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### REV. DR. TALMAGE.

THE EMINENT DIVINE'S SUNDAY DISCOURSE.

Subject: The Mission of Christ - It Was to Teach the World That God is Love - The Sympathy and Compassion of the Almighty Kipg.

(Copyright 1991) WASHINGTON, D. C.—In this discourse by Talmage describes in a new way the crifices made for the world's disentralisent and deliverance.

16, "God is love."

ment and deliverance. His text is I. John iv. 16, "God is love."

Perilous undertaking would it be to attempt a comparison between the attributes of God. They are not like a mountain range, with here and there a higher peak, nor like the ocean, with here and there a reafounder depth. We cannot measure infinities. We would not dare vay whether His omnipotence or conjucience or omnipresence or immutability or wisdom or instice or love is the creater attribute. But the one mentioned in my text makes deeper impression upon methan any other. It was evidently a very old man who wrote the chapter from which I take the text. John was not in his dotage, as Professor Eichborn asserted, but you can tell by the repetitions in the coastle and the rambling style, and that he called grown people "little children," that the anthor was probably an ectogenarion. Yet Paul, in middiffe mysterize an anchence of Athenian critics on Mars Hill, said nothing stronger or more important than did the venerable John when he wrote the three words of my text. "God is love."

Indeed, the older one gets the more her

Indeed, the older one gets the more he appreciates this attribute. The harshness and the combativeness and the severity have sone out of the old man, and he is more lenient and, aware of his own faults, is more disposed to make excuses for the faults of others, and he frequently ejaculates. "Toor human nature!" The young minister negacied three regnons on the justice of God and one on the love of God, but when he got old he avacabed three sermons on the lave of God and one on the justice of God.

Far back in the efermities there came a

the justice of God.

Far back in the eternities there came a time when God would express one emotion of His nature which was yet unexpressed. He had made more worlds than were seen by the ancients from the top of the Egyptian pyramid, which was used as an observatory, and more worlds than modern astronomy has catalogued or descried through te.escopic lens. All that showed the Lord's almightiness, but it gave no demonstration of His love. He might make fifty Saturns and 100 Jupiters and not demonstrate an instant of love. That was an unknown passion and the secret of the universe. It was a suppressed emohe universe. It was a suppressed emo-ion of the great God. But there would tion of the great God. But there would come a time when this passion of miniteleve would be declared and filturrated. God would veil it no longer. After the clock of many centuries had rin down and worlds had been born and demolished, on a comparatively obscure star a race of human beings would be born and who, though so bountfully provided for that they ought to have behaved themselves well, went into insurrection and conspiracy and recolt and war-finite against infinite, weak arm against thunderbolt, man against God.

If high intelligences backed down and

If high intelligences looked down and If high intelligences looked down and saw what was going on, they must have prophesied extermination—complete extermination—of these offenders of Jehovah. But, no! Who is that coming out of the throncroom of beaven? Who is that coming out of the palaces of the external? It is the Son of the Emperor of the universe. Down the stairs of the high heavens He comes till He reaches the cold are of a December picht in Palestine, and of a December picht in Palestine, and ens He comes till He reaches the cold arof a December night in Palestine, and
amid the bleatings of sheep and the lowing of cattle and the mouning of camels,
and the banter of the herdemen, takes His
first sleep on earth, and for thirty-three
years invites the wandering race to return
to God and happiness and heaven. They
were the longest thirty-three years everknown in heaven. Among many high intelwere the longest thirty-three years ever-known in heaven. Among many high intel-ligences what impatience to get Him back? The infinite Father looked down and saw His Son slapped and spit on and supportess and homeless, and then, amid horrors that made the noonday heavens turn black in the face, His body and soul parted. And all for what? Why, allow the Crown Prince to come on such an er-rand and endure such sorrow and die such and and endure such sorrow and die such

It was because "God is love Now, there is nothing beautiful in a shipwreck. We go down to look at the battered and split hulk of an old ship on the Long Island or New Jersey coast. It excites our interest. We wonder when excites our interest. We wonder when and how it came ashore, and whether it was the recklessness of a pilot or a storm before which nothing could bear up. Human nature wrecked may interest the inhabitants of other worlds as a curiosity, but there is nothing lovely in that which has foundered on the rocks of sin and sorrow. Yet it was in that condition of moral break up that heaven moved to the rescue. It was loveliness hovering over rescue. It was loveliness hovering over deformity. It was the lifeboot putting out into the surf that atten pted its demoli-

into the surf that attenuted its demolition. It was harmony pitung discord. It was a living God putting His arms around a recreant world.

