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Bank of England Oddities.

Among the curiosities which are occasionally shown to favored visitors are some specimens of ancient notes, a number of them for denominations no longer in vogue, such as £1, £15 and £25. There is also carefully preserved the oldest surviving note, one of the year 1699, the amount being written with ink, says the Pall Mall *Budget*. Another curiosity is a note for £1,000,000, ($5,000,000) which was required for some transaction between the bank and the government, but in this case, too, the amount is written with the pen. The longest time during which a note has remained outside the bank is 111 years. It was for £25, and it is computed that the compound interest during that long period amounted to no less than £6,000. There is quite a labyrinth of vaults where the disused notes are stored until they have reached the necessary maturity of five years. They are estimated to weigh ninety-one tons, and number about 77,745,000, filling 13,400 boxes, and were of the original value of £1,750,626,600. The Bank of England note is a legal tender for any amount in excess of its face value, but not for less. Thus a person might refuse to take a £5 note in payment of a debt of £4 19s 6d, though, as a matter of fact, it must be remembered that bank notes are only legal tender as between members of the public, so long as the bank pays in gold on demand. If such an unlikely thing were to happen as the bank being unable to redeem its promises to pay, then its notes would at once cease to be legal tender. Even as it is, their legal tender quality does not extend to Ireland or Scotland.

What and What Not to Say.

Don't say I don't feel good, for feel well.

Don't say these kind, but this kind.

Don't say not so good as, for not as good as.

Don't say a garment sets good, but fits well.

Don't say between three, but among three.

Don't say above seven, but more than seven.

Don't describe an unusual occurrence as funny.

Don't say the matter of him, but the matter with him.

Don't say try an experiment, but make.

Don't say I have blacked my shoes, but I have blackened my shoes.

Don't say had rather, had better, for would rather, would better.

Don't speak of articles of diet as healthy, but as healthful or wholesome.

Don't say cunning for small, smart for bright, quick-witted, 'cute for acute.

Don't say fix my gown, fix this room, but arrange my gown, the room. The best English authorities rarely use fix except to indicate stability or permanence.

All in a Tremble!

Nervous, elderly ladies use this phrase to describe their tremors, and highly graphic it is. Nerves "all in a tremble" are best tranquilized and strengthened with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The Bitters is a nervine because it is a tonic for the nerves, and tone is what the nerves require if they are weak and shaky. Digestion and assimilation are insured by it, and it remedies constipation, biliousness and malaria.

A good point in farming is the point of a pencil for noting down the things to be done about the farm.

KNOWLEDGE

Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

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RELIGIOUS READING.

ADVICE OF A SUCCESSFUL MAN.

I think the habit of generosity may be cultivated like other habits. And I have felt that it is a great mistake to put off being generous until you are dead. In the first place, you lose the pleasure of witnessing the good that you may do; and again, no one can administery our gifts for you as well as you can do it for yourself. It is a great pleasure to be brought into personal relations of that kind, and to make people feel that you are not a philonthropist in the abstract but that you are interested in them personally, and care for their welfare. In that way you benefit them not merely in the natural way, but you make them feel that men are really brothers, and that they were made to help one another. Not only is that feeling agreeable in itself, but it will be apt to prompt them to carry out the principles themselves. Put yourself into all you do, and let others feel that you are there. Do not only contribute to a charitable object, but go yourself and help. It may seem an inconvenience at first, but soon you will come to consider it worth an inconvenience.

Perhaps I ought to say a word about the companions a young man should choose for himself in life. You should try to make companions of the best people you become acquainted with. In order to do this you must have something in yourself that may be a return to them for what they give you. It is not necessary for this purpose to be a genius, or to have remarkable intellect, or extraordinary erudition. But be yourself and be a man, and learn to think of others before yourself, and you will have friends enough, and of the best. To be intimate with the magnanimous and the noble, aids to form those qualities in one's self. A man is known by the company he keeps, and those who know what friends you have, will be able to form a very correct idea of what you yourself are. You should see to it that this estimate be as high as your opportunity may secure.

