The annoyance is kept up purpose of putting fees in the off a few greedy officials. We impelled to spand twenty-four in the steamer at Jaffa before and to pay for health certifi-then no questions were even about health. But little time ent in Jaffa. It does not take use the sights of that place. Is pointed out, and the tra-place where the same apostle Dorcas from the dead is also reas from the dead is also The enterprising dragoman seems to realize the scarcity reating places in his city and is a point to multiply them. y calls attention to a curve shore and calls it the Bay th. This he does with a smile etrays his doubts. It was from (Joppa) that Jonah sailed on fatal voyage. The story of Joand the big fish has always conup doubts in the minds of a question of whether one bemiracles at all or not. If ices, then this one was no more ble than the others. Certainwas no more difficult to keep ah allve in the fish than it was also the dead or to feed the five sand on five, loaves and two There would seem to be no n for doubt since Christ himself it as an historical fact (Matt. 10). It is to be noted, too, that ist calls the fish a "whale."

ERE DIRT ROAD IS SHORTER THAN RAILROAD.

rom Jaffa to Jerusalem is 38 by dirt road and 54 by railway. latter winds its tortuous way gh the mountains of Judea and akes 3 1-4 hours by train. The ent there and raised Tabitha Pllate the body of Jesus and laid n his own new tomb. Ramleh is lace of more than 6,000 people, e of whom are Christians. Near nleh is a small village on a hill. 'hill was pointed out by a pronlace hundred foxes, whose talls he together, with firebrands between a the train asked him if Sampkey' a zoological garden on the but ne could not enlighten the We had gone only a few

which he slaughtered so Philistines was not in evidence. twenty miles out from Jaffa r twenty miles out from a most beautiful one. Whether the railway traverses the Plain of was an actual occurrence or a para-on. This plain is a fertile tract ble is not known. But it has been Mediterranean. Although ated for more than 5,000 years at the aid of fertilizers, it is remarkably productive. A few prising Germans have settled in around Jaffa and are demon-ng what a goodly land it is, soil and climate are especially ed to the growth of oranges. figs, grapes, wheat and corn. are as plentiful as hickoryin our country. From Jaffa are annually exported many loads of the finest oranges in Over 500 ships clear the every year laden mainly with oranges and other products of the season of travel. The Jericho of magnificent plain. It is not the age of the prophets and the one ing that the martial Philistines destroyed by Joshua was at the foot n Sharon.

d by it. may give a new meaning to that was near," etc. (Ex. 18:17).

sho, the Jordan and the Dead Sea. In company with a party from lowa, with whom we had been travel-ing, we made this journey. It requires at least two days, as the river and sea are twenty-five miles from Jerusalem. We employed no guard. We had not proceeded far, however, before a heavily armed Bedouin gal-loped up beside us and continued to stay with us. We asked our driver what the fellow meant, and he informed us that that was our guard up doubts in the minus of for the trip, we instructed the guard to inform the self-employed guard that we did not need him and that he had as well go back. But he was not to be dismissed so summarily. for the trip. We instructed the driver He insisted that it was a government requirement and that he was in the line of his duty. We tried in vain to get rid of him. Upon returning to Jerusalem I investigated the socalled "government requirement" and found that the Turkish government had entered into a compact with the Bedouins of a certain village near Jerusalem whereby the villagers were granted the exclusive privilege of guarding tourists on the Jerusalemericho road on condition that the villagers would be responsible for

idiotic compact the Beduoin villagers base their claim to escort parties on base their claim to escort part levy thousands of phyrins the each year. blackmail on travelers. If the travel- some of them are baptized—or rathstop is at Lydda, where Peter ment agents themselves hold up and ted the saints and healed Aencas rob the tourists. Consequently, there the palsy. While at Lydda the is no escape from robbery. The rasiples at Joppa sent for him and cals first offer you the privilege of consenting to the robbery and agree-ing upon the amount. Otherwise they the dead and presented her ing upon the amount. Otherwise they to the saints and widows. The take all. The only robber we saw station is Ramleh, said to be on the trip was our guard. The au-Arimathes mentioned in the New thorities have granted him and his ament. Here lived Joseph, "a fellow villagers a monopoly of the thorities have granted him and his

a wild, uninhabited country, known as the Wildernenss of Judea. The onal dragoman on the train as descent to Jericho from Jerusalem is where Sampson got the over 4,000 feet, and impresses one with the significance of the word "down" in the narrative: "A certain , and then turned loose in the man went down from Jerusalem to wheat of the Philistines. Some Jericho and fell among thievs." THE SCENE OF THE GOOD SA-

MARITAN'S ACT.

