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The Newspaper Profession.
From a Sermon by Dr. Talmage.

One of the great trials of this newspaper profession is the fact that they are compelled to see more of the shams of the world than any other profession. Through every newspaper office, day by day, go the weakness of the world, the vanities that want to be puffed, the revenges that want to be wreaked, all of the mistakes that want to be corrected, all the dull speakers who want to be thought eloquent, all the meanness that wants to get its wares noticed gratis in the editorial columns in order to save the tax of the advertising column, all the men who want to be set right who never were right, all the crack-brained philosophers, with story as long as their hair and as gloomy as their finger nails.

From the editorial and reportorial rooms all the follies and shams of the world are seen day by day, and the temptation is to believe neither in God, man nor woman. It is no surprise to me that in your profession there are some skeptical men. I only wonder that you believe anything. Unless an editor or a reporter has in his present or in his early home a model of earnest character, or he throw himself upon the upholding grace of God, he may make a temporal and eternal shipwreck.

Another great trial of the newspaper profession is the diseased appetite for unhealthy intelligence. You blame the newspaper press for giving such prominence to murders and scandals. Do you suppose that so many newspapers would give prominence to these things if the people did not demand them? If I go into the meat market of a foreign city, and I find that the butchers hang upon the most conspicuous hooks meat that is tainted, while the meat that is fresh and savory is put away without any special care, I come to the conclusion that the people of that city love tainted meat. You know very well that if the great mass of people in this country get hold of a newspaper and there are in it no runaway matches, no broken-up families, no defamation of men in high position, they pronounce the paper insipid. They say: "It is shockingly dull tonight." I believe it is one of the trials of the newspaper press that the people of this country demand moral slush instead of healthy and intellectual food.

Let me ask all men connected with the printing press that they help us more and more in the effort to make the world better. I charge you in the name of God, before whom you must account for the tremendous influence you hold in this country, to consecrate yourselves to higher endeavors. You are the men to fight back this invasion of corrupt literature. Lift up your right hand and swear new allegiance to the cause of philanthropy and religion. And when at last, standing on the plains of judgment, you look out upon the unnumbered throngs over whom you have had influence, may it be found that you were among the mightiest energies that lifted men upon the exalted pathway that leads to the renown of heaven.

Experienced political prophets freely predict that 1898 is going to be a Democratic year. The discordant rumblings which are heard from the Republican camp are growing stronger daily, and a division in its ranks seems unavoidable. Careful selections in state, county and district conventions will solidify the Democratic vote and give the party control of many important offices. Candidates are to be nominated for governor, lieutenant governor, auditor general, secretary internal affairs, congressman, sheriff, controller, recorder, coroner and the legislature.

The cheerfulness with which the business people of Freeland accepted the announcement that trolley rates to Hazleton will be increased after today is evidence that the road is not regarded as helpful to the trade of this town. The assurance given the representatives of the Lehigh Valley Company, at the Board of Trade meeting last week, that the railroad would find it profitable to resume the running of local trains if fares were lowered, is also indicative of the feeling against the trolley line.

A strong sentiment is being aroused in the western part of the state among miners, iron workers and railroad men in favor of the nomination of Jerry N. Weller, a member of the legislature from Carbon county, for Democratic congressman-at-large.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy
CURES ALL KIDNEY, STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.

SIR FRANCIS GRENFELL.
Commander of the British Forces in the Sudan Country.
Sir Francis Grenfell, who is in command of the British forces that are now advancing up the Nile and have already reached Khartoum, possesses, by experience, an intimate knowledge of the country through which he is leading his soldiers. He was an officer in the expeditions of 1882 and 1884, and was sirdar of the Egyptian army from 1885 to 1892, a period which included the command of the forces at Suakin in 1889.



SIR FRANCIS GRENFELL, Commander of the British Forces in the Sudan.

His rank is that of major general. He is now 57 years old, and has been in the military service of his country since 1859. The general had some experience, too, in Africa. He was deputy assistant adjutant general at headquarters in the Zulu war of 1879, and was present in the engagement at Ulundi. He won distinction in that action, and was given a medal with clasps for gallantry. In the Egyptian war of 1882 he was assistant adjutant and quartermaster general, and was mentioned in the dispatches from the battle of Tel-el-Kebir. For his service there he was given third class of Medjidieh, medal with clasp, the khedive's star, and was made aide to the queen. He won Circle of Bath and clasp in the Nile expedition of 1885-86. He fought in the action of Ginnis, and for his conduct there he was promoted to the first class of Medjidieh, was made knight Circle of Bath and given the third class of the Osmanieh.

When Sir Francis was leaving Egypt, the khedive gave him a sword of honor "in souvenir of the victories of Ginnis, Gamaiza and Toski." His career has been one of the most successful in the English army.