I cannot better sum up my advice to young people than to say that I have derived, and still find the greatest pleasure in my life from doing good to others. Do good constantly, patiently and wisely, and you will never have cause to say that your life was not worth living.—[George William Childs.

EVERY DAY PIETY.

There is generally more of true piety exhibited in the faithful observance of the minor duties of religion than those that excite the notice and applause of men. Improper motives may prompt the public duties while those duties which escape men's eyes, and are intended only for God's observation, are not likely to be practised by an unrenewed person. There was more piety in the devotion of Nathaniel when he bowed alone beneath the fig tree than in all the ostentious prayers of the philactery adorned Pharisees at the corners of the streets. The poor woman who modestly cast into the treasury her hard earned mite, gave greater evidence of piety than did the wealthy Jew, whose golden coin rattled their own phrase as they fell into the chest. Desire of applause, pride of consistency, dread of censure, prompts to external devotedness, but only piety towards God can lead perseveringly and joyfully to the closet—to the chamber of affliction and poverty—to the alleys and lanes—in search of opportunity to do good. This child is dutiful who obeys his father's requirements but that child is more dutiful who obeys his father's requests in little matters — who seeks opportunies to please, and who watches for occasion to show his love. So general obedience may warrant the belief that the man is a Christian; but he furnishes greater evidences of love to God whose full heart overlooks no little things that may please or glorify his name. There was no piety in Peter's burst of zeal, when he hewed off the ear of the high priest's servant, but there was in Mary's quiet approach, when her raining tears washed the Saviour's feet. The unostentatious duty of Christianity, those that never win public applause—that only find place in the pure tenor of ordinary life, are more satisfactory proofs of the pure godliness upon the heart, than any ebullitions of piety or spasmodic starts of devotion.

UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING BUT PRAY.

In his revival letters, Mr. Finney tells of a man in New York state, whose name he does not give—a consumptive, poor and sick, unable to do anything but pray. Yet his intercessions brought answers to one soul, and one community after another, and even to distant fields in pagan and heathen soil. Revivals spang up as if spontaneously and unaccountably; but after his death his diary revealed the secret cause. Daily he set apart certain hours for certain ministers, churches, and mission stations. Often in these pages would be found such an entry as this:

"Today I have been enabled to offer what I believe to be the prayer of faith for the outpouring of the Spirit on———, and I trust in God that there will soon be a revival there." And not long after would follow the record of the answer, even in places as distant as Celon.

What is more remarkable, the revivals followed in the order named, as though to defy any explanation but that found in prevailing prayer. During his sickness, as death drew nigh, he was especially engrossed in prayer for the town he lived in. After he died his works followed him, and that last prayer found gracious and abundant answer in the place of his residence. The prayer was recorded on high, and his tears put into God's bottle; and, though the praying lips were dumb and the holy tears were wiped from his eyes, the prayers he had offered came back in converting grace, and the tears he had shed descended in abundant showers of blessing.

Prayer is appointed to convey
The blessings God designs to give;
Long as they live should Christians pray,
They learn to pray when first they live.
—[The Christian.

RESIGNATION.

Amid the various scenes of ills,
Each stroke some kind design fulfils;
And shall I murmur at my God,
When sovereign love directs the rod?

Resignation is an exalted Christian virtue. It is a plant that grows not up from nature's soil. It is a grace that must be cultivated like the rose tree, that it may flourish and shed forth its sweet fragrance amid the passing scenes of life. To possess resignation, calm and settled, under all circumstances, is a high attainment. Yet it is attainable; and blessed are they who live under is benign influences. It will shed a holy balm o'er the moral waste of life, and cheer us amid the darkest hours of our pilgrimage. Life has its cares and afflictions, its crosses and its conflicts, its disappoontments and its sacrifices. But in every scene of earth resignation, like the strong and faithful anchor that holds the ship in safety till the storm is past, secures its possessor peace and quietness, till the darkness and danger of the tempest are over, and the sunshine of tranquility and joy again beams upon us. Nothing is ever lost to the just by the exercise of this virtue; but it will secure to the anxious, the impotent, and heavy-laden, much joy, blessedness and consolation. It will render our afflictions, blessings; our crosses, pleasure; our disappointments unexpected good; and our sacrifices either for our own or the well-being of others, acceptable oblations to God. Then

'Though Heaven afflict, I'll not repine;
Each heart-felt comfort still is mine—
Comforts that shall o'er death prevail,
And journey with me through the vale.'

