

on goodness is profitable for the life that now is, as well as that for which is to come.

But, my friends, do not put so much emphasis on worldly success as to let your eternal affairs go at loose ends. I have nothing to say against money. The more money you get the better, if it comes honestly and goes usefully. For the lack of it, sickness dies without medicine, and hunger finds its coffin in an empty bread tray, and nakedness shivers for clothes and fire. All this canting tirade against money as though it had no practical use, when I hear a man indulge in it, makes me think the best Heaven for him would be an everlasting poor house! No, there is a practical use in money; but while we admit that, we must also admit that it can not satisfy the soul, that it can not pay for our ferridge across the Jordan of death, that it can not unlock the gate of Heaven for our immortal soul. Yet there are men who act as though packs of bonds and mortgages could be traded off for a mansion in Heaven, and as though gold were a legal tender in that land where it is so common that they make pavements out of it. Salvation by Christ is the only salvation. Treasures in Heaven are the only incorruptible treasures. Have you ever ciphered out that sum in loss and gain, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?" You may wear fine apparel now, but the winds of death will flatter it like rags. Homespun and a threadbare coat have sometimes been the shadow of robes white in the blood of the Lamb.

So, there are men who go on in life—a fine voyage they are making out of it. All is well, till some euroolydon of business disaster, comes upon them, and they go down. The bottom of this commercial sea is strewn with the shattered hulks. But, because your property goes, shall your soul go? O, no! there is coming a more stupendous shipwreck after awhile. This world—God launched it 6,000 years ago, and it is sailing on; but one day it will stagger at the cry of fire! and the timbers of the rocks will burn, and the mountains flame like masts, and the clouds like sails in the judgment hurricane. God will take a good many off the deck, and others out of the berths, where they are now sleeping in Jesus. How many shall go down? No one will know until it is announced in Heaven one day: "Shipwreck of a world! So many millions saved! So many millions drowned! Because your fortunes go, because your house goes, because all your earthly possessions go, do not let your soul go! May the Lord Almighty, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, save your yours.

Here is a problem hard to solve,  
Of that there is no doubt,  
Which takes less time—to fall in love;  
Or when in love, fall out?

#### Young White Baltimore Girl Runs Away with a Negro.

A singular elopement, with alleged hypnotism as its foundation, was disclosed before Magistrate Jermon at the central police station Philadelphia the other day.

Joseph Daniels, a middle-aged colored man with flowing Dunderary whiskers, had a hearing and was held without bail for trial for having eloped from Baltimore to Philadelphia with pretty Sallie Johnson, aged 15, a petite Baltimore girl, whom Daniels had employed in his oriole city music store.

Sallie said at the hearing that Daniels "had some influence over her which she could not explain," so she yielded when a week ago he told her to tell her mother he was about to give the girl a position in a new music store in Philadelphia. Thus the ill-mated pair eloped to the Quaker city.

They were quickly followed by Thomas J. Owens, of Baltimore, the girl's uncle, who has turned prosecutor. Sallie is still under the dusky Dunderary's "influence," however.

#### Crop So Bounteous Growers Are Unable to Handle It.

Fruit growers in California, are amazed at the extent of the apricot crop. The quantity of the fruit coming in is simply overwhelming, and it would seem that every tree in the valley had this year taken to bearing the luscious 'cot. The driers are unable to take care of the fruit coming in, and are forced to reject much of it after it is picked. One man who could not dispose of his apricots after they were picked dumped two tons by the roadside, and there are a number of growers who will not attempt to harvest their crops.

Any losses sustained in this way, however, are due to the neglect of the growers to make preparations for handling the fruit in time. The associations are handling all the fruit of their members, and there are a number of driers at work with large forces of men, women and children. But it is impossible to secure enough help to handle the fruit. Calls for 100 cutters are posted in the post office, and probably 200 people could get employment to-day. There are very few of the growers who are prepared to handle their own fruit, and as a consequence those who are not in the associations are obliged to sell their fruit or let it go to waste.

One effect of the glut of apricots will be to somewhat improve the quality of the dried fruit sent out, as some pains are being taken to discriminate as to the quality of the fruit to be rejected. It has been suggested that a large part of the fruit going to waste should be given to the poor people. But those people are at work in the driers for as many hours per day as they choose to work, and probably would prefer to draw wages than to put in their time drying fruit for themselves.

#### ANDREE AND HIS BALLOON.

Scientists at Berlin Do Not Believe He Will Reach the Pole.

The best scientific opinion in Berlin is not sanguine of the success of Herr Andree's undertaking to reach the north pole by means of his airship.

Further details have been received as to the circumstances under which the ascent was made from the island of Tromsø, in the midst of a strong wind, which frequently blew in strong gusts.

The cook had carefully stowed in a small barrel the first dinner to be eaten aloft, and Herr Fraenkel took along a few bottles of beer for immediate use. From the west side of the balloon waved the Swedish colors, side by side with a white silk flag adorned with a blue anchor, the gift of a woman friend of the aeronaut. Immediately under the balloon was fastened diagonally a piece of bamboo to which were attached sails like wings, which the aeronauts hoped to be able to manipulate from the car by means of ropes. Shortly before 2:30 (July 11) Andree was ready.

Then the trio, Andree, Strindberg and Fraenkel, standing in the car, severed the ropes holding the Balloon, while Andree counted: "One, two, three." The balloon rose majestically. All three waved their caps and shouted: "Greetings to all at home in Sweden."

After the narrow escape from being driven against the rock in Sweringberg sound, the balloon was seen moving northward, exactly as Andree wished, over the flat peninsula of Hollaender-naes. It will probably be driven toward Greenland or the north coast of America.

#### Naval Studies Are Completed.

Six Moroccan students, who have completed their studies at the Italian naval academy, have been sent back to their country on the warship Lepanto.

#### Horseless Vehicles in Paris.

There are nearly 1,500 horseless vehicles in the streets of Paris, and 500 automobile cabs are to be added to that number.

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