

Shoe Cabinets.
The furniture-makers are showing a beautiful article of mahogany and which reminds one of the cabinets of the 18th century, but it is more substantial and its legs are shorter. It is to hold a woman's shoes and to stand across the corner of her dressing room. One Easter bride has such a cabinet well filled, and it is an important feature of the trousseau. Her cabinet has three plate-glass shelves in a drawer which holds the polish and small articles for repairs. On the shelf is a row of slippers for even-ten. The next shelf holds the patent-leather ties, the cloth top boots with big buttons and the stout little shoes for street wear. On the bottom shelf is a rather a motley group—shoes, riding boots, tennis shoes, shoes, hunting boots and soft Incommodities of tiger skin, beaver seal.

How Insects Multiply.
The power of reproduction in insects is one of the most wonderful parts of nature. On beholding a slug or a fly, with all its complex appendages, will grow again; so will a piece of a lobster. The end of a split produces two perfect heads, and out into three pieces the middle part a perfect head and tail.

That
The tired feeling afflicts nearly everyone during this season. The hustlers cease to tire, the tireless grow weary, the energetic become enervated. You know just what I mean. Some men and women temporarily overcome that

Tired
by great force of will. But this is not as it pulls powerfully upon the system, which will not long stand again. Too many people "work on nerves," and the result is seen in unproductive weeks marked "nervous prostration" in every direction. That tired

Feel-
is a positive proof of this, weak, impotent; for if the blood is rich, red, and vigorous, it imparts life and energy to every nerve, organ and tissue of the body.

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The necessity of taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for that tired feeling is, therefore, apparent to everyone, and the good it does you is equally beyond question.

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Stubber Scraps.
Cast-off rubber shoes are now a notable commodity and many peddlers add considerably to their gains by collecting them. They are usually taken in exchange for tinware or cheap trinkets. No cash change, hands in these transactions. When the peddler returns to his starting point he turns over his collections to the village merchant for more tinware, with perhaps a little cash, and goes out over a new route. The peddler may be in business on his own account, or in the employment of the village trader, but in either case the latter has a chance to make a profit on the collections of scrap, which are shipped from time to time to a city dealer. The latter will offer his rubber stock whenever it reaches good proportion to a rubber reclaiming mill. When old shoes first became a merchantable article the price paid for them was 1 cent a pound, while the quotations have since averaged 5 cents per pound for months at a time. The trade in rubber scrap is now most thoroughly organized in the West and Northwest. In the Southern States, where little snow falls, the consumption of rubber shoes is not sufficient to form a basis of trade in old shoes. Of the rubber scrap imported the largest share comes from Russia. The imported scrap is not so desirable, however, as what is gathered at home. In spite of the good consumption of rubber footwear in New England the rubber dealers in scrap there in a position of commanding importance. This is due in part to the existence of many factories, which buy directly from the smaller dealers. In the West the principal center of the trade is Chicago.

One Correct Answer
An amusing little story was told of good many years ago in connection with Gov. Mattox, of Vermont. He was appointed to examine candidates for the bar of Calabash, and he reported that one of the candidates was, in his opinion, unqualified. Having answered correctly to the questions put to him, the judge asked the presiding Judge, "I asked him what a freekick is," replied Mattox. "Important question," said the judge. "And what was his reply?" "He made it without the least hesitation," said the Chairman, with a smile in his eye. "Of course that is in his favor."

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DR. TALMAGE'S SUNDAY SERMON.
A GOSPEL MESSAGE.

Subject: "Causes of Failures in Life."

Text: "Men shall clap their hands at him and shall hiss him out of his place." —Job xvii, 23.

This allusion seems to be dramatic. The Bible more than once makes such allusions. Paul says: "We are made a theatre or spectacle to angels and to men." It is evident from the text that some of the habits of the theatregoers were known in Job's time, because he describes an actor hissed off the stage. The impersonator comes on the boards and, either through lack of study of the part he is to take or inaptness or other incapacity, the audience is offended and expresses its disapprobation and disgust by hissing. Men shall clap their hands at him and shall hiss him out of his place. My text suggests that each one of us is put on the stage of this world to take some part. What hardship and suffering and discipline great actors have undergone year after year that they might be perfected in their parts you have often read. But we, put on the stage of this life to represent charity and faith and humility and helpfulness—what little preparation we have made, although we have three galleries of spectators, earth and heaven and hell! Have we not been more attentive to the part taken by others than to the part taken by ourselves, and while we needed to be looking at home and concentrating on our own duty, we have been criticizing the other performers, and saying, "that was too high," or "too low," or "too feeble," or "too extravagant," or "too tame," or "too demonstrative," while we ourselves were making a bad failure and preparing to be ignominiously hissed off the stage? Each one is assigned a place, no supernumeraries hanging around the drama of life to take this or that or the other part, as they may be called upon. No one can take another's place. Neither can our character; no change of apparel can make us any one else than that which we naturally are.

