Forever and a day. Now the land is white with winter, And dead Love laid away,

I am so glad Life cannot last Forever and a day. -Annie R. Aldrich, in the Century,

IN DOUBLE BONDS.

just come by the morning post; "see

whose advertisement I auswered the day

before vesterday. He asks me to call at

Room 7, No. 108 Roelker street, at 9

o'clock this morning, if I have leisure.

disappointed," she added fervently:

everything done for them," she added,

At each side of the door was a thin mar-

ble slab with a list of names of the in-

wholly to excitement-was on the third

pushing open the door, crossed the threshold. It was a large, clean, airy

the presence of the occupant.

timidly made known her errand.

settled, for a time at least.

taken that as permission to stay.

devoted to her especial use.

onecessary talk.

She could not flatter herself, however,

on often holding a much more import-

lut he was also the busiest, and conse-

were invested with great im-

gentleman in particular she be-notice, from his almost daily ap-e and the intimacy she saw

g up between him and Mr. Alli-

could not allay a doubt of his

his home life, and wondered how much

he relaxed his impenetrable reserve when

at his own fireside. She knew scarcely

anything about him except that he live !

at Lindendale, about ten miles out of

fown, whence he came every day on the

unmarried had been confirmed by a

parase from the hos of a lady caller, who

rad playfully twitted him on the ways

One morning Mr. Morton entered the

"It's all arranged," she heard him say,

and I find I must leave at once.

have your certificate filled out, and I

Scheve you said the funds were ready.

You can give them to me to-day, I sup-

"No, I cannot," returned Mr. Allison.

who was at the moment deep in the con-

tents of a private drawer at the sale.

They are bot in town, and I must first

sell some Government bonds now in the

and have the money for you in the course

safe deposit vaults at Boston. I will try

of crusty old bachelorhood.

office in some haste.

of forty-eight hours."

pose."

to be so called.

went by the name of Morton.

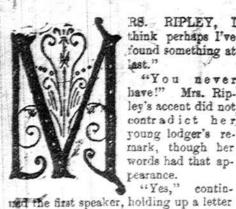
Miss Thorndyke."

"Ab, yes," he returned; "sit down.

He was not a man of words. He

with learning she was a stranger in town.

room, well furnished and carpeted, and



you know."

her welfare.

"Real Estate."

peared through the door.

think perhaps I've found something at last."

five o'clock, and could not tell just when he should return. Had she dared she would have tried Mrs. Ripsure the result of his journey would be ley's accent did not contradict her to put a large part of his property in him?" Morton's hands. She did not speak young lodger's rethen, but she was so uneasy she determark, though her words had that apmined to watch for an opportunity of doing so. pearance. "Yes,"

By and by he happened to look up and see her eyes resting on him, with an expression which caused him to leave his this! It is from Mr. Richard Allison, desk and come to her side.

hanced to look up just then, and she

Morton had fully recovered himself to all

nore conversation in too low a tone for

day or two. He was going to Boston at

her to understand it, he went away.

on the opposite wall.

and disappointment.

"What is it, Mil-Miss Thorndyke?" be asked in a tone she had never heard him use before; "you have something to "I_I_ves." she stammered, and then

If I have leisure! I've had nothing else stopped short. She had not yet overto do for the past month. I must do what I can to make a good impression, come a habit of flushing up whenever he addressed her-a habit not at all un-"You couldn't help doing that," said becoming in his eyes, though it was Mrs. Ripley, and she looked with a little painfully confusing to her. sigh after the graceful girlish figure in

cover herself the office door opened, at New York and ran thus: its suit of sombre black, as it disapwhich he stepped back with an air of annoyance, and, turning, confronted "Poor child, I do hope she won't be Morton. Millie's chance was lost, for Morton staved until train time, and the "there's not many brought up as she's been would be willing to work and do two gentlemen went out together.

"I will leave the safe for you to for themselves after always having lock," said Mr. Allison, in giving his taking up her work again with an earnfinal directions. "You know how-shut est wish for the success of the orphan the door hard to, turn the handle that girl who, though she had known her but works the bolts until it is square across, a few weeks, had, by her lovely face and and then turn the knob two or three gentle manners, interested her and filled times toward the left." her with an almost motherly anxiety for

After he was gone she reproached herself more than ever that she had not An hour later Millie Thorndyke was spoken the warning that had been at her looking at No. 108 Roelker street, a tall tongue's end. It could have done no brick building seeming very wide awake harm, and would at least have put him with its numerous windows and liberal on his guard. But regrets were useless. display of signboards and official shingles. and she could only hope, rather forlornly, that all might turn out well.

