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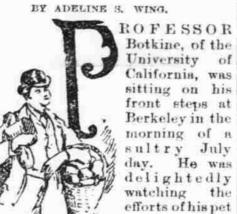
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Perchance one winged moment sped Down the white hights of heavenly air, some spirit of our blessed dead Hath stood beside us unaware!

#### THE BOTKINE BATH



University of California, was Berkeley in the sultry July He was delightedly

a very large angleworm, and his enjoyment was enhanced by the fact that his beautiful German wife, who usually declined to interest herself in anything which she even suspected of a connection with science, was seated beside him, giving eager little pressures to his hand and uttering a pleased exclamation, in her pretty foreign accent, whenever the toad made an extra

roses, had been the one to see the beginning of the contest, and felt the proper pride of a discoverer. The toad had been sitting still, looking as if carved by a Japanese artist, and giving no sign that it saw anything. The worm gave a little wriggle as it began to come out of the ground, when, quick as a flash, the toad made a leap and seized the end of the worm in its

Then began a tug-of-war. Every time that the toad gave a pull, the worm drew back. But the toad was not to be discouraged. It jerked and jerked until it fairly stood on its hind quiring admirers, but-" legs. Still, it could not dislodge the

At this interesting point a train "Why, Selma!" said the professor, "there is the train already. I had quite forgotten that I must go the city to-day. Where is my hat?"

what that toad is doing," she answered, holding him back. He glanced down and saw the toad twisting its leg about until the worm was wrapped twice around it, then the

toad gave a hop, and out came the This had been too fascinating a spectacle to the unwary professor. He dashed into the house and back

again, kissed his wife, and, with a regretful glance at her rippling hair, and soft blue eyes, started off. Suddenly he rushed back. "Why, dear," he cried, "I forgot to

tell you that that Mr. Smith, the Canadian, who wrote the paper on before I am back."

not talk science and pollywogs!"

so very dried up. Just let him have a rather awkward, but she nerved hergood soaking in a bath-tub. Then he | self to the effort. will come out perfectly human and happy. He's an Englishman, you down the street, "looking lik a great you would like a bath." black bird of prey," as Mrs. Botkine laughingly remarked to herself.

seemed to dog her unwilling footsteps. | care at all for a bath. I shall do very Her husband certainly loved her, but well here, and-" he had a way of becoming utterly ing into her reflections with remarks | there is no hot water on such a warm which sounded positively ghoulish. day, and you do not wish to give He had appeared only yesterday in her trouble.' own private sanctum carrying a "horhe had not yet reached the pitch of and went on rapidly: Professor Agassiz—who was said to safe-keeping over night, to his wife's James to show you up.' boots-she did not know where his en-

thusiasm might lead. "I'm half afraid to go to sleep," she had reguishly said to him one night. he exclaimed, "it is not at all worth "I'm afraid that your deepest interest | while. Ieven in me is only scientific, and I be-lieve you are capable of cutting me Mr. Smith. You will really annoy open to see what queer thing there is me if you refuse. in my heart that I love such a bookish old bear with."

ing! And how was she to be properly tions. As the man-servant appeared, interested in his old bacteria and not she said: disgrace her husband by betraving her ignorance on the subject?" she asked satchel to the guest chamber and show

ble. She went upstairs, and with her She had looked alternately vexed and own dimpled hands got down a new triumphant. cake of perfumed soap. She eyed it As he followed James, Mr. Smith critically. Perhaps his severe scien- remarked to himself that before this tific mind would be disgusted with experience he would have vowed that such effeminate luxury. Perhaps- | she was too pretty to be eccentric. who knew?-he might discover even He had no wish to bathe, but fearing in it the presence of bacteria! She to vex her, meekly proceeded to perhad heard it said that a man with a form his ablutions. theory finds examples of its truth in | She, meantime, was vastly relieved. white castile and one of tar soap. give the slightest trouble. Then, whatever his tastes, he must be "I suppose he thought we Ameri- pears to be no longer doubt that this pleased. She put the alcohol and a cans never had any decent facilities and the cost are but questions of cologne bottle within easy reach; got for a bath," she reflected. Then: technical detail, and that another debath worked; and with a sigh of relief, known what he was, I should have amethyst or the Rhine stone. went down stairs to impress the cook thought he was just a nice young felthat during the entire afternoon there low and rashly tried to get on with

