and distant twilight-tinted hills; I would be a glori us spot for play If life were all a holiday.

But winter comes with biting chill, with clouds that threat and storms that kill.

And tremble in the Frost King's fear; It were a glorious place for play, But man must earn his holiday.

-Washington Post.

An Incident in the Life of a Lonely Man Who Loved Books.

BY EDWARD BOLTWOOD. On one of the side streets leading from Washington Square the Cafe Alsatia stands, opposite to Joseph Hartrick could not remember whether the case had drawn him to the book shop, or whether the book shop had attracted him to the cafe. Over this insignificant question he used to speculate a good deal, for Hartrick was a lonely man, and given accordingly to vain musings. He was, at any rate, exceedingly fond of both the Alsatia and the book store, and was to be found in one or the other every afternoon between the hours of

tour and six. That is, he was to be

him-which was never the case,

had neither friends nor kin. For a fortnight Hartrick had been up on the northern coast, sketching lighthouses for a silly magazine arpened to be necessary to his exist- they were talking again—talking of ence. This fact was the silliest thing the books and the work, and so on. about it. He was glad to get back Before he went, Hartrick doggedly to the town, because he had missed his apologized. tall glasses of coffee and cognac, and because there was on Joseph Watson's shelves a yellow and unbound copy mine." of "The Praise of Folly," made English from the Latin of Erasmus, adorned with the forty-six Holbein de- of Folly." signs, and printed at London in 1724, for J. Wilford, of the Three Flower de pipes in his solitary room, and medi-

Luces, in Little Britain. The book had been there for some will. time, and only once had Hartrick dared touch it, and that was when tell me," he remarked to the fourth watson's back was turned. Hartrick pipe. "She had something to say, and had experienced the wiles of Joseph; was afraid to say it. Perhaps that when the bookseller suspected that a shouldn't stay so long. I'll stay fli customer was particularly anxious to teen minutes longer tomorrow. Her buy a particular book, he was a very wrist is like perfumed snow. How shylock. Hartrick didn't know wheth- many magazine articles can I do er Watson was aware of the Erasmus, a year? Then, there's that advertising

and he was afraid to ask. The artist sat in the cafe, rolling a cigarette, and gladdening his heart he said to her the next afternoon, with the black coffee for the first time | "lighting up their dusty, sober lines

liv two weeks. "It is to be deplored," he signed cheery eyes." costly to the cigarette, "that old "I love the old books," she said. Toseph is a lonely man, like me, and wish to do all I can for them. How employs no assistant in the shop. lonely they must be in this dark Even an ignorant boy would lighten place!" Jeseph's labors immensely and allow Some men are like books, living in Im to leave the store for purposes the dark, until your eyes might-If innocent recreation. Then could I He broke off abruptly. "When does pop in and secure. The Praise of Fol- Joseph return?" at the price marked upon the fly- "Today at 5." She glanced bashleaf, which is perhaps one-fourth of fully at Hartrick. "I hope that its actual value. Alas, that Joseph won't think that I---" is so old an acquaintance as to sus-It is sad."

son's door.

The match burned uselessly on and swindle her out of the Erasmus. on, and then ended a wasted life in the Watsonian head thus protected. a vistor. But it was not a visitor—it Moreover, a gray overcoat was on his was Joseph Watson. shoulder a carpet bag was in his rick scowled wat the cigarette.

in my absence. En avant!" He cros sed the street as Joseph scurried around the corner.

The differ of Joseph Watson's shop all the world! Has the little wife suite, but absolutely their master, and langler an uncertain bell when it is treated you nicely, sir?" upener d, and there you stand, blinking The girl hid her face on Joseph's be on occasion. the gloom, until the proprietor shall sleeve. copy ne upon you. Heaps and stacks of "I beg your pardon," said Hartrick. problem books block up the narrow He began to count delibertately the windows and shroud the place in a volumes in a set of Smollett on the vania must frequently marvel at the his shins and elbows, it is not safe to "The gentleman doesn't know, per- one or two object lessons in New York

walk about unwarily. Hartrick knew the mazes of the Joseph, I didn't hop, but he stood still, waiting, lean-

was safe in its obscure bands briskly.

