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You may imagine the mental condition of-the vicar-a man so many years past his youth; incredulous to a morbid degree respecting his own powers of pleasing, and possessing a perfectly accurate knowledge as to the very airy and unsubstantial foundation upon which his best hopes were, in reality, hased!

"I don't think the flowers are looking ill, Jane. I think it is yourself that is changed. You don't care for your flowers now as you did a year ago."

"I don't care for my flowers!" Her hands, ceased from their employment in an instant, and she turned full around to the vicar. "Why, Mr. Follettt, I think they are all I do care for now. What have 1 left to care for but my own poor, small, selfish pleasures, and, and-

Was that sudden hesitation propitious? The vicar deluded bimself inte thinking so.

"And what else, Jane? What else do you care for, except your own poor, small, selfish pleasures?"

"A memory, sir," looking straight into his eyes. "Not much, you will say, to live upon, but still all 1 have got, you know, all I have got!"

And then she turned away and began abruptly to walk up and down with quick, short steps, along the garden path. A habit that had rather grown upon her since Miss Lynch's death, as many such mechanical means for the suppression of thought do grow upon persons in whose minds ghosts walk at times, and who live much alone.

Mr. Follett watched her as she took two or three of these short turns in silence; then he met her midway in the path.

"Jane, child, I don't like to see you walk like that. That walk is the feverish action of one whose mind is ill at ease. I would not have your mind so, Jane, if I could help it."

The expression of his face quite melted her. She held out both her hands to him.

"Oh, sir, how good you are to me!what should I do without you? When -when some thoughts come to me, you know, I begin to walk like this, without thinking what I do; but I will try never to walk again, as you don't like it. The trick came upon me a night or two -after auntie died, and I can scarcely help it now. I would not do that or anything else in the world to give you a moment's pain."

The pressure of her hands was warm; real honest regard shone from her eyes; and from one ordinarily so cold any exan aspirant lover rapturous. But the

| Follett's intense disappointment was, I doubt not, tempered by thankfulness an unearthly look of size and luster; that Jane had never for a moment sus- her lips, so scarlet when Gifford kissed pected him of speaking for himself. them last, were colorless and wan. The But her very blindness showed him the more strongly in what light she viewed

had not so plainly set it forth. "I have never sought to be seen by or to meet living man since the day that Gifford left me."

He, the Vicar of Chesterford, classed, palpably with Huntley, the married and faded as I am?" doctor, or Mr. Gillett of the mill, or less; and, under the influence of these genial feelings, he broke out into the

following speech: love since Mr. Mohun left. Fortunateof marrying, you are now again to have room, with the odorous country air

to fear. Mr. Gifford Mohun is coming at his side. back, Jane! I am here at this moment fortunes by living quietly at Yatton. ever deaf to her entreaties. I hope you will pardon my uninten-

prodigal's return." As he spoke a strange light came across Miss Grand's face. She forgot was fated never to read as long as Mr. Mr. Follett, forgot that he had wound- Gifford Mohun continued to be the hero ed her pride, that he was speaking of her romance. bitterly to her or speaking at all. Gifthe twilight; a few moments, then she the last hour and a half. remembered Mr. Follett, and that if she was going to shed any more foolish

weep here with him for an audience.

ing beings with whom he mentally placed her at such disadvantage. For a woman to look young long two things are necessary-tirst, an infantine mignonne of cast of features; secondly, a great capacity for feeling nothing acutely. And Jane possessed neither of these. Her fragile, oval face was one sure, even in a far happier life than hers had been, to lose its youth early. The fine complexion of her younger days had alone saved her from looking too frail and delicate even when she was quite a young girl, and this she had wholly and forever lost within a very few days of the ending of her engagement to Mohun. She was pale, more than pale, bloodless-looking now. The blue veins were painfully distinct upon her thin temples: a faint violet shade around her eyes gave them

seven years which had brought Mohua to the best stage of a man's life, to the him, even if her own indignant words fuliness of mature youth, had brought Miss Grand almost to the confines of

age. "I am greatly changed, Gifford." she said to him once during the evening. "You never thought to find me as old "You are Jane Grand still," said Gif-

