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Utilized for a Sanitarium. In the Century there is an article on "The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky," by John R. Proctor, formerly State Geologist of Kentucky, with illustrations Mr. Proctor, in describing the tour of the cave, says: Some distance on we come upon two stone cottages built against one of the walls of the avenue. These are tha remains of a number that were

bufft in the cave in 1843 for abode of consumptive pa-It was believed that the pure air of the cave would effect a cure, and fifteen consumptives took up their abode here, and remained for five months without going outside. It is said that when they did go out three died before they could reach the hotel. Something more than purity is requircd-sunlight. It is said that the saltpeter-miners had remarkable health while working in the cave, and persons with weak lungs are certainly benefited by short walks in this atmosphere. I believe, in time, that there immense reservoirs of dry, pure antiseptic air will be utilized for the cure of consumption and asthma, not by sending the patients into the cave. but by bringing the air into sunlighted canitariums on the dry, well-drained elevated sandstone plateaus above the

We know the air is dry, because the timber carried in in 1812 has not decayed, and iron hinges have been here since 1543, and show no sign of rust. We know the air is pure, because here animal matter does not decay, but simply dies up. The mummies found in the cave were not prepared mummies, but simply desiccated bodies The uniform temperature of from 53 to 54 degrees the year round has been demonstrated. Consumptives take long sea voyages and visit high altitudes to get the benefit of aceptic atmosphere; but they suffer from variations of temperature, from storms, and at high altitudes exercise cannot be taken, while the cave air predisposes one to take exercise with little fatigue. I have hours in the cave, clambering up steep ascents and over rocks, and come out of the cave feeling no sense of fatigue until they reached the warm, impure air outside, charged with odors of decayed vegetation, when they would almost faint, and would require assistance in ascending the path to the ho-

We think the atmosphere in the glen Mrs. Pinkham's Advice Inspires at the entrance remarkable for purity before we have become sensitive by hours in the pure atmosphere of the cave. I once went with a friend and a guide to Roaring River and several other remote places, which required remaining in the cave overnight. It was night when we came out, and we had become so sensitive by our stay of thirty-six hours in the pure air of the cave that we were almost overcome by the suffocating mephitic odors and oppressiveness of the outer air. We dreaded to inhale it into our lungs, and returned again and again into the pure air flowing from the cave.

Air freed from bacteria is one of the main reasons for success in modern surgery, and a sanitarium into which this air could be pumped would doubtless be restored to for different surgical operations. Consumptives in high altitudes are compelled to remain indoors in winter weather and breathe the vitiated air of closed rooms; while in sanitariums supplied with cave air, ham no hesitation need be felt, the by letting the air in at the upper part | story is told to a woman and is wholly of the rooms and out at the lower part, ail exhalations would pass out, and is Lynn, Mass., she offers sick women pure air would be constantly rushing her advice without charge. in at a uniform temperature, winter | Her intimate knowledge of women's and summer. Then, it would be a been if we could escape the oppressive wellspring of hope, and her wide experiheat of summer in hotels kept cool ence and skill point the way to health. and pure by the air from these dry

Statistics of replies to circulars ad- which would last for two days or more. dressed to poets and authors, editors I thought I would try Lydia E. Pinkand publishers, book-sellers and librarians, indicate that the reading of poetry | taken seven bottles of it, and am enis not declining, as some have thought. | tirely cured."-Mrs. John Foreman, 26 According to the poets, however, the N. Woodberry Ave., Baltimore, Md. editors are still declining.

The Atchson Giobe says that "during 1897 an average of 600 hogs a day arrived in Atchison every day over the Central Branch Rallway." The Centra? Branch seems to have a large passenger business,

TRUMPET CALLS. Ram's Horn Bounds is Warning Note to the Unredeemed.



nothing half-Love is the apex. Humility, the foundation of the Christ-like

An Overworked Brain.

From the Record, Piercelon, Ind.

Determined to rise in his chosen pro-

ession as an educator, Ernest Kemper, of

Pierceton, Ind., overtaxed himself men-

tally and physically. He was umbitious,

his mind was always on his work. From carly morn until late at high he conting utily pored over his books.

Few persons, even with the strongest constitutions, can keep up under such a

In addition to his studies, Mr. Kemper

was teaching a school some three miles from his home. Finally, his excessive study

and the exposure of going to and from school in all kinds of weather undermined

He was taken to his bed with pneumonia

and his overworked brain almost collapsed. For soveral weeks he was seriously ill.

