and gamblers and libertines and foul mind as well as purify the heart and

bartender stirs up the brandy smash.

The bets run high. The greenhorns, sup-

posing all is fair, put in their money soon

enough to lose it. Three weeks before the

race takes place the struggle is decided.

and the men in the secret know on which

steed to bet their money. The men on

the horses riding around long ago ar-

ranged who shall win. Leaning from the

stand or from the carriages are men and

women so absorbed in the struggle of

bone and muscle and mettle that they

make a grand harvest for the pickpock-

ets, who carry off the pocketbooks and

the portemonnaies. Men looking on see

only a string of horses with their riders

flying around the ring. But there is

many a man on that stand whose honor

and domestic happiness and fortune-

white mane, white foot, white flank-are

in the ring, racing with inebriety and

with fraud and with profanity and with

ruin-black neck, black foot, black flank.

Neck and neck go the leaders in that

moral Epsom. White horse of honor;

black horse of ruin. Death says, "I will

bet on the black horse." Spectator says,

white horse of honor a little way ahead.

The black horse of ruin, Satan mounted,

all the time gaining on him. Spectator

Against Horse Racing.

ish turf." Another famous sportsman

writes, "How many fine domains have

been shared among these hosts of ra-

pacious sharks during the last two hun-

dred years; and unless the system be al-

tered, how many more are doomed to fall

into the same gulf!" With the bull fights

of Spain and the bear baitings of the pit,

may the Lord God annihilate the in-

England and America!

famous and accursed horse racing of

I go further and speak of another temp-

tation that hovers over the watering

place, and that is the temptation to sacri-

ice physical strength. The modern Be

from the watering places their health ab-

ing of having Imbibed 20 glasses of Con-

cautious about their health, mingling ice

gay time now for a little while. I will

tumn." Then in the autumn, when you

are hard at work in your office or store

or shop or counting room, good health

ing." You say, "Where are you going?

"Oh," says good health, "I am going to

Summer Resort Temptation.

bow and prance and graceful swing of

long train can make up for strong com-

mon sense. You might as well go among

the gayly painted yachts of a summer

regatta to find war vessels as to go

among the light spray of the summer wa-

tering place to find character that can

stand the test of the great struggle of hu-

man life. In the battle of life you want

a stronger weapon than a lace fan or a

croquet mallet. The load of life is so

heavy that in order to draw it you want

a team stronger than that made up of a

masculine grasshopper and a feminine

butterfly. If there is any man in the

community who excites my contempt

and who ought to excite the contempt of

every man and woman, it is the soft

handed, soft headed dude, who, perfumed

until the air is actually sick, spends his

summer in striking killing attitudes, and

infinitesimal nothings, and finding his

heaven in the set of a lavender kid glove.

hours of consummate skill exhibited in

There is only one counterpart to such

young woman at the watering places; her

ware how you make lifelong covenants. Another temptation that hovers over

Boots as tight as an inquisition. Two

waving sentimental adieux, and talking

harm.

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tions this summer.

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mouthed men and flashy women. The elevate the whole life? There will not

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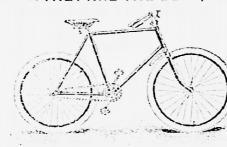


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JR. TALMAGE DRAWS SOME LESSONS

tions of Popular Resorts-No Surplus of Piety at Those Places. [Copyright, Louis Klopsch, 1899.] WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 .- At this season of the year, when all who can get a vacation are taking it, this discourse of Dr. Talmage is suggestive and appro-

priate. The text is John v, 2, 3: "A pool,

which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, every soil and increase yield of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water." Outside the city of Jerusalem there was a sanative watering place, the popular resort for invalids. To this day there is a dry basin of rock which shows that there may have been a pool there 360 feet long, 130 feet wide and 75 feet deep. This pool was surrounded by five piazzas, or porches, or bathing houses, where the patients tarried until the time when they were to step into the water. So far as reinvigorating was concerned, it must have been a Saratoga and a Long Branch on a small scale; a Leamington and a Brighton combined-medical and therapeutic. Tradition says that at a certain season of the year there was an officer of the government who would go down to that water and pour n it some healing quality, and after that the people would come and get the mediation. But I prefer the plain statement of Scripture, that at a certain season an angel came down and stirred up or troubled the water, and then the people came and got the healing. That angel of God that stirred up the Judaean watering place had his counterpart in the angel of healing who, in our day, steps into the mineral waters of Congress or Sharon or Sulphur Springs, or into the salt sea at Cape May and Nahant, where multitudes who are worn out with commercial and professional anxieties, as well as those who are afflicted with rheumatic, neuralgic and splenetic diseases, go and

