A Regret. could we but have seen, while they we

The grace of days forever passed away; Had we but felt the beauty of the flowers
That bloomed for us—before they knew de-

Could we have known how we should yearn For looks and smiles no more to great our

Or how the fruitless tears would fall like rain For hours of sweet communion, vanished quite; Their worth to us—had we but better known, Then had we held them dearer, while our own, Had kept some salvage from the joys o'er-

thrown,
And loneliness itself has found us less alone
—Agnes Maule Machar, in Century.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Dr. Talmage's Discourse on the Growth and Perfection of Christianity.

Unable because of other important take part in the great convention of Christian Endeavorers at Cincinnati. begun last week, I preach a sermon of congratulation for all the members of that magnificent association, whether now gathered in vast assemblage or busy in their places of usefulness, transatlantic and cisatlantic, and as it is now harvest time in the fields and sickler are flashing in the gathering of a great crop, I find mighty suggestiveness in my text.

It is a picture of a tropical clime, with a season so prosperous that the harvest reaches clear over to the planting time, and the swarthy husbandman busy cutting the grain, almost feels the the horse hitched to the plow, preparing for a new erop. "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, the plowman shall overtake the reaper." When is when hardly have you done reaping one plowman is getting ready for another.

In phraseology charged with all that infields and agnostics have declarshall answer that wholesale charge to-

Between 3.000,000 and 4.000 000 En deavors sworn before high heaven that they will do all they can to take Amerca for God. Europe for God. Asia and Africa for God-are not the the agricultural figure of my text, more than a million reapers are overtaken by postmaster, the attorney general, the more than a million plowmen. Besides this, there are more people who believe send for a minister of this Bible relig tlemen of the jury, have you agreed on in the Bible than at any time in the ion. And if you have not a room in a verdict? No, no. Then go back for in the Bible than at any time in the world's existence. An Arab guide was leading a French infidel across the desert. and ever and anon the Arab guide would get down in the sand and pray to up from one of his prayers, the infidel said, "How do you know there is any God?" And the Arab guide said: "Said the house of God." And if there is Ah, my friends, the church of a song to be sung at the obsequies, Jesus Caristinstead of falling back is

And you want to know how I know

whether the church of God is a Bull Run retreat, muskets, canteens and haversacks strewing all the way. The great English historian Sharon Turnet, a man of vast learning and great ac curacy, not a clergyman but an attorney as well as a historian, gives this overwhelming statistic in regard to Christianity and in regard to the number of Christains in the different centuries; In the first century 500 000 Christians, in the second century 2 000,000 Christians, in the third century 5,000,000 Christians, in the fourth century 10,in the eight century 30,000,000 Chris. position? Let a man today declare tians, in the ninth century 40,000,000 himself antagonistic to the Christian 000,000 Christians, in the eleventh cen- mayor; what state wants him for govertury 70,000,000 Christians, in the nor; what nation wants him for presitwelth century 80,000,0000 Christians, dent or for king? Let a man openly in the thirteenth century 75,000 000 proclaim himself the enemy of our century 100,000,000 Christians, in the any city, in any country, in any ward sixteenth century 125,000,000 Chris. of America. tains, in the seventeenth century 155,-000,000 Christians, in the eighteenth ing in a rail car in Illinois said. "What century 200,000,000 Christains-a de- has Christianity ever done?" An old cadence, as you observe, in only one Christian woman said: "It has done century, and more than made up in the one good thing anyhow. It has kept an following centuries, while it is the infidel from being governer of Illinois." usual computation that there were at As I stood in the side room of the opera

no friends! How lonesome it must be! nomisate a governor, and there were Who will take it out of the poorhouse? three or four candidates. At the same Poor Christianity! Four hundred mil- time there was in a church in this city lions in one century. In a few weeks a Sabbath school convention, and it of this year 2,500,000 copies of the New happened that one of the men who was Testament distributed. Why, the earth in the Sabbath school convention was is like an old castle with 20 gates and a also a member of the political convenpark of artillery ready to thunder down tion. In the political convention the every gate. See how heathendom is being surrounded and honeycombed and and about to be nominated was the name attacked by this all conquering gospel. of the great champion infidel. There At the beginning of the nineteenth was an adjournment between ballots, century 150 missionaries; at the close and in the afternoon, when the nomiof that century 84,000 missionaries and nations were being made, a plain farmer native helpers and evangelists. At got up and said: 'Mr. Chairman, that thetic religion that ever came into the the beginning of the ninetcenth cen- nomination must not be made. The

