ACROSS THE FERRY.

Dr Talmaga Tells of D vlu's Passage Over the Jerdan

FROM ALMOST UNNOTICED

Incident of Olden Time Are Drawn Lessons of Comfort and Hepefulness to Al God's Children.

From an unnoticed incident of olden time Dr. Talmage in this discourse draws some comforting and rapturous lessons. The text is II Samuel xix. 18, "And there went over a ferry boat to carry over the king's hou ehold.

Which of the crowd is the king? That short man, sunburnt and in fa tigue dress. It is David, the exiled king. He has defeated his enemies and is now going home to resume his palace. Good! I always like to see David come cut shead. But between bim and his home there is the celebrated river Jordan which has to be passed The king is accompanied to the bank of the river by an aristocratic old gen tleman of 80 years, Barzillai by name, who owned a fine country seat at Rogelim. Besides that, David has his tamily with him. But how shall they get across the river? Whi e they are stand ing there I see a ferryboat coming from the other side, and as it cuts through the water I see the faces of David and his household brighten up at the thought of so scon getting home. No scoper has the ferryboat struck the shore than David and his family and bis old friend Barzillai from Rogelim get on board the boat. Either with splashing oars at the side or with one oar sculling at the stern of the boat they leave the eastern bank of the Jor dan and start for the western back.

That western bank is black with crowds of people, who are waving and shouting at the approach of the king and his family. The military are all out Some of those who have been David's worst enemies now shout until they are hoarse at his return. No sooner has the boat struck the shore on the western side than the earth quakes and the heavens ring with cheers of welcome and congratulation. Davi. and his family and Barzillai from Rogelim step ashore. King David asks his old friend to go with him and live at the palace, but Barzillai apologizes and intimates that he is infirm with age and too deaf to appreciate the music, and has a delicate appetite that would soon be cloyed with luxurious living. and so he begs that David would let him go back to his country seat. I once heard the father of a president

of the United States say that he had just been to Washington to see his son in the White House, and he told me of the wonderful things that occurred there and of what Daniel Webster said to him, but he declared: "I was glad to get home. There was too much go ing on there for me." My father, an aged man, made his last visit at my house in Philadelphia, and after the church service was over, and we went home, some one in the house asked "Well," he replied, "I erjoyed head very much." The fact is that old people do not like excitement. If King David had asked Barzillai 30 years before to go to the palace, the probability is that Barzillai would have gone, but not now. They kiss each meet again. No wonder that their lips met as King David and old Barzillai, at the prow of the ferryboat, parted forever.

This river Jordan, in all ages and among all languages, has been the symbol of the boundary line between earth and heaven. Yet when, on a former occasion, I preached to you about the Jerdanic passage I have no doubt that some of you despondingly said. "The Lord might have divided Jordan for up! I want to show you that there is a My text says, "And there went over a

All our cities are familiar with the ferry boat. It goes from San Francisco to Oakland and from Liverpool to Birkenhead, and twice every secular day of the week multitudes are on the ferryboats of our great cities, so that you will not need to hunt up a classicat while I am speaking to you about the

the river Jordan. My subject, in the first place, impresses me with the fact that when we the boat will have to come from the other side. The tribe of Judah, we you heaven is a fog bank in the disare informed, sent this ferry boat across | tance. Now, my heaven is a solid to get David and his household. I heaven. After the resurrection has and his old friend step on board that Well, now, my friends, if you will tell

come from the opposite shore. Blessed be God, there is a boat coming from the other side! Transportstion at last for our souls from the other Tais is a faithful saying and worthy came into the world to save sinners." and from a foreign shore I see the ferthing that starts from this side.

Again, my surj ca-ugge-tat at when on this side, will go to a wharf on the we cross over at the last the King will other side. bosts were not skillfully made, and I met at the landing. When David and of date of wedding followed.

of the em; ire-pass in safety. will be lost in the woods or in the dark ness; I am afraid she will be very much frightened in the boat all alone."

Was Sir William Forbes alone in the from my experience it has no terrors " does very well for distinguished Christians, but for me, a common man, for me, a common woman, we can't ex peet that guidance and help." If I bat would promise to you positively when you are crossing the river to the next world the king would be in the bost, would you believe the promise? On yes." you ear, 'I would. Here is the promise. "When then passest through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee." Christ as the sick pillow to take the soul out of the body; on the other side to help the soul up the beach. Be comforted about your departed friends. Be comforted about your own demise when the time shall come. Tell it to all the propie under

Again, my text suggests that leav ing this world for heaven is only crossing a furry. Dr. Shaw estimates the average width of the Jordan to be about 30 yards. What, so parrow? Yes. There went over a ferryboat to carry the king's household." Yes, going to heaven is only a short trip-only a fer ry. It may be 80 miles-that is 80 years-before we get to the wet bank on the other side, but the crossing is short. I will tell you the whole secret. It is not five minutes seress, nor three nor one minute. It is an instantaneous transportation. People talk as though leaving this life, the Christian west floundering and swimming, to crazi u the aged man how he enjoyed the ser exhausted on the other shore, and to be pulled out of the pelting sur! as by the service, but there were too many Ramsgate lifeboat No such thing I people there for me. It troubled my is only a ferry. It is so narrow that we can hail each other from bank to bank It is only four arms' lengths across. The arm of earthly fare well put ou from this side the arm of heavenly wel come put out from the other side. while the dying Christian, standing other goodby, a custom among man midstream, stretched out his two arms oriental, but in vogue yet where two the one to take the farewell of earth, brothers part or an aged father and a and other to take greeting of heaven son go away from each other never to That makes four arms' lengths across

the sun that no Christian ever dies

alone; the King is in the boat.