A liquor seller presented his bill to the executor of a deceased customer's estate, asking, "Do you wish my bill sworn to?" "No," said the executor; 'the death of the deceased is sufficient evidence that he had the liquor."

When you want a friend don't choose a man whose children are afraid of him.

ASKING THE WAY.

"Is this the way to the poorhouse?" asked one man of another, as he pointed in a certain direction. "No, but this is," answered the other, as he pointed to a whisky flask sticking out of the inquirer's pocket. The answer was surely very correct. The whisky bottle is what drives many people to the poorhouse. It makes them neglect their business; it steals their earning; it gives them bad habits; it clothes them and their children in rags, and robs them of their daily bread. Yes, and at last it robs them of their very souls.

It is better to be an April fool than a chronic one.

TEMPERANCE

AFTER A "PLEASANT" NIGHT

Sing a song of penitence,
A fellow full of rye!
Four and twenty serpent
Danced before his eye.
When his eye was opene,
He shouted for his life.
Wasn't he a pretty chump
To go before his wife?
His hat was in the parlor
Underneath a chair,
His boots were in the hallway,
His coat was on the stair.
His trousers in the kitchen
His collar on the shelf,
But he hadn't any notion
Where he was at himself.
When the morn was breaking
Some one heard him call;
His head was in the ice-box,
And that was best of all.
—Detroit Tribune

ENGLISH ABSTAINING SOLDIERS IN INDIA.

The Missionary Herald commenting upon the effect of total abstinence upon English soldiers in India, says:

"A striking fact comes to us from India in reference to the effect of total abstinence among soldiers. It was formerly supposed that Europeans could not endure the climate and surroundings of India without using alcoholic stimulants. So convinced were they of this that thirty years ago there was an army order prohibiting the formation of total abstinence societies among the soldiers. But the theory is now altogether changed. Of English soldiers in India 20,000 are now total abstainers, and the army reports show that of these thousands only fifteen were brought before court-martial the past year, while of the non-abstainers there were 250 who were placed on trial."

DRINKING AND ORATORY.

In his book, "The People I've Smiled With," Marshall P. Wilder, the humorist, says: "Some of my most successful work has been in the line of after dinner speeches, and I have been asked how I could go through ten or twelve courses of food and six or eight different kinds of wine and then have any head on my shoulders. The answer is very easy—I don't. I never drink wine or any other liquor. I don't want to give away any other business man's secrets, but I venture to say that the best after dinner speakers in the United States are the most moderate diners. If you will cast your eye at the table in front of some man at a big dinner who gets up and makes a capital speech, you will probably see one of two things—either that his glasses are all turned upside down or that they are entirely full. In other words, he has been drinking little or nothing."

CIDER.

Cider is one of the worst evils that out country boys have to cope with. The farmer who makes cider is helping his boy on towards ruin.

There are many men filling drunkards' graves, who first formed the appetite at the cider barrel.

Will not parents who drink cider and give it to their children be accountable for the appetites formed by those children? Will God hold those parents guiltless at the day of judgment?

Many farmers say: "We cannot let our apples go to waste." Now I would like to ask which is the greatest waste: the ruin of your boys, yes, and other men's boys by the cider, or to let a few apples rot? The apples that are good can be dried, can be preserved in many ways that are nice and palatable, and let the wormy and half rotten ones be thrown away. Get rid of them. Never make cider to ruin the boys of our land. God makes apples for a blessing and not for a curse.—Providence Outlook.

LIQUOR! ALWAYS LIQUOR!

