o don't need it than they give to the lyation of men in a whole year. I otest out of the soul that God gave against such wicked selfishness. and I will protest if society spurn e from it as a bigot, a Puritan and a or. For society in Christian Ameria is not Christian in this matter-no, after the Christianity of Christ!" "What can you do about it, Philip?" His wife asked the question sadly. he had grown old fast since coming Milton, and a presentiment of evil ould in spite of her naturally cheery sposition, cling to her whenever she onsidered Philip and his work.

"I can preach on it, and I will." "Be wise, Philip. You tread on difult ground when you enter society's

"Well, dear, I will be as wise as a rpent and harmless as a dove, alhough I must confess I never knew



"I can preach on it, and I will," ust exactly how much that verse neant. But preach on it I must and

And when the first Sunday of the enth came Philip did preach on it. the dismay of several members of is church who were in the habit of iving entertainments and card pares on a somewhat claborate scale.

He had never preached on the subet of amusements, and he stated that e wished it to be plainly understood at he was not preaching on the subect now. It was a question which ent deeper than that and took hold the very first principles of human elety. A single passage in the ser-

on will show the drift of it all: "We have reached a time in the hisory of the world when it is the Chrisan duty of every man who calls imself a disciple of the Master to live n a simpler, less extravagant basis. he world has been living beyond its means. Modern civilization has been xorbitant in its demands, and every ollar foolishly spent today means affering for some one who ought to relieved by that money wisely exnded. An entertainment given by pule of means to other people of ans in these hard times, in which oney is lavished on flowers, food and ess, is, in my opinion, an act of which hrist would not approve. I do not ean to say that he would object to

ould say that money and time should e given where people more in need them might have the benefit. He ould say that when a town is in the tuation of ours today It is not a time or any selfish use for any material

lessing. "Unless I mistake the spirit of the

iodern Christ, if he were here he ould preach to the whole world the cessity of a far simpler, less expenve style of living and, above all, acmi self denial on the part of society or the brotherhood of man. What is ciety doing now? What sacrifice is making? When it gives a charity all, does it not spend twice as much getting up the entertainment to ase itself as it makes for the poor whose behalf the ball is given? Do ou think I am severe? Ask yourself, member of Calvary church, what as been the extent of your sacrifice r the world this year before you conemn me for being too strict or parcular. It is because we live in such mes that the law of service presses pon us with greater insistence than er. And now more than during any the ages gone Christ's words ring in ir cars with 20 centuries of reverberon, 'Whosoever will not deny himelf and take up his cross, he cannot

e my disciple." Of all the sermons on Christ and odern society which Philip had thus ar preached none had hit so hard or said: as applied so personally as this. The oldens went home from the service a towering rage. "That settles Caliry church for me!" said Mrs. Golden she flung herself out of the building ter the service was over. "I considthat the most insulting sermon I er heard from any minister. It is imply outlandish, and how the church an endure such preaching much loner is a wonder to me. I don't go near again while Mr. Strong is the minis-" Philip did not know it yet, but was destined to find out that society rries a tremendous power in its use the word "outlandish" applied ei-

er to persons or things. When the evening service was over, hilip, as his habit was, lay down on e couch in front of the open fire unthe day's excitement had subsided a ttle. It was almost the only evening the week when he gave himself up

complete rest of mind and body. He had been lying there about a uarter of an hour when Mrs. Strong, he had been moving a plant back fom one of the front windows and had n obliged to raise a curtain, stepped ack into the room with an exclama-

back and forth in front of the house! I have heard the steps ever since we came home. And just now I saw a man stop and look in here. Who can; it be?"

"Maybe it's the man with the burglar's lantern come back to get his knife," said Philip, who had always made a little fun of that incident as his wife had told it. However, he rose and went over to the window. Sure enough, there was a man out on the sidewalk looking straight at the house. He was standing perfectly still.

Philip and his wife stood by the window looking at the figure outside, and, as it did not move away, at last Philip grew a little impatient and went to the door to open it and ask the man what he meant by staring into people's houses in that fashion.

"Now, do be careful, won't you?" entreated his wife anxiously.

"Yes. I presume it is some tramp or other wanting food. There's no danger, I know."

He flung the door wide open and call-

ed out in his clear, hearty voice: "Anything you want, friend? Come up and ring the bell if you want to get in and know us instead of standing there on the walk catching cold and making us wonder who you are."

In response to this frank and informal invitation the figure came forward and slowly mounted the steps of the porch. As the face came into view more clearly Philip started and fell

It was not because the face was that of an enemy nor because it was repulsive nor because he recognized an old nequalitance. It was a face he nervous disorders as a result of neghad never to his knowledge seen be- lecting this important matter. We fore. Yet the impulse to start back before it seemed to spring from the recollection of just such a countenance moving over his spirit when he was in are needed. It you need medical prayer or in trouble. It all passed in a treatment we will tell you so. No second's time, and then be confronted one can do more. We have the latthe man as a complete stranger.