any other aged man of the parish who ford. The daylight was quite gone happened to wear a coat instead of a now, and in the tremulous on-coming gown! He felt horribly, intensely bit- of night he saw only the drooping lines ter towards her. He thought he hated of figure, the soft-curved throat, the her. He thought her faithfulness to delicate hands, which took him back Gifford the obstinate, stiff-necked fancy so strongly to his boyish passion. "Jane of a fool. He thought her declaration Grand-more to me, however changed, of it to himself indelicate, vain, heart- than any other woman in the world." She did not ask herself by what process his indifference to others had been attained. All that her heart "I beg your pardon for what I have greedily drank was the thought that

said, Jane-I beg your pardon for be- she was dear to him, was something lieving your heart to have the slightest to him still. The love story had reneed of support or affection. As you opened at much the same page as of justly say, you have never seen or been old. Sitting together here in the twiseen by any one worthy to receive your light. Mohun was simply sensible of comfort to himself, of peace, of quiet, ly, as you are so averse to the thought almost of freshness in this little silent

a neighbor from whom you will know playing on his face, and a woman you have nothing but a friend's regard (however gone off) who still adored him Jane felt only that the dream of her for the express purpose of telling you. girlhood was clothed with flesh and Gifford Mohun is coming back to re- blood once more. She was with Gifcruit, if possible, some of his shattered ford: Heaven had not remained for-

Yes, changed though they were in tional offense, now that I have given some things, the story had reopened at you this exceeding good news of the the same page as of old-one loving, the other submitting to be loved. It was a page beyond which Miss. Grand

The time went on upon swift wings ford was returning, the dream of her that summer evening: and when at life-Gifford, broken and weary, return- length the lamp came in. Gifford began ing to her-was to come true. Her to think he had too hastily passed judgeyes filled and sank to the ground; her ment on Jane's good looks. Lamplight, tips trembled: a faint color rose up in of course, suits all complexions, that her cheeks. For a few moments the are not young and faultless, best; and years of heavy pain seemed lifted from then poor Jane's face had become really her, and she was a girl again, listening flushed with something like its old soft at the little wicket for Mohun's step in color during the intense happiness of

As she poured out tea and brought it to Mohun, just as she used to do when tears of joy it would be discreetef to she was a girl, he was struck with the escape and shed them alone than to perfect grace-which was, in truth, her one inalicnable charm-with the soft As she raised her eyes, however, fal- fall of her plain black dress, her noisetering out something about the sud- less step, her timid, pleading voicedenness of the news and the way in more timid, by far. than any of the pression of feeling ought to have made which it had overmastered her she much younger London voices he was found that she was already alone. accustomed to. How would it be for vicar felt chilled as though a harsh There are probably few men generous him to return to his old, pure, uncalcuenough to appreciate the charm of lating first love? give up the life he upon him, standing there among the blushes called forth by thoughts of an had got so little of satisfaction and so old lover immediately after the rejec- much of ruin out of, and betake himof the influence of kindly hands and tion of themselves; and the Vicar of self to the creature comforts of calm Chesterfield did not, with all his vir- country domesticity, with this pale, tues, possess the superhuman qualities gentle, adoring woman for his slave? The question really seemed capable of being answered affirmatively; and,

"On revient toujours!"-she was sit-

(To be continued.)

Mysterious Jones.

Yes: but he has one Bad Fault.

Is he Going Back there to Live?

Oh. no! He may Go Back on a

Why does he Talk One Way and Act

You may Search Us, Child .- Detroit

Law vs. Custom.

One of Ambassador Choate's legal

stories related to a Texas judge before

He Beefs about the Beauty of the

What is the Fault?

Tribune.



Six miles is the length of a petition promoted by the British National Canine Defense League in support of the bill for the prohibition of the vivisection of dogs.

The clever cigar rollers of Seville have rivals in the insect world. By the aid of its tiny feet the wevil rolls vine istry. Christ denotes the "glad tidings" or leaves into a cylindrical shape and hides itself inside. "Jesus." Jesus means "Saviour."

The Swiss town of Zurich has taken a step toward the municipalization of medicine, and puts a poll tax on all the population over sixteen years old sufficient to make an income of \$100,000 to pay the doctors.

send." This "I" in the prophet is spo-ken by Jehovah. But this Jehovah is Marken, in the Zuyder Zee, is one of the most curious islands in the the Messiah. So that we have here a world. Horses and trees are unknown. John the Baptist, Christ's herald. 3. "The voice." Attention is called The island produces one crop-hayand of this the women manage the growing and harvesting.

