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THE FLYING YEARS.

REV. T. DE WITT TALMAGE'S NEW YEAR SERMON.

We Should Not Measure Our Years by Our Sorrows, but by Our Joys-For One Stalk of Nightshade there are Fifty Blooming Marigolds and Harehells.

D., expounded some passages of Scripture cerning the longevity of the patriarchs.

He gave out the hymn beginning: My days are gliding swiftly by, And I, a pilgrim stranger, Would not detain them as they fly, Those hours of toil and danger.

His text was Genesis, xivii, 8: "How Old Art Thou? The preacher said The Egyptian capital was the focus of the world's wealth. In ships and barges there had been brought to it from India frankincense, and cinnamon, and ivory and diamonds; from the north, marble and iron; from Syria, purple and silk; from Greece, some of the finest horses of the world, and some of the most brilliant charlots, and from all the earth that which could best please the eye, and charm the ear, and gratify the taste. e were temples affame with red sandstone, entered by the gateways that were guarded by pillars bewildering with hierogly hies, and wound with brazen serpents, eyes, and beaks, and pinions glittering with precious stones. There were marble columns blooming into white flower beds; there were stone pillars, at-

he top bursting into the shape of the lotus hen in full bloom. Along the avenues, ed with sphinx and fane and obelisk, there were princes who came in gorgeously upholstered palanquin, carried by servants in scarlet, or elsewhere drawn by vehicles, the ntains from stone wreathed vases climbing the ladders of the light. You would hear polt shove and a door of brass would open a flash of the sun. The surrounding gardens were saturated with odors that mounted the terrace and drippe! from the arbors, and burned their incense in the Egyptian noon. On floors of mosaic the glories of porphyry and beryl and flame. There were maments twisted from the wood of tam- They say: "The year 1866, or 1876, or 1886 arisk, embossed with silver, breaking into was wasted." Why? Made no money. Now, foam. There were footstools made out of a it is all cant and insincerity to talk against single precious stone. There were beds fash-ioned out of a crouched lion in bronze. There were chairs spotted with the sleek hides of blessed surroundings. It is the spreading of claws of wild beasts and armed with the beaks of birds. As you stand on the level you warm. It is the making of the bed on beach of the sea on a summer day and look | which you rest from care and anxiety. It is either way and there are miles of breakers, white with the ocean foam, dashing shoreward; so it seemed as if the sea of the world's pomp and wealth in the Egyptian capital for hope. It is simply hypocrisy, this tirade in

prime minister in the royal apartment. Phathe gracefulness of the court and the plain | he goes out of this world without a shilling of nake the old countryman at ease, and seeing step, looks familiarly into his face and says to the agod man: "How old art thou?"

Night before last the gate of eternity opened to let in, amid the great throng of departed centuries, the soul of the dying year. inder the twelfth stroke of the brazen han mer of the city clock the patriarch fell dead, and the stars of the night were the funeral torches. It is most fortunate that on this road of life there are so many milestones, on an inappropriate question that I ask to-day when I look into your faces and say, as Pharach did to Jacob, the patriarch: "How old

subject, lie about their ages, so that I do not solicit from you any literal response to the in which I used to indulge. I am a great question I have asked. I would not no one under temptation; but I simply want, this measuring our earthly existence. There is a right way and a wrong way of measuring o there is a right way and a wrong way of measuring our earthly existence. It is with reference to this higher meaning that I conront you, this morning, with the stupendous question of the text, and ask: "How old art

There are many who estimate their life by mere worldly gratification. When Lord Dundas was wished a happy New Year, he the past, for I hadn't one happy moment in all the twelve months that have gone." But that has not been the experience of most of We have found that though the world is lasted with sin, it is a very bright and beau-iful place to reside in. We have had joys numerable. There is no hostility between ne gospel and the morriments and the festivof life. I do not think that we fully erough appreciate the worldly pleasures God When you recount your enjoynents, you do not go far enough back. Why were an infant in your mother's arms, look-ing up into the beaven of her smile; to uproar of boisterous merriment; when you shouted as you pitched the ball on the playground; when, on the cold, sharp winter night, muffled up, on skates you shot out over the resounding ice of the pond! Have you forgotten all those good days that the Lord gave you! Were you never a boy! Were this, how many mercies, how many kinds the Lord has bestowed upon you. How many joys have breathed up to you from the flowers, and shone down to you from the soaring bird, and tumbling cascade, and booming sea, and thunders that with bayonets of fire charged down the mountain side Joy! Joy! Joy? If there is any one who has a right to the enjoyments of the world it is the Christian, for God has given him a lease to everything in the promise: "All are yours." But I have to tell you that a man who estimates his life on earth by mere worldly gratification is a most unwise man. Our life is not to be a game of chess it is not a dance in lighted hall, to quick ausic. It is not the froth of an ale pitcher. is not the settlings of a wine cup. It is not banquet with intoxication and roystering. is the first step on a ladder that mounts ato the skies, or the first step on a road that

plunges into a horrible abyss. So that in this

rapture, or forging the chain of a bondage. And standing before you, to-day, with life

on the one side and death on the other; song

Again, I remark that there are many who

estimate their life on earth by their sorrows and their misfortunes. Through a great gone very deep, turning up a terrible furrow. You have been betrayed and misrepresented, and set upon, and slapped of impertinence and pounded of misfortune. The brightest path its thorns. On the happiest brood the hawk ponness. No escape from trouble of some kind. While glorious John Milton was losing his eyesight he heard that Salmasius was glad of it. While Sheridan's comedy was being enacted in Drury Lane theatre, Cumberland, his enemy, sat growling at it in the stage box. While Bishop Cooper was surrounded by the favor of learned men his wife took his lexicon manuscript, the result of a long life of anxiety and toil, and threw it into