John Dempsey, who tried to commit suicide by taking a dose of Paris green, when brought up before Judge Dugas in the Court of Special Sessions to-day was in deep distress. "I am guilty, your honor, but I did not know what I was doing when I took the poison. I was in the horrors at the time. If you will suspend sentence on me I will promise never to take liquor again as long as I live." The unhappy man buried his face in his hands.

Judge Dugas: "Liquor, liquor, liquor, always liquor! Liquor seems to be at the bottom of nearly all crimes. How do I know if I let you off you will keep your word? Men like you break your word very easily when you are tempted with liquor."

The prisoner (eagerly): "My old mother is here, sir, she can tell you that I once kept the pledge for four years. I swear I won't drink again."

His mother was called and told how her son (a man about twenty-eight years of age) had kept the pledge once for a long time. She had confidence in him this time. "He sees now what liquor has brought him to. I have hope for him now. I really believe he will reform." The judge listened to the prayer of the poor mother and told her to get two men to go security for the future good conduct of her son and he would let him off. She almost ran out of the court in her eagerness to get the bondsmen.—Montreal Witness.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

Mississippi has now only four counties not under prohibition.

There were 11,740 saloons in operation in Ohio on July 1, 1893.

Little Rock, Ark., has sixty-five saloons and numerous murders.

Sixteen of the eighteen counties of Nova Scotia now have prohibition.

It is generally the man who can least afford the cost who has the reddest nose.

For thirty years I have been a temperance man, and I am too old to change.—Abraham Lincoln.

Personal abstinence lies at the very foundation of our great reform.—Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler.

Personal liberty does not mean personal license. Let us have personal rights before personal liberty.

We pay 363,935 teachers $80,000,000 to train our children. Then we pay 204,913 liquor dealers $1,200,600,000 to ruin them.

I have known many persons destroyed by ardent spirits who were never completely intoxicated during the whole course of their lives—Dr. Benjamin Rush.

Either drunkenness will be destroyed in this country or the American Government will be destroyed. Drunkenness and free institutions are coming into a death grapple.—Talmage.

We esteem worthy of all commendation the noble resolve of your pious associations, by which they pledge themselves to abstain totally from every kind of intoxicating drink. —Pope Leo XIII.

It has been made an offence punishable by fine and imprisonment for any person to supply intoxicating liquors to the natives of any of the Pacific islands under British control or protection.

When a toper is arrested in Bangor, Me., he is usually conveyed to the station in a patrol wagon. Should he be punished with a fine fifty cents is added to the fine to pay for his ride in the patrol wagon.

Anyone found in the streets of Russia in an inebriated state is imprisoned, and when sober is ordered to sweep the streets for a day. Well-dressed men may be seen sometimes fulfilling this menial office.

Let there be an entire abstinence from intoxicating drinks throughout this country during the period of a single generation, and a mob would be as impossible as combustion without oxygen.—Hon. Horace Mann.

Prince Oscar Bernadotte, second son of the King of Sweden, has done good service to the temperance cause in that country. He has organized a total abstinence society among the soldiers at Carlscrona, and is himself the President of the Blekinge Province Temperance Union.

Lord Roberts says of the Army Temperance Association which he founded in India that it had succeeded beyond his expectations. It began with about ten thousand members in 1888, and last April there were more than twenty thousand total abstainers and nearly three thousand temperance men—just one-third of the British Army in India.

EARLY to beer makes early to bier.

Some Virtue in Colored Glass.

It is not many years ago since the blue-glass craze was general, and every one was fixing blue glass in his house windows, in order to prolong his days and increase his happiness. Like every other craze that is overdone, blue glass soon became a drug on the market, but it is more than probable that there was just a grain of common sense in the idiocy. Recent experiments show that in certain diseases tinted light has a great effect. We all know how rapidly sore eyes will mend under the influence of natural green, and it is now stated that any kind of rash disease is benefitted by a red tint produced by glass of that color being placed in the windows. Every one knows that a good deal of comfort can be obtained from a subdued light, and after a while people generally will appreciate the value of colored glass, even if it does not prove to have any actual remedial influence.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

A KENTUCKY MIRACLE.