Catarrh had taken root in his system and his mind was in a delicate condition. He

Orcestudy. Pills for Pale Peo-ple, and from the first box he began to im-

feels abundantly able to continue the work. To prove that the above is true in

every respect, Mr. Kemper made an affi-davit as follows:

the 10th day of September, 1897. R. P. WATT, Notary Public.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

We doubt if these pills have an equal in all the range of medicine, for building up a run down and debilitated system.

FLASHES OF FUN.

Amy (shyly)-So, in compassion, i-

1-kissed him. Mamie-For pity's sake!

"Do you know I don't think much of

Mawson." "You don't have to. You

can size Mawson up in two seconds."

Reggy-Aw-Miss Guace, youah al-

ways in my mind, dontcher know. Miss

Grace-Goodness! that is worse than

He-She told me I was the light of

her heart. She-Then what? He-

Well, her old man came down and put

Her Father-Have you heard my

daughter sing, young man? Edwin-

(nervously)-Ye-es-sir-but in spite of

Tommy-A lighthouse is a sign of

rocks isn't it, paw? Mr. Figg-It de-

pends on whether you are referring to

the seashore or the drama.-Indian-

Sallie De Witt-Do you play whist,

Mr. Lange? Willie Lange-Me play

whist? Well, I don't think. Sallie De

"No, I never take the newspapers

daughters, you know." "Papers too

full of crime, ch?" "No, too full of

Edith-She sings like a canary. Ber-

tha-Oh, no! a cannry begins to sing

when people commence to talk; people

commence to talk when she begins to

The Missing Evidence.-Hattie-

where she scratched it out of the fam-

Tommy-Paw, what sort of a fighter

is a "cyclone fighter?" Mr. Figg-I

don't know much about fighters, but I

suppose it is one who goes blowing

His opinion-"What are you doing,

limmie?" "Readin" th' dictionary

hrough." "How do you like it?" "Oh,

some o' th' words is good, but others

"Does that baby of yours talk yet?"

'His mother says he does; but if it is

talk, then the kid has invented a new

code of slang that will make him fa-

mous."—Philadelphia North American.

Old Million-My dear Miss Young-

thing, if you'd only marry me, I could

die happy. Miss Youngthing-Why,

Mr. Million, if you were dying, I'd mar-

ry you in a minute.--New York Weekly.

Slabsides drops his aspirates? Penel-

ope-Oh, but thats nothing to the way

he drops his vowels-papa says he has

got more than a dozen of his i-o-u-s,-

"Why does the baron look so glum?

thought he had just married an helr-

ess." "So he has; but he speculated a

few days after the marriage and lost

the better half of his wife."-Fliegende

Mr. Romanz—I tell you what, a baby

"What in thunder do you mean," ask-

ed the city editor, "by comparing the

air to frozen quinine?" "I meaut to

say," said the new reporter, with proud

Dollie-I wonder why Love is repre-

sented always with wings? Moliie-

They are for him to use in flying out of

the window when Poverty comes in at

the door. Don't you know that much?

"Do you think that glasses tend to

weaken the sight?" asked Col. Still-

well's friend. And after pensive con-

sideration the colonel replied: "It de-

pends, suh, intiahly on how many you

"Is your sister at home, Willie?"

'No; I heard her say she was engaged

Unscientifie.-First Aretic Explorer-

comewhat over-estimated man. Second

Arctic Explorer-Why? First Arctic

Explorer-He discovered America the

'How's that?' "He persuaded his wife

to wear an electric seal sacque on the

ground that it would be an advertise-

ment for his business."-Chicago News.

Greatest Drinkers of Alcohol.

A learned professor at Geneva.

Switzerland, states that Franco

drinks more alcohol annually than any

other nation in Europe. His calcula-

tion is based on the percentage of alco-

holic liquors consumed. According to

this standard, each person in France

have always considered Columbus a

humility, "that it was bitter cold."-

Indianapolis Journal.

-Cincinnati Enquirer.

ake."-Washington tSar.

ment."—Harper's Bazar.

brightens up the house, and that's a

Record.

Ethel-Have you noticed how Lord

hain't much sense in 'em."—Judge.

that-I should like to have her, sir.-

the light out.-Columbus Journal.

living in a flat .- Up-to-Date.

