

They All Got Away.
Church—What kind of fish did they
re up at the lake where you spent
your vacation?
Botham—Oh, the big kind that always
away.—Yonkers Statesman.

Improve with Age.
Mrs. Bacon—Just think! That silk
was once a lot of worms!
Mr. Bacon—Well, it certainly has im-
proved with age, hasn't it?—Yonkers
Statesman.

How He Proposed.
Miss Charmer—How did Fred propose?
Miss Millyun—He said he didn't know
what he would do unless he got some-
one right away.—Baltimore Ameri-
can.

Undoubtedly.
He seems to have been the victim of
circumstances.
"How so?"
"The jury convicted him on circum-
stantial evidence."—Puck.

Needed Exercise.
She—Your friend Mr. Oatcake seems
rather reserved in his manners.
He—Yes; he's reserved them so long
they have grown rusty from disuse.—
National Enquirer.

Used Most of the Words.
"What did your wife say when you got
home?"
"My dear sir, I'm no dictionary, and
show it would be easier to pick out the
words she overlooked."—Chicago Post.

Not Yet.
"They're saying you're just like all
the other members of the house," re-
marked the newly elected legislator's
close friend. "They say you have your
price."
"That's a lie," declared the new
member.
"I thought so."
"Yes, I haven't got it yet, but I have
hopes."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Unfortunately the Only Way.
"Of course, you wouldn't marry a
title."
"Not if there was any other way of
getting one," answered the severely
practical girl.—Chicago Post.

The Only Way.
Tite—There's only one way to get
civil service.
Jenks—How's that?
Tite—Why, make the tip a big one.—
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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Lesson in the International Series
for November 15, 1903—David's
Trust in God.
The Lesson Text—Psalm 23.
(Ps. 23:1, 2.) "Jehovah is my shep-
herd:" For hundreds of years the He-
brews had been a shepherd nation.
They knew as we cannot know the rich-
ness and beauty of this thought of Je-
hovah as a shepherd. In trying to re-
alize what the Syrian shepherd was to
the sheep we must remember that the
Syrian pastures are not like ours, but
vast stretches of half barren land in
which streams are few and often dry,
and which are infested with wild beasts
and Arab robbers. With us sheep are
turned out to pasture and left to them-
selves in perfect safety; but in the east
the shepherd literally lives with his
flock and shares their hardships and dan-
gers with them, for only so can he pro-
vide for them and protect them. "I shall
not want:" The perfect trust of one who
knows God's care from experience. It
does not say: "I shall never want any-
thing I cannot have," but rather:
"Whatever God sees is best for me,
I know that He will do, for He loves
me." "He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures:" There are beautiful
green oases in the most barren desert.
The Great Shepherd "reneweth the
desert," but helps us to find and to rest in
the oases. It is when we follow Him
most closely that the trust peace is
found. "He leadeth me:" There is a
great difference between leading and
driving. In America we see sheep driven
about by a man who, as Henry van
Dyke says, "seems to be little more than
a policeman to them." The Syrian shep-
herd leads, for in some of the pastures
there are poisonous weeds, and he must
be there first to remove them; he must
select the pasture with the greatest care,
and at the parting of the ways he with
his superior wisdom must choose the
right one, and because they have grown
up with him and have never been disap-
pointed by him the sheep follow him
with implicit faith. Sheep have not
very much wisdom, but they have
enough to follow the shepherd, and that
is sufficient. So we "shall not want" if
only we have wisdom enough to follow
our Shepherd. "Beside still waters:"
Literally waters of rest.

(Vs. 3, 4) "He restoreth my soul:"
Or restores or refreshes me, for the He-
brew word for life and soul is one. The
most faithful Christians need refresh-
ing of spirit, and those who have wan-
dered into dangerous, and therefore
forbidden places, need also to be re-
stored to the safety of the fold. Both
meanings are in this expression. "The
paths of righteousness:" The thought
here is especially of the human flock.
One would not naturally speak of right-
eous paths when referring to the sheep.
To the sheep they are the paths that
lead to what is best for them; they are
the same to us. Perhaps sometimes our
Shepherd leads us over stony ways; but
He does not do it for His own sake, nor
because He does not know the pain of the
bruised and bleeding feet, but be-
cause there is no other way by which
He can lead us out into the better life
that awaits us beyond. But we do not
suffer alone; He goes with us, and His
feet are wounded as well as our own.
And so we reach the better land through
the sacrifice and blood of our shepherding
Saviour. "The shadow of death:"
Or, deep darkness. "The psalmist has
not merely the experience of literal
death in mind, but all experiences where
the darkness is thick and profound."
(Vs. 5, 6.) "Thou preparest a table
before me in the presence of mine
enemies:" The figure seems to change
here to that of a meal at which the
psalmist thinks of himself as the pro-
tected guest of Jehovah. Does he still
has, but they cannot harm him. It is
possible, however, as William A. Knight
has shown, that it is a shepherd-psalm
to the very end, for in reality the shep-
herd prepares the pasture for the
flock in the midst of all kinds of dangers
and "enemies," but they graze upon it
in perfect security. "Thou hast
anointed my head with oil:" A refresh-
ing courtesy shown to guests in oriental
lands, or the bathing or anointing of the
bruised and weary sheep as it enters the
fold at night. The shepherd has "the
horn filled with olive oil, and he was
cedar tar, and he anoints a knee bruised
upon the rocks or a side scratched by
thorns. And here comes one that is not
bruised, but is simply worn and ex-
hausted; he bathes his face and head
with the refreshing olive oil, and he
takes the large two-handle cup and dips
it brimming full from the vessel of wa-
ter provided for that purpose, and he
lets the weary sheep drink. There is
nothing finer in the psalm than this.
God's care is not for the wounded only,
but for the worn and weary also. "He
anointed my head with oil, my cup run-
neth over."—W. A. Knight. "I shall
dwell in the house of Jehovah forever:"
Jehovah is my Shepherd; His house is
the fold. I shall dwell as I am dwelling
in His safe fold forever! A perpetual
fellowship.

