EV. DR. TALMAGE. PRINCIT DIVINES SUNDAY

of Our Nation's Needs-We Should More Gratitude to God For His the Lord's Bounty.

rospyright 1903.1 respected to the state of the s ses a discourse of Christian patriotical shows the resources of our council and self-based the time when all the self-based the time when all the self-based the same blessings. His sets are, Revelations xxi, 13, "On the self-based through through the self-based through the self-based through the self-based through the s is of late had such enlargement of special opportunity as is now opening in the action? Cuba and Porto Rico the Philippine Islands brought into contact with us, and through steams—slidy and Nicsragua canal, which saily be afforded by Congress, all the clies of South America will be brought saily to the south three gates."

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sisted—One hundred thousand men pid milroads through South America the islands of the sea under our pro-

mtcd-A thousand telegraph operaed-One hundred million dollars

ted—One hundred milion dollars of dry goods from the great cities United States.

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ted - Right away, wanted by new first stamers, wanted by rail train, to plead our causes. ad-Doctors to cure our sick.

ed - Professors to establish our the three south gates!" Yea, a

and gates! South America and all stads of the sea approximate are ally our commercial domain, and sagress of the United States will see that we get what belongs to us. directed from Europe to our islands south and to the land of the Az-Much of the \$125,000,000 yearly exby Americans in Europe in southern exploration, some of the ruins of the forty-seven seme of the runs of the forty-seven schick Stephens found only a little leart, and in walking through the decreases and over the miracles of se and along by the monumental gio-st auchter civilization, and ancient ma will with cold lips of stone kiss be deemed as important as to have the Alpine and Balkan ranges. And will be fewer people spoiled by for-tavel and in our midst less of the disauseating imitation of the French and the intentional hesitancy of a se foreign swell. The fact is that m foreign swell. te made vain by European travel, out mensible when they embarked. tup with a collar and a cravat and pt for American institutions and if of the elbow that make one be dution hackward from man to the many thousands who now cross mally thousands will on pleasure and merchants and scientists and lats will all help in this national de best. "On the south three gates." that other nation has such openings

nercial enlargement as ours? in this international comparison the happy condition of our country spared with most countries. Rus-bler the shadow of the dreadful illther great and good emperor, whom than any man in all the work sal whose empress, near the most hour that ever comes to a won-led, is anxious for him to whom she su, is anxious for him to whom and results and heart, not for political to but through old-fashioned love is blesses our humbler dwellings; suder the agonies of a famine which somewhat lifted has filled hun-dithographs of graves and thrown pusands of graves and thrown into orphanage; Austria only for her genial Francis Joseph to a to let Hungary rise in rebellion to the palace of Vienna quais, with the the palace of Vienna quais, with the the palace of Mississer, with the palace of the palace of the palace of the palace of Vienna quais, with the palace of Vienna quais, with the palace of Vienna quais, with the palace of Vienna particle and palace of Vienna shudstha fear of dismemberment, her the possession of foreign patients. passession of foreign nations, new of the conditions in other as you find a more appropriate utis a regard to our country than the
sum of the text. "He hath not
suit any nation?"
yet the autumnal report of hara America this year and the haramed. Last summer I crossed the
suit of Europe twice, and I saw no
best of Europe twice, and I saw no
best as a reception of in this

Tests as are spoken of in this t. Hear it, all you men and want everybody to have eat and wear. I have to tell the corn crop of our country it is one of the four largest theory, 2,105,000,000 bushels. The cop, though smaller than at mes, will on that account bring lices, and so cotton planters of the provided by t

seth are prosperous. The wheat the provided bread enough and to the potato crop one of the five rops on record, 211,000,000 bush-tenty-two million two hundred twine slain, and yet so many

