Sweetest thing that can be seen
Is a baby, fresh and clean.
Dainty clothes and tender skin
Need pure soap to wash them in.
Nurse and mother must be sure
Baby's bath is sweet and pure.
Free from grease or alkalies;
Ivory Soap their want supplies.

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NO. 1 IS WALES'

"Cabbies" Must See Straight and Know Short Routes.

Examiner in Scotland Yard I at- examination of men who de- be appointed 'bus and cab and the affair was most amus- 've a rickety old bus down perfect ark, and attached to f it a brace of one-time Dar- s, likely, that, after a meal and pepper, do get up enough to drag that ark at a spank- the length of the inclosure. 1-be driver mounts the box, the horses, and attempts to ween two stakes planted in 1 so close together that to go hem means to escape them s, scarcely more than a quar- inch on either side. Some- driver manages it. If he re- feat two or three times with nd also manages to get his led up sharp when a finger he is appointed, and given pening. And thereafter for s privileged to amaze Ameri- is wonderful cleverness with in the crowded Strand or circus. It is different with -be cabbies. They, too, are to drive between stakes and their nags, but more than ed of them. "If you were to fare in the Addison road to e Upper Bedford place, what your route?" Such questions e put to them. Now, there s routes, but cabby is obliged take the shortest, and if he raw a line along the map of narking that shortest route, to go home and study for month. But where he fails others succeed. And a single g a London street bears he enormous number of men their city like a book. How soms there are in London I now, but I know this: The ed one morning was No. 8; called that afternoon was I spent a week looking for and didn't find it. I learned No. 1 was the number of the nsom of the prince of Wales. Free Press.

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y mother was troubled consumption for many At last she was given tic. A neighbor told her give up but try Ayer's Pectoral. She did so s speedily cured, and is the enjoyment of good D. P. Jolly, 3, 1899. Avoca, N. Y.

Cures
rd Coughs

matter how hard your s or how long you have Ayer's Cherry Pectoral best thing you could y take. But it's too o wait until you have ption, for sometimes it's ible to cure this disease. u are coughing today, wait until tomorrow, but bottle of Cherry Pec- at once and be relieved. ngthens weak lungs.

Sixty Pills, enough for an ordinary case, 50c. Pectoral for asthma, bronchitis, whooping-cough, hard colds; best expectorant for chronic cases on hand.

MARRIED IN HASTE.

One Couple United in Very Quick Time in Pittsburg.

A wedding ceremony was conducted recently in the office of Alderman William Watson, East street, north side, at a lightning express rate. The high contracting parties were Harvey Barber, a negro, and Hattie Allen of the same race. The event was wholly unexpected even by the bride, but was the result of an impulse which struck the groom as he was in the act of delivering a load of coal in the neighborhood. Barber, who is a teamster, and his girl had pledged their troth and gone through all the forms which it is customary to attach to a marriage engagement. Some days ago the marriage license was procured, but the groom wanted to see his way a little clearer at the financial end before having the knot tied. Yesterday morning he began the delivery of coal early. It was a good day for business and he caught onto a few dimes extra. The sum total of his catch was $1.35. Harvey's last job for the day was the delivery of a load of coal in the vicinity of Squire Watson's office. He was driving leisurely along East street when he spied his fiancee gayly tripping along the sidewalk. She had just stepped out to buy some "supper things" for the lady who employed her. This is what she told Harvey when he hailed her with a "Good evening, girl; right glad to see you." Harvey had a dollar to spare, and his maxim through life had been never to let a good chance go by. He asked Hattie how much time she had to spare and was told: "Just fifteen minutes." "Just about the same way here," said Harvey. He then asked her to go to Squire Watson's office and have the wedding take place at once. Miss Allen didn't object. Harvey sang out, "Gee, whoa, hoa," and the team was up against a hitching post. The horses were tied and then the couple fairly rushed into the squire's office to get themselves hitched. "Come to get married, squire," announced the groom. "Here's the license. Please hurry up. I haven't any time to spare. This girl has to get back to cook supper, and I have coal to leave right away." The prospective groom, with coal-begrimed fingers, fished out ten dimes from his fob pocket, and laid the money on the counter. "Here is the fee, squire. I didn't expect this little matter was going to happen or I would have had the coin all in one piece," he said. Constable John Homan was impressed as a witness, and the twain were made one. "See you down at the house tomorrow," was the groom's parting salute, and he went to deliver the coal, and she hurried away to get the "supper things."—Pittsburg Post.

