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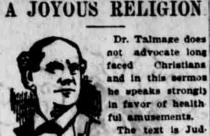
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it came to pass when their hearts were merry that they said, 'Call for Sampson that he may make us sport.' And they called for Sampson out of the prison house and

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he made them sport." There were 3,000 people assembled in the Temple of Dagon. They had come to make sport of eyeless Sampson. They were all ready for entertainment. They bei in to clap and pound, impatient for the amusement to begin, and they crad: "Fetch him out! Fetch him Yonder I see the blind old giant out!! coming, led by the hand of a child into the very midst of the temple. At his first appearance there goes up a shout of law, ater and derision. The blind old ship potends he is tired and wants to ress admstif against the pillars of the house, so he says to the lad who leads hin : "Bring me where the main pil- and they are wrong kinds of amuselars are." The lad does so. Then the ments. There are entertainments that strong high puts his hands on one of the pillars, and, with the mightiest of life, with tools because they are puch that mortal ever made, throws swords, with working aprons because hinself forward until the whole house they are not robes, with cattle because colling Lown in thanderous crash, they are not infurlated bulls of the studing the audience like grapes in a wine press. "And so it came to pass when their hearts were merry, that they said 'Call for Sampson that he may make us sport.' And they called for Sampson out of the prison house may depend upon it that you are the and he made them sport." In other words, there are amusements that are destructive and bring down faaster build us up, and if they pull us down and death upon the heads of those who practice them. While they laugh and strength you may come to the conclucheer they die. The 3,000 who perished that day in Gaza are nothing compared with the tens of thousands who have been destroyed, body, mind and soul,

amusements carried to excess. In my sermons you must have noriced that I have no sympathy with ecolesiastical straitjackets or with that wholesale denunciation of amusements to which many are pledged. I believe the church of God has made ties have been riddled by costly amusa tremendous mistake in trying to suppress the sportfulness of youth and drive out from men their love of amusement. If God ever implanted anything in us he implanted this desire. But instead of providing for this demand of our nature, the church of God has for the main part ignored it. As in a riot the mayor plants a battery at the end of the street and has it fired off. so that everything is cut down that happens to stand in the range, the good that shock the money market and apas well as the bad, so there are men pall the church and that send drunkenin the church who plant their batteries news staggering across the richly figuof condemnation and fire away indiscriminately.

by bad amusements and by good

Our communities are filled with

seem as if nature had built them by contract and made a bungling job of it. But, blessed be God, there are people in the world wno have bright faces and whose life is a song, an anthem, a pacan of victory. Even their troubles are like the vines that crawl up the sides of a great tower on the top of which the sunlight sits and the soft airs of summer hold perpetual carnival. They are the people you like to have come to your house. They are the people I like to have come to my house. Now, it is these exhilarant and sympathetic and warm-hearted people that are most tempted to peralcious amusements. In proportion as a ship is swift it wants a strong heimsman, in proportion as a horse is gay it wants a strong driver, and these people of exuberant nature will do well to look at the reaction of all their amusements. If an amusement sends you home at night nervous so you cannot sleep, and you rise in the morning not because you are slept out, but because your duty drags you from your slumbers, you have been where you ought not to have been. There are amusements that send a man next day to his work bloodshot, yawning, stupid, nauseated, give a man disgust with the drudgery arena. H any amusement sends you

home longing for a life of romance and thrilling adventure, love that takes polson and shoots itself, moonlight adventures and hair breadth escapes, you sacrificed victim of unsanctified pleasure. Our recreations are intended to as to our moral or as to our physical sion that they are obnoxious.

Still further, those amusements are wrong which lead into expenditure heyond your means. Money spent in recreation is not thrown away. It is all

folly for us to come from a place of amusement feeling that we have wasted our money and time. You may by it have made an investment worth more than the transaction that yielded you \$100 or \$1,000. But how many properments? The table has been robbed to pay the club. The champagne has cheated the children's wardrobe. The carousing party has burned up the boy's primer. The tablecloth of the corner saloon is in debt to the wife's faded dress. Excursions that in a day make a tour around a whole month's wages, ladies whose lifetime it is to "go shopping," have their counterpart in uneducated children, bankrutcies red carpet of the mansion and dashing into the mirror, and drowning out the

carol of music with the whooping of men and women who have in their bloated sons come home to break their souls unmeasured resources for sport- old mother's heart. When men go into fuiness and frolic. Show me a man amusements that they cannot afford who never lights up with sportfulness they first borrow what they cannot and has no sympathy with the recrea- earn, and then they steal what they tions of others, and I will show you a cannot borrow. First they go into emman who is a stumbling block to the barrassment and then into theft, and when hesitation was ruin, and the bad

replied: "Yes, I see it." "Well," said great tides of feeling surging up from the depth of their soul in billow after he, "do you remember who put it billow of reverberating laughter. They there?" "Yes." said he. "I put there." And all the past seemed to ush upon him. By the memory of that day when is the presence of men and angels you promised to be faithful in joy and sorrow and in sickness and in health; by the memory of those pleasant hours when you sat together in your new house talking of a bright ruture; by the cradle and the excited hour when one life was spared and another given; by that sick bed, when the little one lifted up its hands and called for help and you knew he must die, and he put one arm around each of your necks and brought you very near together in that dying kiss; by the little grave in the cemetery that you never think of without a rush of tears; by the family Bible, where in its stories of heavenly love is the brief but expressive record of births and deaths; by the neglect of the past and the agonies of the future; by a judgment day when husbands and wives, parents and children, in immortal groups will stand up to be caught up in shining array or to shrink down into darkness-by all that I beg you to give to home your best affections. I look in your eyes to-day and I ask you the question that Gehazi asked of the Shunammite: "Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with thy child?" God grant that it may be everlasting well!