Among the curios preserved in the Bank of England is a banknote that passed through the Chicago fire. The paper was consumed, but the ash held together and the printing is quite legible. It is kept carefully under glass. The bank paid the note.

After keeping a body in a hermetically sealed coffin for'ten years, in the hope relatives of the deceased would fulfil their promises and pay for the burial, a firm of Leadville undertakers has given up in despair and buried the body.

# DEFIES TIME

A Liquid, Newly Discovered, That is a True Preservative.

The Hungarian chemist Brunn says he has discovered a liquid chemical compound which renders certain kinds of matter proof against the effects of time. He asserts that it doubles the density of nearly every kind of stone and renders it waterproof. It imparts to all metals qualities which defy oxygen and rust. It is also a germicide of hitherto unequaled powers.

The professor says that while traveling in Greece some twenty-five years ago he noticed that the mortar in stones of ruins which were known to be over 2000 years old was, as hard, fresh and tenacious as if it had been made only a year. He secured a piece of the mortar and has been working on it ever since until now, when, he says, he has discovered the secret. The compound is a yellow liquid, which the professor has christened zorene. He describes the following experiments: A piece of ordinary and easily breakable slag after immersion in zorene defied the full blow of a ham-

mer. There was the same effect on ordinary bricks and a block of red jareah wood. All three were then (after immersion in zorene) immersed in water for a long time. When taken out and weighed with delicate scales the presence of a single particle of added moisture could not be detected. Two pieces of steel submitted to an ammonia test equal to five years' exposure to the air emerged from the bath as they entered it. An ordinary table



# IMMORTALITY.

I. Preparing the way (vs. 1-3). 1. "The beginning." Matthew begins with a genealogy of our Lord and Luke Into the form my soul kath wrought un-thinking, Unto the life my life hath bought unwith the history of His infancy, but

Mark commences in the midst of gosknowing, Unto the path my feet hath sought unpel events. He seems anxious to come at once to Christ's public life and min-

ceasing, I shall be born again.

Unto another battlefield, twice armored,

To fight anew with sword and shield un-daunted, To win the victory, nor yield faint-hearted,

I shall be born again. To see once more the pure ideal shining, Leading with fire and cloud the leal soul

onward, To give a truer service, real, unfailing, I shall be born again.

As to the bough bereft a trust prophetic Speaks of the hidden bud, so must the

spirit. By sorrow taught, know from the dust of

It shall arise again.

to the message rather than to the mes-Again O gracious though the soul upsenger. John was weak and insignifilifting, As far the ages vast unroll triumphant To seek the ever-forward goal untiring, cant, but he was delivering God's message, and his words produced a mighty effect. "Crying." Heralding, pro-claiming. "Wilderness." John preached

We shall be born again. —Alice Gordon.

Three Ways of Answering Prayer.

Henry Drummond gave us a beautiful illustration of the methods whereby prayer is answered:

A large, splendidly equipped steamship sailed from Liverpool for New York. Among the passengers were a little boy and girl, who were playing about the deck when the boy lost his ball overboard. He immediately ran to the captain and shouted: "Stop the ship; my ball is overboard!"

The captain smiled pleasantly, but said, "Oh, no, my boy! I cannot stop ne ship, with all these people, just to get a rubber ball." The-boy went away grumbling, and confided to the little girl that the cap-

tain 'didn't stop the ship because he couldn't. He believed the ship was wound up some way in Liverpool, and she just had to run, day and night, until she ran down. A day or two afterward the children

were playing on deck again, when the little girl dropped her doll down into the engine room and she supposed it, too, had gone overboard. She said, "I will run and ask the captain to stop the ship and get my dolly."

"It's no use," said the boy; "he cannot do anything. I've tried him." But the little girl ran on to the captain with her story and appeal.