w I give you the comparative exal imports, which tell the story of
Prosperity as nothing else can.
Aports over imports, \$544.400,let all pessimists hide themthe dens and caves of the earth,
grateful souls fill the churches
along. Notice also that while
attess are at their wits' ends as
fannes this notion has money to es this nation has money to ny, we are glad to see you. If you must borrow money ready. How much will you a, we also welcome you into tarkets. Give us good collat-ble, Denmark, will you please for of \$3,000,000 for the island mas. My hearers, there is no earth with such healthy condi-lances. We wickedly waste am one of money in this country, one has said it is easier to man-

an a deficit tall this, not a disturbance from the River to Key West or from the River to Key West or from the Rechest Sectional controvers The North and South brought

into complete accord by the Spanish war, which put the Lees and the Grants on the same side, Vermonters and Georgians in the same brigade. And since our Civil War we are all mixed up. Southern men have married Northern wives, and Northern men have married Southern wives, and your children are half Mississippian and half New Englander, and to make another division between the North and the South possible you would have to do with your child as Solomon proposed with the child brought before him for judgment—divide it with the sword, giving half to child brought before him for judgment—divide it with the sword, giving half to the North and half to the South. No; there is nothing so hard to split as a cradle. In other lands there is compulsory marriage of royal families, some bright princess compelled to marry some disascreeable foreign dignitary in order to keep the halance of political power in Europe, the ill-matched pair fighting out on a small scale that which would have been an international contest, sometimes the husband having the balance of power and sometimes the wife.

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If there is anything that stirs my admiration it is a man without any education himself sending his sons to college, and without any opportunity for luxury himself resolved that though he shall have it hard all the days of his life his children shall have a good start.

And I tell you that though some of our

And I tell you that though some of our people may have great commercial struggles there is going to be a great opening for their some and daughters as they come on to take their places in the world.

Continuing this international comparison I have to say to you that we have a better climate than is to be found in any other nation. We do not suffer from anything like the Scotch mists or the English fogs or the Russian ice blasts or the typhus of Southern Europe or the Asiatic cholera. Enidemics in America are exceptional, very exceptional. Plenty of wood and coal to make a roaring fire midwinter. Easy access to seabsach or mount-Easy access to scabeach or mountwinter. Easy access to scalesach or mountain top when the ardors of summer come down, Michigan wheat for the bread, Long Island corn for the meal, Carolinarice for the queer of puddings, Louisiana sugar to sweeten our beverages, Georgia cotton to keep vs warm, in our hand all products and all climates. Are your nerves weak? Go north, Is your throat delicate? Go south. Do you feel crowded and want more room? Go west. more room? Go west.

I declare it, this is the best country in all the world to live in. How do I know

I have 650,000 new reasons for saying 650,000 neople in one year came from other side of the Atlantic to live in

America, and they came because it is the very best country to live in.

While making this international comparison let us look forward to the time which will surely come when all nations will have as great advantages as our own.

will have as great advantages as our own. As surely as the Bible is true the whole earth is to be gardenized and set free. Even the climates will change and the heats be cooled and the frigidity warmed. Many years ago in this city I gazed upon a scene which for calamity and grandenr one seldom sees equalled. I mean the burning of the Smithsonian Institution. It was the pride of our country. In it art had gathered rarest specimens from all lands and countries.

ands and countries.
It was one of those buildings which you with enchantment as you enter all the rest of your life holds you with a charm. I happened to see the first glow of the fires which on that cold day looked out from the windows of the costly pile. I saw the angry elements roar and rave. The shout of affrighted workman and the assault of fire engines only seemed

and the assault of fire engines only seemed to madden the rage of the monsters that rose up to devour all that came within reach of their chain.