of an army is to plant the batteries. It day than it ever was. Do you think it was not worth as much as the other may take many days to plant the bat- that such a scene could be enacted now teries, and they may do all the work in as was enacted in the days of Robesten minutes. These gospel batteries pierre, when a shameless woman was are being planted all along the seacoasts clevated to the dignity of a goldess and that widowed soul, and tell her it was and in all nations. It may take a good carried in a golden ensir to acatherdral while to plant them, and they may do where incense was burned to her and all their work in one day. They will. people bowed down before her as a Nations are to be born in a day. But divine being, she taking the place of just come back to Christendom and the Bible and God, while in the correcognize the fact that during the last ridor of that cathedral were enacted ten years as many people have connected such scenes of drunkenness and dethemselves with evangelical churches as bauchery as had never before been connected themselves with the churches witnessed? Do you think such a thing in the first 50 years of last century. So could possibly occur in Christendom to Christianity is falling back, and the day? No. The police of Washington, Bible, they say, is becoming an obso-lete book. I go into a court, and wher-swoop upon it. I know infidelity makes ever I find a judge's bench or a clerk's a good deal of talk in our day. One indesk I find a Bible. Upon what book fidel can make great excitement, but I forth from any of our churches the plaincould there be uttered the solemnity of can tell you on what principle it is. It an oath? What book is apt to be put is on the principle that if a man jumps in the trunk of the young man as he overboard from an ocean liner he makes

nine out of every ten home in Christen-dom? The Bible. Voltaire wrote the prophecy that the Bible in the nineeenth century would become extinct. The century is gone, and I have to tell you that the room in which Voltaire wrote that prophecy not long ago was prowded from floor to ceiling with Bi-

bles from Switzerland. Suppose the congress of the United States should pass a law that there should be no more Bibles printed in America and no Bibles read. If there are 60,000 000 grown people in the United States, there would be 60,000,-000 people in an army to put down such a law and defend their right to read the Bible. But suppose the congress of the United States should make a law against the reading or the publication of any other book, how many people would go cut in such a crusade? Could you get 60,000,000 people to go out and risk their lives in the defense of Shakespeare's tragedies or Glad Although Dr. Talmage was hindered stone's tracts or Macaulay's "History from attending the great annual meeting of England?" You know that there ing of the Christain Endeavor society are a thousand men who would die in at Cincinnati, his sermon shows him to be in sympathy with the great movedie in the defense of this book where there is not more than one man who would be in sympathy with the great movedie in the defense of any other book. ment; text. Amos ix; 13, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that telling me the Bible is fading out from ralists just as soon as they find out the the plowman shall overtake the reaper." the world. It is the most popular book difference between the feelers of away of the centuries.

duties to accept the invitation to as I know in regard to other books. How many volumes of that history are published? Well, you say 5,000. How many copies of another book are published? A hundred thousand. Which is the more popular? Why, of course, the one that has the hundred thousand circulation. And if this book has more copies abroad in the world, if there are five times as many Bibles abroad as any other book among civilized nations, does not that show you that the most popular book on earth today is the word of God?

"Oh," say people, "the church is a collection of hypocrites, and it is losing its power and it is fading out from busy cutting the grain, almost feels the the world." Is it? A bishop of the breath of the horses on his shoulders, Methodist church told me that that denomination averages two new churches every day. In other words, they build 730 churches in that denomination in a year, and there are at least 1,500 new that? That is now. That is this day Christian churches built in America every year. Does that look as though harvest of religious result than the the Christian church were fading out, as though it were a defunctinstitution? venom and abuse ond caricature I knew the American people today? I do not What stands nearest to the hearts of ed that Christianity has collapsed: that the Bible is an obsolete book; that the it? Is it the postoffice? Is it the hotel? Is it the lecturing hall? Ah, that which stands nearest to the hearts of the American people is the Christian church.

