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best for all concerned to accept the out a tremor.

fact of Miss Thorne's escape, and-"

dent, whom we meet frankly as ene-

ingly; and there are others who op-

them and they for us, but purposes

words there is a personal enmity and

a political enmity. You, for instance,

might be a close personal friend of

the man whom you defeated for pres-

ident. There might"-he stopped sud-

ing may not be a severe one; it may

be less severe than the law would

provide; but it would be a personal

enters very largely into the case."

"Go on," urged the president.

He stopped.

the affair?"

and then:

Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, is at dinner with dipiomats when a messenger summons him to the embassy, where a beautiful young woman asks for a ticket to the embassy ball. The ticket is made out in the name of Miss Isabel Thorne. Chief Campbell of the secret service, and Mr. Grimm, his head detective, are warned that a plot is brewing in Washington, and Grimm goes to the state ball for information. His attention is called to Miss Isabel Thorne, who with her companion, disappears. A shot is heard and Senor Alvarez of the Mexican legation, is found wounded. Grimm is assured Miss Thorne did it; he visits her, domanding knowledge of the affair, and arrests Pietro Petroxiani. Miss Thorne visits an old bomb maker, and they discuss a wonderful experiment. Fifty thousand dollars is stolen from the office of Senor Rodriguez, the mislater from Venezuela, and while detectives are investigating the robbery Miss Thorne appears as a guest of the legation. Grimm accuses her of the theft; the money is restored, but a new mystery occurs in the disappears, bearing a letter which states that the ambassador. Elusive Miss Thorne reappears, bearing a letter which states that the ambassador from an old house in the suburbs. It is discovered that Pietro Petroxiani shot Senor Alvarez and that he is Prince d'Abruzzi. Grimm figures in a mysterious jail delivery. He orders both Miss Thorne and d'Abruzzi to leave the country, they are conveyed to New York and placed on a steamer but return. Grimm's coffee is drugged and upon regalining consciousness be finds a sympathetic note from Isabel Thorne. The conspirators against the government are located and their scheming is overheard. Grimm orders d'Abruzzi to destroy the unsigned compact. Isabel compels him to obey and is termed a traitress by the conspirators.

## CHAPTER XXIV .- (Continued.)

"I personally caused the destruction of the compact after several signatures had been attached," Mr. Grimm amended. "Throughout I have acted under the direction of Mr. Campbell, of course." "You were in very grave personal

danger?" the president went on. "It was of no consequence," said Mr. Grimm simply.

"You are certain, Mr. Grimm," and the president spoke with great deliberation, "you are certain that the representatives of the Latin countries have not met since and signed the

"I am not certain-no," replied Mr. Grimm promptly. "I am certain, however, that the backbone of the alliance was broken-its only excuse for existence destroyed-when they permitted me to learn of the wireless percussion cap which would have placed the navies of the world at their Believe me gentlemen, if mercy. they had kept their secret it would have given them dominion of the earth. They made one mistake," he added in a most matter-of-fact tone. They should have killed me; it was

The president seemed a little startled at the suggestion.

their only chance."

"That would have been murder," he remarked.

"True," Mr. Grimm asquiesced, "but It seems an absurd thing that they should have permitted the life of one man to stand between them and the world power for which they had so long planned and schemed. His Highness, Prince Benedetto d'Abruzzi believed as I do, and so expressed himself." He paused a moment; there was a hint of surprise in his manner. "I expected to be killed, of course. It seemed to me the only thing that could happen."

"They must have known of the farreaching consequences which would follow upon your escape, Mr. Grimm. Why didn't they kill you?"

Mr. Grimm made a little gesture with both hands and was silent; "May they not yet attempt it?" the president insisted.

"It's too late now," Mr. Grimm explained. "They had everything to in by killing me there as I stood in the room where I had interrupted the signing of the compact, because that would have been before I had placed the facts in the hands of my government. I was the only person outside of their circle who knew all of them. Only the basest motive could inspire them to attempt my life now."

There was a pause. The secretary deep set eyes.

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Do I understand that you placed a that is, you detained them?" he

queried. "If so, where are they now?" entered an automobile together, and tion which made the Latin compact then as we were starting away I re- possible, isn't it?" membered something which made it necessary for me to re-enter the who nodded. ouse. When I came out again, just a prince and Miss Thorne had gone."