-New York Journal.

-Brooklyn Life.

Ally Sloper.

anolis Journal.

-Brooklyn Life.

bargain sales."—Truth.

sing.--Boston Transcript.

ily Bible.-Chicago News.

tround.—Indianapolis Journal.

spent three months without

receiving

ed specialist

him without avail,

and then a hospi-

tal in Chicago was tried, but all abso-

his physician re-commended Dr.

Figally

his bealth.

The city is as strong for the poor as it is for the rich. A patched-up friendship is apt to break in a new place. There is a river within that is ever

warring with its shores. What a career the Almighty Father chose for His Beloved Son! The devil fears the prayer that is learned at a mother's knee.

God gives no burden where He has not first given strength to bear it. However high a man may climb, he must always start from the ground. There is no pew in any church that the devil has not sometimes occupied. Get where God can trust you to handle money, and you will never find your pocket empty.

Airing other people's faults never made them smell any sweeter .- Ram's

It must be a great consolation to the widow when the insurance more than covers the loss.

It is often a hard matter to convince a brass band that it isn't the entire pro cession.

Never Too Sure. Against the probability or possibility of mischance or a seldent we can never be too sure. But if we should stop to consider how great is the chance of sudden death, we would be made too timid and unhappy. Caution is needed not to be foolbardy, and precaution to know what is best to do when an accident happens. One day this winter two men were walking and one said: We're too timid in treading on slippers places. I tread firmly and never think about them, and so escape a fall." "Nove be too sure," said the other; "it is that that throws you off and makes the fall the harder." Just then they came upon

place covered with thin snow, where kids had been sliding. The first speaker slipped and came down with his foot turned and badly sprained his ankle. He was a cripple on cratches until a short time ago, having used many things without benefit. Up to that time he had not used St. Jacobs Oll, which, when used, cured him completely, so that he walks as usual. There is a probability that for the rest of the season he alk cautiously, with the precaution of having this great remedy ready for use. People seldom love those who withstand

roi their passions. Prayer and Profaulty are all right in their proper places, but if you have Tetter or Eczema, or Salt-Rheum, or Ring-worm, better save your broath and buy "Tetter-ine." Ho cents a box at drug stores, or by mail b) cents a box at drug stores, or by muli . T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.

heir prejudices, and who endeavor to con-

Love of reading enables a man to exchange the weary hours which come to every one for hours of delight.

Oh, What Splendid Coffee, Mr. Goodman, Williams Co., Ill., writes: "From one package Salzer's German Coffee Berry costing 15e I grew 300 lbs. of better coffee than I can buy in stores at 30 cents : A package of this coffee and big seed and plant catalogue is sent you by John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., upon re-

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Looking Backward. "You must feel very happy in this lovely cottage you call your own?" "How can I when I think of my fam-

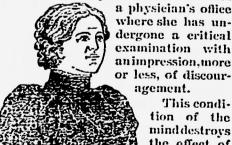
ily that owned an estate of thousands of acres, with a castle and a whole reg-"Why, when did they lose it?" "During the eleventh century." -

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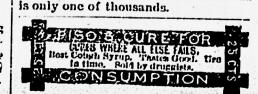
She puts it off as long as she dare. and is only driven to it by fear of cancer, polypus, or some dreadful ill. Most frequently such a woman leaves



minddestroys the effect of advice; and he grows worse rather than better. In consulting Mrs. Pink-

confidential. Mrs. Pinkham's address troubles makes her letter of advice a

"I suffered with ovarian trouble for feven years, and no doctor knew what was the matter with me. I had spells ham's Vegetable Compound. I have The above letter from Mrs. Foreman



WEEKLY SERMONS.

Rov. T. Dowitt Talmage's Weekly Discourse.

Our Yesterdays and Our To-morrows" is the Title of Dr. Hepworth's Sermon in the New York Herald-Dr. Talmage on Trying Life's Journey Over Again. INOTE: The one-thousand-dollar prize for the best sermon in the New York Her-ald's competition was won by Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge, pastor of the Central Con-gregational Church, Middleboro, Mass. "The Power of Gentleness" was the title of Mr. Woodbridge's sermon. Mr. Woodbridge's sermon. Fifteen sermons in all appeared in the Herald's competitive

series.1 TEXT: "Sufficient unto the day is the evil hereof."-Matthew vi., 34. Here is a bit of philosophy too profound o be appreciated without careful and conlinuous study. It also contains a stern in unction not to worry over what cannot be helped, but, on the other hand, to make the best of your circumstances. You are commanded to let the past go its way into the land of forgetfulness, and not to borrow from the future the troubles which you fear it may contain but to live in the present as it may contain, but to live in the present as far as possible. It is a command very dif-fleuit to obey, and yet obedience is absolutely necessary if you would get out of life all that God has put into it.