the fire. Misfortune, trial, vexation for al-

most every one. Pope, applauded of all the

world, has a stoop in the shoulder that annovs him so much that he has a tunnel dug, so that be may go unobserved from garden to grotto and from grotto to garden. Cano, the famous Spanish artist, is disgusted with the cruciffx that the priest holds before him, because it is such a poor specimen of culture. And so, sometimes through taste and sometimes through learned menace, and sometimes through physical distressesaye, in ten thousand ways, troubles come to harass and annov. And yet it is unfair to measure a man's life by his misfortunes, because where there is one stalk of nightshade there are fifty marigolds and harebells; where there is one cloud thunder charged there are hundreds that stray across the heavens, the glory of land and sky asteep in their bosom. cause death came and took your child away, did you immediately forget all the five years, or the ten years, or the fifteen years in which she came every night for a kiss, all the tones of your heart pealing forth at the sound of her voice or the soft touch of her hand? Because in some financial Euroclydon your snow white horses, golden-bitted and six fortune went into the breakers, did you for-abreast, dashing at full run. There were get all those years in which the luxuries and extravagances of life showered on your path-way! Alas! that is an unwise man, an ungrateful man, an unfair man, an unphilosophic man, and, most of all, an unchristian man, who measures his life on earth hy groans and tears, and dyspeptic fit and abuse, and scorn and terror, and neuralgic thrust.

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amount of money they have accumulated.

There were sofas footed with the the table that feeds your children's hunger, the carrying out at last of you to decent sepulture, and the putting up of the slab, on which is chiseled the story of your Christian es and miles flung itself up into white pulpit and lecture hall, against money, breakers of marble temple, mausc-leam and as though it had no uses. It is hands, obelisk.

It was to this capital and the palace of Pharnoh that Jacob, the plain shepherd, came to meet his you Leave to the plain shepherd, will find out his mistake when the glittering manners of the field. The king, wanting to money or a certificate of stock. He might better have been the Christian porter that ppened his gate or the begrimed workman Bonds and mortgages and leases have their ase, but they make a poor yardstick with which to measure life. They that hoast themselves in their wealth, and trust on the multi-

tude of their riches, none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him, that he should not see corruption. "Wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others." But I remark: There are many-I wish there were more-who estimate their life by their moral and spiritual development. It is not sinful egotism for a Christian man to say: 'I am purer than I used to be. I am more consecrated to Christ than I used to be. I have got over a great many of the bad habits deal better man than I used to be." There is no sinful egotism in that. It is not base egotism for a soldier to say: "I know more about military tactics than I used to before I took a musket in my hand, and learned to present arms, and when I was a pest to the drilling officer." It is not base egotism for a sailor to say: "I know how better to clew down the mizzentopsail, than I used to before I had ever seen a ship." And there is no sinful egotism when a Christian man, fighting the battles of the Lord, or if you will have it, voyaging towards a haven of eternal rest, says: "I know more about spiritual tactics, and about voyaging towards heaven, than I

used to." Why, there are those in this presence who have measured lances with many a foe, and unborsed it. There are Christian men here, who have become swarthy by ammering at the forge of calamity. stand on an entirely different plane of character from that which they once occupied. They are measuring their life on earth by golden gated Sabbaths, by pentecostal prayer meetings, by communion tables, by baptismal fonts, by hallelujahs in the temple. They have stood on Sinai and heard it thunder. They have stood on Pisgah and ooked over into the Promised Land. They have stood on Calvary and seen the cross bleed. They, can, like Paul the Apostle, write on their heaviest troubles "light," and "but for a moment." The darkest night their soul is irradiated, as was the night over Bethlehem, by the faces of those who have come to proclaim glory and good cheer. They are only waiting for the gate to open,

and the chains to fall off, and the glory to

I remark again: There are many-and I wish there were more-who are estimating life by the amount of good they can do. John Bradford said he counted that day nothing at all in which he had not, by pen or tongue, done some good. If a man may wipe away, how many burdens he may lift, how many orphans be may comfort, how many outcasts he may reclaim. There have een men who have given their whole life in the right direction, concentrating all their wit and ingenuity, and mental acumen, and They elimed the mountain, and delved into the mine, and crossed the sea, and trudged the desert, and dropped at last into martyrs' graves, waiting for the resurrection of the just. They measured their lives by the chains they broke off, by the garments they put upon nakedness, by the miles they traveled to alleviate every kind of suffering. They felt in the thrill of every nerve, in the motion of every muscle, in every throb of their heart, in every respiration of their

the magnificent truth; "No man liveth

for himself." They went through cold and through heat, foot blistered,

cheek smitten, back scourged, tempest

are you tending, and how fast are you get- ter was; how old Philip Doddridge wast in!" I say, "Don't you see the door is open?"

