What May Be Seen When the Scales

Fall From Our Eyes.

TEXT: "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man."-II. Kings vi., 17.

One morning in Dothan a young theological student was scared by finding himself and Elisha, the prophet, upon whom he waited, surrounded by a whole army of enemies. But venerable Elisha was not scared at all, be-cause he saw the mountains full of defense for him, in chariots made out of fire, wheels of fire, dashboard of fire and cushions of fire, drawn by horses with nostrils of fire, and manes of fire, and haunches of fire, and hoofs of fire—a supernatural appearance that could not be seen with the natural eye. So the old minister prayed that the young minister might see them also, and the prayer was answered, and the Lord opened the eyes of the young man and he also saw the fiery procession, looking somewhat, I suppose, like the Adirondacks or the Alleghanies in this autumnal remyal r

Many young men, standing among the most tremendous realities, have their eyes half shut or entirely closed. May God grant that my sermon may open wide your eyes to your safety, your opportunity and your des-

A mighty defense for a young man is a good home. Some of my hearers look back with tender satisfaction to their early home. It may have been rude and rustic, hidden among the hills, and architect or upholsterer naver planned or adorned it. But all the fresco on princely walls never looked so enplanted on fashionable country seat so attractive as the plain brook that ran in front of the old farmhouses and sang under the weeping willows. No barred gateway, adorned with statue of bronze, and swung open by obsequious porter in full dress, has half the glory of the swing gate. Many of you have a second dwelling place, your adopted home, that also is sacred forever.

There you built the first family elfer. half the glory of the swing gate. Many of you have a second dwelling place, your adopted home, that also is sacred forever. There you built the first family altar. There you built the first family altar. There you children were born. All those trees you planted. That room is solemn, because once in it, over the hot pillow, flapped the wing in it, over the hot pillow, flapped the wing of death. Under that roof you expect when your work is done to lie down and die. You try with many words to tall the excellence.

He may be able to discuss literatures and laws and foreign customs. He may wield a laws and foreign customs. try with many words to tell the excellency of the place, but you fail. There is only one

word in the language that can describe your meaning. It is home.

Now, I declare that a young man is comparatively safe who goes out into the world with a charm like this upon him. The memory of parental solicitude, watching, planning and praying, will be to him a sheld and a shelter. I never how a man faithful both a shelter. I never knew a man faithful both to his early and adopted home, who at the same time was given over to any gross form of dissipation or wickeliness. He who seeks his enjoyment chiefly from outside association, rather than from the more quiet and unpresuming pleasures of which I have spoken, may be suspected to be on the broad road to ruin. Absalom despised his father's house, and you know his history of sin and his death of shame. If you seem unneces-sarily isolated from your kindred and former associates, is there not some room that you can call your own? Into it gather books and pictures and a harp. Have a portrait over the mantel Make ungodly mirth stand back from the threshold. Consecrate some spot with the knee of prayer. By the memory of other days, a father's counsel and a mother's love, and a sister's confidence, call it home.

Another defense for a young man is indus-trious habit. Many young men, in starting upon life in this age, expect to make their way through the world by the use of their wits rather than the toil of their hands. A child now goes to the city and fails twice be-fore he is as old as his father was when he first saw the spires of the great town. Sit-ting in some office rented at \$1,000 a year, he is waiting for the bank to declare its divi-dend, or goes into the market expecting before night to be made rich by the rushin of the stocks. But luck seemed so dull he re-solved on some other tack. Perhaps he borsolved on some other tack. Perhaps he borrows from his employer's money drawer, and forgets to put it back, or for merely the purpose of improving his penmanship makes a copy plate of a merchant's signature. Never mind, all is right in trade. In some dark night there may come in his dreams a vision of Blackwell's Island, or of Sing Sing, but it soon vanishes. In a short time he will be ready to retire from the busy world, and amid his flocks and herds culture the domestic virtues. Then those young men who once were his schoolmates, and knew no better than to engage in honest work will ne rotten beams in that beautiful palace I should not wonder if dire sicknesses should I should not wonder if dire sicknesses should smite through the young man, or if God should pour into his cup of life a draught that would thrill him with unbearable agony. I should not wonder if his children should become to him a living curse, making his home a pest and a disgrace. I should not wonder if he goes to a miserable grave, and beyond it into the gnashing of teeth. The way of the ungodly shall perish.