Many make a failure of their part in the drama of life through dissipation. They have enough intellectual equipment and good address to be considered successful. But they have a wine-cup that contains all the forces for their social and business and moral overthrow. So far back as the year '59, King Edgar of England made a law that the drinking cups should have pins fastened at a certain point in the side, so that the indulger might be reminded to stop before he got to the bottom. But there are no pins projecting from the sides of the modern wine-cup or beer mug, and the first point at which millions stop is at the gravity bottom of their own grave. Dr. Sax, of France, has discovered something which all drinkers ought to know. He has found out that the bowl in every shape, whether of wine or brandy or beer, contains parasitic life called bacillus potomania. By a powerful microscope these living things are discovered, and when you take strong drink you take them into the stomach, and then into your blood, and getting into the crimson currents of life, they go into every tissue of your body, and your entire organism is taken possession of by these noxious infinitesimals. When in delirium tremens, a man sees every form of reptilian life, it seems it is only these parasites of the brain in exaggerated size. It is not a hallucination that the victim is suffering from. He only sees in the room what is actually crawling and rioting in his own brain. Every time you take strong drink you swallow these maggots, and every time the imbibitor of alcohol in any shape feels vertigo or rheumatism or nausea it is only the deed of these maggots.

The only thing that will ever extirpate them is abstinence from alcohol and total abstinence, to which I would before God swear all these young men and old.

America is a fruitful country, and we raise large crops of wheat and corn and oats, but the largest crop we raise in this country is the crop of drunkards. With sickle made out of the sharp edges of the broken glass of bottle and decant they are cut down, and there are whole swathes of them, whole windrows of them, and it takes all the hospitals and penitentiaries and graveyards and cemeteries to hold this harvest of hell. Some of you are going down under this evil, and the never-dying worm of alcoholism has wound around you one of its coils, and by next New Year's Day it will have another coil around you, and it will after awhile put a coil around your tongue, and a coil around your brain, and a coil around your ear, and a coil around your foot, and a coil around your heart, and some day this never-dying worm will wrap its spring, tighten all the coils at once, and the last twist of that awful convulsion you will cry out, "Oh, my God!" and be gone.

The greatest dramatist in the tragedy of "The Tempest" sends staggering across the stage Stephano, the drunken butler. But across the stage of human life strange drink sends kingly and queenly and princely and turks staggering forward against the footlights of conspicuity and then staggering into failure till the world is impatient for their disappearance, and human and diabolic voices join in hissing them off the stage.

Others fall in the drama of life through demonstrated selfishness. They make all the rivers empty into their sea, all the roads of emolument end at their door, and they gather all the plumes of honor for their bow. They help no one, encourage no one, rescue no one. "How big a pile of money can I get?" and "How big a pile of money can I absorb?" are the chief questions. They feel toward the common people as the Turks felt toward the Ansari, or common soldiers, considering the ditch with their dead bodies while the other troops walked over them to take the fort. After awhile this prince of worldly success is sick. The only interest society has in his illness is the effect that his possible decrease may have on the money markets. After awhile he dies. Great newspaper capitalists announce how he started with nothing and ended with everything. Although for sake of appearance some people put handkerchiefs to the eye, there is not one genuine tear shed. The heirs sit up all night when he lies in state, discussing what the old fellow has probably done with his money. It takes all the lively stables within five miles to furnish funeral equipage, and all the mourning stores are kept busy in selling weeds of grief. The stone cutters send in proposals for a monument. The minister at the obsequies reads of the resurrection, which makes the hearers feel that if the unscrupulous financier does come up in the general rising he will try to get a "corner" on tombstones and graveyard fences. All good men are glad that the moral nuisance has been removed. The Wall street speculators are glad because there is more room for themselves. The heirs are glad because they get possession of the long delayed inheritance. Dropping every feather of all his plumes, every certificate of all his stock, every bond of all his investments, every dollar of all his fortune, he departs, and all the rolling of "Dead March" and all the pageantry of his interment, and all the equitiveness of sarcophagus, and all the extravagance of epitaphology, cannot hide the fact that my text has come again to tremulous fulfillment. Men shall clap their hands at him and shall hiss him out of his place.