Why you cannot calculate the length of "Yes," they say, "but we have been so long Why, you cannot calculate the length of Why, you cannot calculate the length of their lives by any human arithmetic. Add to their lives ten thousand times ten thousand years and you have not expressed it—what they have lived or will live. O, what a standard that is to measure a man's life by! There are those in this house who think they There are those in this house who think they have only lived thirty years. They will have that explains all and irradiates all! There are those who think they are eighty years of age. They have not even entered

upon their infancy, for one must become a babe in Christ to begin at all. Now, I do not know what your advantage or disadvantages are; I do not know what your tact or talent is; I do not know what may be the fascination of your manners or the repulsiveness of them; but I know this; There is for you, my hearer, a field to culture, a harvest to reap, a tear to wipe away, a soul to save. If you have worldly means, consecrate them to Christ. If you have eloquence, use it on the side that Paul and Wilberforce used theirs. If you have learning, put it all into the poor box of the world's suffering. But if you have none of these-neither wealth, have a smile with which you can encourage the disheartened, a frown with which you may blast injustice, a voice with which you may call the wanderer back to God. "Oh," you say, "that is a very sanctimonious view of life!" It is not. It is the only bright view of life, and it is the only bright view of death. Contrast the death scene of a man who has measured life by the worldly standard with the death scene of a man who has measured life by the standard. Quinn, the actor, in his last soon be over, and I hope to keep my dignity to the last." Malherbe said in his last moments to his confessor: "Hold your tongue Your miserable style puts me out of conceit with heaven." Lord Chesterfield in his last moments, when he ought to have been pray-ing for his soul, bothered himself about the proprieties of the sick room and said: "Give Dayboles a chair." Godfrey Kneller spent his last hours on earth in drawing a diagram of his own monument. Compare the silly and horrible departure of such men with the scraphic glow on the face of Edward Payson. as he said in his last moments: "The breezes of heaven fan me. I float in a sea of glory."
Or, with Paul the Apostle, who said in his last hour: "I am now ready to be offered of manilla paper. up, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, 1 have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me." Or compare it with the Christian death bed that you witnessed in your own household. Oh, my friends, this world is a false god! It will consume you with the blaze in which it accepts your sacrifice, while the righteous shall be held in everlasting renembrance; and when the thrones bay

quet with the conquerors of earth and the hierarchs of beaven. This is a good day in which to begin a new and the worldly way of measuring it. 1 year has gone. The new year has come. For what you and I have been launched upon it, life of Lincoln was begun.

any preparation for the future? You have to the inquiry, Who wants to found a home made preparation for time, my dear brother; for American poets! have you made any preparation for eternity! A perfectly white buzzard is the curiosity Do you wonder than when that man on the of which Union Springs, Ala., boasts, and word landed on his coat sleeve-the rest of the tract being pitched into the river, that the tract being pitched into the river, that one word aroused his soul. It was that one word, so long, so broad, so high, so deep, so broad, so high, so deep, attentify! A dying woman in her last no. eternity! A dying woman, in her last mo-ments, said: "Call it back!" They said: What do you wa ... "Time," she said: 'call it back!" Oh, it cannot be called back! We might lose our fortunes and call them back: we might lose our health and perhaps recover it; we might lose our good name and ference to you really, as to the matter of first 300 feet. safety, whether you go now or go some other year-whether this year or the next year. Both your feet on the rock, the waves may dash around you. You can say: "God is our You are on the rock, and you may defy all earth and hell to overthrow you. I congratulate you. I give you great joy. It is a happy

I can see no sorrow at all in the fact that our years are going. You hear some people say: "I wish I could go back again to boyhood." I would not want to go back again to boyhood. I am afraid I might make a worse ain't a square deal.—Chicago Tribune. life out of it than I have made. You could not afford to go back to boyhood if it were possible. You might do a great deal worse than you have done. The past is gonet Look out for the future! To all Christians, it is a time of gladness. I

am glad the years are going. You are coming on nearer home. Let your countenance light up with the thought. Nearer home. Now, when one can sooner get to the center of things, is he not to be congratulated? Who wants to be always in the freshman class? We study God in this world by the biblical fied and perhaps turned to coral.-Chicago photograph of Him; but we all know we can Times. n five minutes of interview with a friend get more accurate idea of him than we can by studying him fifty years through pictures or words. The little child that died at 6 months of age knows more of God than all Andover, and all Princeton, and all New Brunswick and all Edinburgh, and all the theological institutions in Christendom. Is it not better to go up to the very headquarters of

Does not our common sense teach us that it is better to be at the center than to be clear out on the rim of the wheel, holding nervous nto light and eternal felicity! Through all kinds of optical instruments trying to peer in through the cracks and the keyholes of neaven-afraid that both doors of the celestial mansion will be swung wide open before our entranced vision—rushing about among the apothecary shops of this world, wondering if this is good for rheumatism and that is good for neuralgia, and something else is good for a bad cough, lest we be suddenly -Chicago Herald. where the inhabitant never says: "I am

What fools we all are to prefer the circum ference to the center. What a dreadful thing it would be if we should be suddenly ushered from this wintry world into the May-time orchards of heaven, and if our pauperism of sin chards of heaven, and if our pauperism of sin and sorrow should be suddenly broken up by a presentation of an emperor's castle sur-structure at the top of Oxford street, where a presentation of an emperor's castle surrounded by parks with springing fountains and paths, up and down which angels of God

walk two and two. We are like persons standing on the cold steps of the National picture gallery in London, under umbrellas, in the rain, afraid to go in amid the Turners, and the Titians, and then take a "bawth," dress and appear on the field of battle at 12 as fresh as daises. This is the Raphaels. I come to them and say: "Wby don't you go inside the gallery!" "Oh," they say, "we don't know whether we can get

In 1835 the French resolved that at Ghen

they would have a kind of musical demonstration that had never been heard of. It would be made up of the chimes of bells and the discharge of cannon. The experiment was a perfect success. What with the ring ing of the bells and the report of the ordnance, the city trembled and the hills shook with the triumphal march that was as strange as it was overwhelming. With a more glorious accompaniment will God's dear children go into their high residence, when the trumpets shall sound and the last day has come, At the signal given, the bells of the towers, and of the lighthouses, and of the cities, will strike their sweetness into a last chime that nor elequence, nor learning-you at any rate shall ring into the heavens and float off upon the sea, joined by the boom of bursting mine and magazine, augmented by all the cathedral towers of heaven—the harmonies of earth and the symphonies of the celestial realm making up one great triumphal march, fit to celebrate the ascent of the redeemed to where they shall shine as the stars for ever can look back without a single regret upon the flying years, and forward with exulta-tion to the time when the archangel, with one foot on the sea and the other foot on the moments said: "I hope this tragic scene will land, shall swear by Him that liveth for ever and ever, that time shall be no longer. Farmers on the Pacific coast are busily engaged in plowing.