The schoolmen deride the idea that God has emotion. They think it would be a divine weakness to be stirred by any earthly spectacle. The God of the learned Bruch and Schleiermacher is an infinite intelligence without feeling, a cold and cheerless divinity. But the God we worship is one of sympathy and compassion and helpfulness and affection. "God is love"

In all the Bible there is no more con-In all the Bible there is no more consolatory statement. The very less people have in their lives occurrences inexplicable. They are bereft or persecuted or improverished or invalided. They have only one child, and that dies, while the next door neighbor has seven children, and they are all spared. The unfortunates buy at a time when the market is rising, and the day after the market falls. At a time when they need to feel the best for the discharge of some duty they are seized with physical collapse. Trying to do a the discharge of some duty they are seized with physical collapse. Trying to do a good and honest and useful thing, they are suisrepresented and useful as if they but practiced a villainy. There are people who all their lives have suffered injustices. Others of less talent, with less consecration, go on and up, while they go on and lown. There are in many lives riddles that have never been explained, heartbreaks that have never been healed. Go to that man or that woman with philosophic explanation, and your attempt at comfort will be a failure, and you will make matters worse instead of making them better. But let the occanic tide of the text roll in that soul, and all its losses and disasters will be submerged with blessing, and the sufferer will say, "I cannot understand the reason for my troubles, but I will some day understand. And they do not come by accident. God allows them to come, and 'God is love."

But for this divine feeling I think our world would long ago have been demolished. Just think of the organized wickedness of the nations! See the abominations continental! Behold the false religions that hoist Mohammed and Buddha and Confucius! Look at the Koran and the Shastra and the Zend-Avesta, that would crowd out of the world the Holy Scriptures! Look at war, digging its trenches for the dead across the hemispheres. See the great cities with their holacaust of destroyed manhood and wonauhood! What blasphemics assai the heavens! What butcheries sicken the canturies! What processions of crime and atrocity and wos encircle the globe! If institute had spoken, it would have said: "They world deserves annihilation, and let annihilation come." If immutability had spoken, it would have said: "I have disched the planet walk heavens, and all comporehousive inspection, and I cannot have the offense longer continued." If truth had scoken it would have said: "I leclare that they who offend the law must go down on for the law," the law must go down on for the law," the law must go down on for the law," the law must go down on for the law, the law must go down on for the law," the law must go down on for the law, the law must go down on for the law, the law must go down on for the law, the law must go down on for the law, the law must go down on for the law, the law must go down on for the law, the law must go down on for the law, the law must go down on for the law, the law must go down on for the law, the law must go down on for the law, the law must go down on for the law, and all cannot be a different view of law of the law must go down on for the law, and all cannot be a different view of law of the law must go down on for the law in the law was a firm of the law must go down on for the law in the law was a firm of the law of the law must go down on for the law of nd 'God is love.'"
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the world's obduracy and pollution. It said: "I pity all those woes of the earth. I cannot stand here and see no assuagement of those sufferings. I will so down and reform the world. I will medicate its wounds. I will ealm its frenzy. I will wash off its pollution. I will become in carnstol. I will take on My shoulders and upon My brow and into My heart the consequences of that world's misbehavior. I start now, and between My arrival at Bethlehem and My assent from Olivet I will ween their tears and suffer their griefs and die the death. Farewell, My throne, My crown, My sceptre, My angelic entiremundnt, My heaven, till I have finished the work and come back!" God was never conquered but once, and that was when He was conquered by His own love. "God is love."