Suddenly a happy though struck thought of her escape.

teriology that she could find. These pulchre kind of man now. I could she ranged on a shelf at the foot of not see the slightest sign of baldness the bath-tub. Standing out a little in him, but his seething intellect is phlet on "Bacteria." She was sure bald. But how delightful that Mr. of the vanity of authors. He would Smith did not fathom my ignorance.' at least take this down to see if any | She was so elated that she went to

forms of bacteria, and then surveyed Smith, who stood before her, looking the effect with the calm satisfaction of decidedly uneasy. a general who foresees the success of his manœuvres. She sighed regret. Mrs. Bodkine," he said; "but I wish to introduce into the room a few sam- make my adieux. ples of the "germ culture" that her husband was carrying on, but she felt but he waved his hand apologetically Botkine, of the that she must draw the line at living and contined:

> She smiled again. To be sure, Mr. Smith might think her husband rather eccentric in pursuing his studies in this room, but he would certainly feel that he had found a congenial spirit in a man who could not tear himself in his bath.

> She had done all she could. With this virtuous feeling she was able to go about her occupations for the day, and in the afternoon even banished the thought of her expected guest enough to take a quiet nap. She was awakened by a knock at her

door, and the maid handed her a card bearing the seemingly innocent inscription, "Mr. Worthington Smith." She was filled with a nervous fear, and her heart beat fast as she walked down the stairs. She lingered outside the drawing-room as long as she dared, The fact was that she, while cutting bath-room, walked in and greeted her and then, putting her trust in the visitor with a smile of timid welcome. He did not look at all alarming. She was surprised to see that he was young, darkly handsome, and dressed with more regard to fashion than the scientific mind generally deigns to bestow. He saw her timid air and blonde

> beauty with evident admiration. After the first polite commonplaces, Mr. Smith smilingly observed . "Professor Botkine's recent researches have been of such interest to scienrific men that they must lay him open to a great deal of persecution from in-

"Oh, not at all," she answered, rather incoherently; "or, rather, l should say, he likes to be persecuted -that is" (with some confusion) "he will be delighted to find you here when he returns. In the meantime, I hope that you will let me look after you.' Mr. Smith thought that he should like nothing better, but contented

"Do wait an instant, dear; just see himself with remarking: "Thank you, very much. Perhaps you would be so kind as to explain to me a few things I should like to know about Professor Botkine's theories on He had a few specimens to show me.

He was surprised to see a deep flush and a look of distress come over her face, and, before she could answer, he hastened to add: "But I fear that I am trespassing on your time. Pray, do not let me incommode you. I have some uncut pamphlets in my satchel here, and will look them over as I wait," and he looked down embarrassed.

bacteria, will be here this afternoon a moment into her eyes. Then the feet-the longest in the world. to stay a day or two. He may come thought that she could not be guilty of such inhospitality as leaving her She clasped her hands in mock guest to shift for himself forced itself despair. "But what shall I do with upon her. But here he was, plunging him?" she wailed; "you know I can into science the very first thing and turning shy besides. Oh, she must "Oh, don't be alarmed. He isn't send him off to that bath! It seemed

"No, Mr. Smith," she said, gayly, "I am sure that I could not tell you know," and the professor, with a anything on the subject, and I can laughing glance at his little wife's rue. not think of leaving you here alone. ful expression, threw dignity and his You must let me make you comfortcoat-tails to the winds as he madly ran able. I know that after your journey

He looked amazed and then em-But she grew sober as she thought how ruthlessly science and scientists kine," he stammered, "but I do not His theory is that electricity main-"Thank you, very much, Mrs. Bot-

absorbed in his studies, and then burst- know that you are only afraid that down.

He put out his hand and tried to inrid snake" by the tail, and, although terrupt her, but she shook her head

"It is all ready. Everything is in have consigned infant serpents, for the bath room, and I will ring for

He looked thunderstruck at her insistence. "But, I assure you, Mrs. Botkine,

"Not another word, it you please, She thought to herself that he little knew how more than annoyed she was

"Now here was this Canadian com- at the thought of his possible ques-"James, take this gentleman's

him to the bath-room." Manifestly, he must take a bath, and Mr. Smith endeavored to hang back everything possible must be done to and say something, but Mrs. Botkine make that bath-room attractive, so that smilingly waved her hand toward the he should stay there as long as possi- stairs and walked into another room.

beyond the others, as if but just bound to cook his hair off in a few shovel in, was Mr. Smith's own pam- years. Even George is a wee bit

passages were marked, and might be the piano and sang for a half-hour. lured into the perusal of some other | She was startled by hearing someone come rushing into the room be-Mrs. Botkine pinned on the wall hind her. She wheeled on the stool some colored illustrations of various and encountered the gaze of Mr.