the river. Blessed be God, that when we leave and perilous enterprise of gesting into with his little children to start for heaven. Not a dangerous Franklin ex | Burma, for the vessel had already lifted pedition to find the northwest passage among icebergs Only a ferry. That accounts for something you have never been able to understand. You never supposed that very nervous and timid Christian people could be so unexpited and placed in the last hour. The fast Joshua, but not fer poor me." Cheer is, they were clear down on the bank, and they saw there was nothing to be way over Jordan as well as through it. frightened about. Such a short distance-only a ferry. With one ear ferryboat to carry over the king's house | they heard the funeral psalm in their | scores of souls whom she had brought memory, and with the other ear they heard the song of heavenly salutation. The willows on this side of Jordan and the Lebanon cedars on the other almost | solation, that when our poor work on interlocked their branches. Only a earth is done and we cross the river we

ferry. My subject also suggests the fact fact that when we cross over at the dictionary to find out what I mean last we shall find a solid landing. The long to the King's household? Mark ferryboat as spoken of in my text passage of David and his family across | means a place to start from and a place to land. David and his people did not find the eastern shore of the Jordan household. Thee I ask, "Do I belong any more solid than the western shore to the household? Do you? ' If you co cross over from this world to the next where he landed, and yet to a great not come today and be adopted into many heaven is not a real place. To stand on the eastern side of the come you will have a resurrected foot father to them, and they shall be my river Jordan, and I find no shipping at | and something to tread on and a res | sons and daughters, saith the Lord all, but while I am standing there I urrected eye and colors to see with it Almighty." 'Him that cometh unto see a boat plowing through the river, a resurrected ear and music to regale me," Unrist saye, "I will in nowise and as I hear the swirl of the waters it. Smart men in this day are making cast cut." Come into the King's house, and the boat comes to the eastern side a great deal of fun about St. John's hold. Sit down at the King's table. of the Jordan and David and his family materialistic descriptions of heaven. | Come in and take your apparei from the boat I am mightily impressed with the | me what will be the use of a resurrect- | ment of Christ's righteousness. Come fact that when we cross over from this ed body in heaven with nothing to in and inherit the King's wealth. Come world to the next the boat will have to tread on and nothing to hear and noth- in and cross in the King's ferry boat. ing to handle and nothing to taste then I will laugh too. Are you going to float

about in ether forever, swinging about your hands and feet through the air shore; everything about this gospel indiscriminately, one moment swelterfrom the other shore; pardon from the ing in the center of the sun and the kinling Engineer James Britt and other shore; mercy from the other shore; next moment shivering in the mount pity from the other shore; ministry of sine of the moon? That is not my angels from the other shore; power to heaven. Dissatisfied with John's ma- fire and his body was cremated. Firework miracles from the other shore; terialistic heaven, theological tinkers man B. Barrett fell under his engine Jesus Christ from the other shore, are trying to patch up a heaven that and could only be researed from being will do for them at last. I never heard of all acceptation that Christ Jeans of any heaven I want to go to except St. John's heaven. I believe I shall and prakeman R D Scott and brakehear Mr. Toplady sing yet and Isaac man G. L Spott were slightly injured. ry boat coming, and it rolls with the Watts recite hymns and Mesart play. surges of a Saviour's suffering; but as it strikes the earth the mountains rock, the organ? The Lord will provide the lumber and option caught fire and were and the dead adjust their apparel so organ. Don't you be her about the orthat they may be fit to comecu. That | gan. I believe I shall yet see David boat touches the earth, and glorious with a harp, and I will ask him to sing Thomas Wall h gets into it in his ex | one of the songs of Zon. I believe piring moment, sayina: "He has come! after the resurrection I shall see Mas He has come! My Beloved is mune, sillon, the great French pulpit oraser. and I am his." Good Sarah Wesley and I shall hear from his own lips how gotinto that boat, and as sheehaved off he felt on that day when he preached from the shore she cried: "Open the the king's funeral sermon and fluck gates! Open the gates! I bless God his whole audience into a paroxysm of that as the boot came from the other grief and scientity. I have no tashore to take David and mismen across, tience with your transcendental, 2:1 so, when we are about to die, the boat stinous, gaseous heaven. My heaven will come from the same direction. God is not a fog bank. My eyes are unto formed that I should ever trust to any the hills, the everlasting hills. The pever met until a few hours before the King's ferry boat, starting from a wharf