In this day, when the creeds of churches are being revised, let more emphasis be

In this day, when the creeds of churches are being revised, let more emphasis be put upon the thought of my text. Let it appear at the beeinning of every creed and at the close. The ancients used to tell of a great midary chieftain who, about to go to battle, was clad in armor, belmet on head and sword at side, and who put out his arms to give farewell embrace to his child, and the child, affrighted at his appearance, ran shricking away. Then the father put off the armor that caused the alarm, and the child saw who he was and ran into his arms and snuggled against the alarm, and the child saw who me and ran into his arms and snuggled against his heart. Creeds must not have too much his heart. ins nearl. Creeds must not have too much iron in their make up, terrorizing rather than attracting. They must not hide the smiling face and the warm heart of our Father. God. Let nothing imply that there is a sheriff at every door ready to make arrest, but over us all and around us all a mercy that wants to save and save

Il one paragraph of the ereed seems to take you, like a child, out of the arms of father, let the next paragraph put you in the arms of a mother. "As one whom his mother comforteth so will I comfort you." Oh, what a mother we have in God! And my text is the lullaby song to eft or when we curselves lie down to the ast sleep. We feel the warm cheek of the pother against our cheek, and there sounds n if the hush of many mothers, "God in

Out of vasi sternity He looked forward and saw Pilate's criminal courtroom and the rocky bluff with three crosses and the lacerated body in mortnary surroundings, and heard the thunders toll at the funeral of heaven's favorite, and understood that the palaces of eternity would hear the sorrow of a bereft God.

What do the Bible and the church liturges mean when they say, "He descended into hell?" They mean that His soil left His sacred body for awhile and went down into the prison of moral night and swing back its great door and lifted the ciain of cantivity and felt the awful lash that would have come down on the world's back, and wept the tears of an eternal sacritice, and took the bolt of divine indignation against sin into Himself and, havation against sin into Himself and, have and came up, having achieved an eternal

and came up, having achieved an eternal reserve it we will accept it.

Read it slowly, read it solemnly, read it with tears, "He descended into hell." He knew what kind of pay Me would get for exchanging celestial splendor for Bethlebem caravansary, and He dared all and came, the most illustrious example in all the ages of disinterested love.

Yea, it was most expensive love. There is much human love that costs nothing, nothing of fatigue, nothing of money, moting of sacrifice, nothing of burnilation.

ing of sacrifice, nothing of humilation. But the most expensive movement that the heavens ever made was this expedition

the heavens ever made was this expedition salvatory. It cost the life of a King.

It put the throne of God in bereavement. It set the universe aghast. It made omipotence weep and bleed and shudder. It taxed the resources of the richest of all empires. It meant angelic forces detailed to fight forces demoniac. It put three worlds into sharp collision—one world to save, another to resist and another to destroy. It charged on the spears and rang stroy. It charged on the spears and rang with the battleaxes of human and diabolic

ate: Had the expedition of love been de Had the expedition of love been de-icated the throne of God would have fall-en, and Satan would have mounted into supremacy, and sin would have forever triumphed; and mercy would have been forever dead. The tears and blood of the martyr of the heavens were only a part of the infinite expense to which the Godhead went when it proposed to save the world. Alexander the Great, with his host, was marging on Jerusalem to capture and

Alexander the Great, with his host, was marching on Jerusalem to capture and plunder it. The inhabitants came out clothed in white, led on by the high priest, wearing a miter and glittering hreastplate on whice was emblazoned the name of God, and Alexander, seeing that word, bowed and halted his army, and the city was saved.

And if we had the love of God written in all our hearts and on all our lives and on all our banners at the sight of it the hosts of temptation would fall back, and we would go on from victory unto victory until we stand in Zion and before God. Leander swam across the Hellespont guided by the light which Hero the fair heid from one of her tower windows, and

guided by the light which Hero the fair held from one of her tower windows, and what Hellesponts of earthly struggles can we not breast as long as we can see the torch of divine love held from the tower windows of the King! Let love of God to us and our love to God clasp hands this minute. O ye dissatisfied and distressed souls who roam the world over looking for happiness and finding none, why not try this love of God as a solace and inspir-ation and eternal satisfaction? When a king was crossing a desert in earayan, no king was crossing a desert in earavan, no water was to be found, and man and beast water was to be found, and man and beast were perishing from thirst. Along the way there were strewn the bones of cara-vans that had preceded. There were harts or reindeer in the king's procession, and some one knew their keen scent for water and cried out, "Let loose the harts or rein-deer." It was done and as cover seen and cried out, 'Let loose the harts or rein-deer." It was done, and no sooner were these creatures loosened than they went scurrying in all directions looking for water, and soon found it, and the king

water, and soon found it, and the king and his caravan were saved, and the king wrote on some tablets the words, which he had read some time before. "As the hart panteth after the water brooks so panteth my soul after Thee, O God."