The captain came and peeked down into the engine room, and, seeing the doll, said, "Just wait here a minute." And while the ship went right on, he ran down the stairway and brought up the little girl's doll, to her delight

and to the boy's amazement. The next day the cry rang out, "Man overboard!" and immediately the bell rang"in the engine-room. "The great ship stood still until boats were lowered and the life rescued. Then she steamed on until she reached the wharf in New York. As soon as she was tied the captain went up town and bought the boy a better ball than the one he

had lost. Now, each of the three prayers was answered. The little girl received her request without stopping the ship; the little boy by a little waiting received his also; and yet for sufficient reason the ship was stopped by a part of the machinery itself, not as an afterthought, but something put into the ship when it was made .- Pacific Bap-

# THE GREAT DESTROYER.

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT. THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE:

The Stupenduous Fortune We Spend Fo Liquor-What the Money Would Ac complish if Were Put to Really Usefal

Purposes-A Remarkable Article. 'According to figures furnished by the Government Bureau of Statistics.

there are consumed in the United States in one year about forty million barrels of beer, ninety-eight million gallons of proof spirits, and thirty million and five hundred thousand gallons of wine. These drinkables, sold at retail, take out of the pockets of consumers in a single twelvemonth the sum of \$1,454,119.858. It is a good deal of money, and one is tempt-ed to consider-what it could accomplish if it were put to really useful purposes instead of being practically thrown

away. It would provide 500,000 families, or 2,500,000 people-more than the entire population of the States of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, North Dakota and Montanawith comfortable homes, clothing and provisions for twelve whole months. To each family it would give \$350 for provisions. \$80 for clothing, \$30 for shoes, \$20 for newspapers, maga-zines and books, \$50 for church and charitable purposes, and would build for each family a house costing \$1500, with \$350 to furnish it-thus bestowing upon each one of the half million families \$2380, and leaving a balance of \$264,119,000 to erect 52,818 churches, each costing \$5000. The figures arrange themselves in tabulated form as follows:

500,000 families, \$350 each for \$175,000,000 provisions..... 500.000 families, \$80 each for 40,000,000 15,000,000 nhoes. 500,000 families, \$20 each for 10,000.000 books, etc..... 500,000 families, \$50 each for 25,000,000 250,000,000

Total.....\$1,454,090,000

It is practically impossible for the human mind to grasp so enormous a sum of money, but recognition of its magnitude may be rendered more easy by comparing with it certain other expenditures which are made for the every day necessaries of life. For mstance, the people of the United States in a year spend \$660,000,000 for meats and \$600,000,000 for breadstuffs. They pay out \$630,000,000 for cotton and worsted goods, for wearing apparel and household use. Boots and shoes cost them \$261,000,000 in the same length of time. For iron and steel they spend \$580,000,000, for sugar and molasses \$225,000,000, and for tea, coffee and chocolate \$169,000,000. It will be noticed that no two of these items, which represent the chief expenses of the nation, equal in sum the total expenditure for liquors, the meats and breadstuffstogether amount. ing to only \$1,260,000,000 .- Pearson's Magazine. .....

## That Suicide Commission.

According to the press dispatches, Mayor Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, has appointed a commission of three, whose duty it will be to dissuade people from committing suicide.

People contemplating suicide will be invited to appear before the commission, which will try to argue them out of the dubious enterprise, urging that one live man is worth a whole graved ward of cadavers.

In these times of benevolent feudale ism, almost anything is likely to hapi pen. We may yet have an anti-drunk commission before which a person cond templating getting drunk will be invit-

A woman who has just

#### of the way to the Sea of Galilee, and on both sides of the lower Jordan. "Prepare - paths straight." This is figurative language. The words illustrate the straightening force of the gospel. There must be a thorough preparation before God, our King, will come to us. The self-life must be "brought low;" the crooked life must "straightened;" the obstructions of be unbelief and carnal desires must be removed. II. John baptizing (vs. 4, 5). 4.

written."

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1-11-Golden Text, I Sam. vil., 3-

"good news," concerning Jesus Christ.

This name shows His human nature

"Christ." This name means "anoint-

ed," and is the Greek equivalent of the

Hebrew "Messiah." "Son of God."

This shows His divine nature. See

John 1: 1-3, 14. He was very God, the

in the wild, thinly inhabited region ly-

ing west of the Jordan and the Dead

Sea as far north as Enon, two-thirds

' See Mal. 3:1; Isa. 40:3. "1

Attention is called

second person in the Trinity. 2.

Preparation For His Life Work.

"Gospel."