Read in connection with this psalm
John 10:7-18 and Luke 15:1-7 for
Christ's use of this same figure.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS
Blessed is the man who can truly say:
"The Lord is my shepherd!"
Blessed is the man who can say: "I
shall not want." The Lord's shepherd
care is better than any bank deposit.
Blessed is he who is led by the Good
Shepherd into the midst of green pas-
tures and beside refreshing waters.
Blessed is he who in the valley of the
shadow of death has the presence of the
Lord to comfort and stay him.
Blessed is he who even in the midst of
enemies feels that he can trust in the
Lord's care and protection.
Blessed is he who can look forward to
dwelling forever in the house of the
Lord.
He who wishes to rise in the world
should veil his ambition with the forms
of humility.

GONZALO DE QUESADA.
He Represents Cuba at Washington
and is an Important Personage
in Many Respects.



As a rule the diplomats from South
America are not so well equipped as
their colleagues from Europe, where
diplomacy is a profession but little af-
fected by political changes. Many of
them speak neither French nor English,
which limits their usefulness and af-
fects their social position. But while
they are looked upon as being a grade
lower than the members of the diplo-
matic corps from Europe, there are
many exceptions to the rule.
The Spanish-American members of
the present diplomatic corps include

GONZALO DE QUESADA,
(Cuban Minister at Washington and Prince
of God Followers)

many able men, who have been distin-
guished in their own countries and
added to their laurels by service abroad.
The oldest in point of service is Senor
Don Antonio Lazo Arriaga, whose cre-
dentials were presented a decade ago,
and who has served here continuously
since. He represents Guatemala, and
since there are few diplomatic questions
of importance between the little repub-
lic and her greater neighbor, his duties
are not onerous.

The most important among the en-
voys from this hemisphere, says the
New York Sun, is Senor Don Gonzalo
de Quesada, the minister from Cuba,
who worked with tireless zeal for the
liberation of his country, and who for
many years before her independence
was acknowledged acted as her agent
at this capital, and was instrumental in
raising funds to carry on the rebellion
and inspiring sympathy with her cause.

When he represented the Cuban junta
here he was not officially recognized by
this government and was frequently
subjected to unpleasant experiences.
The social war he inspired is still re-
membered with some amusement by the
lookers on.

Society at that time was divided into
two factions, the friends of Spain and
those who espoused the cause of Cuba
libre. The latter, among whom were
Mrs. Don Cameron, wife of the former
senator from Pennsylvania, and Mrs.
Henry Cabot Lodge, persisted in invit-
ing the envoy of the junta to their
homes, and never missed an opportuni-
ty of showing their interest in the cause
he represented.

The former faction, which included
the wife of the Spanish minister, Senora
Dupuy de Lome, Senator Hale and a
number of the members of the diplo-
matic corps, maintained that the young
diplomat had no official position and
consequently should not be invited to
affairs which, though social, had offi-
cial significance. The conflict waged
violently for a time, but Senor Quesada
finally established peace by abstracting
himself from all functions where his
presence might create comment.

ULYSSES S. GRANT.
Son of Famous General is a Candidate
for Vice Presidency on Re-
publican Ticket.

As a rule the sons of great Americans
do not make a success as politicians,
Robert Lincoln being about the only di-
rect descendant of a national celebrity
who has achieved political distinction of
late years. The sons of the late Gen.
Grant have not sought political prefer-
ment with the exception of Ulysses S.




ULYSSES S. GRANT.
(Candidate for Vice Presidency on Re-
publican Ticket.)

Grant, of California, who has for some
years cherished a desire of being elected
United States senator from his adopted
state. Recently his friends have made
the announcement that Mr. Grant would
be a candidate for the vice presidency
on the republican ticket. The prospec-
tive candidate is a resident of San Diego
and a son in law of ex-United States
Senator Chaffee, of Colorado. He is a
graduate of Harvard, class of 1874, and
of Columbia Law school, 1876. In 1899
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