Being in a somewhat disturbed state mates of the building. In its appropriate of mind, and having no work to do, she numerical place she found that of her tried to compose herself with a new possible employer, over the words, book left in the office by Mr. Ailison, and she found it so interesting she was ner?" Mr. Allison's office-cutside of which loth to lay it down at 5 o'clock, the hour she presently paused with a fluttering of of closing. As her supper would not be the heart and a shortness of breath due ready before 6:30, and her quarters at present were comfortable and quiet, she flight, in a cozy corner at the end of a determined to stay a while longer, first long, narrow hallway. At the moment taking care to lock the door that she | ing in vain for a word. the temptation to flee became almost irmight be secure from interruption. resistable, but knowing hesitation would

directions.

it looked more inviting than she had ex-"Oh, how heavy!" she exclaimed, peeted. From behind a desk-of the kind known as "foll-top"—came a schatching sound, which, with a little drew it back for a long swing. "He tuft of hair visible over the top, showed ing all her strength, she closed the door Globe. with a bang. Then she shot the bolcs As she made a step or two forward the and turned the knob until a significant little click told her all was secure. scratching ceased, and the connection became apparent between the tuft of "There; now everything is fast," she hair and a head, the owner whereof

straightened back in his chair and wheeled about so that she could see And so it was, even more so than she thought, for in turning away a quick tug at her gown caused her to look She thought him about thirty years down, when she saw with dismay she old, though the full brown beard he had shut into the safe a part of one of were sa becomingly mad it difficult to the folds of her skirt. tell his age with accuracy. Having as-

One or two ineffectual pulls showed sured herself he was Mr. Aliason, she that the iron monster could not be made to give up its grip until its jaws were forced apart-in other words until the door was opened-which, as she neither knew the combination nor had the necasked few questions, contenting himself essary strength, was of course out of the question.

had lost both father and mother-the Had her gown been an old one she former within six months-and knew might have freed herself by tearing the nothing, from experience, of the duties cloth, but, it being a new and very attending the place for which she had pretty garment, she was unwilling hastiy to offer it violence. She thought o You may come on trial, and see how

calling for help, yet what would i we like each other," he said, and, to her great telief, the important matter was While she was trying to devise some means of drawing herself out of her di-"I think we shall get on," he said at lemma, she heard a sound of approach. the end of the first week, and she had

ing footsteps, which stopped outside the door, and were followed by the rattle o' Gradually the newness of her surround. a key in the keyhole. ings were off, and she settled down Then she remembered with consterna-tion that she had locked the door and among them as naturally as the great

sale or the desks, one of which was now the key was in the lock to the exclusion of any other.

"Was ever anything so stupid?" she exclaimed. "I have walked into a com ant place in the thoughts of their complete trap. I can't get out and no one mon master than these bulky pieces of office furniture. She thought him the sise can get in."

most unsociable man she had ever met; The person outside having probably guessed the reason of his nous inission, quently could not have much time for now kocked on the door and asked who was within. To her unbounded surprise It did not take long to see she was in and relief she recognized the voice of

way a confidential clerk, or that Mr. Mr. Allison. n had a great deal of business at But how could she let him in? One mature she could only guess; alway presented itself to her-it seemed every morning he was out for sevthe only one. She did not hesitate whom he held long and close conlong. A few movements of her nimble nagers, the bonds fell away and she ions on affairs which, in her mind,

quickly crossed the room. "Mr. Allison," she called, "I am going to unlock the door now, but you must not come in for a minute."

Theo, turning the key, she hurried back to the safe, and reversing the little speration she had just gone through, was again a prisoner. When Mr. Alli. son entered he looked at her with much surprise, as well he might; but he compresended the situation even bafore

His bold though brief look of admira-tion the first time he had seen her had she began to explain, rejudiced her against him, and since "How careless of me to leave so unwieldy an affair for you to manage!" he then her disgust at him had been steadexclaimed, self-reproachfully, "Had ily increasing, although from causes the most indefinable. not come back I should never have for given myself, though I scarcely thought From various bits of their talks, nicked up at different times, she suc fortunate when I found I must lose my train on account of the key to my mised that Mr. Morton was traing to engage Mr. Allison in a heavy specula-

box in the safe deposit vaults, which forgot to take with me." tion, to which he inclined favorably. Further than this she knew little, but While he was speaking she moved aside out of his way, and a half-dozen the wished carnestly for something to rapid turns of the little knob enabled happen and dissurde him from such a ep. She had speculated a great deal about