You see the clapping comes before the hissing. The world cheers before it damns. So it is said the deedly ap tickles before its stings. Going up, is he? Hurrah! Stand back and let his galloping horses dash by, a whirlwind of plumed banners and tinkling headgear and arched neck. Back deep of his majesty, and cognac. Boast of how well you know him. All hats off as he passes. Bask for days and years in the sunlight of his prosperity. Going down, is he? Pretend to be surprised so that you cannot see him as he walks past.

When men ask you if you know him, halt and hesitate as though you were trying to call up a dim memory and say, "Well, y—s—s, yes, I believe I once did know him, but have not seen him for a long while." Cross a different ferry from the Gona where you used to meet him, and ask him to ask for financial help. When you started life, he spoke a good word for you at the bank. Talk down his credit now that his fortunes are collapsing. He put his name on two of your notes. Tell him that you have changed your mind about such things, and that you never indorse. After awhile his matters come to a dead halt, and an assignment or suspension or sheriff's sales takes place. You say: "He ought to have stopped sooner. Just as I expected. He made too big a splash in the world. Glad the balloon has burst. Ha, ha, ha!" Applause when he went up, stiller derision when he came down. Men shall clap their hands at him and hiss him out of his place." So, high up amid the crags, the eagle flutters down into the eyes of the rook, which then, with eyes blinded, goes tumbling over the precipice that others are cranking on the rocks.

Now, compare some of these goings out of life with the departures of men and women who in the drama of life take the part that God assigned them and then went away honored of men and applauded of the Lord Almighty. It is about fifty years ago that in a comparatively small apartment in the city a newly married pair set up a home. The first guest invited to that residence was the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Bible given the bride on the day of her espousal was the guide of that household. Days of sunshine were followed by days of shadow. Did you ever know a home that for fifty years had no vicissitude? The young woman who left her father's house for her young husband's home started out with a parental benediction and good advice she will never forget. Her mother said to her the day before the marriage, "Now, my child, you are going away from us. Of course, as long as you father and I live you will feel that you can come to us at any time. But your home will be elsewhere. From long experience I find it is best to serve God. It is very bright with you now, my child, and you may think you can get along without religion, but the day will come when you will want God, and my advice is, establish a family altar, and, if need be, conduct the worship yourself." The counsel was taken, and that young wife consecrated every room in the house to God.

Years passed on and there were in that home hilarities, but they were good and beautiful, and sorrows, but they were comforted. Marriages as bright as orange blossoms could make them, and burials in which all hearts were riven. They have a family lot in the cemetery, but all the place is dominated with stories of piety and reunion. The children of the household that lived have grown up, and they are all Christians, the father and mother leading the way and the children following. What care the mother took of wardrobe and education, character and manners! How hard she sometimes worked! When the head of the household was unfortunate in business she sewed until her fingers were numb and bleeding at the tips. And what close calculation of economies, and what ingenuity in retidting the garments of the older children for the younger, and only God kept account of that mother's sacrifices and hardships and heartaches and the tremulous prayers by the side of the sick child's cradle and by the couch of this one fully grown. The neighbors often noticed how tired she looked, and old acquaintances hardly knew her in the street. But without complaint she waited and toiled and endured and accomplished all these years. The children are out in the world—an honor to themselves and their parents. After awhile the mother's last sickness comes. Children and grand-children, summoned from afar, come sorrowfully into the room one by one, for she is to see no more than one at a time. She runs her dying fingers lovingly through their hair and tells them not to cry, and that she is going now.