Memory Verses, 10, 11-Topic: Christ's

The gospel of Jesus

"Is

'Preach." Herald; a word suggesting the proclamation of a king. John was a great reformer. "Baptism of repentance." John was a repentance preacher. This was a baptism required and representing an inward spiritual change; the pledge of remission of sins to those who were truly penitent. "For the remission." The remission was to be received of Christ, the repentance was preparatory to Christ's coming and work, and John's baptism was a sign of true repentance.

"All the land." A figure representing the sweeping influence of John's preaching. "Confessing." Confession of sin is one of the elements in true repentance. Repentance includes (1) conviction, (2) contrition, (3) confession, (4) reformation, and leads to conversion.

III. John's testimony (vs. 6-8). "Camel's hair." In appearance John resembled Elijab, the prophet. He was clothed in the coarse, rough cloth called sackcloth in the Scriptures. It was cheap, but admirable for keeping out the heat, cold and rain. "Girdle." The Orientals delight in costly, ornamental girdles, but poor people must content themselves with a strip of hide. The law of Moses gave 'Locusts." permission to eat locusts (Lev. 11:21). The common locust is about three inches long and closely resembles our grasshopper. Locusts are abundant and cheap and are still used as food by the poorer classes. "Wild honey." Honey stored by bees in hollow trees or in the clefts of the rocks. John's habits were in keeping with his wilder-"There cometh." The ness life. 7. preaching of John was preparing the minds of the people for the coming of the Messiah, and they began to ask

December wind had suddenly swept summer roses. It is one thing to write eyes, and another to feel it. Mr. Follett was sensible that no woman ever caught the hands and looked into the eyes of the man she loved as Jane was doing now. She was grateful, dutiful, faint color that rose into poor Jane's after a good deal of preamble, Gifford affectionate to him, as to a father-no more.

He hid his embarrassment, and disengaged himself from her cruelly kind Grand for her unwilling refusal of his hands by stooping down and picking up suit, and trebly bitter against himself one of her gardening gloves. As he for his own last ungenerous speech to window again when Gifford began with presented it, he remarked, quite in his her) was making his way back to the the stereotyped quotation for all such usual collected tone-indeed, it struck vicarage fierce and fast beneath the cases-"on revient toujours! Jane, the on Jane's heart he spoke a little formally-that he always recommended persons who lived much alone to break themselves early from all the habits that lonchiness engenders. He had had tway, and he knew how apt all recluses were to fall into habits and thoughts At 7 o'clock in the evening of the next anlike those of other people, unless day Gifford walked coolly into the little they early forced themselves to associ- parlor where she was sitting, breath ate with the world about them.

"I feel that, too," said Miss Grand-"I feel that it will not take a great many more years to make me as eccentric and unlike any one else, as old Miss Brown. And do you know, Mr. enough to unlock the whole long frozen Follett, I sometimes wonder if it isn't love of Miss Grand's heart. She made a duty I owe to myself to give up this no show of coldness, no concealment of lonely life and try-a terrible effort it what she felt at receiving him back would be-to bring myself to live with to her again. others."

If ever a man had an opening made for him, here surely was one. Without waiting to think, the vicar broke forth him to the place where they had used into speech - hurried. disconnected to sit beside the window, and looked speech very unlike any that Jane had | into his face, and I regret to say-cried ever heard from his lips.

monstrous that you should waste your and live in the world, and-and, Jane, world-in marriage you might forget the past-and be happy!"

It was the vaguest declaration of pasfearful agitation of the vicar's heart, For Jane, she simply looked at him ighast.

"Marriage," she exclaimed-"marringe? Great Heaven: Mr. Foilett, been, except Jane Grand herself; and **Son't** misunderstand me so! I meant to she-how fearfully changed! live in a family, a family containing other staid persons of my own years, and you speak as if I wished to change my state. So much do the best of men on Jane's face. He had expected to see know of women!" she added mournfully. "So much do you, after all these years, know of me! Why, sir, I have at eight-and twenty, only his own age. never had a thought of such things. 1 gave him a shock that was positively have never sought to be seen even, or painful. He had known many women to meet any living man since the day- as fresh at eight-and-twenty as at one but him! You meant well, Mr. Fol- Jane looked all but middle-aged. lett, you meant well-but you don't

man to escape being rejected: and Mr. she had gone through as compared Journal.