him to throw back the bolts. ulte so looiled as that again." said Millie, with a nervous little laugh, as she withdrew her imprisoned skirt, and

smoothed the creased fold. "If you ever should chance to meet with similar misfortune, may I be near at hand to come to the rescue," he re-

fruin, and her early suspicion that he was turned, smiling. At 6:15, so he told her, he intended t take the next train for Boston, though he seemed in no hurry to get away evi dently preferring the society of his clerk

to a lonely wait at the railway station. To her surprise he took pains to make himself agreeable, and she was compelled to admit he could be very agreeable when he chose. The little incident that had just occurred had suddenly changed their relations to each other and ad-

She was very glad of this, for she had determined to free her mind about Morton at any cost, and now she felt only a small part of her former rejuct-

"Mr. Allison," she began at the first

Morton made no reply, but Millie i poportunity, "before you went out you sked if I had anything to say to you. was much startled at the reflection of had and did not dare say it."

is face, presented by a mirror hanging "Indeed, Miss Thorndyke! Am I. then, the object of so much dread?" Plainly Mr. Allison's words had not "Oh, no, sir," she answered, looking pleased him, for the expression on his lown at the carpet, not quite able to lark features vividly illustrated rage meet his eyes just then, "only I feared you might think me impertinent or When Mr. Allison sat down again Micious.

"Not in the least, that would be im possible," he assured her. outward appearance, and after a little "I want to know if you think-that is, if you are quite sure-Mr. Morton is wholly trustworthy?" In the afternoon Mr. Allison astonished

He was surprised. He looked at her his clerk by asking if she thought she twice before replying. sould take sole charge of the office for a "Your question implies you think him otherwise. He came to me highly recommended, and he is the agent of a company in which some of the heaviest to dissuade him from going, for she was business men in New York are closely interested. Why do you doubt

> For reply she told him what she had seen in Morton's behavior that morning to excite her suspicions. He listened attentively, and she saw her words were making an impression.

"From parts of your conversation] could not avoid hearing," she said in conclusion. "I have inferred you mean to give some money into his charge. It is because I feel so sure he ought not to be trusted with it that I speak.'

Before she could say more some one came down the passageway outside and presently opened the office door. Mr. Atlison started up, and received from the boy who entered a telegraphic message. As he read it a curious look came over his face, and in a moment he handed it While he was waiting for her to re- to her without a word. It was dated in

Stop negotiations with Morton; have discovered crooke iness. She could well afford a feeling of

ratisfaction as she read these words, and there might have been a little of the "I told you so" in the look she gave him as she returned him the paper.

"Yes," he said in answer to the look: honor where honor is due, always. I admit the superior keenness of your penetration, and it has perhaps saved me the half of my fortune, for which I am very thankful to you. I did not guess I had engaged a clerk who would watch so well over my interests, and see what I was blind to. Such devotion deserves much better reward than I can

"Miss Thorndyke-Millie," he pursued, changing to a more serious tone and speaking with marked hesitation, "may I ask if you would deign to-to fill a more important position than you have held? -tnat -of-equal part-

He had been long enough in saying it, but there was no mis taking his meaning. Millie was too much astonished to speak "At least, I may believe my case not quite hopeless?" he ventured, after wait-

When she found courage to meet the As she was about to settle down she handsome blue eyes looking down at her be her guin, she drew a long breath, and thought of the safe. She never before so tenderly, the last of her doubts was door, swept away; then she knew her love now and she carefully followed Mr. Allison's awakening to a fuller life, had been born long before; and he, reading from the detphs of her heart what words could tugging at the ponderous weight, as she | not have told half so eloquently, clasped with his strong arms the treasure he ne said I must shut it hard to," and exert- longer feared to call his own. - Bostor

SELECT SIFTINAS.