A Treat.

A little girl who was being taken into the country for a day's outing by the Chicago vacation school committee was observed to be very sedate as she sat in the open street car, says the Youth's Companion. "Have you ever had a ride on the cars before?" the teacher asked. "Yes, I've hitched, but I never sat up straight like this before," she answered.

Like Finding Money.

The use of the Endless Chain Starch Book in the purchase of "Red Cross" and "Hubinger's Best" starch, makes it just like finding money. Why, for only 5c you are enabled to get one large 10c package of "Red Cross" staren, one large 10c package of "Hubinger's Best" starch, with the premiums, two Shakespeare panels, printed in twelve beautiful colors, or one Twentieth Century Girl Calendar, embossed in gold. Ask your grocer for this starch and obtain the beautiful Christmas presents free

A Pastor's Idea.

When asked "What's a layman?" a pastor replied: "One who lays things upon his pastor which he himself ought to do."—Richmond Religious Herald

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.
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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

DECEMBER 17.

Teach Us to Pray. Luke xi. 1-13

Scripture Verses.—Matt. xxi. 21, 22; 1 Tim ii. 8; Heb. iv. 15, 16; 1 John iii. 21, 22; John xiv. 13, 14; Rom. viii. 34; Acts xii. 5; 2 Cor. i. 11; Eph. vi. 12, 18, 19; Col. iv. 24; Matt. xiv. 23; Mark i. 35.

LESSON THOUGHTS.

Our prayers are not answered because of any merit of ours, but when in humility of spirit we plead the merit of Jesus Christ.

"Prayer is thought winged with devotion." Not elegance of expression makes a good prayer, but earnestness and sincerity of heart.

Prayer for blessings upon others, unselfish prayers, will bring blessed joy upon us.

SELECTIONS.

O thou by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer thyself hast trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray.

Pleading the promises is the sinew and muscle of prayer. As we bring promissory notes to those who have signed them, so shall we bring the promises of Holy Scripture before the Lord, and entreat him to make good his word. Let us continually cry to him—Do as thou hast said.

If I lowly fall,
And thus in faith I call,
"Through Christ, O Lord, I pray thee give to me
Not what I would, but what seems best to thee,
Of life, of health, of service, and of strength!
Until to thy full joy I come at length,"
My prayer shall then avail,
The blessings shall not fail.

Our truest praying is that which we cannot express, our heart's unutterable longings, when we sit at God's feet and look up into his face and do not speak at all, but let our hearts talk.

Father, in thy mysterious presence kneeling,
Fain would our souls feel all thy kindling love;
For we are weak and need some deep revealing
Of trust and strength and calmness from above.

C. E. Gospel Hymns.—108, 103, 3, 83, 150, 23, 88, 168.

Gospel Hymns, 1-4.—334, 217, 356, 357, 93, 77.

A Story of Madame Patti.

A striking story comes to us anent Madame Patti, the renowned prima donna, which is characteristic of her geniality and kindness of heart. The incomparable singer was walking one day in the neighborhood of her castle in Wales, when a sudden thirst afflicted her, and she called at a cottage to get a glass of new milk. When she had partaken of this wholesome refreshment she opened her purse to pay the cost. But the peasant woman raised her hand in gentle remonstrance and said: "There is nothing to pay for the milk, but will madame kindly sing to us one of her sweet songs?" Patti entered the humble home, lifted her magnificent voice, and sang, in her most superb style, "Home, Sweet Home!" The astonished and delighted cottagers listened in raptures, and tendered the distinguished visitor their warmest thanks. Then from an inner apartment, came a feeble voice, pleading, "Please sing that again; it was heavenly!" "That is my daughter, who is dying of consumption," explained the cottager, adding: "She is so fond of singing." Patti visited the sick girl, sang the song again to her, and gave her a sympathetic word also. Then she left. The milk had been paid for by melody for which many an eager agent would have forfeited a thousand pounds.