requisite for such self-abnegation. He had turned abruptly away at the first delighted, downcast face, and at this at last let Miss Grand know that it moment (bitter at his own folly in hav. | was not utterly impossible for him to

entertain it. ing spoken of love at all, bitter at Miss ting beside him in the old place by the years seem as nothing since you and I sultry morning sun. saw each other last. I have come back

## CHAPTER XIII.

Can't the old hopes come to life again, too?-the dear old hopes we shared Instinct said to Jane that Mohun. a great deal of experience himself that broken and disappointed, would find together, Jane, before that horrible day that divided us?" her out at once; and instinct was right. Miss Grand clasped her hands, and turned away from him nervously. She always reiterated to herself that Gifford Mohun's character was a high and

lessly happy, and expecting him. generous and noble one; but a wisdom "Jane-let us be friends again." stronger than her reason warned her This was all his explanation of the past or promise for the future; but the back now from taking him at his word in any matter at all pertaining to dissound of his voice, of his footstep, was interestedness or self-sacrifice.

Who is the Man with the Cigar, His Name is Jones. "Gifford-ah. Gifford! I have waited Is he a Good Mau?

so long for you." And then she took his hands and led fown He Came From. He says it is a Little Town, but the People are Honest over him, as mothers sometimes do and do not try to Skin You. When "Jane, that is what I have often over very prodigal sons who are given they Take You by the Hand they wished to say to you. You are too back to them; and Mohun's pardon for Shake it Heartily and you Know they young to have done with life. It is the cruelty of seven years was sealed. Mean it. It must have been a somewhat best years over one lost hope. You do strange feeling for him, a feeling owe it to yourself to try to be happier strange from its freshness and yet Short Visit, but you could not Keep haunting sense of perfect familiarity. Him There with a Gatling Gun. a single woman cannot mix in the to be sitting here in this same little, low raftered parlor-the same picture Another?

before him on the wall, the same china bowl upon the shelf, the same volupsion probably ever made; but from the tuous sweetness from the overhanging tea roses without-all just as it had he, beyond all doubt, meant it for one. been seven years ago, when he used to sit here with his arm around Jane hour

whom a prisoner was brought, charged after hour of those delicious summer evenings of his youth. All as it had with horse stealing. The judge promptly sentenced the prisoner to be hanged, but his lawyer interrupted: "You can't hang this prisoner according to law. During the first hour that they were your honor." he said. "Maybe you're together Mohnn could scarcely bring right," said the judge; "well, I'll dishimself away from one idea-the change charge him, and I guess it's up to the her somewhat altered, of course, but boys to hang him according to the regfor a woman to have so utterly faded ular custom." Not Fully Cultured. "Yes," said little Arthur, "since pa struck it rich, and ma and the girls

the day when Gifford left me; and now cighteen, or if not actually as fresh, as have got into society, we have a that I am young no longer, you speak to charming in all the subtler graces of Frenchman to do our cookin', so we eat me of finding happiness in loving some matured and experienced beauty; and in French, and sing in Italian, and think mostly in German; but once in a while, when things don't go right and Perhaps Mr. Mohun forge, what Jane know me, even after all these years!" Grand's life had been during the last pa gets mad, we still have the good old It is, doubtless, a good thing for a seven years, the amount of suffering English right off the bat."-Chicago

knife which had lain open five months did not show the slightest stain. Professor Brunn asserts that he will be able to make roads dust, germ and

waterproof, thus giving commercial value to hundreds of millions of tons of slag which is now useless in the mining and smelting districts. His discovery will, at the very least, he says, double the life of metals exposed to the air, such as bridges, railroads, vessels and tanks .- Brooklyn Eagle.

## Fooling a Great Doctor.

Sir Morel Mackenzie once received a wire from Antwerp asking him his charges for a certain operation. He replied £500 (\$2500), and was told to come at once. When he stepped upon the dock he was met by three men in suddenly upon my youth at its best. mourning, who informed him sadly that the patient had died that morning. "But," said the spokesman of the party, "we do not intend that you shall be out of pocket a shilling. We shall pay your fee." And they did. "And now," said the man, "what do you say to visiting the city hospital and giving a clinic for the benefit of our local surgeons?"