Let me say to all young men your style of amusement will decide your eternal destiny. One night I saw a young man at a street corner evidently doubting as to which direction he had better take. He had his hat lifted high enough so that you could see he had an intelligent forchead. He had a stout chest; he had a robust development. Splendid young man. Cultured young man. Honored young man. Why did he stop there, while so many were going up and down? The fact is that every man has a good angel and a bad angel contending for the mastery of his spirit. And there was a good angel and a bad angel struggling with that young man's soul at the corner of the street.

"Come with me," said the good angel. "I will take you home. I will spread my wing over your pathway, I will lovingly escort you all through life, I will bless every cup you drink out of, every couch you rest on, every doorway you enter; I will consecrate your tears when you weep; your sweat when you toil; and at the last I will hand over your grave into the hand of the bright angel of a Christian resurrection. In answer to your father's petition and your mother's prayer I have been sent of the Lord out of heaven to be your guardian spirit. Come with me," said the good angel, in a voice of unearthly symphony. It was music like that which drops from a lute of heaven when a scraph breathes on it. "No! No!" said the bad angel, "come with me. I have something better to offer. The wines I pour are from chalices of bewitching carousal. The dance I lead is over floor tessellated with unrestrained indulgences. There is no God to frown on the temples of sin where I worship. The skies are Italian. The paths I tread are through meadows,

Many others have testified daisied and primrosed. Come with me!" to the prompt relief from pain which The young man hesitated at a time this hniment affords. For sale by kingdom of God. Such men are carica- when a man gets as far on as that he angel smote the good angel until it deall Druggists. parted, spreading wings through the flashed open in the sky and forever the wings vanished. That was the turning point in that young man's history, for, the good angel flows, he hesitated no longer, but started on a pathway which is beautiful at the opening, but blasted at the last. The bad angel, leading the way, opened gate after gate, and at each gate the road became rougher i. Truth. and the sky more lurid, and, what was peculiar, as the gate slammed shut it came to with a jar that indicated that it would never open. Passed each portai there was a grinding of locks and a shoving of bolts, and the scenery on either side the Among 40 people whom I received in- ercise and prudence you might be ath- road changed from gardens to deserts, comber blast, and the bright wings of the bad angel turned to sackcloth and the waves of light became hollow with hopeless grief, and the fountains that at the start had tossed wine poured forth bubbling tears and foaming blood, and on the right side of the road there was a serpent, and the man said to the bad angel: "What is that serpent?" And the answer was: "That is the serpent of stinging remorse." On the left side of the road there was a tion, and the man asked the bad angel: "What is that lion ?" And the answer was: "That is the lion of all devouring despair." A vulture flew through the sky and the man asked the bad angel: "What is that vulture?" And the answer was: "That is the vulture waiting for the carcasses of the slain." And when the man began to try to pull off of him the folds of something that had wound him round and round, and he said to the bad angel: "What is it that twists me in this awful convolution?" And the answer was: "That is the worm that never dies." And then the man said to the bad angel: "What does all this mean? I trusted in what you said at the corner of the street that night. I trusted it all and why have you thus deceived me?" Then the last deception fell off the charmer and it cald: "I was sent forth from the pit to destroy your soul. I watched my chance for many a long year. When you hesitated that night on the street I gained my triumph. Now you are here. Mat Mat You are here! Come now, let us fill these two challees of fire and drink together to darkness and wos and death. Hall will!" Oh young tiplication tables and striistics. If you show them as exquisite picture they mitted against his employer—the tables we and death. Hall, hall!" Oh young mitted against his employer will be the second angel sent forth by will begin to discuss the pigments in-volved in the coloring. If you show them a beautiful rose they will sub-mit it to a botanni al analysis, which is only the post mo tam examination of a flower. They never do anything more than foreby sails. There are an beautiful rose they will sub-mit it to a botanni. If you show the death bed of the dependent will be death bed of the dependent will and rose they will sub-mit it to a botanni. They never do anything more than foreby sails. There are an beautiful rose they make the death bed of the contained of the the dependent will and contain the and the set of the the death bed of the the set of the the they are the the death. There are an the the death bed of the transfer will be and to the the the they are the the they are they are the they are the second and a stand of the state of the *



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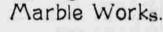
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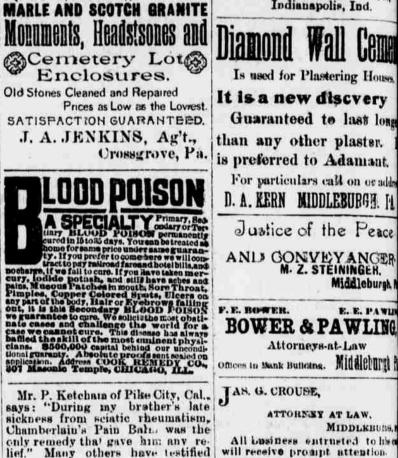
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and God at the same time. For the ling alleys, skating rinks and all styles last scene of the fifth act, the tramp of amusement, good and bad, I put on of nations across the stage, some to the right, others to the left.

tain cardinal principles. First, you may There is not a prison in the land where there are not victims of unsanctified amusements. How often nave I had are people who seem made up of hard parents come to me and ask me to ge and beg their boy off from the cometiplication tables and statistics If you queness of crimes that he had com-

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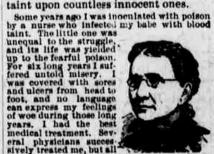
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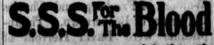
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