

When Nature Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.

Sympathy and severity seldom go hand in hand. Catarrh and Colds Believed in 10 to 20 Minutes. One short puff of the breath through the Blower, supplied with each bottle of Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder, diffuses this Powder over the surface of the nasal passages. It is pleasant and delightful to use. It relieves Inflammation and permanently cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, Colds, Headache, Sore Throat, Tonsillitis and Deafness. If you distrust him, ask him to stock, ask him to prepare it for you.

Good actions enable us, and we are the sum of our own deeds. Keep your work covered and it may heal without a scar.

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### REV. DR. TALMAGE.

#### The Eminent Washington Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "The Division of Spoils."

Text: "He shall divide the spoil with the poor."—Isaiah 61, 12.

In the Coliseum at Rome, where persons used to let out the half starved lions to fight up Christians, and I now place the figure of a cross. And I rejoice to know that the upright piece of wood nailed to a transverse beam has become the symbol of charity and suffering than of victory. It is of Christ the conqueror that my text speaks. As a mighty warrior, having subdued an empire, might divide the palaces and mansions and the lands and vineyards and mountains among his officers, and divide the spoils of the earth and all the heavens among His people, and you and I will have to take our share if we are strong in faith and strong in our Christian loyalty, for my text declares it: "He shall divide the spoil with the strong."

The capture of this round planet for Christ is not so much of a job as you might imagine, when the church takes off its coat and rolls up its sleeves for the work, as it will. There are 1,000,000,000 of us here, and more than 4,500,000,000 are Christians. Subtract 3,500,000,000 who are Christians from 1,000,000,000, and there are 1,500,000,000 left. Of the 1,500,000,000 who are not Christians, but who are going to be, there are 1,000,000,000 and you will find that we shall have to average less than three souls each, brought by us into the kingdom of God, to have the whole world redeemed. Certainly, with this kind of thing up to its full duty, no Christian will be going to bring less than three souls into the kingdom of God.

I hope and pray Almighty God that I may bring more than three. I know evangelists who have already brought 50,000 each for the kingdom of God. There are 200,000 people whose mind and only absorbing business in the world is to save souls. When you take these things into consideration, and that the Christians will have to average the bringing of only three souls each into the kingdom of God, and that the number of Christians is going to be less than three souls into the kingdom of God.

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and Senegambians shall know Christ as well as you and I. And there shall be on the banks of the Nile and the Niger a higher civilization than is now to be found on the banks of the Potomac or the Hudson; then Christ will divide up that continent among His friends. Wait until China, which is half an inch from becoming a Christian country, has capacities for rice and tea and sugar among edibles, and her amethyst and asphodel and topaz and opal and jasper and porphyry among precious stones, and her rosewood and ebony and camphor and vanilla among perfumes, woods, and spices, and turned up from her depths a half dozen Pennsylvanias of coal and iron, and twenty Nevadas of silver, and fifty Californias of gold, and her 500,000,000 of people shall be evangelized. Then the Lord will divide it up among the good.

If my text be not a deception, but the eternal truth, then the time is coming when all the farms will be owned by Christian farmers, and all the commerce controlled by Christian merchants, and all the authority held by Christian statesmen, and all the power commanded by Christian captains, and all the universities under the instruction of Christian professors; Christian kings, Christian presidents, Christian governors, Christian judges, Christian magistrates, Christian what a scattering out! What an upturning! What a demolition! What a resurrection! What a new appointment!

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### VIRGINIA STATE ITEMS.

Policeman James P. Hall was held by the mayor in \$500 security at Alexandria for the action of the grand jury to answer a charge of assaulting William Bright with intent to kill. Bright is about eighteen years of age. He ran away from the policeman on the river front near Reed's icehouse, and Hall shot him in the right side, inflicting what is feared may prove to be a mortal wound.

The jury could not agree upon a verdict in the Nelson murder trial at Charlottesville, and the court adjourned. Judge George M. Harrison, a member of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, met with a distressing accident at his residence in Staunton. In attempting to move an upright piano about the drawing-room the instrument toppled over and fell on Judge Harrison's right leg, breaking the larger bone and fracturing the smaller bone below the knee in two places. The fractures were reduced by Doctors A. M. and H. Henkel.

Alexander Lushbaugh, aged 33 years, died in Staunton as the result of a singular injury received the Monday previous, and at that time considered of a trifling nature. "Eek," as he was popularly known, was engaged in lath work at the Bodley Works, when his chisel point struck a knot in the rapidly revolving wood, and Lushbaugh received quite a blow in the abdomen, though there was no cut. So little was thought of the blow that Lushbaugh continued his work. Peritonitis ensued and caused his death. He was a fearless volunteer fireman, and last summer when small-pox appeared in Staunton he rendered courageous and valuable service in guarding and nursing patients.

