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You see, in the first place, that the was in prison he soon won the heart vinced the jailer that he was an innocent and trustworthy man, and reconfidence in him since his conversion

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and demanded that the passengers throw up their arms, and then these ruffians took the pocketbooks; and Satan comes and suggests to a man that he throw up his arms in a hypocritical prayer and pretension, and then he steals his soul. For the mere pretension of religion we has abhorrence. Redwald, the king, after baptism, had an altar of Christian sacrifice and an altar for sacrifice to devils; and there are many men now attempting the same thing-half a heart for God and half a heart for the world-and it is a dead failure, and it is a caricature of religion, and the only successful assault ever made on Christianity is the inconsistency of its professors. You may have a contempt for pretension to religion, but when you behold the excellency of Jesus Christ come out in the life of one of his disciples, all there is good and noble in your soul rises up into admiration, and you cannot help it. Though that man be as far beneath his rulers, by an irrevocable law of your nature, Potiphar and Pharaoh will always esteem Joseph. When Eudoxia, the empress, threatened Chrysostom with death he made the reply: "Tell the empress I fear nothing but sin." Such a scene as that Felix which demanded their respect for Paul, the rebel against government, I doubt not they would willingly have which beamed in the eye and beat in the heart of the unconquerable apostle. Paul did not cower before Felix; Felix cowered before Paul. The infidel and worldling are compelled to honor in their hearts, although they may not

cessful. John Frederick Oberlin a - thousand tongues, and they will blan cessful. John Frederick Country at the stand tong as the stand to destroy E. G. BEARO & Cit. and passing from dangeon to lazaretto, the Camaanites, their sheep and their with healing for the body and soult oven; but when he got down there of Newgate Prison to shake its order- sheep and oven too fat to kill, so he mey us the angel came to the pelsur at thought he would steal them. Nebedy snapping loose the chain, as well as sheep and oven toward home, but Josus who have devoted themselves to liad executed his mission, when in the the temporal and spiritual reliare of distance the sheep began to bleat and the race, are monuments of the Chris- the over to bellow. The secret was out, point of elevation. Judging from the character of many the bellowing of the cattle. Alt my And a my acticles as at II ower prices He will bring him professors of religion I do not ad- hearer, you cannot been an iniquity He will bring him professors of rengion 7 to said: "Now sup-to that though it mire religion," I said: "Now sup-posed by the said of the sand worlds. You Reme and while in his gallety asked Achan cannot steal the Bulylonish sometimes find men him, What is the act of painting? | garment without being stoned to death,

tentlary. How in prison be command. being sold into Egyptian bondage by back," and it was found that Francis I. ed respect and confidence. How by the his malicious brothers, and his false and not Ameril, was the fool. Instead Interpretation of Pharach's dream he imprisonment, to eph never would have of consulting as to the best way of getwas freed and became the chief man become a governor. Everybody acin the realm, the Bismarck of his century. How in the time of familie Jo- that are persecuted for rightcoursess it. If the world does not expose you, A big stock of V Crimp, Corrugated and Standing Seam Rooting constantly on seph had the control of a magnificent sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of your will tell it yourself. There is an appropriate the control of a magnificent sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of your will tell it yourself. for corn, he sent them home with the high official positions through mis- money that he had raised for orphan beasts of burden borne down under representation. Public close is all that asylums, and the highwayman post his the heft of the corn sacks. How the same of our public men have had to hand on the gold and Whitefield turned sin against their brother which had so rely upon for their elevation. It has to him and said: "Touch that if you have been block to be below to be the below. long been hidden came out at last and brought to them what talent and exwas returned by that bracker's forgive- centive force could not have achieved. Carist." And the rafkan slank into the ness and kindness—the only revenge Many of those who are making great forest. Conscience! Conscience! The succeed, just because they are not of world is compelled to honor Christian enough importance to be abused. It character. Potiphar was only a man of is the nature of rien-that is of all the world, yet Joseph rose in his estimation untiball the affairs of that great er about those who are perseented and house were committed to his charge, defend them, and they are apt to for-From his servant no honor or confi- get the fault of those who are the subdence was withheld. When Jeseph jeets of attack while attempting to drive back the slanderers. Persecuof the keeper, and though placed there tion is elevation. Helen Stirk, the for being a scoundrel, he soon con- Scotch martyr, standing with her husband at the place of execution, said; "Husband, let us rejoice today; we have lived together many happy years; this came general superintendent of prison is the happiest time of all our life; you affairs. Wherever Joseph was placed, see we are to be happy together forwhether a servant in the house of Poti- ever. Be brave now, be brave. I will phar, or a prisoner in the penitentiary, not say 'Good night' to you for we shall he became the first man everywhere, seen be in the kingdom of our Father and is an illustration of the truth I together." Persecution shows the helay down, that the world is compelled roes and heroines. I go into another to honor Christian character. There are those who effect to despise a religious life. They speak of it as a have been most abused have spread the rulership of Egypt, yet you see in what system of phlebotomy by which the most rapidly. No good man was ever a mysterious way God connected the an is bled of all his courage and no- more violently maltreated than John two into one plan. So the events are bility. They say he has bemeaned Wesley-belied and carrestured and linked together. himself. They pretend to have no more slandered until one day he stood in a men look back and group together a this is hypocrisy. There is a great drunk last night," and John Wesley vided events reaches from the Garden deal of hypocrisy in the church and said: "Thank God, the whole cata- of Eden to the Cross of Calvary, and there is a great deal of hypocrisy outside the church. It is impossible for

which the church mounted.