Midway between the two places tradition localizes the parable of the a further when I saw a large red trotting off towards a cactus to conceal itself. The cave of pson is in plain view from the window—but that remarkable jaw a dummy in female attire, which Philip baptized the eunuch and to let the proprietor calls "Mrs. Samaritan." him know if the pool was large and The story of the Good Samaritan is deep onough for one to be immersed him and find that there are two places claiming that honor. One is on a earnestly insisted by one that it was road leading from Jerusalem towards a fact and that the Good Samaritan was a drummer. In support of the theory that he was a drummer, it is Gaza and the pool is near the present railway track and is big enough to argued that he knew a good hotel and had with him a bottle of liquor. (Luke 10:34).

WHERE THEY COMPROMISE BE-TWEEN DIPPING AND

POURING. The Dead Sea is about six miles rom Jericho, and lies between the tine miles wide, and is 1,312 fest be-skins.

that the human body floats on it like a is accustomed to a steam-heat-cork. Nothing can live in it and no shells are found on its shores. It is properly called the dead sea. Just above it, on the east, is lonely Nebo, from which the great law-giver looked into the land he was not permitted to enter. The Jordan, the most re-nowned river in the world, loses itself in this sea of death. About an hour's drive above the sea is the ford where Joshua and the Israelites crossed over into the Promised Land. They "passed over right against Jericho" (Jos. 3:16. There is but one place where they could come down the mountain "right against Jericho." There is an old ford there, but the river is too deep to be forded. It is some eight or feet deep and runs very swiftly. ten In its rapid course it stirs up the clay and the water becomes very muddy. Such it was in the days of Naaman (II. Kings 5:12). On its banks are tamarisks, poplars, willows and think cane. This old ford is the traditional site of Christ's baptism by John, the Baptist. At this place, an enterprising fellow has erected a small house on posts (above high 'water) and he safety of the tourists. Upon this keeps curious souvenirs for sale. He also keeps row boats to give pligrims a ride—for "backsheesh." Many thousands of pilgrims from different er baptize themselves-in an unusual way. They wade in the Jordan, string themselves out in a line and, at a given command by a priest, all duck their heads under the water. That is probably a compromise between immersion and sprinkling.

Others go away confirmed in their belief that Christ was immersed, while still others go away equally confirmed in their opinion that the water was sprinkled or poured on him. The imtourists have to submit to in Tur-mersionist finds that the river is deep enough for him to go under and come "up straightway out of the water," while those who favor another mode assert that it is too mudy. If John had not been immersing, argues the immersionist, he would have baptizzed in Elisha's spring, near Jericho, where the water is clear. The sprink-ler retoris that John baptized large numbers who were fishermen in the Jordan and he sprinkled 'or poured where it was more convenient to his

converts. So "there your are." A SHERLOCK HOLMES CONCLUS-ION.

Before leaving home a very ardent sectarian placed me under promise to examine carefully the place where

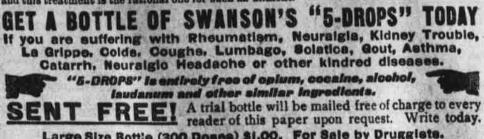
I have looked into the matter for

at a time. We sold upward The Dead Ses is about six miles from Jericho, and lies between the mountains of Moab and Edam on the east and the mountains of Judea on the West. It is 47 miles long, three to the West is 47 miles long, three to

low the surface of the Mediterranean sea. It receives the waters of the Jordan and other streams, but has no outlet. The supply of water by the Jordan and other streams is not greater than the demands of evapora-tion. Were it not for the Jordan the sea would soon become dry. The specific gravity of the water is such that the human body floats on it like a



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Philistine Exploration ed of the Sultan a conxoavate in Palestine, to on granted was annexed that everything found delivered to the Turkish Among the obejets found ad of the Philistines were

JERICHO AND THE CITIES OF THE PLAINS ALL GONE.