The man who has a vivid remembrance of his past troubles and who cherishes that

memory deliberately throws a gloom over his present. If he will confine himself to the duty of the moment he will generally flud that he is quite equal to it, but if he collects all the miseries of yesterday and of the day before and adds them to the burdens of to-day he becomes disheartened, and his discourant says his recent prove. When he had taken nine boxes he was completely cured. This famous blood and nerve medicine had accomplished what all his former expensive treatment failed to necomplish. Mr. Kemper says his en-turn has entirely left him; he is strong again and weighs nine pounds more than he over did. He gives the pills the entire credit. He is starting teaching again and and his discouragement saps his moral strength and produces moral weakness. You have enough to do to face what is immediately before you, and if you conjure up the ghosts of misdeeds and of trials which have been outlived you do yourself a serious injury and interfere with your spiritual or business success.

In like manner, if you think you can master to-day's work, but dampen your ardor by wondering how you are going to get through to-morrow, you produce a nervous tension which debilitates and brings about the very failure that you dread. No man can carry more than one day at a time. When Jesus asks you not to attempt to do so He gives you wise counsel, and you had better follow the advice. Life is not so smooth that you can afford to make it rougher by recalling the bad roads over which you have already passed or anticipating the bad roads over which you will have to pass before the country which you will have to pass before the country which you will have to pass before the country which you will have to pass before the country which you will have to pass before the country which you will have to pass before the country which you will have to pass before the country which you will have to pass before the country which you will have to pass before the country which you will have the country that the country which you will have the country that the country th which you will have to pass before the end of the journey is reached. You may be cheerful, and therefore strong, if you will forget the things that are behind and let the future take care of itself; but if you propose to add yesterday and to-morrow to to-day you will add what God warns you

against doing, and will certainly make a If the sun shines now, be grateful and contented. Suppose it did rain vesterday, or suppose we are to have a blizzard tomerrow. You have got beyond the rain on one hand, and, on the other, the time has not come to meet the blizzard. It is foolish to make yourself miserable now because you were miserable a few days hence. One duty, one labor at a time is quite enough. If there is any enjoyment to be had, take it with an eager grasp; for if you sit in the warm sunshine for only the minutes if halps you hear the selffive minutes it helps you bear the cold of the next five minutes. It is poor policy to spoil those first five minutes by worrying bout the other five minutes.

Let me illustrate. There is nothing in connection with death more wearing than the regret that you did not do more for the

one who has gone. This is a universal experience with those who have any heart. The fact of separation seems to have a magic in it, for it is suddenly revealed to you that there were many little attentions which you failed to render, and the remempierces like a knife. No one eve parted with a loved one without self-blame of that kind. But as a general thing it is all an illusion conjured up by overwrought nerves. In very truth you did whatever the circum-

home; I've a family of grown-up tances suggested, you did as much as hunan nature is capable of doing, but in the escuce of death you accuse yourself of ings of which you are quite innocent, and n doing so you make the parting harder to bear. It may be well for the dear one that has gone. He has sweet sleep for the first time in many months. He is glad that ie bonds of mortality are broken, that he is at last released, and in the lower depths of your own heart you are also glad for his sake. But there comes this thorny thought, Maude doesn't show her age at all, that you may have been remiss, and your does she? Ella-No; but you can see soul is wrung by it.