One ostrich egg is a meal. Birds will not eat firefies. There are 140,000 Chinese in the United States. The royal standard of Persia is

blacksmith's apron. England has not been engaged in was during Lord Salisbury's administration. The "monkey-wrench," so called,

was named after its inventor. Mr. At the age of forty a man usually attains his highest weight; a woman at

Men with gray or blue eyes are usually better marks nen than those with dark

Paper from rags was made in 1000 A. D., the first linen paper in 1319 and

paper from straw in 1800. The shortest street in the world is Mansion House street, Loadon, which is

only a few yards in length. May and April of this year were the wettest months of their names in the his-

tory of Kansas for twenty-five years. London's six principal railway lines

carry annually over 200,000,000 people, and the tramways about 160,000,000. It is just 100 years since the Cornishman, William Murdock, discovered that

coal gas might be used as an illuminant Three weeks after a tree near Jackson Miss, was used as a gallows it showed signs of decay, and a month later it wa

The first book in which the word America appears was printed in the little

mountain monastic town, St. Die, in 1507. French chemists claim they are able to produce the finest gems by artificial pro-

cesses, and expect soon to have them on the market. The Humane Society of Detroit, Mich., has placed little tubs filled with water about the streets of the city for

dogs to drink out of. It is reported that the first Chinaman to die in Sing Sing (N. Y.) Prison dur-

ing the entire forty years of that institution's history died the other day.

The little town of Cunberland, in Rhode Island, boasts of a meeting house which was built in 1749. The late President Garfield's mother worshiped in it in her wouth.

During a recent storm at Hopkinton, N. H., an elm tree, under which Lafay. ette and his party stood at a reception given them in 1825, was struck by lightning and de nolished.

There are now over 250,000 words in the English language acknowledged by the best authorities, or about 76,000 more than in the German, French, Spanish and Italian languages combined.

The famous Khajah tunnel of India pierces the Khwaja Amran Mountains "I hope I shall never do anything about sixty miles north of Inetta at an elevation of 6400 feet. It is 12,800 feet long and was constructed broad enough to carry a double line of rails.

Justus Lipsius, an eminent man of the Sixteenth Century, made bold to recite Tacitus from beginning to ea I with one of his audience placed before him with a drawn dagger, with which he was to be stabbed if he missed one single word,

Making Attar of Roses.

The center of the attar of roses industry is at Kasanlik in Roumelia. According to Turkish etymology, the meaning of Kasanlik is the place of stills or big kettles. It is said that the cultivation of rose bushes and the art of distilling the petals of these flowers was introduced into this place long ago by a Turkish vanced them to something like in merchant from Tunis. The roses are now cultivated in 150 villages of the district of Kasanlik, which forms the northern part of southern Roumelia .-Geographical Magazine.

> An automatic slot machine for matches for forgetful smokers is a late invention.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

COTTON reports are discouraging. A good crop of tobacco is assured. GREAT BRITAIN has 16,850 locomotives, NEW YORK makes 55,000 watches a week ANOTHER land war is threatening in Irel-

BEARS are very plentiful in the Sierra Nevadas this year. THIS is an off year in most of the apple growing States. GUATEMALA has quarantined against all United States vessels.

A LARGE number of Russian Hebrews have settled in Ireland. THE cansus of Oklahoma Territory shows a population of 133,100. THE cholera epidemic is declining through-

out Russia and Austrian Poland. IBERVILLE, La., has thirty-one schools for colored people; twenty for white. It is said thaten organization is being formed in Brazil to restore the Empire. THERE are over 7000 Chinamen in and around New York City who smoke opium.

year, more than the farmers can harvest THE Order of Oid Fellows have decided to build a National sanitarium at Hot Springs, Ark.

It is estimated that there are about 2000 impaign speakers at work in variou; parts Constantinople, Turkey, had too many students, and recently 2000 were shipped away on vessels. THE alleged Garza revolution in Mexico

was a scheme of financial sharks to depreci-

THE Boston Board of Aldermen has passed an order giving permission for the erection of a statue of John Boyle O'Reilly in Copley JAMES SCROBY, the agent for Genesee County, New York, for the American Bible Society, has just completed a tour of the county. He found 155 families who had

ate Mexican bonds.

never seen a Bible. A CAB load of cotton recently shipped from Montgomery, Ala., to New Orleans by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, con-

tained 120 bales, averaging 540 pounds each. This is said to head the record. OREGON'S big red apples are being appreciated even at home this year. They are usually left on the trees unpicked, and in the early fall the orchards are covered with decaying fruit-but not so this year. Apples are scarce, and are retailing in many places at \$1 per bushel. They are usually worth about ten cents at this season of the

THE LABOR WORLD

ENGLAND has had 270 strikes in ten AMERICAN street railways employ nearly

In Whitechapel, London, bakers work n nety hours for \$3,75 per week. A Machinists' and Boiler Makers' Trades Council is to be organized in Philadelphia. BUEDINGER, in Hesse, Germany, boasts of a laborer who has celebrated his 101st birth-

South Scotland mine owners have decided to reduce the wages of miners twelve Over five thousand children are daily working in the mills at Rhode Island for one

dollar a week. Is carrying forward the immense rallway traffic of England upward of 350,000 men are e nploye i.