The secretary's lips curied down in disapproval "Wasn't it rather unsual, to put it

their own devices that way?" he

"Well, yes," Mr. Grimm admitted. But the circumstances were unusual. isn't it?" When I entered the house I had lockd a man in the cellar. I had to go back to save his life, otherwise-" "Oh, the guard at the door, you

mean " came the interruption, "Who

Mr. Grimm glanced at his chief, who

'It was Mr. Charles Winthrop Rankin of the German embassy," said the "Mr. Rankin of the German embas-

sy was on guard at the door?" demanded the president quickly. Yes. We got out safely,"

And that means that Germany

The president paused and startled glances passed around the table. After a moment of deep abstraction the secretary went on:

"80 Miss Thorne and the prince es-Are they still in this coun- upon Chief Campbell. this affair?" he demanded. "This Miss Thorne. Who is she?"

"Who is she?" repeated the chief. "She's a secret agent of Italy, one of the most brilliant, perhaps, that has ever operated in this or any other country.

The brows of the secretary of war were drawn down in thought as he turned to the president.

"Mr. Grimm was speaking of the personal equation," he remarked pointedly. "I think perhaps his meaning is clear when we know there is a woman in the case. We know that Mr. Grimm has done his duty to the last inch in this matter; we know that alone and unaided, practically, he has done a thing that no living "That I don't know," replied Mr. man of his relative position has ever done before-prevented a world-w Grimm. He stood silent a moment, staring at the president. Some subtle But there is further danger-he him change crept into the listless eyes, self has called out attention to itand his lips were set. "Perhaps I had therefore, I would suggest that Mr. better explain here that the personal Grimm be relieved of further duty in equation enters largely into an affair this particular case. This is not a of this kind," he said at last, slowly. moment when the peace of the world "It happens that it entered into this, way be imperiled by personal feetings Unless I am ordered to pursue the of-of kindliness for an individual." matter further I think it would be Mr. Grimm received the blow with-

"As Mr. Grimm has pointed out," the secretary went on, "we have been "Personal equation," mused the negotiating for this wireless percuspresident. "Just how, Mr. Grimm, sion cap. I have somewhere in my does the personal equation enter into office the name and address of the individual with whom these negotia-The young man's lips closed tightly, tions have been conducted. Through that it is possible to reach the inventor, and then-! I suggest that we "There are some people, Mr. Prest-

mies, and we deal with them accordrelieve him of this particular case." The choleric eyes of the president pose us and yet are not enemies. It softened a little, and grew grave as is merely that our paths of duty cross. they studied the impassive face of the We may have the greatest respect for

vote our thanks to Mr. Grimm and

young man. "It's a strange situation, Mr. are unalterably different. In other Grimm," he said evenly, "What do you say to withdrawing? "I am at your orders, Mr. Presi-

dent," was the reply. "No one knows better what you pain. have done than the gentlemen here at this table," "the president went on egg. slowly. "No one questions that you "I think every man meets once in have done more than any other man thing wet. his life an individual with whom he could have done under the circumwould like to reckon personally," the stances. We understand, I think, that young man continued. "That reckon indirectly you are asking immunity for an individual. I don't happen to know the liability of that individual ander our law, but we can't make any

this affair with whom I should like to so-" He stopped and was silent. reckon, hence the personal equation "I had boped, Mr. President, that what I have done so far-and I don't



reckoning. There is one individual in mistake now, Mr. Grimm, and so-and

"This Note, Mr. Grimm, Is Surprising."

his chair up to the table.

"Coming down to the facts it's like this, isn't it?" he demanded briskly. "The Latin countries by an invention of their own which the United States of state glanced from Mr. Grimm to and England were to be duped into Mr. Campbell with a question in his purchasing, would have had power to explode every submarine mine be fore attacking a port? Very well. Miss Thorne and the prince under- This thing, of course, would have given them the freedom of the seas as long as we were unable to explode "I don't know," was the reply. "Just their submarines as they were able before the explosion the three of us to explode ours. And this is the condi-