A board of trade will shortly be established in the city of Chihuahua, Mexico. The failure of Campanini's voice is said to be owing to his indulgence in whisky and

It is alleged that parties in Oregon are can ning dog salmon, which are worthle An Oregon paper mill gets paper stock and jute butts from Calcutta for the manufacture

The bachelors at Lulo, Neb., have a club, and they wear safety pins for badges. Some New Yorkers are preparing to establish coffee houses upon the model of those in

Several influential Georgia citizens are making an effort to have the legislature establish The Canadian papers predict an enormous

emigration of young men and tenant farmers | inclination, Hall's Journal of Health. from the old country to the Domin fallen, and the monuments have crumbled, and the world has perished, they shall ban 500 acres in potatoes has had such an abundant grop that he calculates it will yield him

society young men.

God only knows.

M. Galignani's home for broken down men
Ow let me ask you all: Have you made of letters is nearly completed, and this leads

Hudson river, in indignation, tore up the tract which was hande? him, and just one that no one will shoot at it. Jay Cooke, who is now 65 years old, is still

Consumptives will think twice before seeking a cure in the glorious climate of California, when they read that an 8-year-old child died at Vallejo a few days ago of consumption.

get that back; but time gone is gone for ever. Forks, D. T., claim to have the longest arti Some of you, during the past year, made ficial slide in the world. The trestle is 900 preparation for eternity, and it makes no diffect long, with a fall of 20 feet in 100 for the

A Pugilist's Objection.

Some recent denunciations of pugilism have revived in print the speech John L. Sullivan made when the authorities of New York city interfered with his joint debate with Paddy Ryan: "The dudes lay each other up playing football, and the women go out and watch in one week at the Brighton Beach races; but Square garden was around drinking rum the | to get more money to buy"- Tais is the be same evening as chipper as a bull terrier. It

At Apalachicola, Fla., is on exhibition a curiosity in the shape of a sponge. There are fifteen prongs of hollow sponge reaching out like the arms of a devilfish in every conceivable direction from the coned-shape natural stand of coral upon which the main body of the sponge rests, and there are fine particles of coral in each arm or sucker, leading many

A patent has been obtained by a gentleman of San Francisco for what is claimed to be fire and collision proof railway car. It is made wholly of iron and steel, and the weight will range from sixteen to twenty from twenty-two to twenty-five tons for sleepers. The floor is a single sheet of metal. and the roof also a single sheet. The beams are of rolled steel.-Chicago Herald.

Through a Snow Pile. Up on the Elkhorn valley road, during the big drifts of the late storm, an engineer says he took a mile a minute shoot at a huge snow pile and dug a hole through it without jar ring his headlight. Stopping at the next sta-tion he found the engine's front and sides

tion showed that sixteen head of cattle had been snowed in and ten of them were killed. London's Jubilee Tower. It is intended to construct a large tower in London in commemoration of the jubilee

from which may be seen eight or nine coun ties. It will overlook every other structure the ground lies high. - New York Sun.

. Heroic Dissipation. Young men who do not belong to the idle class, and yet will go to balls and parties, "turn in" directly after dinner, sleep till 11.

HOW TO EAT WISELY.

What Food is Best-The Three Great Sources of Mischlef-Meals. As a universal rule in health, and with very rare exceptions in disease, that is best to be eaten which the appetite craves or the taste relishes. Persons rarely err in the quality of food eaten; nature's instincts are the wisest regulators in this respect. The living death. By eating fast, the stomach, like a bottle being filled through a funnel, is divide it in sufficiently small pieces with the smaller the bits are the sooner they are dissolved. It has been seen with the naked eye that if solid food is cut up in pieces small as half a pea, it digests almost as soon, without being chewed at all, as if it had been well masticated. The best plan, therefore, is for all persons to thus comminute their food, fo even if it is well chewed the comminution is no injury, while it is of very great import-

Cheerful conversation prevents rapid eat ing. It requires about five hours for a common meal to dissolve and pass out of the stomach, during which time this organ is i essantly at work, when it must have repos as any other muscle or set of muscles, after such a length of effort. Hence persons should not eat within less than a five-hours' interval. The heart itself is at rest more than one-third of its time. The brain perishes without repose. Never force food on the stomach. All are tired when night comes. Every muscle of the body is weary and looks to the bed; but just as we lie down to rest every other part of the body, if we by a hearty meal give the stomach five hours' work, which in its weak state requires a much longer time perform than at an earlier hour of the day, it is like imposing upon a servant a full day's labor just at the close of a hard day's work. Hence the unwisdom of eating heartily late in the day or evening; and no wonder it has

ance in case of hurry, forgetfulness or bad

cost many a man his life. Always breakfast before work or exercise No laborers or active persons should eat a atom later than sundown, and then it should not be over half the midday meal. Persons of sedentary habits or who are at all ailing should take absolutely nothing for supper be youd a single piece of cold stale bread and butter, or a ship biscuit with a single cup of warm drink. Such a supper will always give better sleep and prepare for a heartier break-fast, with the advantage of having the exercise of the whole day to grind it up and extract its nutriment. Never eat without an

Coffee Taverns in New York. There has been a good deal of talk late about setting up coffee taverns in New York on the plan now common in London. None The Scotch shawl, instead of overcoat, and of the papers seem to be aware that our Gerthe Highland cap and streamers make a fash-fonable costume worn by some New York years ahead of us in this commendable work. Ever since I owned my own time in New

tainment out, and one can munch cake or biscuit or bread and cheese, if one is hungry.