"I have not been here long-only a down the Erasmus. "Ils filled with scenes of wondrous week." The curious melody in her "On second thought," he said, ' International voice turned Hartrick's eyes upon her. will take this book."

"Well," said the artist, fingering sanity.

you like it?" said she; "I like it. I like it very hand, and the money on the counter And we must labor through the year, much, indeed." Then she laughed before Joseph could believe his eyes again, showing her white teeth.

"Now, what," inquired the artist of the husband, still woderning. himself, "is she laughing at? Her hair is extremely nice about the ears, Good afternoon, Joseph. and I must catch that chin line."

So he turned up a squeaking gas he could not see her. jet overhead and demanded the box of paper covered plays, that he might tered in the cafe. 'The Praise look them over. The girl paused for Folly!" a moment in pretty nervousness, then ran to the cupboard—Hartrick knew talking to inanimate things. well enough where it was—and proudly dragged forth the box. She -New York Daily News. was pleased at her own readiness; her had visions of Joseph commending

"Erasmus can wait," thought Hartrick, and then, aloud: "Watson, I can see, has good help. You are anxious to please him?"

"I would rather please him than any one in the world." This half merrily, with an escaping dimple. "Rather than please me? You have

a very soft hand, my dear." amazement in her stare, and made Hartrick bite his lips the harder.

found if anybody cared to look for He had not spoken intimately to a woman in half a score of years; how cause he was such a lonely man, and could he tell? He tumbled the plays about the box, while the girl busied, herself with a dusting cloth among the cases. When she began to sing lightly, the artist took heart, and soon

> "But your hand is soft, you know." "Well, it is no fault or wish of

They were on excellent terms. And no word was said about "The Praise

That night, Hartrick smoked six tated foolishly, as only lonely men

"I wonder what she was trying to

work." He fell asleep smiling. "You look like the spirit of books," with your lantern—and with your

"That you have let trade suffer in pect me when I come a bargaining! his absence? He won't dare think that. I shall tell him how efficient He scratched a match, and looked you have been. Shall I buy a lot of bitterly across the street at Mr. Wat- books to prove it?" He thought with horror of how he had planned

on, and then ended a wasted life in Against his proposed purchasing But he is not a bad fellow, all the offered all of his sons, whom he supposed trong Hartrick's trembling fingers into to him, and making his blood jump the conces. For Hartrick had seen a with a longing in his arms to clasp prodigy he had seen Joseph Watson her and hold her to him. There was emerge from the shop door with his no telling what might have happened, nation. Never had Hartrick observed had not the bell of the door signaled

The girl gave a little cry of connand and an umbrella was under his tentment, and put her arm around any means. He is, in fact, about five erm, although the skies were clear. Joseph's neck, kissing him, and he feet ten. But he likes to surround Joseph was groing on a journey. Hart- kissed her. Hartrick stayed in the himself with giants, and by comparishadow; niece or daughter-what mat- son looks shorter than he is. His Things Have occurred," he cried, tered it to him? Watson was a good most intimate friends never dare to old fellow.

seph, peering. "Why, Mr. Hartrick, of shorter by a head than the men of his

darkness which gets into your nostrils shelf in front of him. One, two, three seemingly inexhaustible demand for commanded to anoint him at once. a darkness that tastes of ancient pa. there were fourteen of them, yes, steel and wonder to what use all the

g against the door. Out of the cay- left So timid, sir, so timid and bashe at Grand street, is a mighty network no at the back came a girl with ful. But my wife, sir, for a fortnight of steel 200 feet wide and (including approaches) nearly a mile long. There

not keep her living here among the beams and heavy sheeting. And these zone out." said the girl books, though they are good enough are only two steel-eating enterprises company for an old bachelor. Hartrick looked hastily "Quite so," said Hartrick. He had burg Dispatch. near his shoulder. "It is been right about it at first. There

Nothing, thank you! The artist

name is Hartrick—an old customer. I murky street. He saw his little table will

With blooming fields and singing rills, A red reflection from her slik waist lit | The dealer was aghast at such un up her face into a blush, and she was precedented directness. His eyes fair as a growing flower. twinkled shrewdly; he suspected in

> "The Praise of Folly," carelessly, "do | "Never mind the price you marked on it," said Hartrick. "Come-how The girl laughed softly. "Oh, yes," much?" His purse was already in his "It is some souvenir, perhaps," said

> > "Yes," said Hartrick; "a keepsak Mrs. Watson." The shop was so dark

"'The Praise of Folly,'" he mut

It was curious, this habit he had of But then, he was a very lonely man

eyes danced; it was plain that she MYSTERY OF THE KAISER'S ARN

The German Emperor is the World's Most Conspicuous Man.