BRITISH cc-operative societies now have 1,191,400 members, and 117 new societies of this kind were organized last year. Working girls of Salem, Ohio, have organized a Federal Union connected with the American Federation of Labor. THE Retail Grocery Clerks' Association Minneapolis is very active in organizing

London bakers, unorganized, work eighty hours per week; Manchester bakers, thoroughly organized, work fifty hours per week. Union clerks in Albany, N. Y., advertise their names and stores where they are employed to secure the patronage of union

the clerks in the other cities of Minnesota.

At a recent meeting of 3000 shop girls in Paris, Mile. Laonie Rouzade advocated the formation of a syndicate to promote their A WOMAN has lately been admitted for the

first time to the London society of compositors. The society refuses to admit women who are paid at the same rate as men. In South Dakota the labor or ;an zitions circulate a petition to the Legislatur; asking that the Constitution of that State be so amended as to enable the people to make laws by the system of Referendun and Initiative, as prevailing in Switzerlan i.

Married women work at nail naking in England for \$1 to \$1.25 per week. Som of them take their babies to the shop, where they are kept in baskets near the fire of the forge. To protect the children from being burned by flying cinders the baskets are covered with sack-cloth.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

PRINCE BISMARCE'S sons have resigned from the German Army. THE German Kaiser's latest freak is to pay mysterious visits to the Royal stable at

FRINCE BISMARCK has seen statues raised in his honor, which is a recognition few men WRITTIER used to admit that he had no ear for music and could not tell "Yankes Doodle" from "Old Hundred."

Among the new cadets at West Point are a son of General John Pope and grandsons of General Sherman and General C. F. ELONDIN, the celebrated tight-rope walk-

er, who is sixty-eight years old, is still in the lusiness. He has lately been making great success in Europe. ALEXANDER DIETZRICH, Chief Construcfor of the German navy, is in Philadelphia making a stuly of the methods and products of construction at Cramp's shipyard. WILLIAM DICKEY was sent to the Maine

Legislature in 1842, and they are sending him there yet. He was re-elected at the recent election. He is eighty-one years GEORGE W. JULIAN, of Indiana, is seventyfive) ears of age. He was a Free Soil can-

didate for the vice presidency just forty years ago. He married a daughter of Joshua R. Giddin ;s. MR. NA BOJI, the Parsee Member of the British Parliament, appeared with a copy of the Zend Aveste, on which to take the

required cath of office. He was told that he must either take the oath on the New Testament or affirm, and he chose the latter PIETEO MASCAGNI, before his "Cavalleria Rusticana' male him famous, was a poor school teacher in Sicily. A Milan publisher effered a prize for the best serious opera in

one act, and amid vigorous competition Mascagni came out victorious. PADEREWSKI practises on the piano more assiduously since fame has come to him than ever before. He begins to practise as soon as he gets out of tel in the morning, and has been known to pass twenty-seven hours

out of forty-eight at the piano. GENERAL "BZN" BUILER is sadly bent with age. He face has the took of health, but his massive frame has become an unmistakable burden. His hands move unsteadily, while his eyes appear swollen and almost hidden by the thick folds of flesh on his cheeks. But his head is clear as a bell, and at seventy-four there is no shrewder lawyer or politican in New England,

Sagacious Birds.

A Farmington gentleman tells a good story of the sagacity of the purple martins, which abound in that vicinity. The gentleman had over fifty of these social birds in the house upon his grounds. A day or two ago, while the birds were flying about the garden, a eat caught one of the martins and starte ! off with it in her mouth, the bird crying piteously. Quick as a flash, however, the whole flock of martins were after pussy, lighting on her back pecking and scratching her and screaming as only martins can. Pust could not stand this very long, and she dropped the martin, arched her back up, spit, and ran for life. Then the birds left her and flew to the house, loudly chattering over the rescue of their comrade.

In a choir of sixteen little girls at St, James's Mission, New York, eight nationalities are said to be represented: Poles, Swedes, Danes, Bohemians, Huagarians, Germans, French and English. Dectors say a bealthy adu should

at least ten ounces of meat each day.

REV. DR. TALMAGE

THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUN-DAY SERMON

TEXT: "Launch out into the deep."-Luke v. 4.