The body of an unknown woman supposed to have been a passenger on the Old Dominion steamer Wyanoke when that vessel was sunk off Newport News, was ashore on the beach at that place. Her name is not known. The bodies of three other persons, supposed to have been passengers on the Wyanoke, are said to have come ashore on the Isle of Wight beach, but the Old Dominion people have not as yet received any information concerning them. No definite steps have been taken as yet to raise the Wyanoke, and she still remains where she went down.

Mr. S. F. Sney, of Columbia, Phivanna county, was robbed in Biemont of \$465 while traversing the streets. He had the money in a valise, and when he got to the bank, where he was to take up a note, the money was miss.

Col. George W. F. Vernon, of Baltimore, has been invited by George D. Summers Post-G. A. R., to deliver the memorial address at Berkeley Springs on Decoration Day. Some of the members of this post were comrades of Colonel Vernon during the war.

Prof. Randolph W. Tinsley, son of Mrs. C. C. Tinsley, of Charlottesville, has been elected to the chair of natural sciences, in the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N. M. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia.

Rappahannock county is rapidly becoming one of the leading apple counties of the State. Many thousands of trees have been planted out this season with more to follow. George White, of Fauquier county, cut down a tree several days ago from which he took a barrel of honey and four young cones.

A bill has passed both houses of Congress providing for semi-annual sessions of the United States Court at Roanoke. Eugene McNorhoney was run over and killed on the Southern Railway, in Fairfax county, last week. Five Swiss gentlemen have recently purchased farms in Bedford county.

J. Preston Ware, section master of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad at Mayaville, Ky., met with a terrible and fatal accident at Sun's Creek, west of Staunton. In attempting to board the passenger train No. 1 he fell between the wheels and, with skull crushed and both legs cut off he died in half an hour at Clifton Forge. The decedent was in the Clifton Forge section looking into his real estate interest there. He was a Mason.

Mr. George H. S. Oblet, president-founder of the Theosophical Society, is lecturing on "Theosophy" in Madras, India. Professor Charles Humann, director of the Berlin Museum, who was superintending the excavations at Ephesus, died in Smyrna.

Julius von Payer, a Bohemian artist, had the marvelous experience of going four times to the arctic regions. He is the only artist in that specialty in Europe. United States Treasurer Morgan last Thursday mailed 3438 checks aggregating \$1,522,356 in payment of interest due May 1 on registered United States 5 per cents of 1901, and 4 per cents of 1925.

The late Baron de Hirsch was supposed by a great many superstitious people to have the "evil eye," and a few avoided him solely on that account as if he had been the very Prince of Darkness. M. Jean Thorel, who is well known to the literary world, and it is very likely that his success in that line prompted him to join the ranks of the French dramatists, has not made a success with his first play, "Two Sisters."

Mr. Crockett, the novelist, who has just returned from a holiday in Holland, is not much impressed with that country as a setting for a story. His intention was to locate the principal scenes of his next novel in Holland, but it is possible that he may abandon the idea. M. Coquelin, the celebrated actor, has lost his appeal against the Societe de la Comedie-Francaise, and is again forbidden to play at any theatre in Paris or the provinces without the permission of Comedie-Francaise authorities. The penalty for disobedience is 500 francs or \$100 per night.

### Sumatra Jungles.

Sumatra is a veritable dime museum of nature. In no other place is there such a collection of odd animals, birds and trees. The sunbear is one of the queer animals. He is about three feet high, and wholly untaught can perform astonishing tricks. The kukang is a curious animal the size of a cat. It is brown, with a fox-like head and paws which it uses as if it were a monkey. Its eyes are remarkably large, round and yellow.

The rhinoceros bird is the size of a small turkey, but has a beak a foot long, which joins the skull two and one-half inches deep. Over this is another beak reversed, forming a cap or helmet. Snakes of all sizes abound in the Sumatra jungles. Monster lizards are there measuring six and seven feet. The house lizard is about twelve inches long and makes a noise which sounds like the bark of a toy terrier.

There is an enormous black spider three inches long as to body and with a stride of legs that would almost cover a dinner plate. Its web sometimes extends between trees eighteen yards apart. The "deadly" upas tree is fairly large, with a thick, dark bark, which when cut gives forth an oozy, milky fluid. This liquid is used for arrow poison by the natives. The terror of the jungle is the ringing tree. When cut with an ax a shower of milky fluid comes forth and wherever it touches the skin it is agonizing in effect.