SMOKE PROTECTOR.
It Helps to Make a Fireman's Life Less Hazardous.

A new invention has been put on the market recently which, the inventor says, will do much toward increasing the efficiency of the fireman and make his calling less hazardous. The invention is called a "smoke protector," but is really a shield made of fine wire cloth and rubber. The wire screen is strapped across the mouth and the rubber fits closely over the nose. All air taken into the lungs must come through a damp sponge which is fastened on the outside of the screen. Equipped with the protector and a



SMOKE PROTECTOR. (New York Fireman Wearing Respirator and Goggles.)

pair of goggles with rubber rims which fit tightly to the head, a man may go into dense smoke and remain there for 15 or 20 minutes, according to the statement made by the inventor.

"Firemen frequently have to leave a building, not because of the fire, but on account of the smoke," he said, "and they gain headway on that account." The protector has also been used with good success in mines where thick smoke had gathered, and in workshops where smoke cannot be excluded. The device does not add to the beauty of the person who wears it, but it may be the means of saving lives and property.

Luther's Wedding Ring.

Many generations have passed away since Martin Luther lived and was so prominent a figure during the troublous times of the history of the church. It is interesting to learn, therefore, that the wedding ring of this great leader of the reformation is still in existence, and has been exhibited in a jeweler's shop at Dusseldorf. On it is a representation of the crucifixion of Christ, a small, bright ruby standing for a drop of blood. The inscription is: "Catherine Von Bora to Dr. Martin Luther, 13th June, 1525." It bears signs of the wear of very many years, but, nevertheless, is in excellent preservation.

Novelty in Wedding Music.

A Canadian bride introduced recently a new feature in wedding ceremonies. She appeared in church with her pet canary fastened to her shoulder by a golden chain, and the moment the organ sounded the bird burst into song.

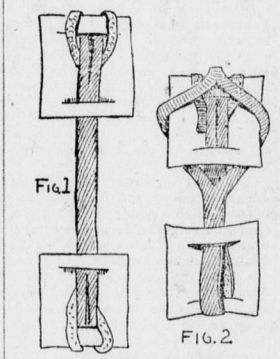
Celery as a Medicine.
When celery is eaten largely, an alkaline blood is the result, and where this exists there can be neither rheumatism nor gout.

THE BROWN LITTLE SEED.

Oh, the wind, like a hungry wolf,
Goes prowling round, my sweet;
And the trees shake their withered arms
In the rain and blustering sleet.
But the little seed, safe and warm,
When it hears the beating shower,
Goes to sleep again.
Till the dark days wane,
And dreams that it is a flower.
Oh, the flash of two tiny wings,
Like bits of sky let fall;
And the very trees seem to thrill
At the bluebird's silvery call!
Then the brown little seed wakes up
And whispers: "Joy I'll bring!
For I'll creep to air,
With a violet fair—
My gift to the beautiful spring!"
—Golden Days.

THE STRAP PUZZLE.

After Reading This Article You Will Know How to Solve It.
Your minds have, by much practice, been trained to solving problems and working out puzzles and tricks, but do you think you could possibly disentangle these loops and coils without help? To be sure, the illustrations are very clear, and you might follow them and learn how; but lest your patience give out and my little boys and girls grow cross, it will be, perhaps, wise to aid you. To make the puzzle, provide two pieces of leather about two inches square and one long, narrow strip of flexible leather, which any shoemaker can furnish. Now cut a slash across two sides of each square near the edges, which for identification we will call the top and bottom, and likewise a long slash in each end of the strap. The problem is to loop the straps on the squares, as shown at figure No. 1, and then take it off again. You will find it easy with the strap entirely free to make the loop shown at the top of figure No. 1. Having done so, pass the free end of the strap down through the other slash and one end of the puzzle



THE STRAP PUZZLE.

is finished. Then pass the free end of the strap up through the first slash of the second square and down through the second slash.

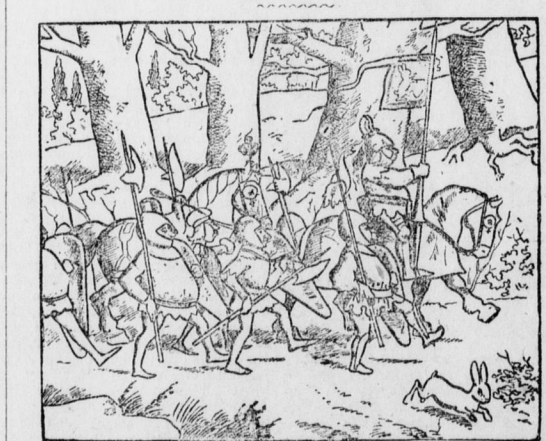
All plain sailing so far, but how to make the second loop? Figure No. 2 shows you. Bring the free end of the strap around the lower slash, slip it back through the upper slash, stick the upper square, loop and all, through the loop in the lower end of the strap, pull the strap back until it forms the loop shown in the lower end of figure No. 1 and there you are. In taking the squares off the loops this process is simply reversed. Easy enough, don't you think?—when you know how!—Butterick's Delineator.

