, leopards, wild pigs, buffalces, and antelopes. After leaving the forest Mr. Lloyd came to one place where he fook the opportunity of screwing together the bicycle which he had brought with him. A spin on the machine brought out thousands of men, women, and children from their villages, and they danced and yelled with delight at see-ing, as they expressed it, a European riding a snake. riding a snake.

riding a snake. Whittier Color Blind. "Mr. Whittier greatly surprised me by confessing that he was quite color blind." says the Bookman. "He ex-emplified his condition by saying that if I came to Amesbury I should be scandalized by one of his carpets. It appeared that he was never permitted by the guardian goddess of his hearth to go 'shopping' for himself, but that care, being in Boston, and needing a carpet, he had ventured to go to a store and buy what he had thought to be a very nice, quiet article, precisely suited to go dorn a Quaker home. When it ar-rived at Amesbury there was a univer-sal shout of horror, for what had struck Mr. Whittler as a particularly proved, to normal eyes, to be a loud pattern of bright red roses on a field of the crudest cabbage green. When he had told me this, it was then easy it cohserve that the fulness and bril-linney of his wonderful eyes had some-thing which was not entirely normal about them."

His Bible Verse a Hint. Hugh Montgomery, whose father cvns a large ranch in the fertile San Jenquin Valley, California, went to Saa Francisco and paid a brief visit at the house of a clerical uncle. This divine, who is one of the best and most hospitable of men, follows the custom of having prayers before breakfast. In connection with this service each member of the family service each member of the family circle is expected to recite a verse of Scripture. Hugh, who has habitually a very healthy appetite, became decid-edly sharp set before the amen was said. When his turn came to recite a verse he significantly repeated the fa-milies words: verse he significantly repeated the fa-miliar words: "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, while I perish of hunger?" The reverend uncle listened with twinkling eyes and there was a speedy adjournment to a well-spread table.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations,

The grandest opportunities of Chris-tian service demand the complete and voluntary surrender of our whole lives Jesus Christ .- Rev. Dr. Frank De Witt Talmage, Presbyterian, Chicago.

The Spirit of Forgiveness. The nearer our lives approach to Christ the nearer we come to perfec-tion. Jesus Christ both by precept tion. Jesus Christ both by precent and example endeavored to instill in us the spirit of forgiveness.—Rev. A. C. Dixon, Baptist, Boston.

The Deepest Reality.

It is a matter of the greatest im-portance that every one should begin a Christian life, but a matter of serious concern that it should begin in the deepest reality.—Rev. Dr. William J. Holtzclaw, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga. Opportunities of Life.

The devil would steal away your life's opportunities as a Christian by simply having you put off becoming a Christian just now. He is stealing away your life—yourself he is stealing away.—Rev. N. H. Lee, Methodist, Denver.

Most Pernicious Influence.

A bad man can do an immense amount of harm by simply doing bad things. A bad man, with bad motives, doing what seems to be good, is the most pernicious and degrading influence that I know of.—Rev. R. L. Pad-dock, Episcopalian, New York.

The Value of Character. Nothing is more highly valuable, since God is righteous, than character in his creature. And the wondrous dein his creature. And the wondrous de-velopment of our late president's hold upon us is not to be explained in any other way. The riddle of this life is not hard to read. He saw that bad-ness was weakness and goodness was strength.-Rev. Dr. Cadman, Congrega-tionalist Brooklyn tionalist, Brooklyn.

Need of Our Time. The need of our time is independent co-operation in our church work as illustrated by the Christian Endeavor movement, the interdenominationalism of which movement says, "Let sects live, but let sectarianism die." Let us have a healthy criticism, but above all else let us have an enthusiastic conse-cration which will cement in spirit the whole church.—Rev. C. J. Hall, Denver. Right to Possessions.

The use and not the amount of our possessions is the important thing. It is by using what we have that we earn a right to have more, and it all should be employed to gain that wealth of character which is the end for which all that we have is given. In love, in mod@dware. unselfishness, in sympathy, in charity, in tolerance, in these things should the soul of man grow rich by putting into use the ability and time and advantages which have come to him by in-heritance or by effort.-Rev. Percy Olton, Episcopalian, Brooklyn.

The Breadth of Religion.

Religion means more than a hobby. It is not a social reform alone, and yet it includes all reforms. Neither a pro hibitionist nor an equal suffragist nor a preacher of this or that single idea comes up to the great broad freedom and sweep of the wide truth the Mas-ter announces. The quibbles and nonessentials, the frills, furblews and phylacteries are relegated to their proper place in the presence of the greater truths of God. If one love God as the Master bids, he can grasp every hand offered in the same love. Here sies disappear and old discussions van-ish before this wondrous power of religion that is broad enough to take in the whole man.-Rev. Dr. Charles W. Byrd, Methodist, Chicago. No Peace Without Christ. 8.50 A good black wilton 5.98 3.50

A life without Christ is a life without peace. Without him it is possible to have excitement, pleasure, gratified passions, success, accomplished hopes, But peace, never. That you cannot have until you go to him. The Christ-less heart is like the sea that cannot rest. There is no peace for it. But in Christ you can get it for the asking. The chastisement of our peace was upon him. For our sakes he died upon the cross, so making peace. Trust him and the God of peace will fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Then bow your wills in obedience to his com-mands, and so your peace shall be as

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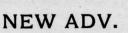
"It is correct in every item," after locking it over. "Eight dollars for that bird, no big-ger than my fist?" "Yes, sir, and cheep at that." "All right, madam, I'll settle, but it's robbery. We had our first anniversary yesterday and I bought a ten pound turkey for \$1.25."—Detroit Free Press.

Well Qualified. "Mr. Blankson," said the lawyer, tur-ning to the man who had been drawn as a juror, this is a case in which-by the way. Mr. Blankson, have you ever been a witness before an investigating committee?" "Yes, sir." "We'll take him, Your Honor. He doesn't know anything about this case -or anything else."—Chicago Tribune.

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