Up along the walls and through the doors were pushed hands that snatched down all they could reach and hurled it into the abyas of flame heneath. The windows of the tower would light up for a minute with a wild glare and then darken, as though fiends with streaming locks of as though fiends with streaming locks of fire had come out to gaze on in laughing mockery of all human attempts and then

sunk again into their native darkness. The roofs began here and there to blos som in wreaths and vines of flame. Up and down the pillars ran serpents of fire. Out from the windows great arms and Out from the windows great arms and fingers of flames were extended, as though destroyed spirits were begging for deliver-ance. The tower put on a coronet of flame and staggered and fell, the sparks flying, the firemen escaping, the terror accumulat-

graphs of kings, costly diagrams burned to cinder or scattered tor many a rood upon the wild wind to be picked up by the ex-cited multitude. Oh, it seemed like some great funeral pile in which the wealth and glory of our land had leaped to burn with its consuming treasures. The heavens its consuming treasures. The heavens were blackened with whirlwinds of smoke gh which shot the long red shafts of

calamity.

Destruction waved its fiery banner from the remaining towers, and in the thunder of falling beams and in the roaring surge of billowing fire I heard the spirits of rum and desolation and woe clapping their hands and shouting, "Aha! aha!"

I turned and looked upon the white dome of yonder capitol, which rose through the frosty air as imposing as though all the white marble of the earth had come to resurrection and stood before us, reminding one of the great white throne of heaven. There it stood, unmoved by the terrors which that day had been kindled before it. No tremor in its majestic columns, no flush of excitement in its veins of marble. Column and capital and dome built to endure until the world and dome built to endure until the world itself shatters in the convulsions of the last earthquake. Oh, what a contrast between the smoking ruin on the one hand and that gorgeous white dream of architecture on the other! Well, the day speeds on when the grandest achievement of rear on when the grandest achievement of man will be consumed and the world will blaze. Down will go galleries of art and thrones of royalty and the hurricane of Ged's power will scatter even the ashes of con-sumed greatness and glory. Not one tower left not one city thronymed too conleft, not one city unconsumed, not one scene of grandeur to relieve the desola-tion. Forests dismasted, seas licked up, continents sunk, hemis, heres annihilated. Oh, the roar and thundering crash of that last conflagration! But from that ruin of a blazing earth we shall look up to see the temple of liberty and justice rising through the ages, white and pure and grand, unscarred and unshaken. Founded on the eternal rock and swelling domes of infinitude and glory in which nalleluliahs of heaven have their reverber-ation. No flame of human hate shall blacken its walls. No thunder of infernal wrath shall rock its foundations. By the upheld torches of burning worlds, we shall read it on column and architrave and throne of eternal dominion. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but truth and lib-erty and justice shall never pass away."

LABOR WORLD.

The German Empire in 1800 had 1330

strikes. A settlement of the woodworkers strike in Chicago is said to be assured In Tolede, Ohio, all of the city de partments are working under the eight

Miners at the Simpson coal mines it Lafayette, Col., have struck for higher wages.

The International Jewelry Workers' Union has organized a branch with 100 members at Philadelphia.

The Cigar Makers' International Union now has a membership of over 34,000 and is growing rapidly.

The servant girls of Minneapolis. Minn., are being organized into a unto by the trades and labor council of the elty.

The products of American work shops experied during the nine months ended September 30 last, were valued at \$338,678,243.

So great is the boom in the pattern making branch of the iron-working in dustry that employers literally have had to hunt for workmen.

SABBATH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 23.

Subject : Christmas Lesson, Matt. II., 1-11 - Golden Text: II. Cor. ix., 15 -Memory Verses, 4-6 - Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

1. "When Jesus was born." The date I. When Jeans was born. The date of the birth of Christ is uncertain, but the generally accepted date is December 25, B. C. 5. He was born four years before the time from which we count His birth. in our common reckening. "In Bethle-hem of Judea." To distinguish it from Bethlehem in Galilee, mentioned in Joshua 19:15. "In the days of Herod." Herod the Great. He was an Edomite, and, although a proselyte to the Jewish religion, was notorious for his wickedness and cruelty. He reigned thirty seven years and cruerly. He reigned thirty-seven years in Judea, and died a few months after the birth of Christ. "Wise men." Or magi. Much learned and interesting discussion has arisen with respect to the "wise men" and the "star." Augustine and Chrysostom say there were twelve magi, but the common belief in that there were the common belief is that there were but three. "From the East." Perhaps from Media or Persia, or, possibly, from Arabia. 2. "King of the Jews." There was at

