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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

Subject: "A Song Concerning My Beloved."

TEXT: "Now will I sing to my well beloved a song of my beloved."—Isaiah, v. 1.

The most fascinating theme for a heart properly attuned is the Saviour. I think of Him who in the morning suggests Him, and something in the evening shadow to speak His praise.

Over the old-fashioned pulpits there was a sounding board. The voice of the minister came to the sounding boards of the people.

Instead of waiting until you get sick and worn out before you speak the praise of Christ, your heart is happiest, and your step is lightest, when you sing of Him.

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RELIGIOUS READING.

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CURIOS FACTS.

There are 2,750 languages. A storm moves thirty-six miles per hour.

The death penalty was abolished in Michigan previous to 1850. A Maryland father can't bind out his son; a Maryland mother can't.

The Japanese have only one swear word and that is no more expressive than our "by-gosh."

Julius Hildebrand, who for sixteen years was the body servant of Bismarck, is living in Chicago.

Signals to be used at sea were first contrived by James II., when he was Duke of York, in 1655.

Charles Brock, of Milton, Mass., owns, and sometimes wears, a pair of shoes made by his father 53 years ago.

Over 1,000 skunk skins went out of Scranton, Penn., for Germany the other day, where they will be made into gend caps.

Warren, Penn., claims the oldest member of the G. A. R. in the country. His name is D. T. Van Vechten, and he was born in 1799.

The City of London, England, proper, covers an area of 122 square miles. Philadelphia covers more territory, spreading over 129 square miles.

Notaries Public were first appointed by the Fathers of the Christian Church to make a collection of the acts of memoirs of martyrs in the first century.

THE ROGUE'S RUSE.

By this time both men were at the front door. "Well," said the pale man, "\$10 is a good deal. I'll take it and do the trick again; perhaps you can catch on this time."

He approached the gentleman again, lightly tapped him on the waistcoat pocket, and produced the watch as before. "Didn't you see how that was done? No? Well, I'll put it back in your pocket again."

This he appeared to do deliberately, saying, with a merry smile: "Now, if you will call at my room to-morrow, I'll show you just how I did the trick. It is too late for me to show you to-night."

Fascinated by the man's deftness, forgetting how he had entered the house, and ignoring his peculiar conduct, the householder said he would be on hand sure the next morning.

Two or three nights ago, a lank, pale-faced man, dressed in a suit of black so badly cut that it hung in folds about him, mounted the steps of this particular house.

He rang the bell, which was answered by a maid servant, who ran away in a fright when she saw the man and called loudly for the master of the house.

The householder, descending the stairs cautiously, reached a point where he saw some small Japanese vases and rare china cups which adorned the mantel in the dimly-lighted room.

There was a woman at Port Jarvis, New York, who goes into convulsions every time she hears any one sing the air of "Old Lang Syne," and a neighbor woman has just been mulcted in the tune of \$400 for singing it with malice aforethought.

At the trial of a Wooster, Ohio, man for murder, it was brought out in the course of the testimony that at the outbreak of the war he had himself convicted of stealing sheep in order that he might avoid military service by going to the penitentiary.

Raw silk is said to have been first made in China about 120 B. C. It was first brought to Europe in 574, and a pound of it at that time was worth a pound of gold.

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