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My young friends, there is no way to genuine success except through toil either of the head or hand. At the battle of Crecy in 1345 the Prince of Wales, finding himself heavily pressed by the enemy, sent word to his father for help. The father, watching the battle from a windmill and seeing that his son was not wounded and could gain the day if he would, sent word: "No: I will not come. Let the boy win his spurs, for, if God will, I desire that this day he his with all its honors." Young man, fight your own battle all through and you shall have the victory. Oh, it is a battle worth fighting.

battle all through and you shall have the victory. Oh, it is a battle worth fighting. Two monarchs of old fought a duel, Charles V. and Francis, and the stakes were kingdoms—Milan and Burgundy. You fight with sin and the stakes are heaven and hell.

Do not get the fatal idea that you are a genius, and that therefore there is no need of close application. It is here where multitudes fail. The great curse of this age is the geniuses, men with enormous self conceit and egotism, and nothing clsa. I had rather be an ox than an eagle; plain, and plodding, and useful, rather than high flying and good for nothing but to pick out the eyes of carcasses. Extraordinary capacity without use is extranothing but to pick out the eyes of carcasses. Extraordinary capacity without use is extraordinary failure. There is no hope for that person who begins his life resolved to live by his wits, for the probability is he has not any. It was not safe for Adam, even in his unfallen state, to have nothing to do, and, therefore, God commanded him to be a farmer and horticulturist. He was to dress the garden and keep it, and had he and his wife obeyed the divine injunction and been at work, they would not have been sauntering under the would not have been sauntering under the trees and hungering after that fruit which destroyed them and their posterity; proof positive for all ages to come that those who do not attend to their business are sure to get into mischief. I do not know that the prodical in Swindrag would are have been reigal in Scripture would ever have been re-claimed had he not given up his idle habits and gone to feeding swine for a living. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise, which, having no overseer or guide, provideth her food in the summer and gathereth her meat in the harvest." The devil does not so often attack the man who is busy with the pen, and the book, and the trowel, and the saw, and the hammer. He is afraid of those weapons. But woe to that man whom this rearing lion meets with his hands in his pockets. Do not demand that your toil always be elegant, and cleanly and refined. There is a certain amount of drudgery through which we must all pass, whatever be our occupation.

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Again, profound respect for the Sabbath will be to the young man a powerful preservative against evil. God has thrust into the toil and fatigue of life a recreative day, when the soul is especially to be fed. It is no new fangled notion of a wild brained reformer, but an institution established at the beginning. God has made natural and moral laws so harmonious that the body as well as the soul demands this institution. Our bodies are seven day clocks, that must be wound un as often as that, or they will run down. are seven day clocks, that must be wound un as often as that, or they will run down. Failure must come sooner or later to the man who breaks the Sabbath. Inspiration has called it the Lord's day, and he who devotes it to the world is guilty of robbery. God will not let the sin go unpunished, either in this world or the world to come.

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While the divine frown must rest upon him who tramples upon this statute, God's special favor will be upon that young man who scrupulously observes it. This day, properly observed, will throw a hallowed influence over all the week. The song and ser mon and sanctuary will hold back from pre-sumptuous sins. That young man who begins the duties of life with either secret or pegns the dules of the holy day, I venture to open disrespect of the holy day, I venture to prophesy, will meet with no permanent successes. God's curse will fall upon his ship, his store, his office, his studio, his body and his soul. The way of the wicked he turneth

upside down. In one of the old fables it was FROM BERLIN TO ST. PETERSBURG. said that a wonderful child was born in Bag dad and a magician could hear his footsteps 6,000 miles away. But I can hear in the foot-step of that young man, on his way to the house of worship this morning, step not only of a lifetime of usefulness, but the coming step of eternal joys of heaven yet millions of miles away.

There are magnificent possibilities before each of you young men of the stout heart, and the buoyant step and the bounding spirit. I would marshal you for grand achievement. God now provides for you the fleet and the armor and the fortifications. Who is on the Lord's side? The captain of the young in prejent times to encourage them. zonaves in ancient times, to encourage them against the immense odds on the side of their enemies, said: "Come my men, look these fellows in the face. They are 6,000, you are 500. Surely the match is even." That speech gave them the victory. Be not, my hearer, dismayed at any time b an immense odds against you. Is so cane, is want of education, are men, are devis against you? Though the multitudes of earth and hell confront you, stand up to the charge. With 1,00,000 against you the match is just even. Nay, you have a decided advantage. If God be for us, who can be against us? Thus protected, you need not spend much time in answering your assailants.