Some have compared the love of God to the ocean hus the comparison fails, for the ocean has a shore, and God's love is houndless. But if you insist on comparing the love of God to the ocean put on that ocean four swift sailing craft and let one sail to the north and one to the south and one to the east and one to the west. and one to the east and one to the west, and let them sall on a thousand years, and after that let them all return, and some one hall the fleet and ask them if they have found the shore of God's love, and their four voices would respond: "No shore! No shore to the ocean of God's mercy!"

#### SPORTING BREVITIES.

Amos Rusie, the famous pitcher, has signed with Cincinnati for next year, The Royal Canadian Yacht Club wants the Canada Cup races next year held before the America's Cup

There is a deficit of nearly \$12,000 in the athletic account of the Athletic Association of the University of Penn-

Jockey Sloan said he would not at-tempt to ride in the United States until his case has been finally settled by English Jockey Club.

The probable resignation of President W. B. Thomas, of the United States Golf Association, is causing un-

usual comment in golfing circles. Four New Jersey bockey elubs, the Montclair, South Orange, Crystal Lake and Short Hills hockey clubs, have formed the New Jersey Hockey

Golf as a winter sport may not have the attractiveness of the midsunmer game, but there are several prominent blubs near New York City which have stamped their approval on cold weath-

#### THE SABBATH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 30.

Seriew of the Fourth Quarier, Luke xiv., 7-11; Titus ii., 11-15 - Golden Text: Thou Crownest the Year With Thy Goodness, Psn. Ixv., 11.

Introduction,—The lessons during the purities have extended over about four months of Christ's life. Especial prominence has been given to the parables of our Lord. The last lesson in the regneral larly connected life of Christ is the rersion of Zaccheus, which took place a few days before the Passover, where Jesus was crucified. The Christmas les-son again takes us back to Christ's birth. an event which was as important as any in the history of the world.

Summary.-Lesson I. Topic: Humility Place: In Perca, near Bethabara, Jesus goes to dine with a Pharisee; He is watched; heals a man of the dropsy on the Sabbath; answers their reasoning— they would pull a beast out of the pit on the Sabbath; speaks parable on humility choose lowest seat; feed the poor.

II. Topic: Calling the Lost, Place: Same ts Lesson I. The remark by one of the table that he who eats bread in the king dom of God will be blessed; Jesus speaks parable; great supper; many bidden; all make excuse; have bought ground, and oxen, and married a wife, these cannot come; servants sent to the streets and

then to the highways.

III. Topic: Seeking the Lost. Place: Perex.

The publican and sinners draw near to Christ to hear His teachings; the Pharisees and scribes murmur because He re-ceives them and eateth with them. Jesu vindicates His course by means of two parables. They would seek a lost sheep: a woman would seek a lost comrejoicing when sinners repent.

IV. Topic: God's Love for the Lost Place: Same as Lesson III. A certain man had two sons. The younger called for portion of the inheritance; took all oods; went into a far county; wasted his ubstance with harlots; a great famine; want; feeding awine; der des to return home; is seen and met by hos father; the boy is elothed; a feast is made; there is

great rejoicing. V. Topie: True Wisdom. Place: Persa. A certain rich man had a steward wh wasted his goods. He called the steward and demanded an account of his steward ship. Before the steward was dismisse he called his lord's debtors and mad them his friends by giving each a portion of what he owed. We should make friends by the right use of our earthly posses-