be on board the boat Ship carpen'ry Again, me subject teaches that when

can very easily imagine that the we- his family went over in the f rrybest men and the children of the king's spoker of in the text, they landed a mid househo'd might have been pervous a nation that had come out to greet about going on that boat, afraid that them. A they stepped from the deck the parsman or the helmsman might of the boxt to the shore there were give out and that the boat might be th usands of people who gathered dished on the rocks, as sometimes around them to express a satisfaction boats were dashed in the Jordan, and that was beyond description. And so then I could have imagined the boat you and I will be met at the landing. starting and rocking, and they crying Our arrival will not be like stepping out: "On, we are going to be lost ashere at Antwerp of Constantinople We are going down!" Not so. The among a crewd of strangers. It will be king was on board the beat, and those among friends, good friends, those who women and children and all the house | are warm hearted friends and all their hold of the king knew that every care friends. We know people whom we was taken to have the king-the head have never seen by hearing somebody talk about them very much; we know Now, I want to break up a delusion them almost as well as if we had seen in your mind, and that is this: When them. And do you not suppose that our our friends go out fren this world, we parents and brothers and sisters and feel sorry for them because they have children in heaven have been talking to go alone; and parents held on to the about us all these years, and tiking to hands of their children who are dying their friends? So that, I suppose, when and hold on to something of the im | we cross the river at the last we shall pression that the moment they let go not only be met by all those Curistian the little one will be in the darkness friends whom we knew on earth, but and in the boat all alone. "Oh," the by all their friends. They will come parent says, "if I could only go with down to the landing to meet us. Your my child, I wou'd be willing to die a departed friends love you now more half dozen times. I am afraid she than they ever did You will be surprised at the last to find how they know about all the affairs of your life. Why, they are only across the ferry. break up the delusion. When a soul and the boat is coming this way, and goes to heaven, it does not go alone; the boat is going that way. I do not the King is on board the boat. Was know but they have already asked the Paul alone in the lest extremity? Hear | Lord the day, the hour, the moment the shout of the secred missionary as when you are coming across and that he cries out, 'I am now ready to be of they know now, bu I do know that you fered, and the time of my departure is will be m-t at the landing. The poet at hand." Was John Wesley slone in Southey said he thought he should the last ex remity? No Hear him know Bishosp Heber in heaven by the say, "Best of all God is with us." portraits he had seen of him in London, and Dr. Randolph said he thought he last extremity? No. Hear him say would know William Cowper, the poet, to his friends. "Tell all the people who in heaven from the pictures he had are coming down to the bed of death seen of him in England; but we will know our departed kindred by the por-"Ob," say a great many people, "that traits hung in the throneroom of our hearis.

On starlight nights you look up-and I suppose it is so with any one who has friends in heaven-on starlight should give you a passage of Scripture | nights you look up, and you cannot help but thick of those who have gone, and I suppose they look down and can not bely but think of us. But they have the advantage of us. We know not just where their world o'joy is; they know where we are.

There was romance as well as Chris tisn beauty in the life of Dr. Adoniram Judson, the Baptist missionary, when he concluded to per from his wife, she Christ to help the soul down the back to come to America to restore here into the boat; Christ midstream; Chris | health, he to go back to Barma to preach the gospel. They had started from Burms for the United States to gether; but, getting near St. Helena, Mrs. Judson was so much better she said: "Well, now I can get home very easly. You go back to Burma and preach the gospel to those poor people. I am almost well. I shall soon be well, and then I will return to you." After she had made that resolution, terrific in its grief, willing to give up her husband for Christ's sake, she sat down in her room and with trembling hand wrote some eight or ten verses, four of and hurry have been relegated to their which I will row give you:

We part on this green is'et, love-Thou for the estern main; I for the setting sun love;

Oh, when to meet again! When we kne't to see our Henry die and heard his last faint moan, Each wiped away the other's tears; Now each must weep alone

And who can paint our mutua' iov When, all our wandering o'er, We both shall case our incasts threa At home on Burma's shore?

But higher shall our raptures glow Un you celestial plain When sevel and parter here below Mest he er to part again.

She folded that manuscript, a relapse of her dis ase came on, and she died. Dr Jadson says he put her away for the resurrection on the isle of St. Herena They had thought to pare for a year or two. Now they parted forever, so far as this world is concerned. And he says this world we are not to have a great | ne hastened on board after the funeral her sais. And he says, "I sat down for some time in my cabin my little children around me crying, "Mother, mother! And I abandoned myseif to heartbreaking grief. But one day the thought came across me as my faith stretched her wing that we should meet again in heaven, and I was comforted. Was it, my friends, all a delusion? When he died, did she meet him at he landing? When she died, did the to Christ and who had preceded her to heaven mees her as the landing? I believe it; I know it. Oh, glorious con-

shall be met at the landing! But there is a thought that comes over me like an electric shock. Do I be you, the text says, "And there went ove a ferry boat to carry over the king s household," and none but the king's that household, "Oh," says some soul here, "I do not know whether the King wants mel" He does; he does. Hearthe voice from the throne, "I will be a King's wardrobe, even the wedding gar-

Cut His Arm Off. A head on collision occurred on the Iron Mountain railway at Desare, Mo., last night between two freight trains Brakeman E: Bradley. The latter was caught under the wreckage which took burned alive by cutting his arm off with an axe. William Ralston, conductor The two engines were completely de entirely con-uned. The collision was caused by Eugineer Ross overlooking his meeting point. Inc less to the railway company is about \$15,000.

MARRIED ON SIGHT.