You do yourself a wrong. You did what you could. You were loving, tender, gentle and more than kind. You have real burdens enough without adding finaginary ones. Your tears must not be embittered by accusation which has no basis in fact. Life is too precious and too short to be wasted in regrets of that kind. The duties of the future demand your close attention, and have no right to think of the dead except to recall a sweet relationship and to

eam of a reunion. fully as possible. Live in each day as it comes. Other days, whether past or future. must not be allowed to press on your heart. This is the noblest policy you can adopt, the pelicy which comes to you as a divine njunction. Let neither regret nor anticiention intrude upon you to make you

It is evident that there is a plan necording to which your life is arranging itself, and equally evident that if you are reposeful and trustful, doing the duty of the present hour and not fretting over the duty of the next hour, you are in a mental condition which keeps all your powers at

It is the grandest privilege to feel that there is a God, a guardian of human des-tiny, and that you are in His hands. If that conviction is one of your possessions. your pearl of great price, you can be quiet eyen in the midst of tumult and cheerful in midst of sorrow, for your very tears will serve as a background for the rainbow of hope and promise.
Grouge II. Herworth.

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON. "Would You Like to Live Your Life Over

Again?" is the Subject.

Text: "All that a man hath will be give "That is untrue. The Lord did not say fact. Mr. Practickel-Yes: we've had evil one wanted Job still more afflicted. to keep the gas burning all night ever The record is: 'So went Satan forth from since ours was born.—Philadelphia the presence of the Lord, and smote Jol with sore boils.' And Satan has been the author of all eruptive disease since then, and he hopes by poisoning the blood to poison the soul. But the result of the disbolical experiment which left Job victo proved the falsity of the Satanie remark All that a man hath will be give for hi Many a captain who has stood on th bridge of the steamer till his passengers got off and he drowned; many an engine who has kept his hand on the throttle valve, or his foot on the brake, until the most of the train was saved, while he went down to death through the open draw bridge; many a fireman who plunged into a blazing house to get a sleeping child out, the fireman sacrifleing his life in the at tempt, and the thousand of martyrs who submitted to flery stake and knife of mas sacre and headman's ax and guillotine rather than surrender principle, proving that in many a case my text was not tru

when it says, 'All that a man hath will he give for his life. "But Satan's falsehood was built on truth. Life is very precious, and if we asked Wille's sister's young man. things we would surrender rather than would not give up all there are man 5'11'E this afternoon-but don't be frightened; from the fact we do every thing to prolong Hone: all sanitary regulations, all I don't think it's a marrying engage-lit. study of hygiene, all fear of draughts, al waterproofs, all doctors, all medicines, all struggio in crisis or accident. An Admira of the British Navy was court-martialed for turning his ship around in time of danger, and so damaging the ship. It was proved against him. But when his time came to be heard he said: 'Gentle did turn the ship around, and admit that i first time he went to look for it .- Puck. | was damaged but do you want to know "Robinson, the electrician, is positive-board, and I wanted to save him, and I did ly the meanest man I ever heard of," save him, and I consider the life of one "How's that?" "He persuaded his wife sailor worth all the vessels of the British Life is indeed very precious. Yea, there are those who does life so precious they would like to try it over again. They would like to go back from seventy to sixty, from inke to go back from seventy to sixty, from sixty to fifty, from fifty to forty, from forty to thirty, and from thirty to twenty.

"The fact is, that no intelligent and right feeling man is satisfied with his past life.

"However successful your life may have been, you are not satisfied with it. What is success? Ask that question of a hundred

different men, and they will give a hundred different men, and they will give a hundred different answers. One man will say, 'Success is a million dollars;' another will say, 'Success is world-wide publicity;' another will say, 'Success is gaining that which you started for.' But as it is a free country. Letter my own definition and drinks thirteen quarts of alcohol in many more quarts of wines, beers, etc., in the course of a year.

A writer says that brains will tell. Sometimes they do, and sometimes it is brains that keeps a man from telling.

which you started for.' But as it is a free country, I give my own definition, and say, 'Success is fulfilling the particular mission upon which you weresent, whether to write a constitution, or invent a new style of wheelbarrow, or take care of a sick child.' Do what God calls you to do, and you are a success, whether you leave a inillion dollars at death of are purised at public expense, whether it takes fifteen pages of an encyclopedia to tell the wonderful things you have done, or your name is never printed but once, and that in the death commn. But whatever your success has been, you are not satisfied with your