Christ, starting on the campaign of the world's conquest, was selecting His staff officers. There were plenty of students with high foreheads and white hands and intellectual faces, and refined tastes in Rome and in Jerusalem. Christ might have called into the apostleship twelve bookworms, or twelve rhetoricians, or twelve artists. Instead He takes a group of men who had never made a speech: never taken a lesson never made a speech; never taken a lesson in belleslettres; never been sick enough to make them look delicate—their hands broad, clumsy and hard knuckled. He chose fishermen, among other reasons, I think, because they were physically hardy. Rowing makes strong arms and stout chests. Much climb-ing of ratlines makes one's head steady. A LOUISIANA has an enormous rice crop this

Galilee tempest wrestled men into gymnasts.
The opening work of the church was rough work. Christ did not want twelve invalids hanging about Him, complaining all the time how badly they felt. He leaves the delicate students at Jerusalem and Rome for their mothers and aunts to take care of, and goes down to the seashore, and out of the toughest material makes an apostleship. The ministry neel more corporeal vigor than any other class. Fine minds and good intentions are important, but there must be physical force to back them. The intellectual mill wheel may be well built and the grist good, but there must be enough blood in the mill race to turn the one and to grind the other.

He chose fishermen also because they were used to hard knocks. The man who cannot stand assault is not fit for the ministry. It always has been and always will be rough work, and the man who, at every censure or caricature, sits down to cry had better be at some other work. It is no place for ecclesiastical doll babies. A man who cannot preach because he has forgotten his manuscript or lost his spectacles ought not to preach at all. Heaven deliver the church from a ministry that preach in kid gloves and from sermons in black morocco covers! These fishermen were rough and ready. They had been in the sternest of all colleges. When they were knocked over by the main boom of the ship they entered the Sophomore, when washel off by a great wave, they entered the Junior; when floating for two days without food or drink on a plank they came

dashed on the beach in a midnight hurricane they graduated with the first honor.

My text finds Jesus came aboard with one of these bronzed men, Simon by name. This fisherman had been sweeping his net in shoal water. "Push out," says Christ, "what the use of hugging the shore in this boat? Here is a lake twelve miles long and six wide. and it is all populated just waiting for the sweep of your net. Launch out into the

to the Senior, and when at last their ship

deep."
The advice that my Lord gave to Simon is as appropriate for us all in a spiritual sense. The fact is that most of us are just paddling along the shore. We are afraid to venture out into the great despent God and Christian experience. We think that the boat will be upset, or that we cannot "clew down the mizzen topsail," and our cowardic makes us poor fishermen. I think I hear the voice of Christ commanding us, as He did Simon on that day when bright Galilee set in among the green hills of Palestina, like water flashing in an emeraid cup, "Launch

out into the deep."
This divine counsel comes first to all those who are paddling in the margin of Bible re-search. My father read the Bible through three times after he was eighty years of age and without spectacles—not for the mere purpose of saying he had been through it so often, but for his eternal profit. John Wolby, the brother-in-law of Daniel Webster. learned to real after he was eighty-four years of age in order that he might become acquainted with the Scriptures. There is no book in the world that demands so much of our attention as the Bible. Yet ninetenths of Christian men get no more than ankle deep. They think it is a good sign not to venture too far. Tasy never as's how or why, and if they see some Christian bacoming inquisitive about the deep things of Gol they say: "Be careful; you had better not go out so far from shore!

My answer is: The farther you go from shore the better if you have the right kind of ship. If you have worldly philosophy for the hulk, and pride for a sail, and self conceit for the helm, the first squall will destroy Bat if you take the Bible for your craft, the farther you go the better, and after you have gone ten thousand furlongs Christ will still command, "Launch out into the deep." Ask some such quistion as "Who is God?" and go on for ten years asking it. Ask it at the gite of every parable; amid the excitement of every miracle; by the solitariness of every patriarchal thrashing floor; amid the waite faces of Sennacherib's slain turned up into the moonlight; amid the flying chariots of the Gol len City. Ask who Jesus is, and keep on asking it

of every Bible lily, of every raven, of every star, of every crazel brain curel, of every blind man come to sunlight, of every coin in a fish's mouth, of every loaf that got to be five loaves, of every wrathful pacified, of every pulseless arm stretched forth in gratulation; ask it of His mother, of Augustus, of Herod, of the Syrophoenician woman, of the damsel that woke up from the death slesp, of Joseph, who had Him buried, of the angel poste i as sentinel at His tomb, of the dumb cartu that \$400's and ground and thundered when He died. A missionary in France offered a Bible in an humble dwelling. The man took it, tore out a dozen pages and with them began to light his pipe. Some years after the missionary happened in the same house The family just lost their son in the Crimean war, and his Bible had been sent back home. The missionary took it up and saw that it was the very same Bible that he had left in the house and from which the leaves had been torn. The dying soldier had written on one of the leaves of the Bible, "Rejected and scotted at, but finally believed in and saved. The Bible may be used to light the pipe of