A dispatch from Unatham, Va., tells of a romantic weading which occurred itiere Monday Mies Lucy Motiey, daugsterof the Rev A. Wil ism Motiey, became the bride of A Y. Young, Jr., of San Francisco Mr. Young is worth \$200,000, and he and his brile had ceraiony was performed. It seems Miss Moties is a posters, and a poem of her composition came under the netice of Mr. Young. A correspondence resulted

SOUTH CAROLINA RAILROADS

Income of the Various Lines Show Handsome Increase

-writes our Vienna correspondentarranged a few days ago in the suburbs of this city. The distance to be The State railroad commission is at run was about five English miles, and present hard at work on the preparation the prizes offered were a gold watch of its annual report to the General Asand chain, a silver watch and chain, sembly. O course, all the figures are gold bracelets and sums of money. not available for the annual general Twenty-seven women were entered statem of showing the year's business for the race and one was started every of the lines in the State, but it is posfive minutes. Thousands of persons sible to show the total income from all lined the streets and roads, greeting sources and the total income less the the competitors with ironical cheers. expenses, not including taxes, by reads The police had much trouble in keepfor all the roads save three very small ing the course clear and to preserve ones, the Branchville and Boxman, the order. Agents at different points con-Georgetown and Western and the trolled the race, and cyclists accom-Hampton and Branchville. Repeated panied the runners. Of the starters. efforts have been made to secure these 25 reached the goal, a village outside reports without result. They are dethe capital. The winner of the gold laying the appearance of the report. watch accomplis, ed the distance in one hour and ten minutes. The win-

From the figures in hand the roads have a total income from all sources amounting to very nearly ten million of dollars, the missing roads having enough to run it to that mark, the in crease over the pree ding year being \$1,072 163 38.

The total expense including mainten ance of ways and structures, mainten ance and equipment, transportation and general expenses amount to \$6 766. 732.62 as against \$5,841 361 71 last year, making the total income less ex penses \$3,221 813 80 against \$3,085 13% S1 last year.

From this total income less expenses \$359 058 99 in tax is has to be deducted that being the total amount of taxes charged. The increase in expenses is attributed largely to the laying of new rails, the improvement of properties, etc. which is general at this time. The total deficit is \$52 253 81 charged only to those new or rehabilitated lines brought into use during the year.

The Atlantic Coast Line system shows a total income for the year of \$2 498 077 20, as agains: \$1 851,128 71 ter last year, this being one of the principal increases. The Southern railway in South Carolina shows \$1. 511 565 75 this year, against \$1 472, 120 66 last year, and the total less exp. ns-s is \$510 511.12 against \$697,991 13 last year. The other Southern line, the Ashe-

ville and Spartanburg and the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line, show hand some increases, however. The report this year will show 191 miles of new road built and received during the year 1900. The largest item :

in this to:al are the new links of the Seaboard Air L ne and the Southern railways.

THE PERENNIAL PROBLEM.

The Two Classes That Husbands May Be Divided Into.

The problem as to whether husbands really love their wives is sgain uppermost in society, and battle, and murder and sudden death, politics, trusts, floods, earthquakes, heat, hades and preper places. Hustands may be roughly divided

into two great classes-those who are managed by their wives and those who | Peasants sleep on the tops of their think they are not. The rest are so far in the minority that they are not worth considering. But the fact that a husband is duly

controlled by his wife is no evidence that he loves her or that he does not. The average hasband is a meek, burden bearing animal, with domestic traits, his mind intent on one or two things, and it is a comparitivily easy thing to shift him about. A light breeze may blow him in almost any direction, provided he is let alone on the one sub ject he is interested in, and if a light breeze does not suffice, the average wife is almost always -qua: to the emergency. and can induce a more powerful acolian current at a moment's notice.

But do hus ands love their wives? They do, they do! An! the proof lies in the subject on which the average man is interested in, to the exclusion of everything else. even to the excite seent of making love to his wife. And this subject is the aimighty dollar. He nash't time for anything else, and he chases it mostly for love of his partner. It may not be amiss to say that our mommorh dry goods establishments are pulsaring monuments to the love that the average husband bears to the aver age wife-God bless her!-Life.

Hester's Cotton Statement,

Secretary Hester's weeky New Orleans cotton exchange statement shows for the 14 days of December an increase over last year of 160,000. For the 105 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the 105 days of last year 459,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 445.357 against 349,877 for the seven days ending this case last year, and for the 14 days of December it has been 886,488 against 726,918 test year.

These make the total movement for the 105 days from Sept. 1 to date 5, 705, 639 against 5 246,578 last year. The movement since Sept. 1 shows the recorpus at all United States ports 3 975. 647 against 3 499 557 last year, overand across the Mississippi, Onio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada 582 053 against 712 816 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 650,863 against 524 801 last year; southern mill takings 497,256 against 509 404 iast year.

Foreign experts for the week have been 176,285 against 122 615 last year, making the total thus far for the season 2 796 926 against 2,218 157 last vesr.

Northern mill takings and Canada during the past seven days show a decrease of 11,593. The total takings of American milis north and south and Canada thu. far for the season have been 1,410,646 against 1,727,961 last vear.

Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading southern interior centres have increased during the week 134,322 bales and are now 283,592 smaller than at this date in 1899. Including stocks left over at ports

and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 5,828 173 against 5, 865,476 for the same period last year.