MARKETS.

BALTIMORE.

GRAIN ETC.			
FLOUR—Balto. Best Pat.		@	4 50
High Grade Extra			4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	69		70
CORN—No. 2 White	36		37
Oats—Southern & Penn	28		29
RYE—No. 2	54		55
HAY—Choice Timothy	14 50		15 00
Good to Prime	13 50		14 00
STRAW—Rye in car lds	13 50		14 00
Wheat Blocks	7 00		7 50
Oat Blocks	8 50		9 00
CANNED GOODS.			
TOMATOES—Stnd. No. 3		@	70
No. 2			55
PEAS—Standards	1 10		1 40
Seconds			80
CORN—Dry Pack			80
Moist			00
HIDES.			
CITY STEERS	10½	@	11
City Cows	9½		10½
POTATOES AND VEGETABLES.			
POTATOES—Burbanks	38	@	40
ONIONS	35		38
PROVISIONS.			
HOG PRODUCTS—shls.	6¾	@	7
Clear ribsides	7		7¼
Hams	11½		12½
Mess Pork, per bar			10 50
LARD—Crude			4
Best refined			7
BUTTER.			
BUTTER—Fine Crmy	27	@	28
Under Fine	26		27
Creamery Rolls	27		28
CHEESE.			
CHEESE—N. Y. Fancy	12	@	13
N. Y. Flats	13½		14
Skim Cheese	5½		7½
EGGS.			
EGGS—State	20	@	21
North Carolina	18		19
LIVE POULTRY.			
CHICKENS	8½	@	9
Ducks, per lb	8		9
TOBACCO.			
TOBACCO—Md. Infer's	1 50	@	2 50
Sound common	3 50		4 50
Middling	600		700
Fancy	1000		1200
LIVE STOCK.			
BEEF—Best Beeves	4 20	@	4 70
SHEEP	2 00		4 00
Hogs	4 90		5 10
FURS AND SKINS.			
MUSKRAT	10	@	11
Raccoon	40		45
Red Fox	—		100
Skunk Black	—		80
Opossum	23		23
Mink	—		80
Otter	—		100

NEW YORK.

FLOUR—Southern	3 85	@	4 20
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	70		71
RYE—Western	65		66
CORN—No. 2	39		40
OATS—No. 3	29		30
BUTTER—State	18		25
EGGS—State	23		24
CHEESE—State	12½		13

PHILADELPHIA.

FLOUR—Southern	3 85	@	4 20
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	69		70
CORN—No. 3	37		38
OATS—No. 2	31		32
BUTTER—State	25		27
EGGS—Penna ft	23		24

WHY HE SUCCEEDS.

A Difference That Sometimes Baffles Detectives.