and down our country. We are at a season of the year when rail trains are laden with passengers and baggage on their way to the mountains and the lakes and the seashore. Multi tudes of our citizens are away for a restorative absence. The city heats are pursuing the people with torch and fear of sunstroke. The long, silent halls of sumptuous hotels are all abuzz with excited arrivals. The antlers of Adirondack deer rattle under the shot of city sportsmen, the trout make fatal snap at the hook of adroit sportsmen, who toss their spotted brilliants into the game basket; the baton of the orchestral leader taps the music stand on the hotel green, and American life has put on fes tal array, and the rumbling of the tenpin alley, and the crack of the ivory balls on the green baized billiard tables, and the jolting of the barroom goblets, and the explosive uncorking of the champagne ottles, and the whirl and the rustle of the ballroom dance, and the clattering hoofs of the race courses and other signs of social dissipation attest that the season for the great American watering places is in full play. Music! Flute and drum and cornet-a-piston and clapping cymbals wake the echoes of the mountains. Glad am I that fagged out American life for the most part has an oppor-THE TRIBUNE is the best on the market | tunity to rest and that nerves racked and lestroved will find a Bethesda. I believe in watering places. They recuperate for active service many who were worn out

are cured by the thousands. These

blessed Bethesdas are scattered all up

with trouble or overwork. They are national restoratives. Let not the commercial firm begrudge the clerk, or the employer the journeyman, or the patient the physician, or the church its pastor a season of inoccupation. Luther used to sport with his children; Edmund Burke used to caress his

favorite horse; Thomas Chalmers, in the dark hour of the church's disruption, played kite for recreation-so I was told by his own daughter-and the busy Christ said to the busy apostles, "Come ye apart awhile into the desert and rest yourselves." And I have observed that they who do not know how to rest do not know how to work. But I have to declare this truth today-that some of our fashionable watering places are the temporal and eternal destruction of "a multitude that no man can number," and amid the congratulations of this season and the prospects of the departure of many of you for the country I must utter a

warning, plain, earnest and unmistaka-

The first temptation that is apt to hover in this direction is to leave your piety at home. You will send the dog and cat and canary bird to be well cared for somewhere else, but the temptation will be to leave your religion in the room with the blinds down and the doors bolted, and then you will come back in the autumn to find that it is starved and suffocated, lying stretched on the rug, stark dead. There is no surplus of piety at the watering places. I never knew any one to grow very rapidly in grace at the Catskill Mountain House or Sharon Springs or the Falls of Montmorency. It is generally the case that the Sabbath is more of a carousal than any other day, and there are Sunday walks, and Sunday ides, and Sunday excursions. Elders and deacons and ministers of religion who

are entirely consistent at home, sometimes when the Sabbath dawns on them at Niagara Falls or the White mountains take a day to themselves. If they go to the church, it is apt to be a sacred parade, and the discourse, instead of being a plain talk about the soul, is apt to be what is called a crack sermon-that is, some discourse picked out of the effusions of the year as the one most adapted to excite admiration, and in those churches, from the way the ladies hold their fans, you know that they are not so much impressed with the heat as with the picturesqueness of half disclosd features. Four puny souls stand in he organ loft and squall a tune that noody knows, and worshipers, with \$2,000 worth of diamonds on the right hand, drop a cent into the poor box, and then the benediction is pronounced, and the farce is ended. The toughest thing I ever tried to do was to be good at a watering place. The air is bewitched with the "world, the flesh and the devil." There are Christians who, in three or four weeks in such a place, have had

such terrible rents made in their Christian robe that they had to keep darning it until Christmas to get it mended. The health of a great many people makes an annual visit to some mineral topring an absolute necessity, but take your Bible along with you, and take an the tie of a flashing cravat. His conhour for secret prayer every day, though versation made up of "Ahs!" and "Ohs!" you be surrounded by guffaw and satur- and "He hes!" nalia. Keep holy the Sabbath, though they deride you as a bigoted Puritan. a man as that, and that is the frothy Stand off from gambling hells and those other institutions which propose to imi- conversation made up of French moontate on this side the water the iniquities shine; what she has in her head only

of Baden-Baden. Let your moral and equaled by what she has on her back; your immoral health keep pace with useless ever since she was born, and to your physical recuperation, and remember that all the sulphur and chalybeate becomes an intelligent Christian. We printed matter, from profound editorials on the admiral to humorous poetry resprings cannot do you so much good as may admire music and fair faces and garding him, and from the comments of the healing, perennial flood that breaks graceful step; but amid the heartlessness forth from the "Rock of Ages." This and the inflation and the fantastic influmay be your last summer. If so, make ences of our modern watering places beit a fit vestibule of heaven. Another temptation hovering around rearly all our watering places is the the watering place is that of baneful lithorse racing business. We all admire crature. Almost every one starting off the horse, but we do not think that its for the summer takes some reading matbeauty or speed ought to be cultured at ter. It is a book out of the library or off the expense of human degradation. The the bookstand or bought of the boy horse race is not of such importance as hawking books through the cars. I really the human race. The Bible intimates believe there is more pestiferous trash that a man is better than a sheep, and I read among the intelligent classes in suppose he is better than a horse, though, July and August than in all the other like Job's stailion, his neck be clothed ten months of the year. Men and womwith thunder. Horse races in olden times | en who at home would not be satisfied were under the ban of Christian people, with a book that was not really sensible and in our day the same institution has I find sitting on hotel piazza or under the