You may talk about the church being a collection of hypecrites, but sign most cheering? Or, to return to when the diphtheria sweeps your children off whom do you send for? The hotel keeper, alderman? You down in the sand and pray to

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The sand and pray to fidel, and after awhile, as the Arab got public brilding where I can lay my and yet you expect us to give up our "How do I know that a man and a song to be sung at the obsequies, passed by our tentlast night? I what do you want? What does any it by the footprint in the sand. body want? The "Marseillaise Hymn? "God Save the Queen?" Our own whether there is any God? Look at grand national air? No. They want the sunset. Is that the footstep of a man?" And by the same process you and I have come to understand that shock is the footsten of the same want sung the Sabbath shock is the footsten of the same process you are sleep, or they want sung the Sabbath the same process you should be same to see this day of the confusion same to same the same process you are same to same the same process you should be same process you should b school hymn which their little girl sang But now let us see whether the book | the last Sabbath afternoon she was out before she got that awful sickness which is a last year's almanac. Let us see broke your heart. I appeal to your common sense. You know the most endearing institution on earth, the most popular institution on earth today, is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. A man is a fool that does not recogniz;

The infidels say: "There is great liberty now for infidels; freedom of platform. Infidelity shows its power from the fact that it is everywhere tolerated, and it can say what it will." Why, my friends, infidelity is not half so blatant in our day as it was in the 000,000 Christians, in the fifth century | days of our fathers. Do you know that 15,000 000 Christians, in the sixth cen in the days of our fathers there were tury 20,000,000 Christains, in the pronounced infidels in public authoriseventh century 24,000,000 Christians, ty, and they could get any political Christains, in the tenth century 50, religion, and what city wants him for Christains, in the fourteenth century glorious Christianity, and he cannot 80,000,000 Christians, in the fifteenth get a majority of votes in any state, in A distinguished infidel years ago rid-

the close of the nineteenth century house of Peoris, Ills., a prominent gen-470,000,000 Christians, making us to theman of that city said, I can tell you believe that before this century is clos- the secret of that tremendous bitterness ed the millennium will have started against Christianity." Said I, "Wat is its boom and lifted its hosanna. Poor Christianity! What a pity it has house there was a great convention to

tury there were only 50,000 converts. Sunday schools of Illinois will defeat Now there are over 1,000,000 converts him.' That ended all prospect of his has lost her child. Try in that case your nomination. You all know that an important work The Christian religion is mightier oleaves for city life? The Bible. What more excitement than all the 500 who and the house from floor to cupola will

It makes great excitement when a man umps from the lecturing platform or from the pulpit into infidelity, but does | Christ. that keep the Bible or the church from carrying millions of passengers to the

shore of eternal safety? These opponents say that science is vercoming religion in our day. They that the Bible account of the origin of life will be overthrown by infidel scientists who have 50 different theories about the origin of life? If they should all come up in solid phalanx, all agreeing on one sentiment and one theory, perhaps Christianity might be damaged, of opinion inside the church as outside case of transfixed grasshoppers and butand the horns of a beetle begin to pat-How do I know it? I know it just ronize the Almighty, while Agassiz, glorious Agassiz, who never made any pretension to being a Christian, puts both his feet on the doctrine of evolu tion and says: "I see that many of the naturalists of our day are adopting facts which do not bear observation, or have not passed under observation. These men warring with each other-Darwin warring against Lamarch, Wallace war ring against Cope, even Herschel denouncing Ferguson. They do not agree about anything. They do not agree on the gradation of the species."

What do they agree on? Herschel writes a whole chapter on the the errors of astronomy. La Piace declares that the moon was not put in the right place. He says if it had been put four times farther from the earth than it is now there would be more harmony in the universe, but L'onville comes up just in time to prove that the moon was put in the right place. How many colors weven into the light? Seven, says Isaac Newton. Three, says David Brewster. How high is the aurora borealis? Two and a half miles, says Ninety miles, say other scien-How far is the sun from the earth? Seventy-six million miles, says Lacalle, Eighty-two million, says Humboldt. Ninety million miles, says Henderson. One hundred and four million you know it is not! You know that miles, says Mayer. Only a little difference of 28,000,000 miles! All split up among themselves -not agreeing on

anything. Here these infidel scientists, bettimpaneled themselves as a jr. ; to decide this trial between Lagelity, the plaintiff, and Christianity, the defendant, and after being out for centuries they come in to render their verdict. Genon the advance. I am certain it is on the advance. I see the glittering of the swords; I hear the tramping of the troops; I hear the thundering parks of of thine enemies! O Lord God, take thy sword from thy thigh and ride forth to the victory!