He looked straight at Mr. Grimm,

"Therefore," he went on, "If the ew seconds before the explosion, the Latin compact is not a reality on paper; if the United States and England do not purchase this-this wireless percussion cap, we are right back where we were before it all happened, mildly, to leave your prisoners to aren't we? Every possible danger from that direction has passed, hasn't it? The world-war of which we have been talking is rendered impossible,

> "That's a question," answered Mr. Grimm. "If you will pardon me for suggesting it, I would venture to say that as long as there is an invention of that importance in the hands of nations whom we now know have been conspiring against us for fifty years, there is always danger. It seems to me, if you will pardon me again, that for the sake of peace we must either get complete control of that invention or else understand it so well that there can be no further danger. And again, please let me call your attention to the fact that the brain which brought this thing into existence is still to be reckoned with. There may, some day, come a time when our submarines may be exploded at will regardless of this percus-

sion cap." The secretary of war turned flatly

"This woman who is mixed up in

sheet of paper impatiently and hitched | earned for me the privilege of remaining in this case until its conclusion," said Mr. Grimm steadily, "If it is to be otherwise, of course I am

> The president rose. "Please walt in the antercom for few minutes," he directed.

Mr. Grimm bowed himself out. At the end of balf an hour he was again summoned into the eabinet chamber. The president met him with out stretched hand.

"You will proceed with the case to the end, Mr. Grimm," he instructed abruptly. "If you need assistance ask for it; if not, proceed alone. You will rely upon your own judgment entirely. If there are circumstances which make it inadvisable to move against an individual by legal process, even if that individual is amenable to our laws, you are not constrained so to do if your judgment is against it. There is one stipulation: You will either secure the complete rights of the wireless percussion cap to this government or learn the secret of the invention so that at no future time can

"Thank you." said Mr. Grimm quiet ly. "I understand."

we be endangered by it."

CHAPTER XXV.

Mr. Grimm turned from Pennsylvania Avenue into a cross street. walked along half a block or so, climbed a short flight of stairs and entered an office.

"Is Mr. Howard in?" he queried of a boy in attendance.

"Name, please." Mr. Grimm handed over a sealed envelope which bore the official imprint of the Department of War in the upper left hand corner; and the boy disappeared into a room beyond. A moment later to emerged and held open the door for Mr. Grimm. A gentleman-Mr. Howard-rose from his seat and stared at him as he entered.

"This note, Mr. Grimm, is surprising," he remarked. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

## For the Hostess

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Decapitations.

the 26 letters of the alphabet. This carried off the reward:

Wheever guesses the 26 puzzles will find that the removed letters taken in regular order form a sentence which employs every letter but one, a feat never performed before.

1. Behead a word meaning young girl and leave a word meaning assist-2. Behead a word meaning a grate

and leave a small serpent. 3. Behead forty and leave fifty.

4. Behead a kitchen utensil and teave a part of speech. 5. Behead a nut and leave a cereal.

6. Behead a fraud and leave warmth. 7 Behead a vegetable and leave a beverage.

8 Behead a synonym of beautiful and leave a necessity of life. 9. Behead anger and leave an arith-

metical term. 10. Behead sin and leave a form of low temperature.

11. Behead a kind of wood and

leave a physical condition. 12. Behead a term of affection and leave a part of the body.

13. Behend a sign and leave people. 14. Behead a geographical term and citement and such fun. Try it. leave a numeral.

15. Behead a measure twice and leave practical skill. 16. Behead a musical term and leave a stream of water.

17. Behead a prison and leave a 18. Behead one and leave a small

19. Behead a cereal and leave some

20. Behead something cold and leave present time. 21. Behead to listen and leave a kind of house.

22 Behead to cleanse and leave a 23. Behead a word signifying fault

and leave affliction. 24. Behead a word meaning faint and leave a wicked one.

25. Behead a boat and leave a tool. 26. Behead a word the opposite of

careless and leave a necessity. Answers-1, maid; 2, rasp; 3, XL.; 4. pan; 5, acorn; 6, cheat; 7, kale; 8, fair; 9, irate; 10, vice; 11, ebony; 12, dear; 13, omen; 14, zone; 15, quart; 16, trill; 17, fail; 18, unit; 19, grain; 20, snow; 21, hark; 22, wash; 23, blame; 24, limp; 25, yawl; 26, neat, The sentence formed by the 26 decapitations is "Mr. X-: Pack five doz. qt, juga. H. W. Blyn."