this time a general expectation through out the East that one would be born in Judea who should possess universal do-minion. This was a title unknown to the earlier history of Israel and applied to no one except the Messiah. It reappears in the inscription over the cross, "His star," Many interpreters, especially those who seek to climinate the supernatural, explain the "star," or "sidereal appearance," by a conjunction of Jupiter and Satura, which occurred in May, B. C. 7, and again in De-rember with Mars added. It is, however, much more in harmony with all the facts to believe that the star which attracted to believe that the star which attracted the attention of the mag, was supernatural. "In the East," In the country east of Palestine, from whence they came, "To worship Him," God had influenced these wise men to take this journey to find and pay their homage to the Saviour.

3. "Had heard these things," The magi had created no small stir by their inquiries, which immediately attracted the

inquiries, which immediately attracted the attention of the king. "Was troubled." Herod, now sunk into the jealous decrepitude o. his savage old age, was residing in his new palace on Zion, when, half maddened as he was already by the crimes of his past career, he was thrown into a fresh paroxysm of alarm and anxiety by the visit of these magi, hearing the visit of these magi, bearing the strange intelligence that they had come to wor-ship a new-born king. Herod feared a rival. "All Jerusalem with him." Fear-

rival. "All Jerusalem with him." Fearing that he would make this an occasion of renewing his acts of bloodshed.

4. "The chief priests." This expression probably comprehends the acting high priest and his deputy. "Scribes." The scribes were the learned interpreters of the Mosaic law, and the collectors of the traditions of the elders. Many of them, were Pharisees. "Demanded of them," Because they would be most likely to know. "Where the Christ should be born" (R. V.) The wise men had said nothly to know. "Where the Christ should be born" (R. V.) The wise men had said noth ing about the Christ or the Messiah but only about the King of the Jews. Bu Herod saw that this king must be the ex-pected Messiah.

"By the prophet." Micah 5: 2. Matthew does not quote the exact words found in Micah, but the sense is given They did not need to take a long time to search out the answer to Herod's ques-

search out the answer to Herod's question, for it was an accepted truth that the Messiah must come from Bethlehem.

6. "Thou Bethlehem." Bethlehem signifies the house of bread, the fittest place for Him to be born in whom is the true bread which came down from heaven. "Art in no wise least" (R. V.) Micah says, "Though 1-ou be little among the thousands of Judais, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel." "The princes." "The thousands." Micah 5-2. The tribe had been subdivided into thousands, and over been subdivided into thousands, and over each subdivision there was a chieftain or prince. "A governor." To control and rule. "Which shall be shepherd" (R. V.) To feed and care for, as a shepherd his

desired to keep the time of his birth as secret as possible lest the Jews, who hated him, should take occasion to rebel. A short time before this 6000 Pharisees had refused to take the oath of allegiance to him. "Inquired of them diligently," Learned of them carefully, (R. V.)

8. "He sent them." He assumed con-rol, but they followed the directions of the Lord. "Search diligently." Herod the Lord. "Search diligently." Hero was honest in making this charge to them he greatly desired to receive definite work reoncerning the new King. "And worship Him also." What hypocrisy! He only wished to find out the Child in order to murder It (vs. 13, 16); he was crafty and murder It (vs. 13, 16); he was crafty and subtle, stying one thing and meaning ar-other. But God did not permit but to carry out his purpose. The wire men, warned of God in a dream, returned an-other way, and Joseph, warned in the same manner, took the young Child and Its mother and fled to Egypt.

1ts mother and fled to Egypt.