I am mightily encouraged tecause I flud, among other things that while this Christianity has been bombarded for centuries infidelity has not destroyed one church, or crippled one minister, or uprooted one verse of one chapter of all the Bible. If that has been their magnificent record for the centuries of the past. what may we expect for the future? The church all the time getting the rictory, and their shot and shell all

And then I find another most enouraging thought in the fact that the secular printing press and the pulpit seem harnessed in the same team for he proclamation of the gospel. Every banker in this capital tomorrow, every Wall street banker tomorrow in New York, every State street banker tomorrow in Boston, every Third street banker in Philadelphia, every banker in the United States and every merchant will have in his pocket a treatise on Christianty, 10, 20 or 30 passages of Saripture in the reports of sermons preached throughout the land today. It will be so in Chicago, so in New Orleans, so in Charleston, so in Boston, so in Philadelphia, so in Cincinnati, so everywhere. I know the tract societies are doing a grand and glorious work, but I tell you there is no power on earth today equal to the fact that the American printing press is taking up the sermons which are preached to a few hundred or a few thousand people, and on Monday morning and Monday evoing seattering that truth to millions What an encouragement to every Chris-

tian man! The you have noticed a more sig nificant fact if you have talked with people on the subject, that they are gotting disgusted with worldly philosothy as a matter of comfort. They say t does not amount to anything when you have a dead child in the house They tell you when they were sick and the door of the future seemed opening the only comfort they could find was the gospel. People are having demonstrated all over the land that science and philosophy cannot solace the troubles and woes of the world, and they want some other religion, and they are taking Christianity, the only sympaworld. You just take a scientific consolation into that room where a mother splendid doctrine of the "survival of the fittest." Tell her that child died because children. That is your "survival of the fittest." Just try your transcendentalism, your philosophy, your science, on a geological necessity that her companion should be taken away from her, just as in the course of the world's history the megatherium and the ichtyosaurus had to pass out of existence, and then you go on your scientific consolation until you get to the sublime fact that 50,000 000 years from now we ourselves may be scientific specimens on the geologic shelf, petrified specimens of an extinct human race. And after you have got all through with your consolation, if the poor ail cted soul is not crazed by it, we will send est Christian we have and with one half hour of prayer and reading of Scripture promises the tears will be wiped away, shall I find in nine out of every ten stay on board. But the fact that he be flooded with the calmness of an Inhome in this city? The Bible. In jumps overboard does not stop the ship dian summer sunset. There is where I

Does that wreck the 500 passengers? | see the triumph of Christianity. People are disatisfied with everyibing They want God. They want Jesus

Young man, do not be ashamed to be a friend of the Bible. Do not put your thumb in your vest, as young men some-times do, and swagger about talking of the glorious light of nature and of there being no need of the Bible. They have look through the spectacles of the in-fiden scientists, and they say: "It is the light of nature in India and China impossible that this book be true. Peo and in all the dark places of the earth. ple are finding it out. The Bible has got to go overboard. Science is going to throw it overboard." Do you believe trouble? They have lancets to cut and ture gave them comfort for their trouble? They have lancets to cut and juggernauts to crush, but no comfort. Ah, my friends, you had better stop your skepticiam Suppose you are put in a crisis like that of Col. Ethan Allen. I saw the account and at one time mentioned it in an address. A descendant of Ethan Allen, who is an infidel, said but there are not so many differences it never occurred. Soon after I recoived a letter from a professor in one the church. Oh, it makes me sick to see of our colleges, who is also a descendant these literary fops going along with a of Ethan Allen and is a Christian. He copy of Darwin under one arm and a wrote me that the incident is accurate, that my statement was authentic and true. The wife of Colonel Ethan Allen was a very conscerated woman. The mother instructed the daughter in the truths of Christianty. The daughter sickened and was about to die, and she said to her father: "Father, shall I take your instruction or shall I take mother's instruction? I am going to die now; I must have this matter decided. That man, who had been loud in his in fidelity, said to his dying daughter. "My dear, you had better take your mother's religion." My advice is the same to you, O young man! You know how religion comforted her. You know what she said to you when she was dying. You had better take your mother's religion.

FRANCE'S NAVY.

Will Cost Six y-Two Millions Next Year.