And as you to each, and as you keep you, my dear child. The day of the obsequies comes, and the officiating clergyman tells the story of wifely and motherly endurance, and many hearts on earth and in heaven echo the sentiment, and as she is carried off the stage of this mortal life there are cries of "Faithful unto death." She hath done what she could, with overpowering all the voices of earth and heaven in the plaudit of the God who watched her from first to last, saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

But what became of the father of that household? He started as a young man in business and had a small income, and having got a little ahead sickness in the family swept it all away. He went through all the business panics of forty years, not many losses, and suffered many betrayals, but kept right on trusting in God, whether business was good or poor, setting his children a good example, and giving them the best of counsel, and never a prayer did he offer for all these years but they were mentioned in it. He is old now and realizes it cannot be long before he must quit all these scenes. But he is going to leave his children an inheritance of prayer and Christian principles which all the defalcations of earth can never touch, and as he goes out of the world the church of God blesses him and the poor ring his doorbell to see if he is any better, and his grave is surrounded by a multitude there before the procession of obsequies came up, and some say, "There will be no one to take his place," and others say, "Who will pity me now?" and others remark, "He shall be held in everlasting remembrance." And as the drama of his life closes, all the vociferation and bravo and encore that ever shook the amphitheatres of earthly apostles were tame and feeble compared with the long, loud thunders of approval that shall break from the cloud of witnesses in the piled-up gallery of the heavens. Choose ye between the life that shall close by being hissed off the stage and the life that shall close amid acclamations supernal and archangelic.

Oh, men and women on the stage of life many of you in the first act of the drama, and others in the second, and some of you in the third, and a few in the fourth, and here and there one in the fifth, but all of you between entrance and exit, I quote to you as the poration of this sermon the most suggestive passage that Shakespeare ever wrote, although you never heard it recited. The author has often been claimed as infidel and atheistic, so the quotation shall be not only religiously helpful to ourselves, but grandly vindicatory of the great dramatist. I quote from his last will and testament: "In the name of God, Amen. I, William Shakespeare of Stratford-upon-Avon, in the county of Warwick, gentleman, in perfect health and memory (God be praised), do make this my last will and testament, in manner and form following: First, I commend my soul into the hands of God, my Creator, hoping and assuredly believing through the holy merits of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, to be made partaker of life everlasting."

The Wyoming Democratic Convention held at Laramie adopted without discussion a platform of but one plank, as follows: "Whereas, the paramount issue before the American people is the currency question; therefore be it resolved, that we, the Delegates, demand the free and unaltered issue of silver and gold into primary residence money at the ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for action or approval of any other Government."

Justice Snodgrass Not Guilty.
The jury in the case tried at Chattanooga of the late Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, David I. Snodgrass, charged with shooting John G. Dinsley, returned a verdict of not guilty.

Thousands of people would appreciate sympathy and help who never ask for it, and never get it.

Take Care of Your Watch.
The mechanism of the human body reminds one very much of the mechanical construction of a fine watch, the wheels, cogs and screws answering to the muscles, and the delicate springs are what may be likened to the nerves. One cannot move without the other, and yet the action of each is separate and distinct. So it is with the nerves and muscles of the human body. The ailments of the muscles are distinct from the ailments of the nerves, and, like the mechanism of a watch, if exposed to sudden change of heat and cold, they get out of order and for the time are useless. Especially is this so at this season of the year, when from exposure, negligence or want of care, the nerves are attacked and neuralgia in its worst form sets in. But like oil to the works of a watch so is St. Jacobs Oil to the nerves thus deranged. It is acknowledged by thousands to be the best and most permanent cure for this most dreaded disease, hence it is well to look after the human watch as well as the one in the pocket.

At Worthington, Minn., a cyclone demolished 20 buildings, but seriously hurt no one.

When Nature
Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.

Americans entering Mexico must be vaccinated.
More diseases are produced by using brown soap than by anything else. Why run such terrible risks when you know that Floating-Blox Soap is absolutely pure? Your grocer has it or will get it for you. In red wrappers only. There were 22 deaths from cholera in Alexandria Monday.

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The Blue and the Gray.
Both men and women are apt to feel a little blue, when the gray hairs begin to show. It's a very natural feeling. In the normal condition of things gray hairs belong to advanced age. They have no business whitening the head of man or woman, who has not begun to go down the slope of life. As a matter of fact, the hair turns gray regardless of age, or of life's seasons; sometimes it is whitened by sickness, but more often from lack of care. When the hair fades or turns gray there's no need to resort to hair dyes. The normal color of the hair is restored and retained by the use of **Ayer's Hair Vigor.**
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