Many years ago word came to me that two impostors, as temperance lecturers, had been speaking in Ohio in various places and giving their experience, and they told their audience that they had long been intimate with me and had become drunkards by dining at my table, where I always had liquous of all sorts. Indignant to the last degree I went down to Patrick Campbell, chief of Brooklyn police, saying I was going to start that night to Ohio to have these villians arrested, and I wanted him to tell me how to make the arrest. He smiled ticing to you as those rough hewn rafters.
You can think of no park or arbor of trees ing these men. Go home and do your work, planted on fashionable country seat so at and they can do you no harm." I took his counsel and all was well. Long ago I made up my mind that if one will put his trust in God and be faithful to duty he need not fear any evil. Have God on your side, young man, and all the combined forces of earth and hell can do no damage.

laws and foreign customs. He may wield a pen of unequaled polish and power. His quickness and tact may qualify him for the highest salary of the counting house. He may be as sharp as Herod and as strong as Samson, with as fine locks as those which hung Absa-lom, still he is not safe from contamina-The more elegant his manner, and the more fascinating his dress, the more peril.
Satan does not care much for the allegiance
of a coward and illiterate being. He cannot
bring him into efficient service. But he loves
to storm that castle of character—which has in it the most spoils and treasures. It was in it the most spoils and treasures. It was not some crazy craft creeping along the coast with a valueless cargo that the pirate attacked, but the ship, full winged and flagged, plying between great ports, carrying its million of specie. The more your natural and acquired accomplishments, the more need of the religion of Jesus. That does not carry in your park back you are specified. cut in upon or hack up any smoothness of disposition or behavior. It gives symmetry it arrests that in the soul, which ought to be arrests that in the soul which ought to be arrested, and propels that which ought to be propelled. It fills up the gulleys. It elevates and transforms. When the Holy Spirit impresses the image of God on the Spirit impresses the image of God on the heart he does not spoil the canvas. If in all the multitudes of young men upon whom re-ligion has acted you could find one nature that had been the least damaged, I would yield this proposition. You may now have enough strength of character to repel the various temptations to gross wickedness which assail you, but I do not know in what strait you may be thrust at some future time. Nothing short of the grace of the cross may then be able to deliver you from the lions. You are not mester than the cross may then be able to deliver you from the lions. You are not meeker than Moses, nor holier than David, nor more patient than Job, and you ought not to consider yourself invulnerable. You may have some weak point of character that you have never weak point of character that you have never discovered, and in some hour when you are assaulted the Philistines will be upon thee. Samson. Trust not in your good habits, or your early training, or your pride of character; nothing short of the arm of Almighty God will be sufficient to uphold you. You look forward to the read comptings with a chilling deprendence. world sometimes with a chilling despondency. Cheer up! I will tell you how you all may make a fortune. "Seek first the kingdom of who once were his schoolmates, and knew no better than to engage in honest work, will come with their ox teams to draw him logs and with their hard hands help heave up his castle. This is no fancy picture. It is everyday life. I should not wonder if there were some rotten beams in that beautiful release. the freshness of your life. You will not have the heart to drink down the brimming cup of life and then pour the dreg's on God's altar. To a Saviour so infinitely generous you have not the heart to act like that. That is not brave, that is not honorable, that is not manly. Your greatest want in all the world is a new heart. In God's represent that and the Blessed Snirit name I tell you that. And the Blessed Spirit presses through the solemnities and privi-leges of this holy hour. Fut the cup of life tee al to your thirsty lips. Thrust it not back. Mercy offers it, bleeding mercy, long suffering mercy. Reject all other friend-ships; be ungrateful for all other kindness, prove recreant to all other bargains, but despise God's love for your immortal soul—

despise God's love for your immortal soul— don't you do that.

I would like to see some of you this hour press out of the ranks of the world and lay your conquered spirit at the fect of Jesus. This hour is no wandering vagabond staggering over the earth; it is a winged messenger of the skies whisporing mercy to thy soul. Life is smooth now, but after a while it may be rough, wild and precipitate. There comes a crisis in the history of every man. We seklom understand that turning point until it is far past. The road of life is forked and it is far past. The road of life is forked and I read on two signboards: "This is the way to happiness," "This is the way to ruin." How apt are we to pass the forks of the road without thinking whether it comes out at the door of bliss or the gates of darkness.

Many years ago I stood on the anniversary platform with a minister of Christ who made

this remarkable statement: "Thirty years ago two young men started out in the evening to attend the Park Theatre, out in the evening to attend the Park Theatre, New York, where a play was to be acted in which the cause of religion was to be placed in a ridiculous and hypocritical light. They came to the steps. The consciences of both smote them. One started to go home, but returned again to the door, and yet had not courage to enicr, and finally departed. But the other young man entered the pit of the theatre. It was the turning point in the history of those two young men. The man who entered was caught in the whirl of temptation. He sank deeper and whirl of temptation. He sank deeper and deeper in infamy. He was lost. The other young man was saved, and he now stands before you to bless God that for twenty years he has been permitted to preach the Gospel. "Pejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth; but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."