The same sort of places in other sections of the town would undoubtedly gather a profitable clientele. But, like these, they must be attractive in appearance and comfortable in the clientele. that we make them ugly and cheap looking. Men do not like to be reminded that they are regarded as too poor to have any elegance cheery a welcome as the barroom does if you want to convert them to coffee .- Alfred Trumble in New York News.

A Story Without End.

We are half a mind to begin to write story that may never end, founded on facts that are ever obvious. Hippodromus, taking his morning walk in the streets of Lucignano, comes upon Theodectes, a laborer, and says "Why are you always at work!" Theodectes answers: "I am always at work to get money to buy food to give me strength to do more work that I may get more mo 'em pound each other. They killed two jockeys to buy more food to get more strength to do more work to get more money to buy more the man that I licked the worst in Madison | food to get more strength to do more work ginning of the story lithout end, and the facts on which it is founded, they are without end also.-Winsted (Conn.) Press.

A Mechanic's Success.

Some years ago & mechanic near New Haven was riding in a railway train and was travel passengers were apt to be. He didn't fret and fume as the other passengers did, but began to study and experiment with a view to making a spring that would reduce the jolting to a minimum. He at last suc-ceeded, and his spring was adopted by every railroad in the country. He is no longer a poor young mechanic. His name is Carlos French, and he has just been elected to congress from the New Haven district.

Pinckney Robertson, a bright mulatto tho during reconstruction day in South Car dina was a power in politics there, and, while lobbying at the state capital, held four different clerkships, each one paying him \$6 a day, is now a porter in Atlanta at \$1 a week.

The Once Famous Singer. It was reported that Alice Oates, the once famous comic opera singer, is dying in want n Philadelphia, but this story is denied. Although she will not probably live long, she is surrounded with every comfort and has many

A Ballad Composer. "Harrison Millard, the ballad composer, says The New York Sun, "is frequently seen at the 'at homes' of ladies who hold weekly gatherings. He is a tall, well built man, with gravish hair, and is celebrated for a rather anguid manner that many young men envy."

A Canine Candidate. Campbell county, Dakota, politicians will et up a better class of candidates next time. An intelligent pointer dog run by the indignant citizens on an independent ticket lacked only three votes of being elected district atorney.-Chicago Herald

Twenty-one years ago the steamer Brothe lonathan went down off the Oregon coast with \$2,000,000 in specie on board. Various nsuccessful efforts have been made to get the money, and now another effort on an elaborate scale is to be made.

A Strange Meteorological Occurrence in Venezuela-An Official's Account. The following brief account of a recent strange meteorological occurrence may be of rest to your readers as an addition to the list of electrical eccentricities: During the night of the 24th of Octobe the wisest regulators in this respect. The great sources of mischief from eating are three—quantity, frequency, rapidity, and from these come the horrible dyspepsias which make of human life a burden, a torture, a living death. By eating fast, the stomach,

The occupants, completely terror stricks full and overflowing before we know it. But and believing, as they relate, that the end of the most important reason is, the food is the world had come, threw themselves on swallowed before time has been allowed to their knees and commenced to pray, but their devotions were aimost immedi teeth; for, like ice in a tumbler of water, the rupted by violent vomitings, and extensive swellings commenced to appear in the upper part of their bodies, this being particular; It is to be noted that the brilliant light was not accompanied by a sensation of heat, cl-

though there was a smoky appearance and a The next morning the swellings had subsided, leaving upon the face and body larg black blotches. No special pain was felt until the ninth day, when the skin peeled off, and

these blotches were transformed into virulen raw sores. The hair of the head fell off upon the side which happened to be underneath when the enon occurred, the same side of the body being, in all nine cases, the more seriously injured.

The remarkable part of the occurrence is that the house was uninjured, all doors and windows being closed at the time. No trace of lightning could afterward be observed in any part of the building, and all the sufferers unite in saying that there was no detonation, but only the loud humming

already mentioned. Another curious attendant circums that the trees around the house showed no signs of injury until the ninth day, when they suddenly withered, almost simultan-cously with the development of the sores upon the bodies of the occupants of the

This is perhaps a mere coincidence, but it s remarkable that the same susceptibility to electrical effects, with the same lapse time, should be observed in both animal and

vegetable organisms.

I have visited the sufferers, who are now in one of the hospitals of this city; and although their appearance is truly horrible, yet it is hoped that in no case will the injuries prove fatal. WARNER COWGILL.
U. S. Consulate, Maracaibo, Venezuela,-

Santa Barbara's Celebration

The people of Santa Barbara, Cal., have been celebrating the centennial of the mission at that place. A feature of the festivity was the procession, which surpassed in picturesque grandeur anything of the kind ever witnessed on the coast. Four thousand peo-ple joined in the procession, while nearly 10,-000 spectators witnessed it. The procession was headed by a band of horsemen aniformed and armed similar to the Spanish cavalry of Pharaoh that Jacob, the plain shepherd, came to meet his son Joseph, who had become to meet his son Joseph, who had become prime minister to the Spanish cavalry of all this is so, he who uses money, or thinks of money as anything but a means to an end, prime minister to the Spanish cavalry of all this is so, he who uses money, or thinks of money as anything but a means to an end, prime minister to the Spanish cavalry of all this is so, he who uses money, or thinks of money as anything but a means to an end, prime it to you to say which is the wisest and best way. The wheel of time has turned very say that the sales of that periodical have income the care of a dimension of the control of the control of a dimension of the control of a century ago. Following were carts such as were used in early times, leaded with rude wooden plows and other implements used by the natives, and drawn by oxen. There were andience, wound up to the highest pitch of away over a cup of coffee and more papers | the natives, and drawn by oxen. There were audic the hardest kind of reading. Thousands of men who never enter the beer shop while away their evenings in these places. Chess