gent recreation." Yes. There is no need ing in the art of farming, but under that you take along to a watering place these deceptive titles are the same cheat-"Hamilton's Metaphysics" or some pon derous discourse on the eternal decrees ing, and the same betting, and the same or "Faraday's Philosophy." There are drunkenness, and the same vagabondage, many easy books that are good. You and the same abomination that were to be found under the old horse racing sysmight as well say, "I propose now to give a little rest to my digestive organs and instead of eating heavy meat and I never knew a man yet who could give vegetables I will, for a little while, take himself to the pleasures of the turf for a lighter food-a little strychnine and a long reach of time and not be battered in few grains of ratsbane." Literary poimorals. They hook up their spanking son in August is as bad as literary poiteam and put on their sporting cap and light their cigar and take the rems and son in December. Mark that. Do not dash down on the road to perdition! The let the frogs of a corrupt printing press jump into your Saratoga trunk or White great day at Saratoga and Brighton mountain valise. Are there not good Beach and Cape May and nearly all the other watering places is the day of the books that are easy to read-books o races. The hotels are thronged, every entertaining travel; books of congenial history; books of pure fun; books of pokind of equipage is taken up at an almost fabulous price, and there are many reletry, ringing with merry canto; books of fine engraving; books that will rest the spectable people mingling with jockeys

> ing in moral principle. Dangers of Intemperance. Another temptation hovering all around our watering places is intoxicating beverages. I am told that it is becoming more and more fashionable for women to lrink. I care not how well a woman may dress, if she has taken enough of wine to flush her cheek and put a glassiness on her eye, she is drunk. She may be handed into a \$2,500 carriage and have giamonds enough to astound the Tmanys -she is drunk. She may be a graduate of the best young ladies' seminary and the daughter of some man in danger of being nominated for the presidency-she is drunk. You may have a larger vocabulary than I have, and you may say in regard to her that she is "convivial" or she is "merry" or she is "festive" or she is "exhilarated," but you cannot with all your garlands of verbiage cover up the plain fact that it is an old fashioned case of drunk. Now, the watering places are full of

temptations to men and women to tipple.

At the close of the tenpin or billiard

game they tipple. At the close of the

be an hour between this and your death

when you can afford to read a book lack-

breathless. They put on the lash, dig in cotillon they tipple. Seated on the pithe spurs. There! They are past the azza cooling themselves off they tipple. stand. Sure. Just as I expected. The The tinged glasses come around with black horse of ruin has won the race, and bright straws and they tipple. First all the galleries of darkness "huzza! they take "light wines," as they call huzza!" and the devils come in to pick them, but "light wines" are heavy up their wagers. Ah, my friends, bave enough to debase the appetite. There is nothing to do with horse racing dissipal not a very long road between champagne at \$5 a bottle and whisky at 10 cents a glass. Satan has three or four grades down which he takes men to destruction. Long ago the English government got One man he takes up and through one hrough looking to the turf for the draspree pitches him into eternal darkgoon and the light cavalry horse. They That is a rare case. Very seldom found out that the turf depreciates the indeed can you find a man who will be stock, and it is worse yet for men. such a fool as that. Satan will take Thomas Hughes, the member of parliaanother man to a grade, to a descent at ment and the author known all the world an angle about like the Pennsylvania over, hearing that a new turf enterprise was being started in this country, wrote a letter in which he said, "Heaven help you, then; for of all the cankers of our old civilization there is nothing in this country approaching in unblushing meanness, in rascality holding its head high, to this belauded institution of the Brit-

coal shoot or the Mount Washington rail track, and shove him off. But this is very rare. When a man goes down to destruction, satan brings him to a plane. It is almost a level. The depression is so slight that you can hardly see it. The man does not actually know that he is on the down grade, and it tips only a little toward darkness-just a little. And the first mile it is claret and the second mile It is sherry and the third mile it is punch pand the fourth mile it is ale and the fifth mile it is whisky and the sixth mile it is brandy, and then it gets steeper and steeper and steeper, until it is impossible to stop. "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself pright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. The Only Safe Shelter.