THE TRUST WINS.

The Republican supreme court of Ohio has finally dismissed the proceedings against the Standard Oil company for violating its order, issued under the auti trust law of the State, to dissolve The R publican attorney general who secured this order and menaced the great tiust had been previously dismissed by his party. These justices have well and quickly learned the lesson of the election.

THE PENSION CANCER.

The pension appropriation bill was completed Thursday by the house subcommittee on appropriations. It carries abou: \$145 250,000, of which about in Bible times was in its infancy. The we cross over at the last we shall be 2nd a proposal, acceptance, and setting \$144,000,000 is for pensions and the OLD TIME CHRISTMASES.

Vienna Women in a Foot Race.

A singular race for which only

by young girls .- London Telegraph.

more than one-half the page,

countries were scattered about the

edge. Thus the young Filipino came

magnitude of the country of his op-

pressors. Even Aguinaldo was sur-

A Woman's Club in Hawaii.

was started by an American school-

girls to her home once a week for in-

wailans, with a mixture, however, c!

this year is a Chinese girl, who wears

her quaint national costume when she

ills the official chair. -Bertha Damaria

Knobe, in Woman's Home Companion.

Diplomatic.

noble little gentleman to insist upon

Nellie's helping herself to a peach be-

Georgie, what made you let Nellie help

fore he took one himself?

herself first?

Transcript.

Proud Mamma-Wasn't Georgie a

Uncle Henry-Oh, yes, very noble.

Georgie-Because there wa'n't but

two peaches, a great big one and a li-

tle bit of one. I knew Nellie would be

too polite to take the big one .- Boston

Few Beds in Russin.

Russia, and many well-to-do houses

are still unprovided with them.

ovens; middle-class people and serv

ants roll themselves up in sheepskins

and lie down near stoves; soldiers rest

upon wooden cots without bedding.

and it is only within the last few

been allowed bods .- N. Y. Sun.

years that students in schools have

Rulers of China.

a cabinet, a council of state and the

six boards. There is no prime minis-

ter, but there are six chancellors, who

mediate between him and the subor-

dinate officials. The emperor, like the

sultan of Turkey, attends to all the de-

tails. The chancellors are assisted by

600 seribes, translators and other of-

ficials, half of whom are Manchus er

He Was No Egotist.

"Will you marry me, Miss Tom-

"Of course you won't. You'll never

Near Enough.

Tommy-Pa, what does "disagree"

Pa-Well, when two people think

alike they are said to agree. Now, you

"Oh, yes, that's when only one peo-ple thinks alike."—Philadelphia Press.

Not in the Bill.

Mrs. Nagsby (impatiently calling)-

"Now, what's the baby crying for?"

"'Cause I dropped him, ma'am."-

No Pleasures in City Life.

Expressive Eves.

at you and look sad at the same time

you may generally be sure some man has told her she has such "expressive

Too Far Behind.

Milly-I understand that Miss Elder-

Willy-Yes; but she'll . ver make ap

Your Faults.

Your friends notice lots of year

faults that escape your enemies .-

To See Herself.

Mrs. Givem-Isn't Mrs. Loudleigh

rather ostentatious about her charita-

Mrs. Roastem - Ostentations?

el charity.-Baltimore American.

Clearer Vision.

She-Before we were married yes

used to say I was the apple of your

He-Maybe I did: but I've had my

we peeled since then .- Philadelphis

Public Spirit.

thropist, isn't he?"

to such an institution.

"Mr. Biggleson is quite a philan-

"Yes. He always draws up the sub-

scription papers other people are asked to sign."-Chicago Times-Her-

Verdi's Nerve.

Verdi is erecting a home for super-

annuated Italian artists of all classes.

Although almost 90 years of age, says

the Washington Star, he is himself

ly is getting to be very "st.

the time she has lost .- Smart Set.

When you see a girl trying to stare

"Pa, let's move in the country: I

Nora, drop everything at once and come

oan guess what "disagree" means.

have an opportunity. But that is no

reason why you shouldn't marry me."

foreigners .- N. Y. Journal.

mey?" asked Mr. Collingwood.

-Detroit Free Press.

Kora-Yes, ma'am.

Glasgow Evening Times.

Con't want to live in town."

"Why not, Bobby?"

eyes."-N. Y. Press.

Atchison Globe.

ble works?

eye.

Journal.

earth."

mean?

"No. indeed," replied she.

wouldn't marry the best man

The emperor of China is assisted by

Beds are comparatively scarce in

Mention may be made of the Hawa-

Exaggerated Maps of Spain.

women were allowed to compete, was Changes Wrought During The Last Half Century.