There is talk of introducing a bill at the next session of the Oregon legislature to re- above the ankle. It was pitch dark, and no peal the law protecting the Chinese pheasants lanterns are used about the well, so that shipped to this country by Judge O. N. Crocker could not see how badly he was hurt. shipped to this country by Judge O. N. Crocker could not see how badly he was hurt. Denny. Both hunters and farmers have He found that he could not walk, but he had grievances against the foreign birds, which, no idea that his foot was off. He was assisted they claim, are becoming a pest. The former into a buggy and driven over the rough roads claim that the Chinese pheasants have driven all the native grouse and pheasants away, and but few can be found where a few years every drop of blood in his body, but he was ago they were as thick as crows in a cornfield.

The farmers say they infest grain fields and make short work of growing crops.—Cleve—wound until a Pittsburg surgeon arrived, and

It is reported that the celery raising business, for which Kalamazoo has become famous, is being largely overdone there.

Every inch of available marsh land has been No purely left-handed race has ever been converted into celery beds, and the search for more land continues. It is not alone the quantity raised that hurts the business, but the quality, which is deteriorating on account of the anxiety of the growers to get as many of the Hottentots and Eushmen of South stalks on the market as possible. There is Africa also use the left hand in preference to talk of organizing an association of growers the right. Dr. Marro, as a result of his study to limit the quantity and keep up the quality.

They were laying new mains in the town -, and the workmen had left an immense length of pipes lying end to end in the pipes away from the rest and crept in to take his night's rest. Here he was discovered by where he is to spend a few weeks in recrea a couple of students who were passing that tion for the first time in nearly four years, way in the small hours, and they rolled the The mayor of Nice and the Bureau de la pipe with its lodger back into its place. Societe Medicale met him at the station and Imagine delight of tramp next morning at having to crawl the distance of about a mile before emerging into the fresh air.—Fliegende in his own name, but in the name of his wife

A box of chattering young folks in the Chestnut Street opera house, the other evening, so annoyed Miss Ward, who was playing in "The Queen's Favorite," that she paused castic tones; "Perhaps we are disturbing these ladies and gentlemen. Shall we discon-tinue?" There was a dead silence, and then the play went on. There was no more chattering in that box that evening.—New York sand and gravel, in which the birds dust to

Blactter.

Two hunters from the Bad Lands, D. T., report that they discovered an immense gey-ser of fire about 100 miles west of Bismarck. They say that the flames came right out of the earth and rose at least 100 feet into the air, and that the snow was melted for a quar ter of a mile around the flame. It is clai that there are burning coal veins underlying this section of the Bad Lands, and that they account for this fire gevsor.

The Princess Louise has made several draw ings for The Youth's Companion to illustrat an article on "Salmon Fishing on the Cascapediac," by the Marquis of Lorne. They use the money which they receive for their work in helping poor English and Scotch families to emigrate to Canada. - Brooklyn Eagle.

It is estimated by those who have made the subject a study that the losses occasioned by insects injurious to agriculture in the United States reach the enormous sum of \$400,000,000 every year.—Chicago Times.

CURIOUS ELECTRICAL PHENOMENON. CONCERNING PROMINENT PEOPLE. What the Newspapers Say of Noted Men and Women. Charles Francis Adams leaves \$1,250,000.

The president is said to receive nearly 50,-Mme. Patti is to be paid \$150,000 for her six months' singing. Kate Field is giving elaborate dinner par-ties at the Arlington, in Washington. Jesse Grant has been appointed superintendent of the proposed Topolobampo railroad in Mexico.

Mme, Nevada Palmer has become a prominent figure in the Paris salons, and her re-George Alfred Townsend after dictating or some hours to a stenographer found out that the fellow was insane

Queen Victoria has ordered a ten set of fifty deces of Burmese ware to be made for her y a New Bedford, Mass., manufacturer. Miss Catherine Impey, a prominent leader in the temperance cause in England, has been advocating the consumption of hot lemonades

Jay Gould has bought a pew in a Presby-terian church at New York, and the paragraphists are making it the subject of most

Mr. Browning found that the palace in Venice which he proposed to purchase was in hopelessly bad repair, and accordingly backed out of the bargain. Mme. Boucicault, of the Bon Marche, Paris, is the Peter Cooper of her time. She has pensioned her employes royally and distrib-

uted her bounty like a princess. Within the last twenty years Mr. George Washington Childs, A. M., of Philadelphia, has presented over 200 big and valuable Bibles to churches, schools and societies. The resemblance between Attorney General Garland and First Controller Durham is said to be so great that they can be distin-

ment clear and pure, the acts of life will be materially clevated, also being identified with that which is clear and pure.—Laura C. Hol-loway in "Buddhists' Diet Book," guished only by the different ways in which they crease their hats. Gen. Hoke, now at the head of the new Georgia, Carolina and Northern railroad, was a major general in the Confederate army at s of age. When the war was over he wanted to go to New York and start life anew. He had no suit but his old gray uniform, and he had this dyed by an old servant,

and rotting during the rainy months; bridge timbers and piles also wear out rapidly while his mother covered the buttons with pieces of an old bombazine dress, Mesmerizing a Den of Lions. A frightful scene has just taken place at Dijon. A mesmerist, M. Torcy, accompanied by his subject, a cataleptic young person, named Mile. Lucia, entered a cage of lions in Signor Salva's menagerie. The animals seemed at first quite stupefied on seeing strange persons before them, but they soon began to show their molar broadsides and to prepare for action. M. Torcy lost no time, here \$1 each. It is evident that from ties are and having sent Mile. Lucia into a magnetic a necessity in Mexico, and they are just com-

A Cool and Plucky Man.