The naval expenditure of France for 1901 is officially proposed to be \$62 520. 000, which at first sight seems to be less than in 1901, but if it is taken into account that the cost of maintaining the marine infantry and artillery, amounting to about \$5,400,000, has been transferred from the navy to the ministries of war and the Colonies, it is found that the money that France intends to spend upon the navy during 1902 is in reality \$2,300,000 in excess of the naval expenditures of the current year. It is a matter of serious considera-

tion for the French whether they are not spending upon their navy more than their national resources warrant. France has now piled up a dept involving an annual charge for interest of nearly \$200,000,000 or, in other words, every man, woman and child in France has now to pay \$5. per annum for interest on the National debt. The army costs the country \$132,000,000 a year and the total expenditure for 1902 s officially proposed to be \$750 000,000 Moreover, reflections upon the French census cause renewed uneasiness. Last March the population in round numbers was 38,600,000, being

an increase of only 330,000 since 1896; and even this meagre result is mostly accounted for by Paris and its suburbs. where the increase has been 292 000. due principally to foreign immigration, so that in the rest of France the popu lation has been augumented by 35,000 during the last five years That is to say, for military and nay perposes the population is almost a ionary, and in this respect france alone among the great nation of Europe.

Unier these conditions, M. Jaures, the socialist leader, and many advanced hinkers among the radicals and radical socialists, hold that is is impossible for france to have at the same time a navy and army of the first rank, simply because she has not the resurces of men and money to maintain both.

Discipline of the Wood Pile. Every human male man who possesses even a lingering taint of temper should ceep an ax and a wood pile somewhere handy, that he may rush out and work off his wrath when it waxes fierce There is nothing in this vain old world that will send a man back to his appointed work with a more wilted collar and a truer comprehension of himself than this minutes' wrestling with a full flavored ax. He can use it so fiercely in the wood that all the fury of his nature, all the hate that he feels for for his enemy, he can infuse into the ax handle, and how the chips will fly! Not very artistically, probably, but they will fly. And presently it begins to dawn upon the man that he is feeling more calm. Evidently he is experiencing a change of heat. He does not hate his enemy at all. He changes his stroke and begins to chop en the system of Italian pen.nanship-the up strokes heavy and the down ones light. He rather loves his enemy now. At last he puts all his falling strength in one terrific blow. He misses his tip with the ax and smites the cheppingblock with the handle. A tingle, as though he had swallowed an alarm clock, goes from elbow to hip and back again, the ax drops from his powerless hands, and a weak, limp, nerveless, perspiring, trembling, gasping he staggers to the house, lies down on the first thing that looks like a lounge, and is ready to die. There isn't a fear or a fault in his heat. Deata has no terrors, and life has no temptations for him. He has chopped out all his baser nature, and he is just as ethereal and spiritual as he can be on this side of Jordan. It is a great medicine.

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Big Trust Formed. News confirming the report of the onsolidation of all the cotton seed oil mills in the country was received Friday morning. There are seven of such mills in New Orleans, the largest of which are the Southern Standard and Union. The combined output of the seven is about 80,000 barrels per year. While dispatches from New York state the capital stock of the cotton seed oil trust to be \$50,000,000, private information received here is \$100,000,000. New Orleans manusactures more cotton seed oil than any other city in the country except Houston, Texas, which, by the way, only has four mills, but they are very large.

PILL ARP QUOTES BEECHER.

The Noted Minister Used Cuss Words and the Hot Weather Caused It.

This horrid, terrid weather reminds me of what Henry Ward Beecher said in his church one sweltering day in July. He took no text. He wiped the perspiration from his brow and looking solemnly at the large congregation, said: "It is hot today. It is damned hot. It is as hot as hell! Everybody was amszed and shocked until he added, "That is the language I heard two young men use at the door of the church as I passed them. My your g friends, it is not as hot as hell." Then in a low, earnest tone he pictured the torments of hell and the cer tain fate of the wicked until the atmosphere of the church seemed to be cool and pleasan in comparison. The ladies ceased to move their fans and everybody was still and solemn as funeral. It was something like Jonathan Ed wards at Northampton when he got his hear ers so wrought up and alarmed that they groaned in fear and grasped the posts and braces to keep from sinking into hell, and an other preacher in the pulpit begged Mr. Edwards to stop, "Stop, Mr. Edwards; stop now and tell them of the mercy and love of

What wonderful power is in the words of an eloquent, earnest man. Mr. Beecher was all of that—a gifted, eloquent man. I heard him preach twice before the war and was profoundly impressed. I looked upon him as the impersonation of the man of God. Later on when he been him religible. on, when he began his vindictive war upon the South and said that Sharp's rifles were better than Bibles for John Brown in Kansa and it was a crime to shoot at a slave-nolder and miss him, 1 wondered at my infatuation with the man and exclaimed with Isaial "How are the mighty fallen." And still later when Tilton charged him with alienating and seducing his wife and it took two months to try the case and the jury two days to make up a verdict, which virtually saie, "He is not guilty, but he must not do so any more," I was morified at my own weakness in becoming his idolator and resolved to worship no man while he lived A great man's character cannot be made up until after he is dead.