Sir Morel said he would gladly comply. He went to the bospital and performed many operations, among which were two of a similar nature to that for which he had been called over. When he finished all thanked him profusely. On the steamer going home he met a friend who had a business house in Antwerp. "Pretty scurvy trick they played on

you, Sir Morel." "What do you mean?" asked the sur-

"Told you the patient died before you arrived, didn't they?"

"Yes." "Lied. You operated on him and a friend with the same trouble at the clinic. Got two operations for one price!"-Reader.

### Honeymoon Trips to Avoid.

"There are two pieces of advice I'd like to give about honeymoons," said the man who has had two of them. "One of them is, never go on a long sea voyage with your new wife. The other is, never take a long automobile trip with her. I've tried both, and both have been miserable failures. I would not be guilty of such an unchivalrous comment had both of my wives not agreed with me in both instances.

"Just think of having knocked down all the barriers of conventionality which practically shielded you during the courtship to find yourself for eight or ten days in such close companionship with your better half as is offered on an automobile honeymoon! It's awful to think of it.

"When 1 was on my last honeymoon, which was the automobile one, we were only three days on the road when I was reminded of the man who turned to his wife during their honeymoon and said: 'Don't you wish some friend would come along?' 'Oh, yes, dear,' she sighed, 'or an enemy even.' "-Philadelphia Record.

themselves whether he were the Christ. But John was not slow to undeceive them regarding himself. "Mightier." John clearly outlined the work of the coming Messiah. His baptism will effect what mine is powerless to do. "Latchet." The latchet, a word now obsolete, was the thong or lace with which the shoes or sandals were fastened. "Shoes." Or sandals. "Not worthy." John shows his greatness by his self-abasement.

S. "With water-Holy Ghost." John had administered the outward rite, but could not renew their hearts.

Jesus baptized (vs. 9-11). 9. IV. While John was "In those days." preaching and baptizing. "Jesus came." Jesus was about thirty years old. This was the age when priests entered upon their ministry (Num. 4 3), and when the rabbis began to teach "From Nazareth." Where He had lived in seclusion all these years. , So far as we know this was His first public act since He was twelve years of age. "Was baptized." Any confession of sin was of course out of the question. There was only a profession on the part of Jesus that as an Israelite became subject to the law, and He that He was connected with humanity

by the ties of blood, of suffering and of love. "Of John." At first John hes-Itated about baptizing Jesus (Matt. 3: 14, 15). 10. "He saw." Christ saw it, and John saw it (John 1:33, 34), and it is probable that all who were present saw it; for this was intended to be His public inauguration. "The heavens opened." Luke says that Jesus prayed as soon as He was baptized (Luke 3:21). Here is the first recorded prayer of Christ and its answer. "Like a dove." A symbol this of perfect gentleness, purity, fulness of life, and of the power of communicating it. At two

"Voice from heaven." other times during our Lord's earthly ministry was a voice heard from heaven: At the transfiguration (Mark 9:7). and in the courts of the temple during passion week (John 12:28). The Father indorsed Christ's earthly mission. "My beloved Son." Jesus Christ is the Son of God from eternity

### Spanks Octogenarian "Boy."

Friends and neighbors for miles around assembled at the residence of Mrs. Betsy Freenan, of Red Bank, Pa. to celebrate the 111th anniversary of her birth, and, to prove to her guests that she is still strong and hearty, the hostess in a spirit of fun called her youngest son, William, to her side. She informed "Willie" that he had been a naughty boy, and forthwith proceeded to lay him across her knee and administer a sound spanking. "Willie" is eighty-two years old. Mrs. Freeman does not look her age by fifty years.

An egg within an egg was brought to Smith Centre. Mo., the other day by C. L. Buswell, a farmer. The outside egg measured eight inches in circumference the long way and seven inches the other way. Inside of this was another perfect egg, shell and all, being separated from the big egg by about a half-inch of the white of the egg. was laid by an ordinary hen, a mixture of Plymouth Rock and Leghorn.