Frequency of Left-Handedness

Dr. Louis Jobert has published a work on

per cent, of those who have been convicted of

crime were left-handed, the highest ratio

M. Pasteur was the recipient of distin-

guished honors in his journey to Bordighiera

flagged from overwork his wife stimulated

him to pursue his scientific studies and work

out the problems he had in view.-Chicago

Several gentlemen of Maine have leased

keep free from virmin; trees are arranged around the walls and upper part of the barn

"Twenty Doctors" is the title of a pamphlet published in London by a man who, from 1868 to 1885, was a cripple from rheumatic gout. He tried nineteen doctors and experi-

Mahogany in India.

Mahogany is being rapidly introduced into every part of India where it promises to thrive. The seeds sown have germinated re-

markably well, a single pound planted in

greenhouses in the southern districts having yielded between 3,000 and 4,000 plants. It is thought quite probable that the world may

for its mahogany.—Boston Transcript

ant is to feed and water the birds daily.

Ired.-Medical Record.

among people of all classes being only nine in

men can be obtained. This policy fog will oc growling of the infuriated lions, cried out, "Enough!" The three actors in this extraordinary scene were loudly acclaimed by the

SOME FACTS FOR VEGETARIANS.

A vegetable diet is 400 or 500 per cont. che ir then the same amount of food derived to

The animals which for power of enders

The admais which for power of endurance and rapidity of motion are valued for our service derive the whole of their strength and nutriment from the vereable kingdom; such are the horse, the camel, the elephant.

The physical condition of many flesh enters shows that the blood itself is loaded with impurities and in a state of decomposition, and that persons whose blood is in this income state are liable, on very slight exposure, chill, etc., to be attacked with dangerous illness. That this condition is caused by flesh enting is shown from the fact that it is out 'kly changed

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shown from the fact that it is quickly changed by the adoption of a vegetable diet.

The flesh eating habits of the so-called civilized world render necessary the setting apart of a whole class of men for the performance of the degrading and brutalizing office of slaughtering animals for food.

Were it not for the large quantities of vegetables consumed by flesh caters disease would ensue in every case. Vegetables supply the salts of the blood.

The peasantry of all nations abstain from animal food—wholly or in part—from necessity. Their vigor is greater than that of any

urally follow that by rendering the instru-

ther class in every country.

those who feed on cereals,

As the great physiologist Bichat observed many years ago, death may come at last in any one of three different ways: By failure Albert C. Crocker, superintendent of wells any one of three different ways: By failure of the heart, the lungs or the brain. The first named is, in fact, the one that always shows that life is extinct. So long as the heart keeps going, the circulation is kept up, and all parts are nourished. When breathing ceases no more oxygen can reach the blood, and the latter property of the latter three or six months they generally tire of it and leave, instead of going. for the Chartiers Gas company, was inspect-ing a well five miles from Hickory, Pa., the ceases no more oxygen can reach the blood, and the latter no longer nourishes any part as it should; the brain no longer sends its influence to the heart, and it has no further incentive to keep on working. If injury to the brain should happen, or some poisen interfere with the outflow of terve force, then the lungs no longer take in fresh air, and the latter it would be to clucate one for a nurse instead of governments. Only lately linear to the latter it would be to clucate one for a nurse instead of governments. Only lately while waiting for him quietly breathed his

> There has been an unusual cruption of little, shivering pet dogs on our streets lately. They are queer, nondescript figures, with big eyes and sharp snouts, and look as much like rats as anything else. They come from old and New Mexico, and, though these are several varieties of them, hairy and hairless, there is no particular variation in their fragility and utter uselessness. The funciors there is no particular variation in their fragility and utter uselessness. The funciers assure me that they never live long in our climate. This addition to the list of international pets is probably due to the opening of railroad communication with Mexico. Tourists buy the little brutes as curiosities, and continued the propose of lighthouse illumination, mineral oil possesses superior advantage of the propose of the propose of lighthouse illumination, mineral oil possesses superior advantage of the propose of the propose of lighthouse illumination, mineral oil possesses superior advantage of the propose of the propose of lighthouse illumination, mineral oil possesses superior advantage of the propose of the propose

Everybody in England is raising money, in fact, with a view to an armed crash in the spring. Churchill is going to ask for a bir

Banqueting Gen. Sherman.

Now that Gen, Sherman has come to New York to live, he will probably be seen at most of the public banquets, for he is an ardent lover of that sort of thing. He is a good eater, a moderate drinker and a fluent speaker. He has no end of anecdotes at his tongue's end. The general is brimful of good fellowship, and he loves to cat and drink and smoke and fight his battles over again in the smoke and fight his battles over again in the a big barn at Cape Elizabeth, where they propose wintering several hundred quail to be liberated in different sections of the state to prevent the birds from killing themselves by flying against the boards, and an attend-

gout. He tried nineteen doctors and experimented with all the means of cure or relief known to the profession. Then came No. 20, who put him on a tricycle. He was in agony, ing inscription under it: "Rejected by the latter the present the present the color of the prominent boulevards with the following inscription under it: "Rejected by the latter theory that the present the who put him on a tricycle. He was in agony, and some of the nineteen told him that he would die. But No. 20 said, "stick," and he stuck, and is now quite well. A good adver-