But I was ruminating how easy it is for a oung man to say damn and pamn it, I'll be damned, and even to take the name of God in vain: Damn is a more convenient and ex pressive word than dogon or dingnation or blamed, and it shows a defiance of the devil and a self conceit in the man who uses it But it is a very handy expletive and when a young man gets in the habit of using it he rarely reforms. He knows that it is not good manners, for he does not use it in the parents. ence of ladies or preachers or his parents. Nevertheless there are some good people who think damn it without saying it. I heard a manners, for he does not use it in the pres think damn it without saying it. I head a a good story the other day on Col. Livingston our member of Congress from the Atlanta district. Last summer he was sent ever to West Virginia to speak and help the Demb crats in their canvass. He ventured into a pretty hot Republican town and was haranguing and electrifying a large audience, and while scarifying the Republicans and this fighting administration a soft, half done Irish potato took him kerzip right between the eyes. It knocked off his spectacles and flattened into much all over his classic countenance. It surprised and shocked him of course. Recovered his glasses he wiped the sticky s uff from his face and said with excited tone, "My friends, I have been-I have been a consistent -a consistent member of the Presbyterian church—the Presbyterian church, I say for more than -more than fifty years - yes, fifty old years, and have tried to live-tried to live in harmony with all menwi h all men, but if the dirty, dogoned, daiblamed pappy who threw that potato will stand up or raise his right hand I l be—dadblasted if I dont stop speaking long enough to come down and lick the hair and hide off of him in two minutes by the clock." As no-body rose or raised a hand the colonel resumed his broken remarks, but declares that he never came so near cursing since he joined he church.

This thing of cursing is of very ancient origin. Sometimes it was done by proxy. Balak, the king of Moab, hired Balaam to curse Israel, and some of us veterans remember when we, too, wanted to hire a cussic man to expend our w ath upon the Yantees. Peter cursed and swore when accused of being one of the disciples. It is probable that he said "I'll be damned if I am." or perhap worse. Saldiers and sailors have in all ages been profanc-the very class that are in greatest peril and should have the greatest reverence for their Maker. Uncle Toby says "Our army swore terribly in Flanders." And Unc e Toby himse f swore an oath when he found the sick so dier lying and dying at his gate. "He shall not die, by God," he said, and the accusing spirit flew up to heaven with the oath and blushed as he gave it in. The recording angel as he wrote it down dropped a tear upon the word and blotted it out for-

ever." That is beautiful, isent it. Verily, charity hideth a multitude of sins. But this is enough on this subject. It so hot to work in the garden and so I get in the shade of the vines on my verandah uminate. Judge Griggs, our honored member of Congress, tells that story on Colonel Livingston and he told another that will make the old men forget that it is hot, for they never get too old to enjoy any story that has a pretty woman in it. One of the last case, brought before the judge was a young unso histicated country boy who was charged with an assault upon a honnie country girl in that he had caught her at the spring and hugged and kissked her against her Her mother saw it from her piazza and heard her scream and saw him run away to the field where he was plowing. She was very indignant, and prosecuted nim. She was the witness and so was the girl, but the girl dident seem very vindictive. She said he dident hurt her but took her by surprise. She had filled her bucket and was about to go back when he caught her and hugged her and kissed her right on her mouth. The solicito closed his case. The roung man was put up to make his statement, and all he said was that she looked so sweet and pretty he could-not help it, and he dident believe that Miss Molly was very mad about it nohow, for she went off singing of a hyme "What hyme was she singing? asked the judge. "I don't know," he said. "What hyme were you sing-ing. Miss Molly? asked the judge. She iled and said it was "The Lord Will Pro vide." The judge charged the jury very mildly, and told them that an assault implied malice, etc., but as the jury couldn't see where the malice came in, they came back with this verdict. "We, the jury, find the defendant not guilty, as there was no malice or hate in it, and we recommend him to the tercy of the court."
This story reminds me of John Riley's ver