The Kaiser's arm has always re mained a mystery to most of us Americans, writes Victor Smith in the New York Press. So many different stories have been told about it that we know not what to believe. We have heard side is destroyed; yet he hears perfectly well. We have heard that his left arm was deformed. It was in jured, I believe, at birth, and never grew to full proportions, so that he has been handicapped through life by

being practically a one-armed man. The Kaiser is throwing so many bouquets at us of late that we can hardly take our eyes off him. There music and sing it. He can paint a picture, frame it and criticise the of that anointing. This was left for future critics who praise or condemn it. He can write a drama, stage it, act it and give a critique upon it. He is the best horseman in Europe, and one of the most expert yachtsmen. He talks Samuel went to the home of Jesse. Be fluently in five modern languages. He plays chess and poker, and at the latter can hold not only his own, but During this interval the sons of Jesse were some of the other fellow's. He understands engineering, and is an expert in electricity. He is a theologian, and has composed a prayer. He can command a ship or a regiment, a fleet or | In 1 Chron. 27:18 he is called Elihu. an army. He can discuss horse breeding with General Thomas. He can talk cattle breeding with A. A. Cortelyou. He is an ideal cook. makes speeches that startle the world. He is a literateur. He drinks beer and shoulders above the rest. and champagne with equal facility and gusto. He is the friend of rich and

and helpless, nursed and petted him. Nothing would please the Kaiser more than to steer the Kearsarge from Kiel to New York, stick her nose be very charming. He will play childish games, run, romp and wrestle; but

ity. No one can get inside his guard. At Abbazzia he made nimself extreme ly pleasant to the Hungarian aristocracy who have villas in the neighbor- bringing the most likely first. 'Not chosen hood. He played lawn tennis every day with them, the Empress looking i them all. on. One day he introduced Count Eulenburg to a 'young woman with the words: "He is very young to be Against his proposed purchasing an Ambassador, and at Vienna, too! tongue to reply: "He is older than you are, and you are not a bad Emperor;" but there was something in the cold glance of his steel-blue eyes which made her feel that he was not a

fit subject for a jest. The Kaiser is not a short man by of Samuel or Jesse. His name signifies take the faintest shadow of a liberty "Who's there, my dear?" cried Jo- with him. It is amusing to see him, as dignified as Queen Victoria could

Where Steel is Required.

Home-staying natives of Pennsy per and printer's ink. at one cares for exactly fourteen. vast output is applied. There are just haps," murmured the girl. "You see, which are enough to dispel all this wonderment. The new Williamsburg What you daren't tell him, dear bridge, which crosses the East river rashioned affair, with square "I am sure I am exteremely glad. is enough steel in this bridge alone to act. and holes in its tin top. You will be very happy, both of you. lay an ordinary single track railroad gh which the light is sprinkled There were only twelve Smolletts between New York and Pittsburg. mon his life. The appinting was not an dances in fantastic little beams when he counted them backwards. Then there is the subway, whose cobwebs. Hartrick had This was odd. One, two, three naked steel roof is still exposed in "I've been to the country, Mr. Hart- way is 23 miles long and roofed the and afternoon, the said. Wis Mr. rick, seeking a bit of a cottage. I can entire distance with closely set steel now flourishing in New York.—Pitts-

said to be 666 feet long.

article brusquely. My window of the cleaties ecross the identical to chemical ecupeation.

Lesson Comments For August 2.