VI. Topic: Character Determining Destiny. Place: Same as Lecton V. rich man, gorgeously ciothed and favir sumptuously; a beggar covered with sore both die: Lagarus is carried by angels Abraham's boson; the rich man is burie in hell he sees Abraham, asks for water, a gulf separates them; asks that Lazarus may be sent to warn his brothren; the reest refused; the Scriptures are suffic

to lead to repentance.
VII. Topic: Glorifying God. Place:
On the border between Samara and Galilee. Jesus was journeying toward Jerusalem; ten leprous men meet Him; they call for mercy; He sends them to the priests; as they go they are cleaned; o-a Samaritan-turns back; with a lo voice gives God the glory; falls on his face at Jesus feet; Jesus asks. Where are the nine? the returned one is saved by

Paul wrote from Macedonia to Titus, who was in Crete. Titus is to preach sound doctrine; aged men are to be solar aged women are to live holy lives; your women are to love their husbands a children and be keepers at home; you men are to be sober-minded; servants a to obey; Titus is to be an example; sal-tion is brought; Christ has redeemed tion is brought; Christ has redeemed it.
The gospel is a great teacher, and lear
no doubt as to our duty. We are (1)
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IX. Topic: Seeking Eternal Life. Plac
Probably in Perea. A rich young rul
came running to Jesus and asked what
must do to inherit eternal life. Jes

must do to inherit eternal life. Jes said, Keep the commandments. He aske Which? Jesus mentioned several; young man had kept these; he asked wit he still lacked; sell what you have as give to the poor; went away sorrowfu the rich are saved with great difficult But, difficult as it is, they may be say if they will do what Christ asked th young man to do. No one need expect to gain eternal life unless he is willing to turn himself, with all his possessions, over to Christ. There are no favorites with God.

X. Topic: Asking and Receiving, Place Jericho, A great number of people; blind Bartimeus by the highway, begging; hears it is Jesus passing; calls loudly for mercy is rebuked by those standing mear; cric louder; his cries reach Jesus; He stops commands Bartimeus to be called; Barti

commands Bartimeus to be called; Bartimeus went; made known his request; Jesus heals him; his faith has made him whole; he follows Christ.

XI. Topic: Saving a Sinner. Pace-Jericho. Zaccheus was a rich publicup, who sought to see Jesus. He was small of stature and climbed into a tree. Jesus saw him and told him to come down. Lesus went to his house; the Jews mur-Jesus went to his house; the Jews mur-mured; Zaccheus truly repented; gave half of his goods to the poor; confessed his sins; restored fourfold; Jesus forgave and saved him; the Son of man came to

and saved him; the Son of man came to save the lost.

XII. Tonic: Wise Men Visiting Jesus Place: Bothlehem, Jesus horn in Rethle hem; wise men, led by a star, come from the East to Jerusalem; inquire for the King of the Jews; are come to worship Him; Herod troubled; calls chief priests and scribes and asks where Christ should be born; they say, In Bethlehem; Herod sends the wise men to Bethlehem, asking them to bring him word again; they go, again led by the star, and find Jesus; Jesus is worshiped and gifts presented.

Prince Eddy Gets His Salute.

An amusing incident occurred in the Wall the other morning, when a po lice constable on duty near James's palace suddenly became aware of the fact that a little boy, attired in a sailor costume and wearing a straw hat, was standing gazing up into his face with an air of somewhat astonished surprise. The po liceman, a former guardsman of great stature, glanced downward at the lad and then noticed that a few yards off some nurses in charge of other children were watching, laughingly. Instantly recognizing that this was the York house party in charge of the children of the Duke and Duchess of York, the constable gave the military salute, Prince "Eddy's" face immediately cleared, the salute was re turned with smart precision, and he scampered off to rejoin his brother, sister and guardians, highly delighted. -London Telegraph.

The postal service establishment of the United States is the greatest busi ness concern in the world. The rev enue of the postoffice of New York is more than \$8,000,000 yearly, with a net profit of \$5,000,000.

Much may be made of a Scotchman If he be caught young.-Samuel JohnTOOK CENTURIES TO BUILD.