The Chris mas of 1847 was a simple of the changes! An crarge was a sight more rare than custard-upples are now. A banana I do not remember having seen before 1850. Farmers used flint locks to shoot the squirrels for a Chris musdets, captured during the revolu tion. The first breech loader was patented in 1836; but they were not in common use. We went in thick stoga boots because rubbers were barely known; and I do not think a rubber boot was in existence. What we had were a sort ner of the fourth race was a woman of Indian mocessin imported from Bra of 58. The first five prizes were won zil, capable of wearing for ten years by married women, and the two last The first Goodycar patent was taken out in 1835. About the same time the first machine was put in operation for Oscar F. Williams, who was consul making pens, while for pens we used goose quills or even hen quills. It was general of the United States at Manila when the Filipino insurrection however, a peculiarly inventive perbroke out, says that in the maps of period. All the knick knacks that are Europe which were used in the Filmost familiar to us were then novolties ipino schools under the Spanish reand costly. A bunch of pins in a Christgime a large place in the center of mas stocking was not despised. If a bex of matches could have been had it that continent, usually occupying would have been a welcome gift from canta Claus. marked Spain. All the rest of the

huge old fireplace, where great legs to have a very distorted idea of the burned and coals were covered up as night. In rural sections we had never seen a scuttle of coal and had only prised to learn that America covers heard of it as an effort to burn black a greater area than Spain .- N. Y stones. Whale oil lamps marked the advanced line of progress in lighting streets and houses. There was no dream of canned fruits and cocoa and chocolate, although we had pienty of tes and fian Woman's club, successfully coffee. It was impossible to give a sewlaunched in Honolulu five years ago. It | ing machine or a photograph. Daguerreotypes were not devised until 1839; teacher who was wont to invite young | and the first were taken in America at least a year later. I remember when formal conversation on some topic. Avery, who took the first and picture The outgrowth was a full-fledged club | west of Albany, carried it up and down adopted, which extended and simpliof 34 members, most of them being Ha- the streets, flushed with his success; fied the code considerably. Each ship and ran into house after house to ex- is required to have a set of flags and a Chinese and Portuguese. The president | bibit it. It was a ghostly affair, to be supply of rockets which represent 200 quinted at and guessed out; but after or 300 combinations. These can be inalist was the beginning of a great art. | terpried by the codebook into sen-

The stockings were hung up by the

because home made. The whole family situation or communication which any had been at work for weeks planning ship might want to send to another. and executing little gifts The boys | Ships that pass in the night make sigmade boxes and tojs and hand sleds. | nals by fire; in the day by flags .- N. The women made s.eckings and mufflers | Y. Times. and dainty caps, while the girls made slippers, and the fathers made shocs. A home was a word that me nt great things in those days; for both the women and the men had trades, as well as | cheap and expeditious delivery of mails a knack and a knowledge of land oul to outlying localities. Many of these ture. It is interesting to note that places are hundreds of miles from the some of our best observers and social nearest railway line, and the route is students prophesy a large reaction form apt to be through drought-stricken our present fast and uneasy age to the quies and calm of those earlier days of the century. Of course we shall not g ve up our inventions; but with them ne may lose our boyish existement, and react to another period of reconsideration. This has been the history of the past.

The most delig aful part of these old-time holicay ass the sports, pure and free from ov cy guile. Our evenings were always at home; and in the one great family room, which was the aming room and the kitchen in one, we gathered before the huge fire of fun which can be had only where the logs and had that sort of unadulterated whole family is united. We parched our heme grown core, and made our candy of molasses, and played simple games, in which no one joined more nearly than the father and mother. No child was ever permitted to acsent uimseif from the household after dark er," in Ladies' Home Journal. without the direction of his parents. But after 9 o'clock no one ever thought of being absent. Then we were in our beds. If we react to these or to the defendant in this case? simpler methods of living it will be by a resurrection of more home life. Lat us see to it that the farm home is more of a home, and the farmhouse family more self-contained.

Horrible Holacaust

From the smouldering ruins of the Frederia Station Normal and Training school, Dunkirk, N. Y., which was de stroyed by fire at 6 o'clock Friday morning, one charred body, supposed to be hat of Miss Storms, has been recover ed, and a revision of the list of missing makes it certain that seven persons perished in the fire, which also entailed a property loss of \$200,000.

There were 75 young women students in the building, six of whom perished. The other victim was the aged junitors The dead are:

Phiness J. Morris, janitor. Irene Jones of Busti, N. Y. Bessie Hathaway of Cannonsville. New York.

Ruin Thomas, Pike, N Y. Cera Storms, Boston, N. Y. Mae Williams, Lake Coma, Pa. Maud F. Fizzell, Bradford, Pa. The young women occupied rooms on

"Well, pa, ma says if we live here till I'm grown up an' gray-headed she the third floor of the building. The won' lemms keep a pig."-Indianapolis origin of the fire is unknown. The fire started in the private room

of Janitor Morris, who evidently lost as life while fire fighting, Miss Fizzeil was at the head of the escape and turnd back into the building to save a diamond ring, thus losing her life. The others who perished suff cated without locating the fire escape It is stated that heavy wire screen were firmly nailed across the window leading to the fire escapes and the cally way the tucky ones escaped was by crawling tarough the windows adjacent to the escapes and then creeping along the roof. Lawyers say there will be dam-

age suits instituted against the State because of the fire escape screens. A search for remains is being made as rapidly as possible, but digging over he debris, which is still burning, is -low work. Principal Palmer estimates the loss at \$200 000, with \$93 000 insurance. Nothing was saved from the should say so. Why, that woman would | magnificient building, not even personlike to have a pier glass over her mantle | al effects.