"I beg pardon for interrupting you, fully that she could not bring herself to thank you for your kindness and to "Why, Mr. Smith-" she began,

"I am very sorry not to have found Professor Botkine, but perhaps I can

come again. There is just time for me to catch the five o'clock train." It was her turn to be astonished. She opened her lips to speak, but he went on, nervously:

"Pray forgive my leaving you so away from his beloved bacteria even abruptly. Thank you very much. Good afternoon," and, bowing profoundly, he was gone. For a moment she felt stunned.

Then a flood of questions poured through her mind. Was the man insane? Or what had she done to offend What would her husband say? him? What was there in science to turn an apparently "nice" young man into such a distraught savage?

"Ah! recommend me to a plain, commonplace man who has not bacilli on the brain!" she sighed. The rest of the day seemed endless, but at last she descried Professor Botkine, and with him a rather desic-

cated and "dug-up"-looking man. "Oh, dear!" she moaned; "there is another scientist, I know to look at him. What will he do, I wonder? Dissect my cat, or say that he cannot dine with us because he never eats anything but bacteria?"

'Here we are at last," said the professor; "I found our friend on the He had mistaken the train and gone to Alameda. Mr. Smith, let me present you to Mrs. Botkine. She welcomed her guest cordially,

but the minute she was alone with her husband, she seized him by the lapels of his coat. "What joke have you been playing

on me?" she demanded; "who is this The professor looked astonished. "Why, my dear, there is no joke.

This is the Mr. Smith that I told you I was expecting this afternoon. What "Matter!" she cried; "who is the Mr. Smith that came here this after-

noon with a satchel, and asked about

your theories?" "Why, we met him at the station. He is the son of my friend, Commodore Smith, of San Francisco. He had just run over for a short call." "A short call!" she echoed again; what will be think of me? I sent him

### SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

up stairs to take that bath!"-Argo-

The proposed Hoboken (N. J. A furtive feeling of relief crept for Bridge will have a single span of 5850

greatest depth recorded of Lake Michigan is 870 feet, or about one-sixth of a mile. The mean depth is about 325 feet, or one-sixteenth of The flea is covered with armored

plates very hard and overlapping each other. Each is set with spikes, and bends in conformity with the movements of the body. The largest engine is at Friedens-

ville, Penn.; its driving wheels are thirty-five feet in diameter, the cylinder is 110 inches, and it raises 17,-500 gallons of water per minute. A new process of rain making was

recently brought before the Academie tains the water in clouds in a state of small drops, and that if the electricity "No, no!" she said, nervously; "I be discharged the water will come

An instrument has been invented for sounding the depths of the sea without using a lead line. A sinker is dropped containing a cartridge, which explodes on touching the bottom; the report is registered in a microphone apparatus and the depth

The air brakes on railroads are being built with a view to their use on trains of 100 cars. The plant on each train is being built so that it can be used in such a way as to bring the speed down from eighty to thirty miles per hour within five seconds. Great power has to be used, and every part of the apparatus has to be perfect to stand

the strain. Dr. Hughes, of Meriden, has received a letter from R. W. Sawyer, of Nassau, New Providence, one of the Bahama Islands, telling of the finding of a pink pearl in a conch shell there that is the finest ever brought to light. This pearl is nearly as large as a pigeon's egg and of the same shape, having no flaw or blemish, and of perfect color and marking. It was sold to the local agent of a Paris house for over \$2000, the largest price, it is believed, received for a pearl at the Nassau conch fisheries.

At the recent meeting of the chemical section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science the artiticia! diamonds that have been made by M. Moissans, of Paris, were exeverything about him. Never mind! She smiled to herself at the thought hibited and awakened much interest. She would place beside it a cake of of how unwilling he had seemed to These, as yet, are of hardly sufficient size to be marketable, but there apout smooth and rough towels and a "He really is remarkably good-look- cade at most will suffice to reduce bath-blanket; saw that the shower- ing, for a scientist. If I had not diamonds to the vulgar level of the

Game is increasing in southeast must be plenty of hot water in the him. Oh, if George had not told me Missouri, although the forest area is in time!" She shuddered as she decreasing every year. Panthers are common in the counties bordering the and brought out every book on bac- ing before long. He is a whited-se was seen not far above Cairo recently.