9. "The star—went before them." The same star which they had seen in their own country now again appears. The star had disappeared for a time, and this led them to inquire in Jerusalem for the young King whom they sought. Extraordinary helps are not to be expected where ordinary means are to be had, but now they had traced the matter as far as they could, and were at a loss what to do. But they believed God, and He who had led them thus far still continued to their steps. "Stood over." This should settle the matter that the star was super-natural. We will honor God by believing This should His word. The star pointed out the very

"They rejoiced." The Greek is very 10. "They rejoiced." The Greek is very emphatic. They rejoiced exceedingly, because they saw they were about to find the child, and because they had such unnistalcable proof of being in divine order.

11. "Into the house." They had left the stable that they were forced to temporarily occupy at the time of Christ's birth (Luke 2:7), and were living in a house. "Fell down." They prostrated themselves before this according to the Eastern cusbefore Him according to the Eastern cus-tom. "Gifts." The people of the East did not approach into the presence of kings without bringing them presents. The cus-tom still prevails in many places. "Gold," etc. Gold would always be useful, while frankincense and myrrh were prized for their delicious fragrance. their delicious fragrance.

Horse Is Stage Struck, A hansome usually stands at the

corner of Broadway and 29th street where passengers wait for the crosstown cars. They always have to wait and so have time to make friends with an intelligent hansom horse, who feigns to be asleep until he is patted on the nose, when he comes back to earth apparently with a stagy start The fact is that the theatrical neigh borhood in which the cab has its stand has affected the horse and has taught him to dissimilate. He has become such a pet with waiting passengers that they carry sugar and apples in their pockets with which to feed him He never refuses anything. He calmly consumes a \$4 bunch of violets, finishing to the last inch of ribbon, and would doubtless eat the pin that has held the bunch if it were offered to him. He also cats cigarettes, artificial flowers, candles, peanuts and theater programs.-New York Sun.

He that cannot forgive others break the bridge over which he must pass

CAUSES THAT MAKE FOR AND AGAINST NEW FASHIONS.

How the New Modes Are Created-Influence of American Ideas and Demands Upon Parisian Productions-Inartistic

Innovations No Longer Accepted. Fashions and styles are never formed 'out of thin air;" they are always brought into being from a definite

cause or for a certain purpose. Just why a mode is born is rarely thought of by the majority of producers and wearers, especially on this side

Some of the fashions of bygone days reached us in so concrete a form and were so directly related to the influences that gave them birth that their origin was unmistakable. In more recent days we have had to thank the French stage for the majority of new forms. Going back, we readily recall the advent of Lohengrin, of La Tosca, of Cleopatra, and of a variety of Bernhardt ideas, reaching from hat to shoe and comprising every article of wear, including even accessories and jew-

The world had been satisfied for so cosmopolitan and high-pressure existence as the birthplace of all that was particularly interesting in art and style that the habit became second nature. Paris was regarded by the too enthusiastic and possibly not ever-intelligent buyer of other countries, as well as America, as the only birthplace of style-the only centre where ideas of value took a concrete form. For many years the entire world accepted Parisian dictates, unpractical, grotesque even, as they sometimes were, without a murmur.

Thus the American buyer of former lation behind him, ready to take even or merits of style or merchandise. All was an exhibition of the merchandise. So the question of style-real style and real taste-was an unimportant one, except with a limited portion of the population of our greater cities-people who really "knew a thing or two."

The tendency of such a period was eatirely guided by the whim and fancy of foreign manufacturers, who founded their ideas upon historic precedents and traditions rather than upon necessity, progress and good judgment. There were always recurring periods for each class of merchandise. For instance, the whole world was eager dur ing the days of the Second Empire to adopt anything French, and readily acceded to the undoubted supremacy of French fashion ideas.

The French taste of that period was decidedly erratic and anything but practical or artistic. But it was the only taste, the only authority of the day, Paris then being the centre of the world in dead earnest, the centre to which all eyes and minds turned as the source of all that was truly beautiful and inspired. The consequence was that the chignon, the hoopskirt or crinoline and other monstrosities were easily foisted upon an eager world, to the great profit of shrewd French manufacturers and dealers.