text, was intended to recuperate the comfortable-or go into the country, arm physical health; and yet how many come yourself against temptation. The grace of God is the only safe shelter, whether in town or country. There are watering solutely destroyed! City simpletons boastplaces accessible to all of us. You cangress water before breakfast. Families, not open a book of the Bible without accustomed to go to bed at 10 o'clock at finding out some such watering place. night, gossiping until 1 or 2 o'clock in Fountains open for sin and uncleanness. the morning. Dyspepties, usually very Wells of salvation. Streams from Lebanon. A flood struck out of the rock creams and lemons and lobster salads by Moses. Fountains in the wilderness and cocoaunts until the gastric juices lift discovered by Hagar. Water to drink up all their voices of lamentation and and water to bathe in. The river of God, protest. Delicate women and brainless which is full of water. Water of which young men dancing themselves into verti- if a man drink he shall never thirst. go and catalepsy. Thousands of men Wells of water in the valley of Baca. and women coming back from our wa- Living fountains of water. A pure river tering places in the autumn with the of water as clear as crystal from under foundations laid for ailments that will the throne of God. These are watering last them all their life long. You know places accessible to all of us. We do not as well as I do that this is the simple have a laborious packing up before we truth. In the summer you say to your start-only the throwing away of our health: "Goodby: I am going to have a transgressions. No expensive hotel bills to pay; it is "without money and without be very glad to see you again in the auprice." No long and dusty travel before we get there; it is only one step away. In California, in five minutes, I walked tround and saw ten fountains all bubwill come in and say, "Goodby; I am gobling up, and they were all different, and in five minutes I can go through this Bible parterre and find you 50 bright, take a vacation." It is a poor rule that sparkling fountains bubbling up into plication. will not work both ways, and your good eternal life-healing and therapeutic. A health will leave you choleric and splenchemist will go to one of these summer etic and exhausted. You coquetted with watering places and take the water and your good health in the summer time and analyze it and tell you that it contains so your good health is conquetting with you much of iron and so much of soda and In the winter time. A fragment of Paul's so much of lime and so much of magnecharge to the jailer would be an appro-1 sia. I come to this gospel well, this livpriate inscription for the hotel register ing fountain and analyze the water; and n every watering place, "Do thyself no I find that its ingredients are peace, pardon, forgiveness, hope, comfort, life, heaven. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, Another temptation hovering around come ye" to this watering place. Crowd the watering place is the formation of hasty and frielong alliances. The wateraround this Bethesda. O you sick, you lame, you troubled, you dying-crowd ing places are responsible for more of the around this Bethesda. Step in it, oh, domestic infelicities of this country than step in it. The angel of the covenant tonearly all other things combined. Society day stirs the water. Why do you not is so artificial there that no sure judgstep in it? Some of you are too weak ment of character can be formed. They to take a step in that direction. Then we who form companionships amid such cirtake you up in the arms of prayer and cumstances go into a lottery where there plunge you clear under the wave, hoping are 20 blanks to one prize. In the sethat the cure may be as sudden and as vere tug of life you want more than glitter and splash. Life is not a ballroom where the music decides the step, and

radical as with Captain Naaman, who, blotched and carbuncled, stepped into the Jordan, and after the seventh dive came up, his skin roseate complexioned as the flesh of a little child. Sources of Well Known Proverbs. Nine persons out of ten attribute the well known expression, "Man proposes, but God disposes" to the Bible, but it was the good Thomas a Kempis who said it in his "Imitation of Christ." Another often used expression is "Comparisons are odious." This is properly, so far as English literature is concerned, attributed to John Fortescue, who flourished in the middle of the fifteenth century, but we find it in Cervantes, Marowe, Burton and Herbert, while Heywood has it among his proverbs. Shakespeare in his "Much Ado About Nothing" paraphrased it into "Comparisons are dorous," and in this form the saying has almost as much currency as in the original. "Spare the rod and spoil the child" is enerally thought to be a text from the Bible. And in substance it is, for King Solomon said, "He that spareth the rod hateth his son," but it is found in But-ler's "Hudibras" in the neater form in which it is usually quoted.-John Gilmer

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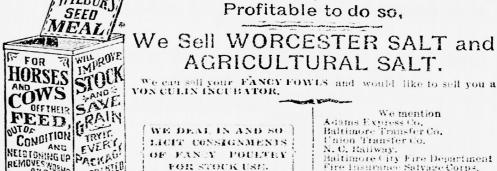
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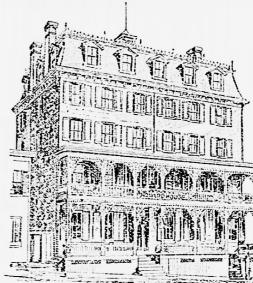
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