Cologne Cathedral Was in Process of

While the first stone of Cologne cathedral was laid on August 15, 1248, and the body of the edifice was no opened until August 15, 1848, 600 years later to the very day, it was not, however, until August 15, 1880, that the splendid structure was finally reported completed, having thus occupied in building the record time of exactly 632

The castle of Kingsgoberg, which stands at the southern extremity of Jutland, took 204 years from the laying of the foundation stone to the rigging of its master's banner on its highest flagstaff. Its foundation stone was the skull of its builder's bitterest enemy. Three months after its laying Count Jhorsing, the builder of the castle, was then in swaddling clothes. He did not continue his father's work un til aged twenty-four.

On his twenty-fifth birthday he was thrown into prison by the son of the man whose skull lay in the earth as Kingsgoberg's foundation stone. In this manner master after master of Kingsgoberg was stopped putting another stone toward the completion of the founder's work till civilization in-

Between Perth and Kingussle, in Scotland, on the direct John e' Groats to Land's End road, stands Murthley Castle, a magnificent Elizabethan structure, designed in the early part of the present century. It is not likely to be finished, however, building experts declare, for at least another decade,

Only a few miles distant, on the same main road, is the vast unfinished palace of the Dukes of Athol. It was begun by the fourth Duke, who died in 1830, who planned it on the most sumptuous style. When completed it will be one of the finest private residences in the kingdom.

For over twenty years Lord Bute has been busy building a great mansion on the island of that name. It is not yet completed, nor likely to be for another ten years. At the end of that period Mount Stewart, as the place is to be called, will be one of the most gorgeous establishments in the world.

Restormel Castle, in Cornwall, took ninety years to build, of which period exactly one-third was occupied in excavating the foundations. The solid rock upon which it stands is almost as hard as iron. Indeed, "Restormel" means, in Cornish, "the palace of the Iron rock."

Milan cathedral was begun in 1386 and finished under Napoleon in 1805-419 venrs.

The Duomo at Florence was commenced by Arnulfo in the year 1294. the last block of marble being placed in position in the facade in presence of the king on May 12, 1887, a period of 593 years.-Stray Stories.

When the rains and sunshine of late March and early April have lowered and crumbled the snow, so that traveling again is possible, the moose and deer leave their yards to range the woods, feeding eagerly on the expanding buds and green plants that first appear in woodlands. The mouse sheds his lordly antiers, and thereafter, until the autumn finds them renewed. he keeps himself in retirement, shunning the company of his own kind and all other creatures. During the summer, while his budding new horns are yet in velvet, he lies secreted by day in some dense thicket, coming out at night to the still water reaches of stream and lake to feed upon lily-pads and aquatic grass. Here he remain through the hours of darkness, stand ing or lying in the water or swimming perhaps long distances to fresh feed ing-grounds. The cow moose and her calf are less wary, so far as fear of man is concerned, being protected by law from the hunter's rifle at all sea sons, but there are enemies in shape of hungry bears and wild-cats that compel her vigilantly to watch over her calf and sometimes to fight for its safety. She seems fully to realize her immunity from danger from man, and often displays great indifference to his presence. Throughout the summer she stays much of the time in the water of still streams and coves in lakes where water-grass and Hly-pads grow. with her calf lying in concealment on the bank, but never so far away but that she can come promptly to its resif danger threaten.-Harper's Weekly.

To the higher and better class of champions belongs Master Warner S. Hale, of Good Hope, Georgia. won the distinction in the field of industry as a picker of cotton. It happened on young Hale's sixteenth birthday, a few weeks ago. He celebrated the event by picking 732 pounds of cotton during the day, 407 in the first six hours and 325 in the following six thus brenking the world's record in this line. The young picker did not know at the time that he was galding such a distinction for himself. It was done very easily, he says, and he fel: no more tired that night than usua!. He proposes next year to raise the standard 150 pounds higher. A young man with such ambitions is bound a make a success of life.

Two New Words Coined. Two new words were brought into Kansas City by travelers lately. One taken from a poster somewhere is "laughlest." It was applied to a show and was merely a variation on "funniest," which has become too common for the average circus billboard writ-

The other new word is "mortician." It is a puzzler till one studies over is a while; then he becomes enlightened. It means "undertaker." But how eicgant! It is unto the plebeian "under taker" as "tonsorial artist" is to "barber," and even "funeral director" looks like a Canadian dime beside it. Who will be Hansas City's first "metician?"-Kansas City Journal.