JUDGE JOHN M. RICE TELLS HOW HE WAS CURED OF RHEUMATISM.

Crippled for Six Years With Sciatica in Its Worst Form. He Expected to Die, But Was Saved in a Marvelous Manner.

(*From the Covington, Ky., Post.*)

The Hon. John M. Rice, of Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky, has for the past two years retired from active life as Criminal and Circuit Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District of Kentucky.

He has for many years served his native county and state in the legislature at Frankfort and at Washington, and, until his retirement, was a noted figure in political and Judicial circles. The Judge is well known throughout the state and possesses the best qualities which go to make a Kentucky gentleman honored wherever he is known.

About six years ago the bodily troubles which finally caused his retirement at a time when his mental faculties were in the zenith of their strength, began their encroachment upon his naturally strong constitution. A few days ago a Kentucky *Post* reporter called upon Judge Rice, who in the following words related the history of the causes that led to his retirement: "It is just about six years since I had an attack of rheumatism, slight at first, but soon developing into Sciatic rheumatism, which began first with acute shooting pains in the hips, gradually extending downward to my feet.

"My condition became so bad that I eventually lost all power of my legs, and then the liver, kidneys and bladder and, in fact, my whole system became deranged. I tried the treatment of many physicians, but receiving no lasting benefit from them, I had recourse to patent remedies, trying one kind after another until I believe there were none I had not sampled.

"In 1888, attended by my son John, I went to Hot Springs, Ark. I was not much benefited by some months' stay there when I returned home. My liver was actually dead, and a dull, persistent pain in its region kept me on the rack all the time. In 1890 I was reappointed Circuit Judge, but it was impossible for me to give attention to my duties. In 1891 I went to the Silurian Springs, Wakeshaw, Wis. I stayed there some time, but without improvement.

"Again I returned home, this time feeling no hopes of recovery. The muscles of my limbs were now reduced by atrophy to mere strings. Sciatic pains tortured me terribly, but it was the disordered condition of my liver that was, I felt, gradually wearing my life away. Doctors gave me up, all kinds of remedies had been tried without avail, and there was nothing more for me to do but resign myself to fate.

"I lingered on in this condition sustained almost entirely by stimulants until April, 1893. One day John saw an account of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in the Kentucky *Post*. This was something new, and as one more drug after so many others could not do so much harm, John prevailed upon me to try the Pink Pills. It was, I think, in the first week in May the pills arrived. I remember I was not expected to live for more than three or four days at the time. The effect of the Pills, however, was marvelous, and I could soon eat heartily, a thing I had not done for years. The liver began almost instantaneously to perform its functions, and has done so ever since. Without doubt, the pills saved my life, and, while I do not crave notoriety, I cannot refuse to testify to their worth."

The reporter called upon Mr. Hughes, the Louisa druggist, who informed him that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been very popular since Judge Rice used them with such benefit. He mentioned several who have found relief in their use.

An analysis of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People shows that they contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effects of la grippe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexions, all forms of weakness either in male or female, and all diseases resulting from vitiated humors in the blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent, post paid, on receipt of price (50 cents a box, or 6 boxes for $2.50—they are never sold in bulk or by the 100), by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Varieties of Onions.

From an experiment conducted on the grounds of the Colorado state agricultural college these points were observed:

The varieties producing the greatest weight of marketable onions were Giant White Garganus, Prize Taker, Large Red Italian Tripoli, Extra Early Flat Red, White Bermuda and Yellow Globe Danvers, in the order named. The varieties ripening first were Extra Early Flat Red, Queen, Neapolitan, White Bermuda, Large White Italian Tripoli and Pale Red Bermuda. More scullions were produced by the late varieties than by the early.—*Ex.*

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Oldest Fan of Christendom.