dict in the Pass case. Good old John Riley, the foreman of The Rome Courier's pressroom for years and years and the foreman of the jury in the case of the State against Romu lus Pass for hog stealing. Pass had been suspected of killing Wallis Warren's shoats as they ran in the woods, and so Wallis laid for him and one evening about dusk, when he heard a rifle shot, he slipped up and caught Pass in the very act of putting the shoat in a Pass in the very act of putting the shoat in a sack. Wallis dident go to the war and managed to save his stock. Pass went, and left his wife and three little children to the mercy of God and the community. When he returned he found there was nothing left to live on, and one of the children had died. Judge Wright was not the children had died. plunteered to defend him, and introduced no voidence, but had the last speech. I will never forget the tender pathos of that speech -his picture of a poor soldier returning home to find devolation and despair. H never alluded to the evidence, but had the jury and the court in tears. The judge charged them as fairly as he could; and they re tired. In a brief time they came in with this verdict: "Whereas, the late, unhappy war reduced many of our brave soldiers and their families to want and poverty by reason of which they were forced at times to wander in the woods for such game as they could find n order to keep the wolf from the door and their little ones from starvation; therefore,

we, the jury, find the defendant not guilty. John Ricey, foreman. "By gracious!" said Wallis, "they found Pass guilty and then pardoned him. ast speech and a woman or a poor man was But it is getting a little cooler now as the

sun nears the horizon. I must stop and turn the water loos; on my garden. The city has no water meters yet, and I can steal water with impunity, but as the nigger preacher

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said to his flock, "You musent be cotched stealin' chickens—cotched, I say."

BILL ARP.

THE WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

Director Bauer Say's it Was the Most Favorable Week of the Season.

The following is the weekly bulletin of the condition of the weather and crops in the State, issued Wednesday by Director Bauer of the South Carolina section of the climate and crop service of the United States weather bureau:

The week ending Monday, July 8, averaged slightly warmer than usual a total of thirty-one billion, a portions, and slightly cooler over the southeastern. The dailey maximum ranged between 86 and 98 december 186 and 186 december 286 decemb ranged between 86 and 98 degrees, while a minimum of 66 was noted at Greenville on the 1st. There was more than the usual amount of bright sunshine. Early in the week, and again near i's close, there were scattered showers, heaviest in the central and south- are given: In the Australasian eastern counties, with a maximum rainfall of 1.99 inches at St. George,

while over the northern and western counties the week was generally rainlees. These conditions of high temperature abundant surshive, and absence of rain, made this the most fa. \$150.61. In Urguay it is \$148.06; vorable week of the season for cultivation, nevertheless, many fields remain grassy, and it will require at least another week of dry weather to clean \$75.63, and Great Britain, \$74,them. Rsin is needed generally for the crops, and to soften the soil especially clayey land that dried out hard, and complain, are comparatively clayey land that dried out hard, and breaks cloddy under cultivation. Raio s also needed to prevent further injury to crops that were damaged in ridding them of grass and weeds.

provement, except sea island, that im | 000, and in 1860 was but 64,000, proved decidedly. The plants are un-usually small for the season, and are ed to \$2,756,413,571.43 the legacy growing slowly, especially on sandy of our great civil war. The soils, where their condition is exceptionally poor. Blooms are noted over the whole State, but cotton is not blooming as profusely as it should at States, Great Britain still exthis season. It is reported that the pects to pay principal as well crop as a whole cannot possibly attain as interest, or at least has no a normal condition, however favorable thought of repudiating it even he weather during the remainder of the season may be.

The corn crop can now safely be characterized as the poorest in many years, and over considerable areas will approximate a failure. Corn, with some exceptions, has slender stalks, is Spain, Italy, Turkey and Austasselling low, and not earing well. Planting bottom and stubble lands con-

Tobacco shared in the general improvement during the past week, but tion is, will they be able to conis still very poor. Cutting and cur-ing is well under way in all districts. Rice made marked improvement, out has not fully recovered from the ill ff sets of the excessive June rainfail. Peas are being extensively planted in with corn and on stubble fields. Some which he signed at The Hague have come up to good stands.