thousandth part of that true heroism ago had those brothers sold Joseph in- mighty! to Egypt. They had made the old father believe that his favorite child was dead. They had suppressed the death. In find Christian men in all burned and their hearts sunk at the Evans. professions and occupations, and I find flaming out of this long suppressed them respected and honored and suc- crime. The smallest iniquity has a Tre sin we spare will not spare us.

ned at just what he is worth. Tou can use the Rubens and the Raphaels and highwaymen, these assessing they all 5 gr. Quaine Capalles or hills, not write him up, and you cannot write the Rubens and the him down. These facts are powerfully the Michael Augelos? When we thought they could bury their iniquity illustrated in my subject. It would be asked him, What is the art of paint- so deep down, it would never come to an insult to suppose that you were not | ing' he would point to the works of resurrection; but there was some succ all familiar with the life of Joseph. these great masters and say, "That is that answered to the print in the soil, How his featons brothers threw him painting. Now, you propose to find some talse keys found in their possess camels, with spices and gums that sion of a holy life, and you call that and the smathema of outraged law loaded the air with aroma, sold their religion. I point you to the splendid lauried them into the dungeon or holsted him down into Egypt; Joseph was there blessed and lifted and crowned. Look of France, stood counseling with his of-

shook at him the finger of doom. Do not think you can hide any great and protracted sin in your heart, my brother. In an unguarded moment it will slip off the lip, or some slight action may for the moment set ajar this door that you wanted to keep closed, But suppose that in this life you hide it, and you get along with this transgression burning in your heart, as a ship on fire within for days hinders the flames from bursting out by keeping down the hatches, yet at last in the judgment that iniquity will blaze out

before God and the universe. Learn also from this subject that there is an inseparable connection between all events however remote. The universe is only one thought of God. These things which seemed fragmenttary and isolated are only different parts of that great thought. How far apart seemed these two events-Joseph sold to the Arabian merchants and his pulpit in London, and a man arose in thousand things in your life that once the audience and said: "You were seemed isolated. One chain of undiany man not to admire and confide in His followers were hooted at and maline it that hums in the summer air and ligned and called by every detestable the archangel on his throne. God can become a child of God, and is what he name that infernal ingenuity could invent, but 'he hotter the persecution blue-jay that this spring will build its son of the Lord God Almighty. Or course we have no admiration for the come and what a tremendous force for North hoisted the ark's window, with a God and the truth they are wielding whirr and dash of bright wings went the ruffians had gone into the rail-train all the world over. It was persecution out to sing over Mount Ararat. The that gave Scotland to Presbyterianism. tulips that bloom in the garden this ft was persecution that gave our land spring were pursed by the snow-flakes. first to civil liberty and afterward to The furthest star on one side of the unireligious freedom. Yea, 1 might go verse could not look toward the furthest further back and say it was persecution that gave the world the great saland say: "You are no relation to me," vation of the Gospel. The ribald mock- for from the bright orb the voice of light ery, the hungering and thirsting, the would ring across the heavens respondunjust charge, the ignominious death, ing, "Yes, yes, we are sisters." Nothing when all the force of hell's fury was in God's universe swings at loose ends. hurled against the cross, was the in- Accidents are only God's way of turntroduction of that religion which is yet | ing a leaf in the book of his eternal deto be the earth's deliverance and our crees. From our cradle to our grave eternal salvation. The state somethere is a path all marked out. Each times said to the church, "Come take event in our life is connected with every my hand and I will help you." What other event in our life. Our losses may was the result? The church went be the most direct road to our gain. back and it lost its estate of holiness, Our defeat and our victory are twin and it became ineffective. At other brothers. The whole direction of your

times the state said to the church, "I life was changed by something which at will crush you." What was the result? the time seemed to you trifling, while After the storms have spent their fury some occurrence which seemed trementhe church, so far from having lost any dous affected you but little. God's of its force, has increased and is worth plans are magnificent beyond all cominfinitely more after the assault than prehension. He molds us, and turns before. Read all history and you will and directs us, and we know it not. find that true. The church is far more Thousands of years are to him as the indebted to the opposition of civil gov- flight of a shuttle. The most terrific ernment than to its approval. The occurrence does not make God tremble. fires of the stake have only been the The most triumphant achievement does torches which Christ held in his hand, not lift him into rapture. That one by the light of which the church has great thought of God goes out through marched to her present glorious posi- the centuries, and nations rise and fall, tion. In the sound of racks and im- and eras pass, and the world changes, plements of torture I hear the rumbling but God still keeps the undivided mas-There was something in Agrippa and of the Gospel chariot, The scaffolds tery, linking event to event and cenof martyrdom have been the stairs by tury to century. To God they are all one event, one history, one plan, one de-Learn also from our subject that sin velopment, one system. Great and marwill come to exposure. Long, long velous are thy works, Lord God Al-

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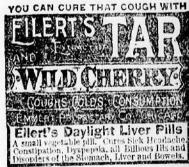
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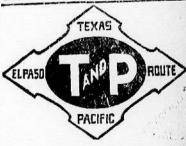
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