"It is often difficult to see any difference between the men who succeed and those who fail," says a critic. A man may try to console himself with the unction that lies in the belief that it is all luck; that one man was born to be successful and another to fail. The average man cannot even deceive himself to that extent. He knows, generally, where the trouble is. Observe two men who apparently begin with equal advantages, with equal capital. Unless close attention was paid to their respective careers, you might not perceive the difference in them. One puts a little more rush into his work; he is never satisfied with accomplishing only so much as is expected of him. He is a little more accommodating to his patrons or those of his employer; he manifests more devotion to details; he is more prompt, is not afraid of getting to the office too early or of staying there too late. He makes a study of ways to improve his mind and enlarge his capacity for service, whether to his own direct betterment or indirectly, through having benefited his employers. Right here it might be well to consider the problem one moment from the employer's point of view. "He is utterly lost to gratitude for good service; utterly selfish," you say. Granted—but it is fortunate for you that he is selfish. That gives you a point of attack. When you become so necessary to him that he will be suffering a loss by the discontinuance of your service you are in a position to demand a better position or bigger salary—and his selfishness will not permit him to allow you to go. Observe a different instance: A young lawyer who has just been admitted to the bar will go into a town where several before him have failed, and by energy and manly, business-like methods soon succeed in establishing a lucrative practice. Instead of sitting around the office, like some of his predecessors, with his feet upon a table, telling stories and chewing tobacco while waiting for clients, he spends his spare time in studying his law books and adding to his general information. He goes into society, gets acquainted with the people, is always on the lookout to improve any opportunity that comes in his way, and finally makes his way to the top of the ladder.

SANDOW ON EXERCISE.

Says Dumbbell Practice, if Not Overdone, Is the Proper Thing.

"Dumbbell practice gives strength to every sinew, from the finger tips to the elbow, from the top of the head to the sole of the foot," Sandow, the strong man, said in a recent interview. "The young can be kept in perfect health, and older people are helped and improved even when suffering any ailment which appears to them to be quite hopeless, but, of course, great care must be taken not to overdo the practising, and it is wiser to increase the number of movements very gradually and not on any account to get overtired at first," he advised. But he does state most emphatically that dumbbell exercises, taken in moderation, give grace and suppleness to the figure and that perfect ease to the carriage that comes from having the muscles under control. He makes a strong point of an easy beginning, which does not expect too much at first, but gains strength by degrees. Such exercise sends the blood through the veins with new life, which gives pleasure and joy to every individual.

It Cures All Skin Eruptions.

Tetterine is the name. Sold at druggists for 50c. a box, or prepaid direct from J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga. John H. Pahlen of Lexington, Miss., writes: "Enclosed find $1.00 for 2 boxes of Tetterine. My father's hand was cured by it, and I take pleasure in recommending it."

Why Changes Are Needed.

Change of scene, change of occupation and frequent changes in furnishings and diet are all important at this season, and the time of rest may be secured from these changes even when an expensive outing, or the usual summer vacation, has not been afforded. No woman who has ever tried it can conceive of the rest and pleasure resulting from a change of some sort. Make such changes as are possible by rearranging rooms in the matter of furniture, pictures, ornaments, etc. Do something, anything, to rest the eye and brain from dead-level monotony. It is said that marked cases of insomnia have been cured by changing from one sleeping-room to another. The wise woman will also change her family dietary as completely as possible as the seasons change.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Attention is called to the very useful articles contained in the premium list of the Continental Tobacco Co.'s advertisement of their Star Plug Tobacco in another column of this paper. It will pay to save the "Star" tin tags and so take advantage of the best list ever issued by the Star Tobacco.

The number of passengers carried on the elevated railroads in New York city decreased this year 2,523,000 from 1898 and 41,417,000, or nearly 20 per cent, from the highwater mark of elevated traffic in 1893.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES are fast to sunlight, washing and rubbing. Sold by all druggists.

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Why He Was Not Beloved.

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23 Clock, 8-day, Calendar, Thermometer, Barometer	500
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27 Toilet Set decorated porcelain, very handsome	800
28 Remington Rifle No. 4, 22 or 32 cal.	800
29 Watch, sterling silver, full jeweled	1000
30 Dress Suit Case, leather, handsome and durable	1000
31 Sewing Machine, first class, with all attachments	1500
32 Revolver, Colt's, 38-caliber, blued steel	1500
33 Rifle, Colt's, 15-shot, 22-caliber	1500
34 Guitar (Washburn), rosewood, inlaid	2000
35 Mandolin, very handsome	2000
36 Winchester Repeating Shot Gun, 12 gauge	3000
37 Remington, double-barrel, hammer Shot Gun, 10 or 12 gauge	3000
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