The oldest Christian fan in existance dates, it is claimed, from the sixth century, having belonged to Queen Theodelinda, the princess who possessed a nail of the holy cross, which was afterward set in the iron crown of Lombardy. The fan is preserved in the castle of Monza, near Milan, and shown to the tourist as a relic. It is a folded fan, made in two leaves, which shut on each other by means of a spring. It is gilded and ornamented with pearls and rubies, and bears traces of a Latin prayer. The handle is of solid gold, inlaid with gems. The young girls of Milan go to Monza on a certain day in the year simply to touch this magical fan, as it is supposed to bring about a speedy and happy marriage.—*The Collector.*

An Army of Pensioners.

It is stated as a curious fact that there are now, nearly thirty years after the civil war, 300,000 more persons getting pensions than there were troops in the field on the Union side at any single time during the war. Yet there are 700,000 applicants for pensions yet to be acted upon. In June, 1893, the pension roll had 966,012 names and 711,150 claims were pending. The outgo for pensions was $158,155,342, a figure which exceeds all the pensions paid by all the nations in the world for all their wars.—*Charleston News and Courier.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

There were sold at auction in New York recently 300,000 pairs of lace curtains and 5,000 pieces.

The best westward Atlantic record is now five days, 13 hours and 45 minutes, made by the Lucania.

The piston speed of the Campania is nearly 1,000 feet per minute, with a stroke of only five feet.

The 60th anniversary of the invention of matches is to be celebrated during the year in Germany.

The Pennsylvania railroad has equipped one of its towers, operating 14 switches, with electricity.

The savings bank deposits in New Hampshire have risen from $41,686,132 in 1884 to $77,024,282 in 1893.

The Erie Railway company has contracted for the delivery of 1,000 box freight cars to cost $660 each.

The only woolen mill in South Africa is at Natal. It produces an average of 1,800 yards of cloth per month.

Dye woods were first brought to England in 1,650. Last year the factories of England alone used $10,000,000 worth.

A whistle that can be heard a distance of 25 miles has been constructed in Reading for a Philadelphia car manufactory.

The Syracuse Salt Works, the most extensive in the United States have an evaporating surface of over 12,000,000 square feet.

From away up in British North America comes the following greeting to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Chief Consulting Physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Allen Sharrard, of Hartney, Selkirk Co., Manitoba, whose portrait, with that of her little boy, heads this article, writes as follows: "I take great pleasure in recommending Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for 'falling of the womb.' I was troubled with bearing down pains and pains in my back whenever I would be on my feet any length of time. I was recommended to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which I did with happy results. I feel like a new person after taking three bottles of it."

As we have just heard from the frigid North, we will now introduce a letter received from the Sunny South. The following is from Mrs. J. T. Smith, of Oakfuskee, Cleburne Co., Ala. She writes: "I was afflicted and suffered untold pains and misery, such as no pen can describe, for six years. I was confined to bed most of the time. I expected the cold hand of death every day. I was afflicted with leucorrhea—with excessive flowing—falling of the womb—bearing down sensation—pain in the small of my back—my bowels costive—smarting, itching and burning in the vagina, also palpitation of the heart. When I began taking your medicine I could not sit up, only a few minutes at a time, I was so weak. I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription three times per day, I also took his 'Golden Medical Discovery' three times per day and one of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets every night. I have taken seven bottles of the 'Discovery,' seven bottles of the 'Prescription' and five bottles of the 'Pellets.' I took these medicines seven months, regularly, never missed a day. These medicines cured me. I feel as well as I ever did in my life. Four of the best doctors in the land treated my case four years. They all gave me up as hopeless—they said I could not be cured, and could not live. Through the will of God, and your medicines, I have been restored to the best of health." Yours truly,

Mrs J. T. Smith

Mrs. W. O. Gunekel, of No. 1461 South Seventh Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, writes: "I had been suffering from womb trouble for eight years having doctored with the most skillful physicians, but finding only temporary relief from medicines prescribed by them. I was advised by a friend to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which I did, and found, in taking six bottles of the 'Prescription' and two of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' that it has effected a positive cure, for which words cannot express my gratitude for the relief from the great suffering that I so long endured."

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