Subject: Samuel Anoints David, 1 Sam. xvl. 4-13-Golden Text, 1 Sam. xvi., 7-Memory Verses, 11-13-Study Verses 1-13 -Commentary on the Day's

Samuel's grief because of Saul's rejection was great. This showed his affection for Saul and his interest in the kingdom. But to continue long in such grief would hinder him in his public duties as proplet and also dishonor God. It was Samuel's duty to recognize God's will as supreme and not continue to cling to Saul when God had rejected him. The divine cure for grief is a greater faith in God. "Samuel—came." The Lord told Samuel to go to Bethlehem and anoint one of the sons of Jesse. But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hear it he will kill me" (v. 2). The Lord then told Samuel to take a heifer and go to Bethlehem and sacrifice unto the Lord. "The elders." Men who acted as civil magistrates. "Troubled." Some think that the breach between Samuel and Saul was now so great that they feared the anger of Saul if they more probable that they feared that his coming was for the purpose of punishing GO TO some sin among them, or of pronouncing some judgment upon them. If he had come with no hostile purpose his visit would be considered a blessing.

"Sanctify yourselves." Change your clothes, and wash your bodies in pure wathe spirit of sacrifice, ye may offer acceptwere invited only to join in the sacrifice, while the family of Jesse were invited by themselves to the subsequent feast. It ap- from 50c up. pears from chapter 20:27-29, that Jesse's family were a devout religious family. Samuel instructed them in the nature the sacred ordinance and by his counsels and prayers assisted them in preparing to attend to it acceptably and profitably. probable from the acts and words of Samuel on this occasion that he privately informed Jesse of his purpose to anoint one of his sons, but it nowhere appears that Jesse was informed as to the object

developments to disclose. The Lord chooses David (vs. 6-12). public sacrifice there was the sacrificial feast, and in order to partake of this feast tween the sacrifice and the feast several hours would necessarily elapse as the victim would have to be prepared and cooked. made to pass before Samuel, for it appears from verse 11 that David was sent for bo fore they partook of the meal. "Eliab. Jesse's oldest son, one of Saul's army in the Palestine war (1 Sam. 17:13). afterwards the ruler of Judah under David have an exhibition of his rude and over bearing temper in 1 Sam. 17:28. "Sure. etc. "Samuel was impressed with stature and beduty and remembered tha He | Saul had been similarly recommended Sam. 10:24). But the day was past whe

"Look not," etc. Even Samuel was still judging from outward appearances. That which chiefly recommended Saul to the favor of Israel was his size and beauty newspapers. He thrums the guitar but now in selecting a man after his own heart Jehovah shows that his divine juda and plays the organ. He is a multiment is based not on external form milionairs. He crushed Bismarck; comcliness, but on the inner life. David then, when the Chancellor was old also, however, was of a goodly appearance (v. 12). "On the heart." God does not look at one's earthly possession, or socia rank, or family history, or literary attainments, or natural ability, for He does not judge from appearances, not even from religious manifestations-such as many against the Battery wall and call for tears, many prapers, a serious deportment three cheers for Uncle Sam. He can a solemn tone to the voice, etc.; but God looks on the heart, the inner life, the character, and judges accordingly.

kings were chosen because they were hea

8-10. "Abinadab—Shammah." he never permits any sort of familiar- two, with Eliab, were the sons of Jesse brought his sons before Samuel in the order in which he considered them to rank. Samuel had already privately informed Jesse of the object of his coming.

"Are here all." Samuel was not ready to give up. He quickly surmised that there might be one overlooked or had sent Samuel, and the errand could having evidently no idea of David's wisdom and bravery, spoke of him as the most unfit. God in His providence so ordered it, that the appointment of David might the more clearly appear to be divine purpose and not the design either The word thus rendered means "to surnot propose to have that family gather with one of the sons absent. Here a lesson bearing on family worship may be learned as a mark of beauty in southern countries where the hair and complexion are gen Literally, of beautiful eyes. This indicates that his eyes were keen and penetrating, enlivened by the fires of genius, and beaming with a generous warmth. David was evidently a beautiful young man can see here how little stress the Lord really puts on outward forms and cere monies, for David was not present whe Samuel sanctified Jesse's sons with such David set apart for his work (v.

anomited in the presence of his brethren, though it is not at all likely that they ur derstood at this time to what position "Spirit easie migatily." Such a setting wart would have a mighty influence tended it. so that David was inwardly gift of the Holy Spirit is the greatest and South Atlantic States.....5.2 best gift of God to man.