Automobile Contest.

sytomobiles, but not every one knows ered or spotted muslin over the parts correctly, as a clever young | pongee with ribbons to match.

hostess discovered when she pro-A noted puzzie writer offered a prize pounded this contest, every question for the best sentence constructed with to be answered by naming a part of an "auto:"

1. What part of an automobile leads one to believe it is feminine?" (Hood.) 2. "What part of an automobile is eccentric?" (The crank.)

3. "One who courts?" (The spark-

4. "A part of a tree, a letter of the alphabet and part of a drama?" (Limousine.) 5. "Belongs to the fern family?" Break (brake.)

6. "An ancient city?" Tyre (tire.) 7. "A container?" (Tank.) 8. "What some people have in their

heads?" (Wheels.) 9. "Found in an orchestra?" (Horn.)

10. "Found in congress?" (Seat.) After this jolly little game, an automobile race was announced. The hostess passed funny masks and goggles to the players telling them that six makers had entered cars in the race (just six were to compete) that they could choose-then she read the list and explained that ten slips bearing each name had been pinned up over the house; each slip to be brought to the judge's stand, the one getting the ten slips in first would win. Such ex-

Tweive "Sons."

Guess these words, each ends with 'son

1. A poisonous weed. 2. Harmony. 3. A motive or cause. 4. Any human being. 5. Venom. 6. Disloyalty. 7. A wild animal, 8. The flesh of a wild animal, 9, A small plum, 10, A clergyman. 11. A criminal offense, 12. A prayer or supplication.

Key-1, Jimson: 2, unison: 3, reason; 4, person; 5, polson; 6, treason; 7. bison: 8, venison: 9, damson, 10, parson; 11, arson; 12, orison.

MADAME MERRI.



All fashion indications point to still larger use of embroideries. The large collar has evidently come

to stay, as well as the side frill Colors that predominate at fashionable gatherings abroad are royal blue, coronation red and empire green. Basket weaves are prominent in the first nutumn suits shown, and it is no with him, the financial and moral if he views this world with the good ticeable that revers of these suits are extremely large.

The most charming of children's Nearly every one is familiar with bonnets are evolved from fine embroid-





About Rugs.

must remember that they must be as much darker than the walls as the walls are darker than the celling. to keep the balance right in the

When a floor is too light in color It gives you a feeling that it rises. It throws the whole color scheme out of bulance. This is the common tault in many homes.

light-colored rug does not show the dust and wear so plainly has been the argument and has been used so of newness that will make the suit of long that people accept it as an ax-

For Light Shoes.

White shoes have to be cleaned ecoromy hint says that ten cents' propriate. worth of whiting, mixed with water to the consistency of thin cream and applied with a brush, will cover all able shade to match the colored shoes awakening to the evils of the alcohol colled places, and when dry the shoes and stockings, which in every case we anywy white. For pink, blue or ought to harmonize with the tollette.

lavender shoes add a little of the When selecting rugs or carpets one color to the whiting and the shoes will look fresh and new.

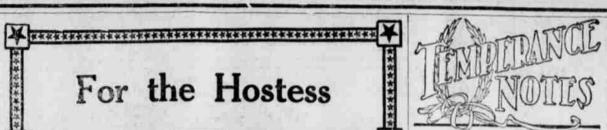
A small piece of red crepe paper will make a pink tint, bluing for the blue, and a little water color paint for the lavender, or, in fact, any shade you wish.

Cleaning Worn Cloth.

To revive the appearance of a sult that is becoming so worn as to be The utility idea has predominated shiny in certains spots, a bit of dis lifet ordered all sale of strong liquors to pardon than to be avenued. It is when buying and the notion that a tilled white vinegar, diluted in water rubbed on with a white woolen cloth to cease. In the mean time their sale late an injury. It is only God and will raise the nap and give it a look good service for some weeks more.

This is a good hint to take advantage of, for it can save one additional expense, especially when wanting to tide over into the next season, when every time they are worn, and an a teavier or lighter cloth is more ap-

Gloves are dyed in every conceiv-



WHAT DR. WAHRER THINKS

Reads Paper at Chicago Meeting on "Intemperance and Life Insurance," Reviewing Drink Habit.