Then followed styles in which untold yards of goods were draped into the costume, simply to make a greater feast for French woolen and silk man-

The form or figure of the wearer was rarely considered in these mat Women had little to say about the numerous disguises and freakish arrangements which were heaped upon them, and which only extreme grace and artistic sense permitted of being worn successfully, even in Paris

Think of transplanting to America, with its then unpaved streets and peculiar conditions, styles contrived only Yet every woman, poor and rich, from end to end of our broad States, had water-power.-New York Post. her chignon, and fat women waddled through the foot-deep mud of Western cities holding up their hoop skirts.

Then followed another era of idiocy -the bustle and pad period. Great extensions in the back composed of wire with horse hair pads at the top, holding straight out voluminous draperies. This was the last quiver of dying slav ery to fashion. Of course, women rebelled, men swore, and people of sense, born under American freedom, began to think and determine. Still, accustomed as they were to take fashion religiously, as a doctrine handed down to them by certain authorities at home and abroad, the idea of departing from the faith was regarded as little short of treason or heresy, No woman of twenty years ago would have thought of expressing her own opinion or suggesting the form of dress uited to ber wants. She took fashion plates as if they were edicts. The dressmaker's advice was followed as closely and as carefully as that of the physician.

Even to-day the smart woman be lieves in her dressmaker, especially if she has a good dressmaker to believe in. But in these days she took all kinds of medicine, whether it suited her case or not, as far as dress was

America changed all this. The free dom of expression, the education and courage of its women, and the great mercantile sense of its men soon in sisted upon more practical forms for American consumption. The unneces sary, the tawdry, the meaningless were eliminated from dress so suddenly and ruthlessly as to astonish the entire manufacturing world. Frenkish things found few admirers and no sale The style of Paris had to be practical. graceful, artistic, beautiful, attractive and suited to the occasion or it did not

Then, by and by, the French dressmaker began to learn a few things from his wealthy American customer who visited him in Paris. He found the American woman an attractive, graceful, magnificent creature, full of

THE ORIGIN OF STYLES spirit and a clear knowledge of what she wanted and liked.

Usually the possessor of a figure, and proud of it, this customer demanded simpler styles, smoother outlines, freedom of movement and some artistic reason for the embellishment of her costume. The Frenchman is quick to learn. He takes his suggestions where he gets them, and from this American woman and the American buyer-whom the American woman had already educated at home -he began to formulate a new set of more severe, more simple, yet most attractive garments, whose lines the whole world, including Paris itself, has willingly followed.

So Paris, with its little circle of un crowned kings and queens of the costume and millinery world, is still the royal centre of style. But the monarchy is no longer absolute. No longer do tyrannical mandates issue to be accepted or tolerated by a long-suffering and patient army of slaves the world over.

Woman to-day has a vote that receives consideration in every atelier and workroom at home and abroad, Paris listens intently for the voice of the woman, and eagerly watches for her expression of pleasure or dissatismany years to look to Paris and its faction at the presentation of each new robe and gown.-Dry Goods Econ-

RAPID GROWTH OF CITIES.

Revelations of the Last Census-Where

the Increase is Most Marked. The rapid growth of the cities of the New England and Middle Atlantic States is, perhaps, the most striking revelation that has yet been made by the twelfth decennial census. Of the 159 cities of the country having a population of more than 25,000, about eighty had made a greater numerical gain in the ten years just closed than days, with an eager, consuming popu- in the ten years preceding. Since it goes without saying, also, that about ridiculous merchandise at a profit, the same number grew faster than the needed to know so little that he falled average-32.5 per cent.-it is interestto make a study either of necessities ling to ascertain that a study of the bulletin where these cities are, conthat was necessary to insure a sale sidered by sections. This study affords an admirable test of urban growth, and reveals in a striking manner the remarkable progress of the northeastern part of the country. Of the eleven cities in the South At-