One Christmas morning one of my neighbors, and a large black bear that man to shout for joy who can put down his weapon of earthly defense and go into the bors, an old sea captain, died. After life had be floated down annually,

### REV. DR. TALMAGE.

THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUN-DAY SERMON.

Subject: "Shortened Lives."

Text: "The righteous is taken away from we evil to come."-Isaiah lvii., i. We have written for the last time at the head of our letters and business documents the figures 1893. With this day closes the In January last we celebrated its birth. To-day we attend its obsequies. Another twelve months have been cut out of

our earthly continuance, and it is a time for absorbing reflection. We all spend much time in panegyric of longevity. We consider it a great thing to live to be an octogenarian. If any one dies youth, we say, "What a pity!" Dr. Muhlenberg in old age said that the hymn written in early life by his own hand no nors expressed his sentiment when it said

I would not live alway. If one be pleasantly circumstanced, he never wants to go. William Cullen Bryant, the great poet, at eighty-two years of age, stan ling in my house in a festal group reading "Thanatopsis" without spectacles, was just as anxious to live as when at eighteen years of age he wrote the immortal threnody. Cato feared at eighty years of age that he would not live to learn Greek. Monaldesco at 115 years, writing the history of his time, eared a collapse. Theophrastus writing a book at ninety years of age was anxious to live to complete it. Thurlow Weed at about eighty-six years of age found life as great a desirability as when he snuffed out his first

Albert Barnes, so well prepared for the next world, at seventy said he would rather stay here. So it is all the way down. I suppose that the last time Methuselah was out of doors in a storm he was afraid of getting his feet wet lest it shorten his days. Indeed some time ago preached a sermon on the ssings of longevity, but in this, the last lay of 1893, and when many are filled with chess at the thought that another chapter their life is closing, and that they have 365 days less to live, I propose to preach to

you about the advantages of an abbreviated earthly existence. If I were an agnostic, I would say a man is blessed in proportion to the number of | This shows you why when Gol takes little after that he falls off the docks, and if he is ever picked out of the depths it is only to be set up in some morgue of the universe to see if anybody will claim him. If I thought God made man only to last forty or fifty or 100 years, and then he was to go into annihilation, I would say his chief business ought to e to keep alive and even in good weather to very cautious, and to carry an umbrella and take overshoes and life preservers and pronze armor and weapons of defense lest he fall off into nothingness and obliteration. But, my friends, you are not agnostics. You believe in immortality and the eternal

residence of the righteous in heaven, and therefore I first remark that an abbreviated earthly existence is to be desired, and is a blessing because it makes one's life work very compact. Some men go to business at 7 o'clock in the morning and return at 7 in the evening.

Others go at 8 o'clock and return at 12. Others go at 10 and return at 4. I have friends who are ten hours a day in business. others who are five hours, others who are one hour. They all do their work wellthey do their entire work, and then they return. Which position do you think the most desirable? You say, other things being equal, the man who is the shortest time detained in business and who can return home the quickest is the most blessed.

Now, my friends, why not carry that good sense into the subject of transference from this world? If a person die in childhood, he gets through his work at 9 o'clock in the morning. If he die at forty-flve years of age, gets through his work at 12 o'clock noon. e die at seventy years of age, he gets through his work at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. If he die at ninety, he has to toil all the way on up to 11 o'clock at night. The sooner we get through our work the better. The harvest all in barrack or barn, the farmer does not sit down in the stubble field, but, shouldering his seythe and taking his pitcher from under a tree, he makes a straight line for the old homestead. All we want to be anxious about is to get our work done and

well done; the quicker the better. Again, there is a blessing in an abbreviated earthly existence in the fact that moral disaster might come upon the man if he tarried longer. A man who had been prominent in churches, and who had been admired for his generosity and kindness everywhere, for forgery was sent to State prison for fifteen years. I wenty years before there was no more probability of that man's committing a commercial dishonesty than that you will commit commercial dishonesty. The number of men who fall into ruin between fifty and seventy years of age is simply appalling. If they had died thirty years before, it would have been better for them and better for their families. The shorter the voyage the less chance for a cy-