There was nothing remarkable about him. He was poorly dressed and car- methods in sight testing. This comried a small bundle. He looked cold bined with experience and skill in and tired. Philip, who could never resist the mute appeal of distress in any form, reached out his hand and said kindly: "Come in, my brother; you drugs used. look cold and weary. Come in and sit down before the fire, and we'll have a bite of lunch. I was just beginning to think of having something to eat

Phillip's wife looked a little remonstrance, but Philip did not see it, and wheeling an easy chair before the fire he made the man sit down, and, pulling up a rocker, he placed blinself op-

as snow and said in a voice that sounded singularly sweet and true:

"You do me much honor, sir. The fire feels good this chilly evening, and the food will be very acceptable. And I have no doubt you have a good,

out of the room to get the lunch, shook turned to it at that time and found hear to say that he would object to he pleasure which flowers, food and ress will give, but he would say that it is an unnecessary enjoyment and should refuse such a strange respense at this particular crisis hrough which we are passing. He had looked puzzled. The words were uttered in the utmost simplicity.

> "Why, yes, we can arrange that all right." he said. "There is a spare room, and-excuse me for a moment while I go and help to get our lunch." Philip's wife was telegraphing to him to come into the other room, and he

ing out with a request like that? I inclusive, believe the man is crazy. It certainly will not do to let him stay here all night." Philip looked puzzled.

somehow I don't think he's crazy.

let your sympathies run away with statement. One application relieves your indement."

and make him comfortable."

talk with him awhile. You get the its cost. For sale by all Druggists. lunch, and we'll see about the rest afterward."

So he went back and sat down again.

ment, while his strange visitor went

hungry men.

It was after this lunch had been eaten and the table removed that a scene occurred which would be incredible if occurred which would be incredible it its reality and truthfulness did not compel us to record it as a part of the life of Philip Strong. No one will wish to deny the power and significance of this event as it is unfolded in the movement of this story.

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obediently got up and went.

"Now, Philip," she whispered when tional Convention at Philadelphia, beyond the word of the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia, June 19, the Pennsylvania Railroad know that is a risky thing to do. You Company will sell excursion tickets to are all the time inviting all kinds of line at rate of one fare for the round characters in here. We can't keep trip (minimum rate 50 cents). Tickets this man all night. Who ever heard of will be sold and good going June 15 to such a thing as a perfect stranger com- 19, inclusive, and returning to June 23,

The ancients believed that rheumatism was the work of a demon "I declare it is strange! He doesn't within the man. Any one who has appear like an ordinary tramp. But an attack of sciatic or inflammatory somehow I don't think he's crass rheumatism will agree that the in-Why shouldn't we let him have the bed in the room off the cast parlor. I claimed that Chamberlaiu's Pain can light the fire in the stove there Balm would cast out demons, but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds each week the number desired. Back "But we don't know who he is. You bear testimony to the truth of this inumbers can always be secured. the pain, and this quick relief which "Well, little woman, let me go in and it affords is alone worth many times 2e parts of the series.

I am Unnecessary in Childbirth.

He was hardly seated when his visitor said:

"If your wife objects to my staying here tought, of course, I don't wish to. I don't feel comfortable to remain where I'm not welcome."

"Oh, you're perfectly welcome," said Philip hastily, with some embarrassment, while his strange visitor went.

THE BEST OF ALL.

"I'm not crazy, only a little odd, you know. Perfectly harmless. It will be perfectly safe for you to keep me overnight."

The man spread his thin hands out before the fire, while Philip sat and watched him with a certain fascination new to his interest in all sorts and tonditions of men.

Mrs. Strong brought in a substantial lunch of cold meat, bread and butter, milk and fruit and then placed it on a table in front of the open fire, where he and his remarkable guest ate like hungry men.

It was after this lunch had been eat-

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Jack-Did the lecture you gave your wife on economy make any impression

Tom-Well, yes; she's economical with her smiles now.-Philadelphia

A Modern Test. "He's a very great man," said the

we-stricken young woman. "Oh, I don't know," answered Miss Cayenne. "I haven't seen any magazine articles written by him about himself."- Washington Star.

An Explanation.

Mrs. Stubb (reading)-Report from Africa says the Ninth lancers are miss ing. John, who are the lancers?

Mr. Stubb-Why, the surgeons that wield the lancets, Marla. N. Y. World.

Comparatively Cheap. Cassidy-It cost me two darlers last noight to tell the gang phwat

me baby said! Costigan—Yez got off alsy, Cassidy! Suppose yez had triplets!—Puck.

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