to drop extensively, while peaches and ed the peace conference. grapes rot as they ripen. The labor situation has not improved,

and continues to be a serious factor in this year's farm economics

Big Fire in North Carolina. One of the most destructive fires in the history of this town broke out Thursday afternoon at 2 o'cleck in the McDougald Furniture store and the wind was so favorable that it seemed clusion. The moment arent, no brother, as she took the baby away the entire town was doomed. A rough matter how small, appears in from him, "what do you think of the estimate places the loss at \$66,000. The northern portion of the town is in ruins. weeds and accept the first offer "Oh, I dunno," he said, "I guess No one has any adequate idea as to how the fire originated. The loses and insurance are estimated as follows: M. NEGROES t A. McDougald, two stores and stock, loss \$14,000; one half insured; R. E. Lee, two store buildings, livery stable and stock of goods, loss \$10,000; G. M.

Wright, stock \$400, insurance \$200; H. O. Covington, two stores, loss \$2,000, insurance \$1,200; D. C. McNeill, stock, \$3,500; Suthernland & Morgan, \$900, insurance \$500; W. D. James and A. A. James, three stores and goods, \$19. 000, insurance about \$5,000, J. S. Mc Douffie, loss \$13,000 stock insurance \$13,000; J. C. Morgan loss \$2,000 stock J. B. Cowan \$600, and W. P. Evans, store and stock \$4,500, insurance \$2,-



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What the Nations Owe An article summarizing the national debts of the various

countries of the world appears in a recent publication from the bureau of statistics. It shows Astorbilt is fallfn' in a faint, an' they mus' run fer her life. ever paying as there is of electng a Southern man President next time. On a basis of per capita dept the following interesting and instructive figures colonies the debt amounts to \$263.90 for each individual. The cent." citizens of Honduras each carry \$219.60. The people of France is \$5,327.50. strain under a per capita debt of in Portugal, \$143.82; Argentinia \$128.85; Spain, \$95.53; the Netherlands, \$90.74; Belgium, easy to bear, being only \$14.52 per capita, though in Mexico the per capita debt is but \$10.84 The debt of the United

Cotton made a slight and general im- States in 1835 was only \$33,000,as interest, or, at least, has no if it is never paid. France still struggles to pay the interest on herentire national debt, but at least three-fourths of it is regarded as irredeemable, while tria-Hungary are practically bankrupt countries. Nobody expects the debts of these nations to be paid. The only questinue to pay the interest? War sa great debt builder, and if can. Uncle Sam ever wants to see his national debt wiped out he must

se to it that the peace treaty bears better fruit than that Apples, peaches and pears continue which has immediately follow-SUMATRA widows are tied down by an iron-clad custom. When the husband dies the widow erects a flagstaff at her the breeze. As long as the flag remains untorn she must wear widow's weeds and keep in se-

> NEGROES throughout the state are said to be showing consider-able interest in the Charleston she is altogether too critical." exposition.

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Modern Methods. First Burglar-How ye gittin' on? Second Burglar-Bully! Doin' firs' rate. Robbin' doctors now. I jus' ring

"Bah! You're way behind the times. Quick as a p'liceman sees a man runnin' at night he arrests 'im as a suspicious character. I wait till they grab th' doctor, an' then I go in an' rob th' house."-N. Y Weekly.

Interchange of Confidence. "And now, my boy, don't have any secrets from your-father. What are your college debts? Don't be afraid to tell me the sum total, to the last

"I won't, father. The whole amount

"I thank you for your confidence, my boy, and I will be equally frank. You may pay those debts the best way you can."—Chicago Tribune. A Cameo.

> And flapping on high, The strawberry's throbbing In dumpling and ple.
>
> -N. Y. Herald.

HEIGHT OF CARELESSNESS



"Heavens! Where did your parrot learn to swear so horribly, Mrs.

"Oh, I forgot to take him from the room while Mr. Jones was looking for his collar button."-Chicago Ameri-

Grappling-Irons of Success. Life is uphill all the way—
If you climb, and wish to stay
Where you are, you'll have to use,
Like all linemen, well-spiked shoes.
—Detroit Free Press,

End Not Yet in Sight. Yeast-I just saw your wife in the other room. Crimsonbeak-Talking?

"Yes; I heard her say, as I passed, that she had arrived at a conclusion." "Well, she hasn't done anything of front door and flings a flag to the sort. She's talking yet."-Youker's Statesman. A Brute.

"Well," she asked her old bachelor mebby it'll do to raise." - Chicago Times-Herald.

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