#### Importing Potatoes.

are coming to Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Lifter-Up of My Head."

ed to appear and listen to arguments as to why he should go slow and not I like that expression, "Lifter-up of imbibe too much. my head." I know it means to restore We may yet have an anti-poverty to honor; but it means this also: There commission. is your child, my good mother, and your been ejected with her babies from her child has been bad, and you have tenement home, because of a drunken chastised him. You have put the poor husband, may appear before the coing little bundle of wretchedness and mission and listen to arguments against crossness into a corner, and there it is poverty standing, soiling all its face with hot When licensed drink has a man by, and scalding tears. Then your heart the throat and brought him to the point of suicide, he is not apt to aprelents; the extreme of misery tells upon you, for you are its mother and pear before any commission to listen blood is thicker than water. And you to arguments as to why he should recome toward the little thing, and, as you come nearer and nearer, the frain. When a man's appetite becomes so farther it creeps in the corner, and the powerful as to drag him into the near lower it hangs its head. And what do est Heensed snake hole, he is not apt

you do? Instead of chastising it any more, you come quite close, and with one hand on the little one's shoulder, you put the other hand below its chin, and literally you lift up the little face into the light of your own and stoop down to kiss it.

Did you ever think that that is what God wants to do with the poor weary sinner who has gone back and don shamefully ?- Rev. John McNeill.

#### Help One Another.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Enter into one another's life. Be helpful. Let those who have joy minister to those who are without it. From the cross I seem to hear a voice which comes straight to us, saying: "Ye shall love one another as I have loved you." That means that you should enter into one another's life, and bear one another's burdens. Over against sorrow and suffering the Master has put Fatherhood and immortality. "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Ring out the message wherever hearts are breaking and eyes are filled with tears! All things are in the Father's hands; not one is utterly alone: no life is without purpose, and all things are moving upward .- Amory H. Bradford.

# Be Willing to Try.

When we go forward, believing that what was true once is true forever. willing to try whether unselfishness does really brace the soul, whether love to God does really make the heart tender and strong, whether prayer meets an answering Spirit and faith finds a door of hope, only then do we bring into out life the power which God meant it should have .- Henry Wilder Foote.

In many parts of the Alps girls wear trousers when coasting.

#### Great Depth in the Patomac. In a recent survey of the Potomac

The Highest Elevator.

nearly 800 feet.

River the coast survey found a peculiar pot hole in the bottom. The greatest depth sounded was 159 feet. The hole is about 200 feet deep. It lies off Mathias Point, and is famous for good fishing. It is said to be caused by the meeting of two currents. The highest elevator in the world

Irish, Scotch and German potatoes

Just so in the case of a Fricken woman who has been ejected from her tenement with her babes because husband and father drank up all the rent. She is not apt to appear before a commission to listen to arguments against poverty.

away.

The people are rapidly coming to that state of civilization where they quit licensing breeding places of suicides. We abolish breeding places of mos-

to hunt up any commission to listen to

arguments as to why he should keep

quitos; we don't license them. Why not apply the same principle to breeding places of suicides? - New, Voice.

#### The Only Solution.

A large brewing company of Colchester, England, claims to have solved the temperance question. The solution is very simple, it says. It is "no drink To prove the theory, without food." the company is trying the experiment of combining the ordinary publichouse with a good eating-house. The result of the first week's working was that it was able to report a profit of absence 26 per cent. and a complete of drunkenness. This method may, be profitable but cannot be considered a success as a temperance measure. The only solution of the saloon problem is no saloon.

# Temperance Notes-

The way to remove the evil of degenerate children is to quit making degenerate parents through the rum traffic. Organize the girls and boys and then get them ready to take a part in the

grand fight for temperance. They will see the victory.

A once talented lawyer, artist, author, "hall fellow well met" with the circle who "can take a glass without harm"-was recently pleading with the judge to send him to prison because he could not let liquor alone and was without friends or money.

Make war on the gilded saloons. A low dive has no attractions for the youth of our land. When a boy falls he tumbles down, not up.

By legal enactment and moral force, we may, if we will, rid the land of the deadly deluge of rum, and deserve the blessings of the good and wise.

John Burns, the English labor leader, says: "Throughout the centuries the drink shop has been the antechamber to the workhouse, the chapel of ease to the asylum, the recruiting station for the hospital, the rendezvous for the gambler, the gathering ground i or the jail."

Rig Eggs.

was recently installed at the Buergenstock, on the lake of the four cantons in Switzerland. It has a height of