Many wise people have indulged in wise speculations as to how so-called hypnotic persons are apparently able to see through opaque objects. Scientist Burgson, who investigated some boys who could read the number of a page when a book was held open, but with the back toward them, came | week says he has traced the infection to a

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

New York has spent \$700,000 on its canals

The power for the electrical railroad at Toonto costs only \$2 a day. The Spanish cortes has authorized an out lay of \$45,000,000 for new war vessels. "Lucky" Baldwin's California ranch conring 50,000 acres and employs 250 men. It is believed that the Chinese in California "salt" from \$1,000 to \$2,000 in silver dollars

every week. An angry controversy is in progress in England over the question, "Do Women

Have Souls!" Capitalists in Australia are talking of lay ing a cable to British Colombia at a cost of

The public has paid for Appleton's Amerian cyclopædia in its various editions, includ ng annual supplements, nearly \$15,000,000. It is removed in London that a new half penny daily morning poper will make its ap-Tar as a fuel for ocean steamers is about to be experimented upon by a German who has constructed a novel furnice for the purpose. A colored citizen of Corinth, Miss., has a

Meat is the most costly of all foods, and among civilized races the struggle for life rages to so fearful an extent that human walk on coals of fire without experiencing any pain. beings shorten life by the effort they make to save it. The coming illusion will be the antipodes of the Vanishing Lady. Out of a small egg, which grows gradually larger and larger be-The average age of man should be a centfore the eyes of the spectators, will be pro-

skin that is so hard and thick that he can

ury. The majority of human beings die before they are half as old. The longest lived are duced a living girl. There is an extraordinary demand for Vegetarian diet, by contributing to the photographs of Archer. One firm of photogphysical health of man, improves likewise his raphers in London assert that they could have sold 10,000 copies had they been ready, and it will be months before the supply is moral condition, besides conducing in no small degree to the healthy development of the intellectual faculties; since it must nat-

equal to the demand. The Arab borses which the sultan of Museat recently sent to Queen Victoria are valued at \$17,000. The miscellaneous bric a-brac which her majesty will send to the sul-tan are valued at \$2,500, leaving a net profit

of \$14,500 in favor of the queen. The expenses of railroading in the hot cli-mate of Mexico are great. Wooden ties have According to local papers the trade in aba lone shells at San Diego, Cal., has almost ceased. A dealer who used to receive 1,000 tons of them every year from the coast of lower California, and shipped sixty or seventy Freight cars must be painted frequently to prevent drying and cracking, and even the fashion and an overstocked market have detons by every steamer, says the caprice of

substantial Pullman cars shrivel under this exposure. Fuel constitutes a large item of outlay. Mesquite roots are burned on the The Fogs of New York. Central road; pine cut along its route is used on the Interoceanic, and the Vora Cruz company feeds its engines on ceal blocks that are brought from Wales as ballast. The decay of A visitor to New York may see hansoms and ties will in time necessitate a serious outbay tailor made gowns and other English inno-on the Central road, for wooden sleepers cost vations, but he will not see a London fog. a necessity in Mexico, and they are just com- does see it. Nevertheless New York gets up

a necessity in Mexico, and they are just coming into use. The climate tends to preserve
the beasts and to place her arms before them,
which she did with perfect impunity. She
was then plunged into a catalegtic fit, her
body was stiffened and her feet and legs
fastened to two stools. The animals, goaded
by the keepers and by vigorous thrusts from
M. Torcy's sticks, were made to jump several
times over the young woman's body. This
inhuman exercise was continued until the all the roads is to employ Mexicans when the on in the morning and lifts before noon. A elps to protect the property of outside cor- ing late in the afternoon. The rivers and porations doing business here.—Springfield bay are crowded with craft of all Mads.

Republican. agreeable predicament. No more trustworthy class of men exists than the hard worked pilots of New York, and accidents are re-

> heart ceases its work. So, finally, all modes there was an excellent offer, in a town in the of death result in the cessation of the heart north of England, for a well educated lady to of death result in the cessation of the heart beats, and the life of the body stops within two or three minutes after complete failure of this great force-pump to continue its action.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
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> There has been an unusual cruption of little by the special part of the remuneration was much more than most ladies receive as companions.—Chicago Tribune.

residents ship them to friends in the states as souvenirs.—Alfred Trumble in New York
News.

How, mineral to prominently tages, and that for salient or prominently projecting headlands and very powerful lights electricity is superior.—New York

Pedestrianism in Prison. L.A. White, the man who was arrested spring. Churchill is going to ask for a big supplementary vote of credit soon after parliament meets to increase the navy and fortifications of Aden, Cyprus and Port Hamilton, and give the government a full hand for hiring cruisers if the necessity arises. There will also be a proposal to anguent the Indian army. It is not likely that there will be much opposition to these projects, since it is recognized by all parties that a stormy time is ahead.—Chicago Tribune.

Le A. White, the man who was arrested more than a year ago on a charge of manufacturing counterfeit Brazilian money, is devoloping power as a padestrian scarcely less wenderful than he showed when his energies were directed to turning out near counterfeit notes. He is in juil at St. Charles awaiting trial, and a few days ago he measured the "walk" into which the cults open, and began walleing back and forth and counting the distance he covered. The first day he walked sixteen miles. Each succeeding day he has increased the distance, and he is now walking

company of good friends.—New York Times. is a perfect curiosity, and Mr. Nichola claims that it is the first gun ever made on the six-Anecdotes of the irrepressible Col. Fairman, who came to the cold northwest to kindle the spirit of art among an unculti-

> It is a Wall street theory that the presen era of vast individual fortunes is the result of pass away. They exist only in this country, and it is believed that, law or no law, fifty years hence there will be few or no fifty

goat that had come from a family where

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