witticism by some, but for us it is a staff in life, a pillow in death and our joy for eter-Walk all up and down this Bible domain! Try every path. Plunge in at the prophecies and come out at the epistles. Go with the patriarchs until you meet the evangelists. Rummage and ransick, as children who are not sa isfled when they come to a new house until they know what is in every room and into what every door opens. Open every jewel casket. Examine the skyligats. Forever be asking questions. Put to a higher use than was intended the oriental provero, "Hold all the skirts of thy mantle extended when heaven is raining gold."

Fassing from Bonn to Coblentz on the Rhine, the scenery is comparatively tame. But from Coblentz to Mayence it is enchantng. You sit on deck and fee! as if this last firsh of beauty must exhaust the scape: but in a moment there is a turn of the river. which covers up the former view with more luxurient vineyards, and more defaut castles, and bolder bluffs, vine wreathed and grapes so ripe that if the hills be

touched they would bleed their rich life away into the bowls of Bingen and Hockheimer. Here and there there are streams of water melting into the river, like smaller joys swallowed in the bosom of a great

And when night begins to throw its black mantle over the shoulder of the hills, and you are approaching disembarkation at Mayence, the lights along the shore fairly bewitch the scene with their beauty, giving one a thrill that he feels but once, yet that lasts him forever. So this river of God's word is not a straight stream, but a winding splendor-at every turn new wonders to attract, still riper vintage pressing to the brink and crowded with custles of strength-Stolzenfels and Johannisberger as nothing com-

pared with the strong tower into which the righteous run and are save!-and our disemtarkation at last in the evening amid the lights that gleam from the shore of neaven. The trouble is that the vast majority of Bible voyages stop at Coblentz, where the chief The sea of God's Word is not like Gennessaret, twelve miles by six, but bound-

on forever."

less, and in any one direction you can sail on forever. Why then confine yourself to a short realm or to a few verses of an epistic? The largest fish are not near the shore. Hoist all sail to the win is of heaven. Take hold of both oars and pull away. Be like some of the whalers that went out from New Bedford or Ports nouth to be zone for two or three years. Yes, calculate on a lifetime woyaga. You do not want to land until you land in heaven. Sail away. O ye

mariners, for etersity! Launch out into

The text is appropriate to all Christians of shallow experience. Doubts an I fears have in our day been almost elected to the parliament of Christian grace. Some consider it a had sign not to have any doubt. Dunbts and fears are not signs of health, but featers and carbuncies. You have a valuable house or farm. It is suggested that the title is not good. You employ counsel. You have the deels examine l. You search the record for mortgages, judgments and liens. You are not satisfied until you have a certificate. signed by the great seal of the Nate, assuring you that the title is good. Yet now many eave their title to heaven an undecided mat-

Why do you not go to the records and

find out? Give yourself no rest, day or night,

until you can read your title clear to man-

sions in the skies.

Christian character is to come up to higher standards. We have now to hunt through our library to find one Robert

through our library to find one Robert M'Cheyne, or one Elward Payson, or one Harlan Page. The time will come when we will find half a dozen of them sitting in the same seat with us. The grace of God can make a great deal better men than those I have mentioned. Christians seem afraid they will get heterodox by going too far. They do not believe in Christian perfection. There is no danger of your being perfect for some time yet. I will keep watch and give you notice in time, if you get too near perfection for the safety of your theology. fection for the safety of your theology.

One-half of you Christians are simply stuck in the mul. Why not cut loose from everything but God? Give not to Him that formal petition made up of "O's"—"O Lord" this and "O Lord" that When people are cold and have nothing to say to God they strew their prayers with "O's" and "Forever and ever, Amen," and things to fill up. Tell God what you want with the feeling that He is ready to give it, and believe that you will receive, and you shall have it. Shed that old prayer you have been making these ten years. It is high time that yeu outgrew it. Throw it aside with your old ledgers, and your old hats. with your old ledgers, and your old hats, and your old shoes. Take a review of your present wants, of your present sins and of your present blessings. With a sharp blade cut away your past half and half Christian life, and with new determination, and new plans, and new expectations launch out into

the deep.