A paper on "Intemperance and Life insurance" was read by Dr. C. H. Wahrer, at a meeting of the Tri-State Medical society, held in Chicago, He reviewed the subject from the medical standpoint, that there is a serious impairment of vitality by the habitual use of alcoholic drinks. In the course of the paper he said:

there may be between the temperance fanatic and the tippler, one thing is certain; the financiers all over the world who have their money invested in life insurance companies, all agree that drinkers belong in the class of hazardous risks, and their conclusions physiologists are now a unit on the ing men can be of no benefit to any an intemperate man, his hope for re- propriate them. covery is reduced very materially, and the fight for life is desperate if not blessings only to those who have the hopeless. Every physician who has eyes to see them aright. If they see had much emergency hospital practice wealth as an opportunity to serve temperate, can give his assent to these legitimate business or philanthropy statements. "We further know that it will bless them, but if they see it men who follow hazardous occupa- through carnal eyes, simply an options are frequently liable to injuries. portunity for the gratification of the In case the party injured is temper- flesh, it will cause them to forget God ate, his chances for recovery from and brotherliness, and to grow cold the injuries are far in excess of the and haughty. It will lead them into a

man who uses intoxicants, unquestioned sources to show the comes a real blessing. evils of intemperance, the danger to of the flowing bowl."

RACE SUICIDE AND LIQUOR for a living?

Who Drink, but It is Blight on Children Following.

The curse of liquor is seen not only health is the normal state." in the degradation of those who in

Alcohol and the Memory. A physician who drinks beer regularly is unable to follow any new range of ideas and retain the facts The impressions made at the time seem to be very transient and quickly disappear, says the Journal of Inc. briety. Two men, one an abstainer and the other a moderate drinker were sent on a commission to examine and report on the watershed of a

The abstainer saw many things and gave a minute, accurate report. The imperfect and omitted important facts The difference was the fault of mem-

direct result of spirits and a damage/ son, D. D. memory.

It is cleven years since General Galin the canteens of the French army has been allowed in the officers messer. Now comes a circular from M. Noulens, under-secretary for state. forbidding further sale of absinthe. brandy, etc., at officers' tables henceforth. This step is the more noteworthy in that M. Noulens represents a may be regarded as one of the hope

ful signs of the times regarding the

habit now evident in almost all the

nations of Europe.

No Alcohol at Officers' Mess.

## Man's Capacity Only Limit

By Rev. BARRY B. HALL of Temple Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

God blesses man at every opportunity and furnishes every real joy he is able to appropriate. We enjoy so ilitie, not because of God's unwillingness to bless, but because of our inability to receive and appropriate his blessings. This old world is big with blessings to him who has the eyes to see them. Thousands stand before the most beautiful landscapes and see nothing but hills and vaileys. To the singing of the birds and the beauties of nature they are deaf, and blind, and dumb. A missionary saw African Whatever difference of opinion boys playing with diamonds of rarest value. They were rocks and nothing

more to the boys. Before the days of Franklin the air was as full of electricity as now, but our fathers went on burning candles, deprived of the telephone and the telegraph, because none of them had are right. Physicians, hygienists and the eyes to see it. All of our modern inventions were as possible to our conclusion that even moderate drink fathers as they are to us; yet they plowed with crude instruments when one, that it may easily, without strain they could have ridden the cultivator; ing a point, lead to immoderate drink they rode in ox curts when they could ing, and that the latter, in the major have ridden on the lightning express, ity of cases, is injurious to health, not only because they had no eyes to see only jeopardizing the best interests these blessings and to appropriate of the habitue, but becoming a serious them. And the world is big with inmenace to him in case he should ever ventions today, involving great forget sick. The outlook for a man who tunes to him who is able to see them, should fall ill with pneumonia, ty- and the business world is big with phoid fever, dysentery, nephritis, heart marvelous opportunities for those who disease, diabetes and affections of the have the eyes to see. Thus it is clear liver, is bad enough under the best of that material blessings are limited circumstances, but if the patient is only by man's ability to see and ap-