ARE FIERCE FIGHTERS.

Moles, Hedgehogs and Bares Know How to Defend Themselves.

You would hardly believe that moles, clumsy, almost blind, little beasts that they are, become perfect demons when they quarrel. No one knows what they quarrel about, but if they once start fighting one has to die. They will keep on in the presence of any number of spectators, hanging on to one another like bulldogs, and burying their enormously strong jaws and teeth in one another's flesh. Hedgehogs, another type of this quiet, inoffensive animal, not only fight, but always to the death, and when one is killed the other generally devours him. Hares, on the other hand, are proverbially the most timid of creatures. Yet they can fight. A fight between two hares is a ludicrous sight, as they skip and jump over one another. But a blow from the hind legs of a hare is no joke to his opponent. Among birds, robins are the most pugnacious. More than one case could be quoted of two robins so frantically set on killing one another as to have allowed themselves to be picked up in the hands of a looker-on, and there have lain, with beak and claws deep-buried in one another's plumage.—Golden Days.

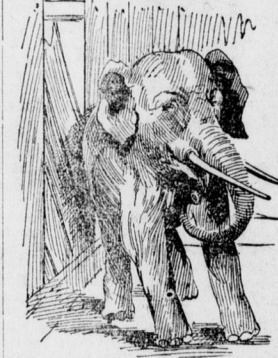
PUZZLE PICTURE FOR BRIGHT GIRLS AND BOYS.



One Knight of the Temple leads the procession. Can you find his companion?

HAD A GOOD TIME.

How Elephant Tobie Enjoyed His Long Sea Voyage.
There has lately been installed at the zoological garden of the Jardin des Plantes in Paris, a famous guest. His name is Tobie and he is an elephant six years old, which has been presented to the president of the French republic by Menelik, negus or king of Abyssinia.
Tobie was brought from Abyssinia on the French steamship Ava, on the deck



A SELF-WILLED ELEPHANT.

of which a sort of wooden box stall had been constructed for his accommodation. Though this case was entirely comfortable, Tobie did not like it. Waiting until no one was near, he put his shoulder against the side of the box and pushed it flat on the deck. Then he made his way down the companionway and suddenly appeared, to the consternation of all who were there, in the saloon of the first-class passenger. He was dragged out and placed in a newly constructed cage on the deck.

But the very next day he upset the new cage and, taking a look at the ocean, he made his way to the galleys, where dinner was being prepared. Here he proceeded to help himself to all the salads and vegetables in sight.

This time a cage was built so solidly that Tobie could not break it down. He was compelled to stay in it until the ship arrived at Marseilles. Here it was necessary to take him off by means of stout belts around his body and a derick.

MOCKING-BIRD COURT.

Butcher Bird Was Found Gaily and Executed Promptly.

While out in an orange grove the other day John Jones, of Sanford, Fla., was attracted by the twittering of a large number of mocking birds and others around a thicket in the lower part of the grove. Proceeding cautiously, he was enabled to get close to the assembly of birds without exciting attention or causing them any alarm. Peering through a thicket, he beheld a dozen or more mocking birds that were arranged in a half circle, all twittering and talking as if they were holding a council of war or a political meeting. In the center lay a big butcher bird, its brown plumage bespattered with blood, while one wing hung helplessly down by its side. On each side was a mocking bird holding the wing of the prisoner, for so it seemed to be, in its bill. The butcher bird, by the way, is a deadly enemy of the mocking bird and many others. It is a vicious, savage, bloodthirsty little wretch, always fighting, and it has the most cruel ways of securing its food.

It would seem that the mocking birds had combined and caught one of their enemies and proposed to deal summary vengeance. For several minutes the mocking birds twittered, some angrily, some noisily and others more quietly, as if engaged in a very grave discussion as to what should be done with the butcher bird before them. The latter lay in the grasp of its enemies, its bright, undaunted eyes roving from side to side, as if seeking to escape. Just as the final conclusion seemed to be reached it made a plunge to get away, but the mocking birds were vigilant, and they held on to it.

At the signal the mocking birds all pitched forward, fiercely attacking the heartless butcher bird. The latter fought fiercely, but he was overpowered, and in a few moments he was literally picked to pieces. Its feathers were scattered on all sides, and soon nothing was left but the bloody carcass. Three of the mocking birds pushed it off the stump and the others brought a few twigs, which they cast over it, showing that they would deign to bury the body of their enemy.—Chicago Chronicle.

GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

Ernest Coquelin has deferred until next year his announced American tour.
James K. Hackett, the actor, who has been ill with typhoid fever, is convalescing rapidly.
William Gillette will appear at the Garrick theater, London, April 15, in his farce, "Too Much Johnson."
Mrs. Sol Smith is the proud possessor of the entire wardrobe of the late Mrs. John Drew, bequeathed to her by that eminent actress.

Louise Thorndyke Boncicault has been engaged to replace Marie Burroughs as leading lady in Robert Hilliard's production of "A New Yorker."
Marie Burroughs may appear in a play upon which she has been studying and which may be tried in New York before her departure for Europe in the spring.

It is said William Terriss, the English actor who was assassinated, left a fortune of \$125,000, to be divided between his children. His wife received nothing, but as she has a private fortune she will not suffer.
All sorts of rumors about Clement Scott are current in London since the excitement which arose over his article attacking the women of the stage. It was announced he had gone abroad till the storm blew over, but it is now said he is in hiding in his London house, afraid to venture out; again it is rumored he is losing his mind, and it is also said his position as critic is entirely gone.

MEN AND WOMEN.

Mlle. Margaret Boittard, a well-known nurse in Paris, was the only woman in the long list of those who received New Year decoration honors in France.

Mrs. S. B. Mallory, widow of the secretary of the navy of the confederate states, is now almost helpless, and was unable to attend the ceremonies at the recent hanging of her husband's picture in Memorial hall, New Orleans.
Harry Steele Morrison, the Chicago "boy reporter," who attracted so much attention in Europe last summer, has been congratulated on his successful trip by President McKinley, who gave him his photograph and autograph.

Miss Helen M. Gould, who has not been in society since the death of her father, Jay Gould, has reopened her town house at Fifth avenue and Forty-seventh street, New York city, and will entertain there this winter for the first time in seven years.

The queen goes to Cimiez in the spring and a large part of the new Excelsior Regina hotel has been engaged conditionally for her majesty's use during the months of March and April. The queen is to arrive at Cimiez about March 10, and her majesty will spend six weeks on the Riviera. Princess Beatrice intends to visit Genoa, Milan, Verona and Venice during her majesty's stay at Cimiez.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

I work with patience, which is almost power.—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.
Service to our fellow men should be made not a substitute for piety, but an expression of it.—Josiah Strong.

You can help your fellow men. You must help your fellow men. But the only way you can help them is by being the noblest and the best man that it is possible for you to be.—Phillips Brooks.

It may indeed be more blessed to give than to receive; but, when the former luxury is not within one's honest reach, it is blessed, too, to receive from those one thoroughly loves.—George S. Merriam.

"It is an absolute and, as it were, a divine perfection for a man to know how loyally to enjoy his being. We seek other conditions, by reason we do not understand the use of our own; and go out of ourselves, because we know not how there to reside.—Montaigne.

Why dost thou fear to be wronged? It can at the worst kill thee. Who is born to live forever? Consent to be wronged, be silent under every injury. But of one thing be sure, do the fullest, the most scrupulous justice to all men, and chiefly to those who have wronged you.—Mozzomdar.

NEW FASHION IDEAS.

Velvet ribbons are worn around the neck with evening gowns, adorned with slides of plain gold set in precious stones. Some of these slides are in the form of fleur-de-lis, shamrocks or dragon flies.

Women's affection for net gowns still holds out. A pretty dress of this type is of pale-green net, with trails of chestnut leaves in pale-green sequin. Black net gowns with leaves and blossoms done in jet.

A gown which carries no date—for it is a picture ever beautiful—is of sapphire-blue velvet, plainly made and draped with exquisite lace, studded with tiny jewels. It is held in at the waist by a quaint girde.

It is said in the immediate future the hair is to be worn dressed low on the neck, though at present the higher it is dressed the better. Not only jewels are worn in the hair, but a twisted band of jet or velvet, with a single ostrich tip, is much in favor.

ROYAL EYES.

Cleopatra had large, deep-blue eyes. Frederick the Great had large blue eyes, with the luster of polished steel. Emperor Nero was very shortsighted and used a small gem cut like a lens to see at a distance.

The great Elizabeth of England had clear, liquid blue eyes, but had a trick of gleaning sideways at people with whom she talked.

Mary Stuart was not cross-eyed, but one eye had a peculiar movement, moving farther in one direction than the other, giving her the appearance at a casual glance of being cross-eyed.

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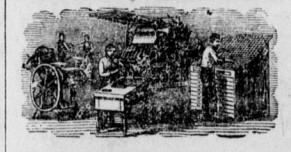
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