The text is appropriate to all the unforgiven. Every sinner would come to God if he thought he might come just as he is. People talk as though the pardon of God were a narrow river, like the Kennebec or the Thames, and that their sins draw too much water to enter it. No: it is not a river nor a bay, but a sea. I should like to persuade you to launch out into the great deep of God's mercy. I am a merchant. I have bought a cargo of spices in India. I have through a bill of exchange, paid for the whole cargo. You are a ship captain. I give you the orders and sav, "Bring me those spices." You land in India. You go to the trader and sav, "Here are the orders." and you find everything all right. You do not stop to pay the money yourself. It is not stop to pay the money journal not your business to pay it. The arrangements were made before you started. So Christ purchases your pardon. He puts the rapers, or the promises, into your hand. Is it wise to stop and say, "I cannot pay for my redemption?" God does not ask you to

pay. Relying on what has been done, launch out into the deep.

The Bible's promises join hands, and the circle they make will compass all your sine, and all your temptations, and all your sorrows. The round table of King Arthur and his knights had room for only thirteen banqueters, but the round table of God's supply s large enough for all the present inhabit ants of earth and heaven to sit at, and for

the still mightier populations that are yet to Do not sail coastwise along your old habits and old sins. Keep clear of the shore. Go out where the water is deepest. Oh, for the mid sea of God's mercy! "Be it known unto you, men and trethren, that through this Man is preached unto you forgiveness of sins." I preach it with as much confidence to the eighty-year-old transgressor as to the maiden. Though your sins were blood red they shall be snow white. The more ragged the prodigal, the more compassionate the Father. Do you say that you are too bad? The high water mark of God's pardon is higher than all your transgressions. blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. Do you say that your heart is hand? Sup pose it were ten times harder. Do you say that your iniquity is long continued? rose it were ten times longer. Do you say that your crimes are black? Suppose that they were ten times blacker. Is there any lion that this Samson cannot slay? Is there

any fortress that this Conqueror cannot take? Is there any sin that this Redeemer It is said that when Charlemagne's host vas overpowered by the three armies of the Saracens in the pass of Roncesvalles his warrior, Roland, in terrible earnestness seized a trumpet and blew it with such ter rific strength that the opposing army recled back with terror, but at the third blast of the trumpet it broke in two. I see your soul fiercely assailed by all the powers of earth and heil. I put the mightier trumpet of the Gospel to my lips and I blow it three times.
Blast the first—"Whosoever will, let him come." Blast the second—"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found." Blast the third-"Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation."

Does not the host of your sins fall back! But the trumpet does not, like that of Roland. break in two. As it was handed down to us from the lips of our fathers, we hand it down to the lips of our children, and tell them to sound it when we are dead, that all the generations of men may know that our God is pardoning God-a sympathetic God-a loving God-and that more to Him than the anthems of heaven, more to Him than the throne on which He sits; more to Him than are the temples of calestial worship is the joy of seeing the wanderer putting his han i or the door latch of his Father's house. Hear

it, all ye Nations! Bread for the worst hun-ger. Medicine for the worst sickness. Light for the thickest darkness. Harbor for the Dr. Prime, in his book of wonderful inter-est, entitled "Around the World," describes tomb in India of marve ous architecture Twenty thousand menowere twenty-two years in erecting that and the buildings around it. Standing in that tom', if you speak or sing, after you have ceased you hear the echo coming from a height of one hundred and fifty feet. It is not like other echoes. The sound is drawn out in sweet prolongation, as though the angels of God were chanting on the wing. How many souls in the tomb of sin will lift up th voice of penitence and prayer? If now they would cry unto Gol the echo would drop from afar, not struck from the marble co pole of an earthly mausoleum, but sounding back from the war n heart of angels flying

the news, for there is joy among the angel of God over one sinner that repenteth!

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He had no thought of impending "You're Mr. So and so?" inquired Mr. Armour, with great apparent affability. "Yes, sir." "You had the suit made?"

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"Yes, sir."

came across."

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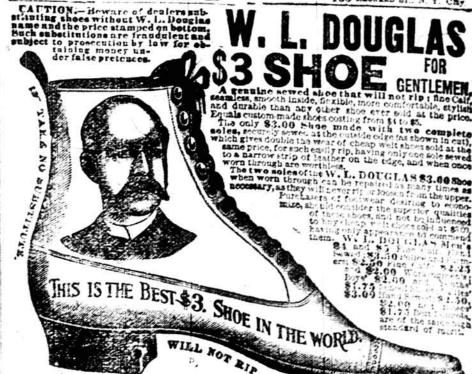
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