"But some of you would have to go back further than to twenty-one years of age to make a fair start, for there are many who manage to get all wrong beforethat period. Yen, in order to get a fair start, some would have to go back to the father and mother and get them corrected; yea, to the grand-father and grandmother, and have their life corrected, for some of you are suffering from bad hereditary influences which started a hundred years ago. Well, if your grandfather lived his life over again, and your father lived his life over again, and you lived your life over again, what a clut-tered-up place this world would be—a place filled with miserable attempts at repairs. I begin to think that it is better for each generation to have only one chance, and then for them to pass off and give another generation a chance. Besides that, if we were permitted to live life over again, it would be a stale, and stupid experience. The zest and spur and entinesiasm of life come from the fact that we have never been along this road before, and everything is new, and we are alert for what may appear at the next turn of the read. Suppose you, a man of middle-life or old age, were, with your present feelings and large attainments, put back into the thirties, or the twenties, or into the tens, what a nuisance you would be to others, and what an unhappiness to yourself! Your contemporaries would not want you, and you would not want them. Things that in your previous journey of life stirred your healthful ambition, or gave you pleasurable surprise, or led you into happy interrogation, would only call forth from you a disgusted 'Oh, pshaw!' You would be blase at thirty, and

maginable would be a second journey of "Out yonder is a man very old at forty years of age, at a time when he ought to be buoyant as the morning. He got bad habits on him very early, and those habits have become worse. He is a man on fire, on fire with alcoholism, on fire with all evil habits, out with the world and the world out with him. Down, and falling deeper. His swellen hands in his threadbare pockets, and his eyes fixed on the ground, he passes through the streets, and the quick step of an innocent child or the strong step of a young man or the roll of a prosperous car-riago maddens him, and he curses society and he curses God, Fallen sick, with no resources, he is earried to the numbrouse. A lonthsome spectacle, he lies all day long waiting for dissolution, or in the night rises on his cot and lights apparitions of what he might have been and what he will be. He started life with as good a prospeet as any man on the American continent, and there he is, a bleated careass, waiting for the shovels of public charity to put him five feet under. He has only reaped what he sowed. Harvest of wild outs! "There is

a misanthrope at forty, and unendurable at fifty. The most insane and stupid thing

a way that seemeth right to a man, but the ond thereof is death.' "To others life is a masquerade ball, and as at such entertainments gentlemen and ladies put on the garb of Kings and Queens put off the disguise, so a great many pass their whole life in a mask, taking off the mask at death. While the masquerade ball of life goes on, they trip merrily over the floor, gemmed hand is stretched to gemmed hand, gleaming brow bends to gleaming brow. On with the dance! Flush and rustie and laughter of immeasurable merry making. But after awhile the languor of death comes on the limbs and blurs the eyesight. Lights lower. Floor hollow with sepulchral echo. Music saddened into a wall. Lights lower. Now the maskers are only seen in the dim light. Now the fragrance of the flowers is like the sickening odor that comes from garlands that have lain long in the vaults of cemeteries. Lights lower. Mists gather in the room, Glasses shake as though quaked by sudden Searf drops from the shoulder of beauty a shroud. Lights lower. Over the slippery boards in dance of death glide jealor envies, rovenges, lust, despair and death. Steneh of lamp-wicks almost extinguished. Torn garlands will not half cover the ulcerated feet. Choking damps. Chilliness. Feet still. Hands closed. Voices hushed. Eyes shut. Lights out. Young man, as you cannot live life over again, however you may long to do so, be

sure to have your one life right. There is in this assembly, I wot not, for we are made up of all sections of this land and from many lands, some young man who has gone away from home and, perhaps under some little spite or evil persuasic of another, and his parents know not where he is. My son, go home! Do not go to sea! Don't go to-night where you may be tempted to go. Go home! Your father will be glad to see you; and your motherwould like to make your parents a presen of their wayward boy, repentant and in his right mind. I would like to write them a letter, and you to carry the letter, saying: 'By the blessing of God on my sermon I introduce to you one whom you have creature in Christ Jesus.' My boy, go home and put your tired head on the bosom that nursed you so tenderly in your childhood years.

"A young Scotchman was in battle taken captive by a band of Indians, and he learned their language and adopted their habits. Years passed on, but the old Indian chieftain never forgot that he had in his possession a young man who did not belong to him. Well, one day this tribe of Indians came in sight of the Scotch regiments from whom this young man had been captured and the old Indian chieftain said: 'I lost my son in battle, and I know how a father feels at the loss of a son. Do you think vour father is yet alive?' The young man said: 'I am the only son of my father, and hope he is still alive.' Then said the Indian chieftain: 'Because of the loss of my son this world is a lesert. You go free. Return o your countrymen. Revisit your father, hat he may rejoice when he sees the sun in the spring.' So I say to you, young man, captive of waywardness and sin. Your mother is waiting for you. Your sisters are waiting for you. God is waiting for you. Go home! Go home!"