Upon the farewell appearance of popular prima donna, a local paper jected in its report of the san following comforting paragraph louse was packed, and as it he positively announced that it unbounded."-Boston Couries

Testing the Co It is an axiom with street railroad men that people are willing to go to a surprising amount of trouble to "beat" the company out of the clusive nickel. A little old woman board-ed a northbound Columbus avenue car at Beaver street, the other day looked like a woman in comfortable circumstances, and, naturally enough the few passengers on the car very much surprised when she began to argue with the conductor about pay-ing her fare,
"I haven't got a cent, and must get to 108th street somehow," and the lit-tle old lady

tle old lady. "Pay or get off," replied the conduc-

"But," remonstrated the woman "you wouldn't put an old person like me off the car, would you? If I had the money I'd give it to you, but I haven't a cent, and I want to go to see

my sick sister-'Come, now," the conductor interrupted, "it's either pay or get off."

By this time the car had gone three blocks, and the passengers were begin-ning to grow interested. Still the little old lady temporized, and still the car sped along. Finally the conductor's

the woman get out. she revealed her little scheme "Good-by, Mr. Conductor," pleasantly, "and I'm very much obliged to you for the ride. I'm going to keep getting on and off cars till I get to Har

patience gave out, and, ringing the bel

savagely, he stopped the car and made

Cheap, ain't it?' Looking back the passengers saw the old lady hall the next car and climb aboard. The conductor frowned, and then he smiled.

"What do you think of that?" he

Something New in Cures.

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"I had been to my man's house and sed up a little deal that promised well. On my way home I was in a block of vacant lots when the cloud

'Cloud burst?" from a listener. "Yes, cloud burst! More water fell in five minutes than at any time since the deluge. I thought at first that a water main must have exploded. had to throw my umbrella away keep from drowning. I waded, floated. temporary rheumatism in both legs kept me from running. The first port I drifted into was a drug store and the storm quit as soon as I escaped.

"I hustled home and my wife im-mediately ordered me to take a big dose of quinine and whiskey. Five minutes later I hurried upstairs and had a catch-as-catch-can with myself, for every stitch on me stuck like a por ous plaster. I thought three or four times that I would lose the contest, but finally won out and soon had on a warm, dry suit.

"Now, you'd naturally think that after such an experience my rheumatism would be worse. Not a bit of it. I believe the confounded thing can be drowned, for I haven't felt a twinge since. But you can't tell, 'The fact that I tossed the quinine through the back window may have had something to do with it."

An Autumn I p'sode

There is one thing that particularly strikes me about your country," said the visiting real estate expert, "and that is your fine watershed." "Watershed!" exclaimed the local freeholder. "Seems to me more like bloodshed."

The expert turned a dubious giance ipon his companion and remarked:
'I don't quite understand you."

"You don't?" quietly retorted the freeholder. Then, pointing to the sumac-bordered defiles, he added: "Don't you see how nature's bleeding in her mountain cuts?" Comforts of Life in Kalamazoo

"Yes," said the man who was sitting out in front of a log house, "there is Do you suffer much from it?" "I don't suffer as much as I useter. When I'm havin' a chill, I think about how good an' warm I'll be when fever comes, an' when I have the fever I think about how cool the chill will be an' that way I manage to git right smart o' comfort."

Anglican Fietlon. in the fine old English novel, Harold protesting his unworthiness.
"You are wealthy!" he cries, desper-"Yours are these broad acres,

these oaks and vews-" The beautiful Betty interrupts him. "Does it follow necessarily that I have no yews for you?" she murmurs, blushing with the utmost violence Here everything goes, and the bulk of it substantially as merry as a mar-

Melbourne, Autralia, reports that a system of "electrics" are to be built, supplementing the cable railways, to act as feeders from the suburban dis-

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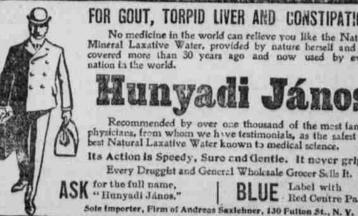
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