There is a wrong theory abroad that if youth be right, his old age will be You might as well say there is nothing wanting for a ship's safety except to get it fully launched on the Atlantic Ocean. have sometimes asked those who were schoolmates or college mates of some great de-"What kind of a boy was he? What kind of a young man was he?" and "Why, he was a splendid fellow. I had no idea he could ever go into such an outrage." The fact is the great temptation of life sometimes comes far on in

midlife or in old age. The first time I crossed the Atlantic Ocean It was as smooth as a millpond, and I thought the sea captains and voyagers had slandered the old ocean, and I wrote home an essay for a magazine on "The Smile of the Sea," but I never afterward could have written that thing, for before we got home we got a terrible shaking up. The first voyage of life may be very smooth; the last may be a euroclyclon Many who start life in reckoned by the time at which the ex-plosion occurred great prosperity do not end it in prosperity. The great pressure of temptation comes sometimes in this direction : At about fortyfive years of age a man's nervous system changes, and some one tells him he must take stimulants to keep himself up until the stimulants keep him down, or a man has been going along for thirty or forty years in unsuccessful business, and here is an opening where by one dishonored action he can lift himself and his family from all financial embarrassment. He attempts to leap the chasm, and he falls into it.

Then it is in after life that the great temptation of success comes. If a man makes a fortune before thirty years of age, he generally loses it before forty. The solid and the permanent fortunes for the most part do not come to their climax until midlife or in old age. The most of the bank president have white hair. Many of those who have been largely successful have been full of arrogance or worldliness in old age. They may not have lost their integrity, but they have become so worldly and so selfish under the influence of large success that it is evident to everybody that their success has been a temporal calamity and eternal damage. Concerning many people it may be said it seems as if it would have been better if they could have embarked from this life at twenty or thirty years of age. Do you know the reason why the vast majority of people die

before thirty-five? It is because they have not the moral endurance for that which is beyond the thirty, and a merciful God will not allow them to be put to the fearful strain. Again, there is a blessing in an abbreviated earthly existence in the fact that one is the sooner taken off the defensive. As soon as one is old enough to take care of himself, he is put on his guard. Bolts on the door to keep out the robbers. Fireproof safes to keep off the flames. Life insurance and fire insurance against accidents. Receipts lest you have to pay a debt twice. Lifeboat against shipwreck. Westinghouse airbreak against railroad collision. There are many ready to overreach you and take all you have. Defeuse against cold, defense against heat, defense against sickness, defense against the world's abuse, defense all the way down to the grave, and even the tombstone sometimes

s not a a sufficient barricade. If a soldier who has been on guard, shiver glad when someone comes to relieve guard and he can go inside the fortress, ought not king's castle? Who is the more fortunate, the soldier who has to stand guard twelve hours, or the man who has to stand guard six hours? We have common sense about everything but religion, common sense about everything but transference from this world. Again, there is a blessing in an abbreviated earthly existence in the fact that one escapes so many bereavements. The longer we live the more attachments and the more

kindred, the more chords to be wounded or this side of heaven. Without a moment's rasped or sundered. If a man live on to warning the pilot of the heavenly harbor had seventy or eighty years of age, how many graves are cleft at his feet? In that long reach of time father and mother go, brothers and sisters go, children go, gran lchildren go, personal friends outside the family circle whom they had loved with a love like that of

David and Jonathan.

Besides that, some men have a natural trepidation about dissolution, and ever and anon during forty or fifty or sixty years this horror of their dissolution shudders through soul and body. Now, suppose the lad goes night they should put back to sea. But they at sixteen years of age. He escapes fifty put back to sea, and the captain said to his funerals, fifty caskets, fifty obsequies, fifty awful wrenchings of the heart. It is hard | night enough for us to bear their departure, but is it not easier for us to bear their departure than for them to stay and bear fifty departures? Shall we not, by the grace of God, rouse ourselves into a generosity of bereavement which will practically say, "It is hard

ment, but how glad I am that he will never have to go through it !" So I reason with myself, and so you will find it helpful to reason with yourselves. David lost his son. Though David was king, he lay on the earth mourning and inconsolable for some time. At this distance of time, which do you really think was the one to be congratulated, the short lived child or the long lived father? Had Davied died as early as that child, he would in the first place hav that particular bereavement, then he would have escaped the worst bereavement of Ab salom, his recreant son and the pursuit of the Philistines, and the fatigues of his military campaign, and the jealousy of Saul, and the perfldy of Abithophel, and the curse of Shimel, and the destruction of his family at Ziklag, and, above all, he would have escaped the two great calamities of life, the great sins of uncleanness and murder. David lived to be of vast use to the church and the world, but so far as his own happiness was concerned, does it not seem to you that it