GARRETS AND BOOKS.

Delights of Which the Modern Child Knows Nothing. I do not believe that the modern child knows anything about an attic. The fin-de-slecle attic is a respectable place, where boxes are solemnly piled and, where moth camphor sheds its fragrance abroad, says a writer in Lippincott's. There are hardly any old books to be found, for most people send them to the Hebrew merchants on the side streets. Our attic was a long, low room, with mysterious dark corners, into whose depths we did not penetrate. There was an old hair trunk in one corner that held some of grandmother's muslin dresses. It was opened only on rare occasions and I was atlowed but a glimpse of the faded beauty within. There was an old spinning wheel where spiders hung fantastic wreaths and there was a guitar with broken, moldered strings.

But the corner where the books were piled was the spot I liked the best. An old-fashioned, tiny-paned window let an occasional sunbeam stray across the "Ladies' Repositories" and "Saints' Rest." There was a fine old elm tree that tapped against the window and sometimes a robin sent a thrill of song into the dusty corners. Just beneath the window seat I used to sit, a small crouched form, bending over a musty

But when I wished to read under the most blissful conditions I fortified myself with half a dozen russet apples, whose Juice would have given flavor to a treatise on Hebrew grammar. Now, I never see a russet apple without seeing also the dim old attic and an utterly contented child, and I am sure the market women misunderstand my wistful glance, for they draw closer to their baskets and look at me in suspicious fashion. An apple, so some tell us, deprived us of our Eden; but apples were an important feature of my childish paradise. So let us leave them in Pomona's care and look at the intellectual part of the feast.

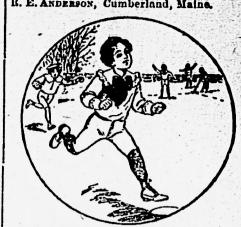
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the method actually in use among the on both sides with boiled linseed off. It Mahrattas-at least, if travelers' tales is claimed that cheap frames, covered are to be trusted. In that country-so they say-when used for forcing strawberry plants. If a creditor cannot get his money and a warm hotbed is required, fresh horse begins to regard the debt as desperate, he proceeds to sit "dhurna" upon of the frame and covered with rich soil his debtor, that is, he squats down at that has been sifted. the door of his victim's tent, and thereby, in some mysterious way, becomes

master of the situation. No one can go in or out except by his sanction. He neither himself eats nor allows his debtor to eat, and this extraordinary starvation contest is kept up until either the debt is paid or the creditor gives up the siege, and in the latter case the debt is held to be canceled. However strange it may appear to Europeans, this method of enforcing a demand is an established and almost universal usage among the Mahrattas, and seems to them a mere matter of course. Even their "Scindiah." or &

chieftain, is not exempt from it. The laws by which the "dhurna" is regulated are as well defined as those of any other custom whatever. When it is meant to be very strict, the claimant takes with him a number of his owers, who surround the tent, and sometimes even the bed of his adversary, to make sure that he obtains no morsel of food. The code, however, prescribes the same abstinence for the man who imposes the ordeal; and, of j course, the strongest stomach wins the day. After all, we have little right to ridicule this absurdity; for our own laws provide, nominally at least, for

starving a jury into a verdict. A similar custom was once so prevalent in the province and city of Benares that Brahmins were sometimes systematically put through a course of training to enable them to endure a long time without food. They were then sent to the door of some rich person, where they publicly made a vow to remain fasting until a certain sum of money was paid, or until they per ished from starvation. To cause the death of a Brahmin was considered so heinous an offense that the cash was generally forthcoming; but never without a resolute struggle to determine whether the man was likely to prove stanch, for the average Oriental will almost as soon give up his life as his

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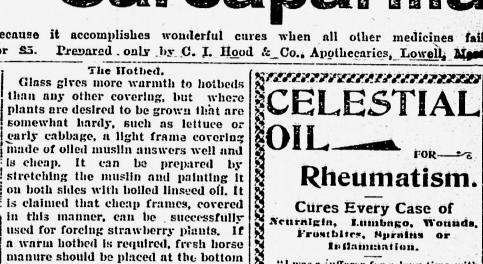
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