Jericho is situated fin the Jordan plain, about one and a half miles from the foot of the Jordan mountains. The present town of that name is merely a wretched village of mud huts, with two or three fairly good hotels, which are open during village of that name. There are really no remains of it. But its site

immerse one in. The other is on the road leading by way of Hebron, and is not large enough to immerse one in. And "there you are" again. If the eunuch was on the former road then he could have been immersed, but if on the latter he could not have I am sorry that I can not tell been. my friend which road Phillip and the eunuch were traveling. But, since the Bible says the eunuch was traveling

in a charlot, I am inclined to think that he must have been on some road other than either of the above. Jerusalem, Palestine.

SAHARA GROWING DRYER.

French Observer Says that the Oases is known by the spring Elish healed Are Sinking and Will Disappear. by casting salt in them. (II Kings 2:21). The water of the spring is New York Sun.

good, and bountiful enough to run C. F. Gautier, a French explorer, a small mill. A large reservoir has is authority for the statement that the Sahara is continuously becoming been constructed to collect the waters for purposes of irrigation. The drier to such an extent that the oases Jericho of Herod the Great, which are perceptibly drying up and will Christ visited, stood at the foot of the mountains just where the Je-rusalem road enthred the Plain of cords and physical signs to show that cords and physical signs to show that the Jordan. There is nothing of it springs were at one time much more left except stones scattered over the plentiful than now, and that the exground. The old cities of the plain, tent of the patches where vegetation one and all, have been wiped out of flourishes were much greater even 50 existence. Even the once magnificent to 100 years ago.

and fertile valley of the Jordan is a As the climate of the region had unsheer desolation. At one time Jericho dergone no change in perhaps thouwas a city of palm trees (Deut. 34:3), adorned with balsam gardens and the sands of years, he believes that the sycamore. The territory surrounddisappearance of the water must be due to purely mechanical causes. He rounding the Jericho of the New considers that it is due to the contin-Testament was given by Antony to ual advance of the great sand masses Cleopatra. But she preferred money to Jericho soll, so she sold it to Herod the Great. That old rascal to the north, thus forming an impermeable barrier against the watershed of the Atlas mountains.

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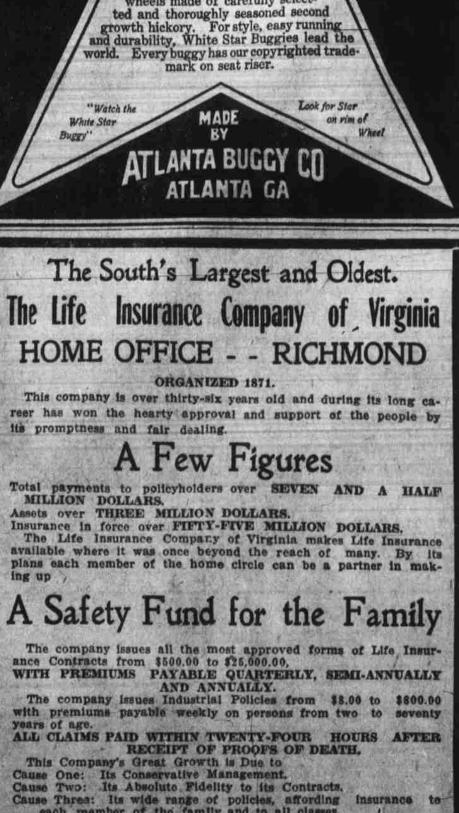
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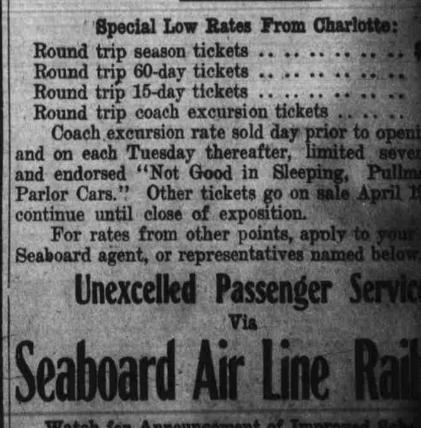


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