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Scenes from a Train During a Ride Through Part of Russia. It is forty hours in the train from

Berlin to St. Petersburg. Until you have traveled right through it hardly recognize the greatness of Prussia. From the French frontier to Berlin is a shorter distance than from Berlin to Eydtkuhnen, on the Russian frontier, and the whole road runs through well-tilled fields or carefully fenced meadows, in which shapely cattle graze, and past red-roofed farmhouses with roomy stock yards, testifying strongly to the orderly, economical North German spirit.

The Russian railway gauge is different from the German, so while changing trains at Edytkuhnen one has to wait two hours; however, the partridges are delicious, and they are provided at every Russian railway restaurant. On first crossing the frontier you see but little difference, for you pass through Russia's German provinces. The provinces were in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries conquered from the pagan Slavs by the Teutonic Knights (a religious order of similar constitution to the Knights Templars), and by them colonized by German merchants; and the country, growing wealthy and prosperous, promised to become a regular part of the German Empire. It had been constituted an imperial fief, But as the towns waxed fat they kicked and threw off the rule of the Teutonic Knights; with division came weakness; and so the Baltic provinces fell back first to Slavonic Poland and then to Sweden, and after the fall of the Swedish hegemony they became Russian, and have remained so ever since. Until quite lately they were allowed a large amount of self-rule, and German was used as the official language; but it is so no longer. Yet the provinces still show their origin, for all the great landlords and all the business men are of German blood, and the language of business is German, although the peasants are Slavs.

As you get further on into Russia the long boots of the country people show that you have come into the land of mud and bad roads. All along the line you see that monotonous beauty of every northern landscape-the wild, thick-grown forest, in which pines and birch strive for the mastery; the sluggish river now broadening into a sedgy mere, and deep, soft, marshy meadows roughly railed with split timber. But, above all, the landscape conveys to a stranger from the west of Europe a sense of space, as of a country where every tree is not numbered; where there is much land and few men; where it is cheaper and easier to make a fresh road over a new bit of land than to repair the ruts of the old track. But when the sun goes down behind a hill, throwing a bright light on the foliage of the wood opposite -a foliage not of a dusky blue-green, but with the dark pines relieved by the lightest, freshest green, the green of the birches-and the light twinkles on the silver birch stems and the surface of the quiet river turns to go'd, then one sees the Russian sunset as portrayed by Turgenieff with a glamour over its loneliness. At that moment the sight recalled the landscape seen so often in stage painting, and the Russian peasants are operachorus peasants, dressed in bright red skirts buckled round the waist and hanging loose over the trousers, which are always thrust into long boots. Over the skirt they wear a sheep-kin coming down to their ankles. The women wear pink or red dresses (the Slav likes bright colors), head neck-

head, and the legs, when they are not bare, tied round with bands. At last we arrive at Gatchina, but see nothing of the palace from the train. Then we come to Tsarskoe-Solo, where there is another palace, and then the line, skirting the last hill, enters the great level marsh in which St. Petersburg is built. There are no environs, but gradually you see rising out of the plain a mass of trees, over which emerge spires and domes, and then the train rolls into St. Petersburg. -Philadelphia Record.

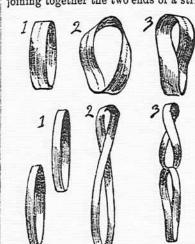
laces, a gaudy handkerchief over the

Leather Coinage.

In the year 1123 Domenico Michieli, the Doge of Venice, undertook a crusade in Syria and Palestine, routed the Saracens and entered Jerusalem in 1124. There the Doge found himself greatly embarrassed for want of money, as the expected supplies had not arrived, and the Venetian troops (mercenaries for the most part) clamored for immediate payment under the threat of wholesale desertion. Then Domenico Michieli ordered a large number of pieces of leather to be stamped with the pommel of his sword, on which his name and ccat of arms were engraved, adding the number of gold coins each was intended to represent. And behold, the money-lenders in Jerusalem had such respect for the Doge and his honesty, and so great faith in the credit of the city of Venice, that they advanced the required amount on the security of those pieces of leather, which then passed into currency under the name "Michieletti." They were afterward redeemed in Venice on presentation, and at a later period added to the contof-arms of the Venetian nobility.

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That sings its wild unrest;
Where music fails, no words can tell how cold the lyre What music leaves unutterable

But there's a language ever mute— Older than olden speech, That needs no song nor gifted lute The listening heart to reach— The eye's swift flash, the hand's sweet touch, How true they are; they tell how much!

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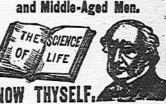
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