> THE Atlanta Journal says it has been ascertained that 173 American heiresses, worth \$205, 203,000, have married titles, says an exchange. Bought is the right word; marriage is a sacred institution and a sacrament. These bargain counter sales of titled noodles is quite on a par with an auction sale of prize poodles.

WITH a corn crop of 2,108, 000,000 bushels, a wheat harvest of 500,000,000 bushels and an pat yield of 800,000,000 bushels this year, it would seem that President McKinley might have balloon at great distances, without any given the Lord some credit for conductor from the balloon to the far from being eligible to admission prosperity.

Smallest of the Small

While we are accustomed to think of atoms as the smallest possible particles into which matter can be divided, recent experiments, particularly those of Dr. Gustave Le Bon. and tender affair, consisting mainly of have indicated that, through elec-Santa Cisus and well filled stockings | trical dissociation, atoms themselves The presents were home-made, with a are capable of subdivision into partifew aided sweetmeats and toys. Think cles of amazing minuteness. Many years ago Lord Kelvin calculated the probable size of a molecule of air, and according to him about 25,000.000 such molecules laid in a row would measure an inch. There would be 600 air molecules in a wave-length of ordimas pie-or what we used to call the molecules in a wave-length of ordi-'Queen's arms." These were British nary light. Every molecule is composed of atoms smaller than itself. Now, Dr. Le Bon calculates that the particles dissociated by the electric energy which produces such phenomena as the Becquerel rays are so small that even atoms would appear to be "infinitely large" in comparison with them .- Youth's Companion.

Prof. Johnstone Stoney, in developing his theory of the escape of gases from planetary atmospheres depending upon the force of gravity of the particular planets concerned, has concluded that helium at present is slowly escaping from the earth, and in a distant past time it probably escaped much more rapidly. From Mars, he says, water vapor must have escaped with about the same readiness as helium fled from the earth, and accordingly the variable white patches about the poles of Mars are not snow. but probably are frozen carbon dioxide. Other appearances frequently observed on Mars are due, he thinks, to low-lying fogs of carbon dioxide vapor shifting alternately between the poles and the equatorial regions. -Youth's Companion.

The code of signals used by vessels at sea is prepared by a committee appointed at the international marine conferences that are held every few years. We had one at Washington in 1890, another one held at Copenhagen two years ago, at which revisions were The presents were fuller of affection | tences covering almost every possible

Motor Posts in Australia. A frequent difficulty encountered by postal authorities in Australia is the country, where the dry roads are at times impassable even by camels. This is conspicuously the case in tropical Queensland. But the government of that colony has risen to the emergency and has decided to try the experiment of dispatching mails to "out back" by motor car. The result is likely to be awaited with interest in other places than Queensland .- London Daily Mail.

Our Bad Manners. If we could get a consensus of honest opinions from foreigners we should no doubt be told that our dominant national trait is-bad manners. We "trippers" and shrieking girls who first represented us in Europe. They still are believed to be the true American types. "The American vulgarizes all that he touches" has everywhere passed into an adage .- "An American Moth-

A Disturbing Element. Lawyer-Are you acquainted with Witness-Yes: I've known him for

"Have you ever known him to be disturber of the public peace?" "Well-er-he personally conducted a number of trolley parties last summer."-Chicago Daily News.

District Visitor-Well, Mrs. O'Flaherty, I hope your daughter has a good place. Mra. O'Flaherty-Oh, it's a mighty

foine place, enturely! Sure, Bridget says that her mistress is so rich that all her flannel petticoats is made of silk!-N. Y. World.

Where It Would Not Work, "Johnny, dear, did you try to mind the golden rule in your dealings with your playmates at school to-day?" "Yes'm; till we had recess. You ean't use it in football, you know. It'd kill the game deader'n a door nail."-Chicago Tribune.

No Need of Batt. Crabshaw-I don't see where woman acquired her extravagance in dress. Eve wasn't that way. Mrs. Crabshaw-Of course not. There was only one man in the world then and she had him .- Puck.

The Fashionable Front. "Madge Mizzle is awfully conventional." "She is?"

"Yes; she will have a gold monogram on her note-paper even if she hasn't got shoes."-Indianapolis Journal. Sport for Real Fishermen

At Kyak, Alaska, are great fishing grounds. Halibut are caught there weighing 350 pounds, cod 42 pounds and salmon 58 pounds .- N. Y. Sun.

Guards on European Royalty. Every royal palace in Europe has its special private police, who, in one guise or another, are always on the lookout for suspicious persons .- N. Y. Sun.

Pa's Chins. "Maw, I guess I don't have to cut any kinlin' this winter," ventured little Willie. "Guess again, son.

"well anyway, I heard paw tellin' Mr. Blake that he bought \$25 worth of chips the other night, na I thought that ought to last quite a speil. '-Den-

Too Suggestive. First Theatrical Manager -I thought you were going to put on "The Winter's Tale," and now you are billing "Midsummer Night's Dream." Second Manager-Yes; I didn't like the name of the other piece. It sounded too much like a frost .- Philadelphia Record.