But material blessings are real or even private practice among the in- their fellows through the channels of mad rush for pleasure, causing them "The matter seems to be of suffi- to commit involuntary suicide, burnclent importance to those interested ing out the candle of life at both n life insurance, both as individuals ends. To leave the ordinary young who carry the policies as well as the man \$50,000 is equal to a through companies who insure them. I might ticket to hell. Wealth is a curse to fortify my contentions by compiling the carnally-minded. It must be seen tables and furnishing data from most through spiritual eyes before it be

This is a glorious or horrid old the lives of those who look too fre world, according to one's point of quently upon the wine cup when it is view. If his point of view is carnal crimson, the misery entailed to the in Instead of Christian, he will comdulger as well as to those connected plete this life in disapointment; but wrecks resulting from such lives, But and not the evil eye, he will see a this is not necessary, for the clara 1 grand old world, even its clouds havam addressing and the purposes of ing a silver lining. One's point of this paper. All of you know from ripe view determines whether children experience that my assertions are are a blessing or a curse. If he has true, not only from observation, but been reared to view them as an exil because they have been proven so sei- or misfortune, he will be able to find # entifically, no matter what your own no pleasure in them; but if he sees habits and practices are in the use them as God-given and a blessing, he can say, as did the woman of sid, "these are my jewels." One man says, "Isn't it a shame I have to work It a blessing I have a chance to carn Degradation Seen, Not Only in Those a living?" Some say: "Isn't it a shame that people have to get sick?" Others, "Isn't it glorious that sickness is only temporary and good

A man's point of view determines. duige in it, but it is especially a blight his happiness. He must view things on the children who follow them. This from the spiritual rather than from fact should arouse all who have any the carnal point of view to be satisregard for the weak and helpless, fied and happy. Thousands are happy Speaking of drink and infanticide a with little and others are miserable note in the Lutheran Standard says: with much. Jesus explained this by "Eighty years ago when the Norwe the parable of the rich fool, who gians were a drinking people, 300 of thought he had all he needed to make every 1,000 children born died before him happy because his barns were they reached their first birthday anni | filled with plenty. And the fools are versary. Now, since they are a sober not all dead yet; because there are people, the ratio is 80 and 90 per 1,000 thousands who think that all they In Bavaria, where the drink evil still need to be bappy is a fine home, thorexists, of every 1,000 born, 200 do not oughly furnished, and lots of money. survive a year. Of the 237,000 born These poor, unfortunate people have last year 6,500 were still-born, and not the ability to see that material 69,000 died within a year." This is possessions never did and never will race suicide and nation suicide in make anyone contented and happy such horrible proportions as to blanch He who has not learned to be happy the checks and appal the hearts of all with litle would not be happy with who are not dead to all that is good. | much. This world is big with blessings, other than money, if one is only able to see and appropriate them. The only pleasures which really satisfy, that give contentment, peace and happiness, are spiritual; and material blessings are only a curse unless they are spiritually enjoyed - This old world is so big with blessings, matestal and spiritual, that there is an abundance for all, and all of its blessings are only limited by our ability to see and enjoy them aright.

Personal Contact.

Jesus Christ is in His glory when moderate drinker's report was very He is among lost men. Greatness is not comfortable among the outcast and failed to put down several data and lowly, for purple does not match that were necessary. Both wrote the with sackcloth. Fashion is not comreports the day after the examination fortable; it is too afraid its sating should be besmirched. Science is not comfortable, for whilst it can work It has been noted that moderate miracles of transformation everydrinkers more frequently carry note where a can work none there. Art is books to put down items of facts and not comfortable amongst the fallen, information which they fear may es and it retires as soon as it has taken cape their attention. Men who are their portrait. But Jesus Christ is in engaged in absorbing business requir His glory with lost souls, lost classes, ing exact attention to details always lost tribes and lost races, for the Son depend on notes made at the time and of man came to seek and to save that place, and that is frequently the in which was lost.-Rev. W L. Watkin-

Forgiveness.

Let us learn a lesson of forgiveness for our master. It is far more noble the part of the animal man to retalthe sons of God that have the magnamimity to forgive-Cardinal Gibbons, Roman Catholic, Baltimore, Md.

Lovers of Evil.

Now and then there is a man who appears in every community, who department (that of Gers) where dis does evil because he loves evil He till Rig interests are very powerful. It goes about sowing the community with misunderstandings, undermining men, poisoning men's thoughts, stirring up bitterness and sowing tares of evil on every side.-Rev N D. Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.