lantle group of States only three grew faster than the average for the country. These were Atlanta, Norfolk and Jacksonville. In the South Central region only seven out of eighteen grew faster than the average. In the Western group there were six out of twelve In the North Central group, compris ing the States north of the Ohio, most of the old free States, with the addition of Missouri, twenty-two cities out of forty-eight made more than average progress. With the country thus divided into five great sections, none of the four so far mentioned shows a group of cities in which more than half were growing faster than 32.5 per cent, in a decade of years. The remaining section is the North Atlantie; in it forty-two out of seventy cities have grown faster than the country's average. In Connecticut all five of the cities of more than 25,000 inhabitants made a showing above the avernge. In New Jersey seven out of ten were above the average; in Pennsylvania, eleven out of eighteen; Maine, one out of one-Portland: fo Rhode Island, three out of three, and in Massachusetts, eleven out of twen-

It should be borne in mind that the actual growth of the cities in the North Central region was faster, owing to the presence of a few cities on the reat lakes; but the number of cities to show this tendency was, as already indicated, less than in the North At-

lantle States. The stagnant cities were in eastern Nebraska, northern Michigan, and at the headwaters of the Hudson. Omaha, Lincoln and Sioux City belong to the first group, Saginaw and Bay City to the second, and Troy and Albany to the third. As a general rule, the for the acme of metropolitan existence. cities have grown faster in the regions of coal-beds or of well-utilized

Warships Are All But Unsinkable

The fact that the Yosemite, which was wrecked in a typhoon off the coast of Guam, after having her bows stove in, her stern battered and her bottom torn, remained affoat for two days bears out the statement recently made by Lieutenant-Commander Kelly that a modern war ship is practically unsinkable, unless her bottom is ripped open.

The iron bulkheads cut up such vessel's hold into many water tight compartments, which gives the ship buoyancy, though the water comes in in various places.

An even better example of this was the cruiser Maria Theresa, which was floated after being sunk at Santiago and abandoned in a big storm as it was being towed to the United States. The Spanish ship was thought to be sinking then, but it floated five hundred miles after being abandoned, finally going ashore on Cat Island.

Duke Rebuked His Aldermen. The governments which make of London several cities within a city have been organized. The Duke of Norfolk, as Mayor of Westminster, presided over the city fathers who govern that section of the metropolis. A continuous raising and lowering of hands is necessary in electing committees, and some members flagged pal-

"I wish," remarked the Ducal Mayor sternly, "that some of you gentlemen wouldn't scratch your noses with the same hands you hold up for me to count."

Thereafter the city fathers went through their manual exercises with the smartness of guards at drill.-London Correspondence New York Sun,

A New Use For Bagpipes. A new use for the bagpipes has been found by a Scottish Highlander, who owns a sheep farm in a mountainous district of California, and is in the habit almost daily of playing his pipes all over the ground. The skirling has had the happy effect of scaring eagles graceful, magnificent creature, full of nerve, chic as any Frenchwoman, possessing natural grace and real personal beauty, as well as an independence of even attacked wown shoen.

A Suggestion for 1984. We would suggest to the brethren

change of subject. quadrennial meeting of Olympian games will be held in the United States during that year. It is as yet uncertain whether the scene be in New York or Chicago. Wherever the games are held we can find in their anticipation more enjoyment than in the contemplation of a

political campaign. The game's the thing.

Mrs. Wiggles-Did you have a good time at the Watsons playing whist last Waggles-We had a perfectly

ovely time. Mrs. Wiggles-Which beat?

Mrs. Waggles-Well, we didn't he whole evening talking about ou

The Night Wind stirs uneasily. "Why do you croon?" asked the Owl in fretful cadence.

"Well, I have to do something that rhymes with moon, of course?" sighs the Night Wind. There is poetry in nature.

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