

GIVE HIM A LIFT.

Hard as the mill-stone that grinds... Destiny often appears; Never a mortal but finds Pleasures outnumbered by tears.

LAYING A MAN-TRAP.

She was a widow, and very rich. She lived in one of the handsomest houses on Fifth avenue, and was closing up to forty-three. She had a grown daughter, a French maid, horses and carriages to her heart's content, and jewels and lace enough to fill a Saratoga trunk.

was not poetic enough, and wanted something like a goddess resting on a shell in the twilight, or Undine rising from the sea. The disposition of the arms, too, caused some trouble, and it was a long time before the ladies could decide on anything quite up to the widow's notion.

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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUN-DAY SERMON.

Subject: "The Birth of Christ."

TEXT: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem."—Luke i, 15. Amid a thousand mercies we give each other holiday congratulations. By long established custom we exhort each other to cheerful merriment.

wise man who came from the East, and tradition says that the three wisest came—Casper, a young man; Balthazar, a man of middle age; and Melchior, an octogenarian. The three wisest men of all the century. They came to this manger.

burning with gratitude send aloft the incense of praise toward the throne of Christ. Bring on more incense, and higher and higher let the columns of praises ascend. Let them wreath all these pillars and hover amid all these arches, and then soar to the throne.

RELIGIOUS READING.

A HYMN OF TRUST.

Thou sweet, beloved will of God! My anchor-ground! My fortress hill! My spirit's silent, fair abode.

CHRIST, THE GREAT SUBSTITUTE.

It is not by incarnation, but by bloodshedding, that we are saved. The Christ of God was sent to die for us, that we might live.

FRUIT SOUPS.

The ripest fruit only is suitable for this soup, thin slices of which nearly melt in the mouth; the rind and seeds of the melon removed and the flesh cut in small, thin slices placed in a china tureen or a punch-bowl slightly dusted with salt and cayenne and covered with a strong lemonade, may be served cold at once.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Grease spots may be taken out with weak ammonia in water; lay soft white paper over, and iron with a hot iron.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR JANUARY 18.

Lesson Text: "God's Care of Elijah"—Golden Text: I Kings xvii, 1-16—Commentary. "And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab: Sixty years have passed since the kingdom was divided."