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pathway across the insecure ground mote past, the Irish harp is simply of legend and tradition the Irish harp an adaptation of an instrument comwas alike the reflex and interpreter mon to central and northern Europe. of popular feeling. Perhaps it may We find it in the hands of the Ger be said to have come popularly into man and Celtic bards, and of the the general view when James I. Scandinavian skalds; and every race placed it in the third quarter of the has been able to impress upon it royal arms of Great Britain. But a something of its own peculiar genius. century before this Henry VIII. had The violin is Italian in its birth, and impressed a harp on the Irish coin- it is said to be animated by an Italian age; a seemingly prosaic fact which soul. And in like manner, such of yet cannot be divorced from the the old Irish music as has come strong clement of romance which per- down to us essentially consists of meates every phase of the subject. strains of the harp. This, however, is For it seems that a son of King Brian | not surprising, for we are told that Boru presented his father's harp to 'long before the lyre was known in Pope John XVIII. in 1003; and that Rome or Greece the Gael of Ireland it was treasured in Rome until Leo X. | had attained a high degree of perfecsent it to Henry VIII. 500 years after- | tion in the form and management of ward. He in turn gave it to the first | the harp. Not to be capable of sweep-Earl of Clanricarde; and after pass- ing it in a masterly manner was ing into the possession of several deemed a disgrace even to royalty. Irish families Brian's storied harp This, however, was not solely an Irish eventually found a home in the col- reeling, but that of almost every peolege museum in Dublin. But suppos- ple among whom the harp flourished. ing this venerable instrument to be In medieval times it was regarded at least 1,000 years old, that is a mere | the king of musical instrum trifle in the history of the harp—and chiefly because no other provided especially of the Irish harp. | Nuch an effective accompaniment for

We may accept the Thebian harp the voice. The national feeling arous as a pretty ancient representative of ed by it was nowhere expressed more its great family; but then the older strongly than in Ireland, and the Irish historians go back to the deluge cloud of legends, traditions and an and it is only in the very mistland of cient superstitions which in that antiquity that we lose touch with country seem essentially to cling to And even it are its peculiar but very natural there we seem to catch the echo of heritage. The harp is the especial pride of the green isle.

SLIGHT FALLING OFF IN AMERICAN BIRTH RATE

Ruddy." The word denotes the the sugar bowl in her lap to prevent incursions from childish fingers, lanked on either side by a row of chiliren with shining faces and eager appetites; not the family table from which the children took turns in 'waiting" when the grandparents came to occupy seats temporarily at the loard or when other "company" came: was asked three times daily for 365 lays in each year, at which children were taught to mind their manners and wait until their elders were

> The family table, popular at this time, is one of figures compiled by the careful statistician. It concerns alleged decreasing size of families and

is spread in this wise:

There is a scanting of averages in long-Portland Oregonian.

Not the old-fashfoned board, at the | this, it is true, but it is not very seriread of which sat the father and at ous. Not so serious, indeed, but that the foot of which sat the mother, with any one holding this table in his hand and watching the children pour out of any one of a number of school houses in any city in the land is able to subdue his apprehension that the race, from lack of recruiting agencies, is likely to run out. According to this table, New England does not show either the largest decrease in ten years nor the smallest average size of crease in New England is but twothirds of one per cent-a decrease in quantity that, if, it is not made up in quality, much educational effort has been wasted in the past decade. In New York the decrease is five-tenths or one per cent, in Pennsylvania threetenths, in Ohio six-tenths, in Indiana sever-terths. in Michigan five-tenths. in Wisconsin three-tenths, in lows sixtenths, in Missouri seven-tenths, in Average size | Karsas four-tenths.

That is to say, the average size of families in New England is larger 4.0 than in New York, Ohio, Indiana and 2.2 Michigan, and equal to that in lows 4.8 and Kansas. This reckoning repreb.0 sents a labored process, but it is rela-4.4 tively valueless. It includes all races and conditions, and has no bearing upon the relative size of families of 1.4 long establishment in the country and 4.9 those of later immigration. It is old modern family table, nothing more 4.6 Any one good: ht figures and diligent 4. in delving into census returns c 4.9 spread it, and all who are curious 4.8 apprehensive in the matter can to it and go away satisfie American family is not rai