Wireless Telegraphy. In an ascension made recently by Messrs. Vallot and Jean and Louis Lecarme it was found that it is possible to communicate by wireless telegraphy

ground.-Cosmos

between the earth and a freely rising

Glad He Wasn't Home Though the Teuton loves his fatherand, he is cometimes very glad to be ut of it, as the following story which heard the cherday bears witness to: The other day a young German, a wellknown operatic singer, meeting some compatriots in a west end cafe, made a few disparaging remarks about the kaiser. Later he sought quarters in a hotel. Early in the morning he awoke, and for the nonce was puzzled as to his latitude. He remembered that he had said something uncharitable respecting Emperor William, and got into a condition of blue funk, as he thought he was in for a year or two of imprisonment for the offense of lese majeste. Suddenly he heard the "mee-ow" of the milkman, and he jubilantly exclaimed to himself: "Thank Himmel, I am safe; I am in London! Donnerwetter,

A Wild Bull's Swim.

I fancied I was in Berlin!"-London

Household Words. .

The steamship Lord Iveagh, Capt. Minister, sailed recently for Cardiff with a full general cargo comprising 70,000 bushels of grain, 2,000 boxes of cheese, 700 standard deals and 380 cattle. The whole of the latter were ranch cattle and were so wild that it needed a nervy person to control them. One bull succeeded in jumping overboard, and for nearly one hour the bull swam around the basin, to the delight of about 200 persons. Finally the tug Collier put in an appearance and took the beast in tow to the vessel, where a cargo hawser had been fixed to the winch. The rope was dropped around the neck of the animal and it was lifted on board. The bull was none the worse for his immersion .- Chicago Inter Ocean.

The Dahlia in Italy.

Florence, the city of flowers, is about to celebrate a floral centenary-that of the dahlia, which was first imported to Europe from Mexico in 1790 by three Spanish explorers, who planted it in Madrid in the hope that the tubers might prove a cheap food for the starving peasantry. Instead of that, the beauty of its flowers attracted the attention of the rich, and in 1800 some specimens were taken to Paris. From this time the dahlia became one of the glories of European gardens. It also then first received a name, adapted from that of Dahl, the leading botanist of the day .- N. Y. Sun.

Evaporation of Gold. Sir W. C. Roberts-Austen has proved

through an experiment extended over four years that when a column of lead is allowed to rest upon a column of gold a slow diffusion or evaporation of the gold takes place, resulting in the appearance of traces of gold in the lead. When a degree of heat not sufficient to melt either of the metals is applied the diffusion of the gold takes place more rapidly. The tendency of the particles is upward into the lead. As far as is yet known the evaporation of gold occurs only in the presence of another metal-Youth's Companion.

Grows Only in America. Indian corn does not mature when planted in Germany and other countries of central and northern Europe. Since 1891, when Europe imported but 23.000,000 bushels of this grain from the United States, its use as cattle feed has steadily grown, and last year's imports from the United States alone aggregated 189,000,000 bushels. Of this, 45,-250,000 bushels went to Germany, which country also imports small quantities from Turkey and Roumania.

Frozen Ammunition.

Ships can now go to sea with frozen ammunition. A method of utilizing liquefied air on warships has been discovered which will render the explosion of a magazine, even when the ship is in action, almost impossible. The method is to so place the liquid air that it will freeze the ammunition to several hundred degrees below zero. In that condition it could not explode, even if! a shell should burst in the magazine .-

Science. Bables That Become Brown. An Eskimo baby is born fair, except for a dark round spot on the small of the back. From this center head of color the dark tint gradually spreads

till the toddling Eskimo is as beautifully and as completely and as highly colored as a well-smoked meerschaum pipe. The same thing happens among the Japanese .- N. Y. Sun.

Birds of a Feather. Self-Possessed Bather-Why, my good fellow, you mustn't bite me. Hungry Shark-Why not? "Why, I'm the proprietor of the Skinnem and Fleecem Grand hotel, don't cher know; professional courte-sies! Ha! ha!"—N. Y. World.

when man walked on all fours. He probably alludes to that period in early life when he approached a meighbor's melon patch from the rear. -Chicago Daily News. Evidently Intoxicated. Casey-So the boss fired cassidy for

On All Fours.

Darwin tells us there was a time

being drunk? And how did he know he was drunk? Costigan-Whoy, th' dom fool wint and fell six shtories widout hurting himself .- Judge. The Obstacle.

Adelaide-You know love laughs at locksmiths, Adolph? Adolph-Yes, but it doesn't go into a burst of merriment over your papa's No. 8 boots .- Ohio State Journal. Speed of the Eagle's Flight.

There is some doubt as to the flight of the eagle being as rapid as many would make it, but it is yet known that the swiftest hare has no chance with it in regard to speed .- Nature.

He Objected. He-I don't like the ides of using so much secular music in our church. Did you notice the selection the organist played last Sunday?

She-No. What was it? "I don't know the name of it, but it is something I have frequently heard at sacred concerts."-Harlem Life.

Shame Him.

Cholly-He called me a liah. What would you do about it? Miss Pepprey-Well, if I were you I'd make it a point to always tell the truth when he's around.—Philadelphia Press.

A Queer Japanese Courtesy. At the close of formal dinners in Japan guests are presented with any portion of the meal they may fail to eat, which they are expected to take home.-Albany Argus.

He Had Tried It. Hix-Do you consider it wrong to

Dix - Well, it may not be wrong, but it's impossible.-Chicago Daily