Now, this, my friends, explains some things that to you have been inexplicable, take the brightest, the most genial, the most sympathetic, the most talented. Why? It is because that kind of nature suffers the most when it does suffer and is most liable to temptation. God saw the tempest sweeping up from the Caribbean, and He put the delieate craft into the first harbor. "Taken away

would have been better for him to have gone

from the evil to come.' Again, my friends, there is a blessing in an abbreviated earthly existence in the fact that it puts one sooner in the centre of things. All astronomers, infidel as well as Christian. agree in believing that the universe swing around some great centre. Any one who has studied the earth and studied the heavens knews that God's favorite figure in geom etry is a circle. When God put forth His hand to create the universe. He did not strike that hand at right angles, but He waved it in a circle, and kept on waving it in a circle until systems and constellations and galaxies and all worlds took that motion. Our planet swinging around the sun. other planets swinging around other suns but somewhere a great hub around which the great wheel of the universe turns. Now that centre is heaven. That is the capital of the universe. That is the great metropolis of immensity.

Now, does not our common sense teach us that in matters of study it is better for us to move out from the centre toward the circumference, where our world is? We are like those who study the American continent while standing on the Atlantic beach. The way to study the continent is to cross it or go to the heart of it. Our standpoint in this world is defective. We are at the wrong end of the telescope. The best way to study a piece of machinery is not to stand on the doorstep and try to look in, but to go in with the engineer and take our place right amid the saws and cylinders. We wear our eyes out and our brain out from the fact that we are studying under such great disadvantage. Millions of dollars for observatories to study things about the moon, about the sun. about the rings of Saturn, about transits and occultations and colipses, simply because our studio, our observatory, is poorly situated We are down in the cellar trying to study the palace of the universe, while our departed Thristian friends have gone up stairs amid the skylights to study.

Now, when one can sooner got to the entre of things, is he not to be congratulated? Who wants to be always in the fresh man class? We study God in this world by the Biblical photograph of Him, but we all know we can in five minutes of interview with a friend get more accurate idea of him than we can by studying him fifty years through pictures of words. The little child that died last night to-day knows more o God than all Andover, and all Princeton, and all New Brunswick, and all Edinburgh, and all the theological institutions in Christen dom. Is it not better to go up to the very headquarters of knowledge?

Does not our common sense teach us that t is better to be at the centre than to be clear out on the rim of the wheel, holding nervously fast to the tire lest we be suddenly hurled into light and eternal felicity; Through all kinds of optical instruments trying to peer in through the cracks and the keyholes of heaven-afraid that both doors of the celestial mansion will be swung wide open before our entranced vision-rushing about the apothecary shops of this world, wondering if this is good for rhoumatism. and that is good for neuralgia and something else is good for a bad cough, lest we be suddenly ushered into a land of everlasting health, where the inhabitant never says I am sick.

What fools we all are to prefer the circumference to the centre! What a dreadful thing it would be if we should be suddenly ushered from this wintry world into the Maytime orchards of heaven, and if our pauperism of sin and sorrow should be suddenly broken up by a presentation of an emperor's castle, surcounded by parks with springing fountains and paths up and down which angels of God walk two and two. We stick to the world as though we pre ferred cold drizzle to warm habitation, discord to cantata, sackeloth to royal purpleas though we preferred a piano with four or five keys out of tune to an instrument fully attuned-as though earth and heaven had wheat county in those States, which raise xchanged apparel and earth had taken o bridalarray and heaven had gone into deep or about two thirds of the winter wheat crop nourning, all its waters stagnant, all its harps broken, all chalices cracked at the dry wells, all the lawns sloping to the river plowed with graves, with dead angels under the furrow. Oh, I want to break up my own infatuation, and I want to break up your infatuation for this world. I tell you if we are ready, and if our work is done, the sooner we go the better, and if there are blessings in longevity, I want you to know right well there are also blessings in an abbreviated

earthly existence. If the spirit of this sermon is true, how consoled you ought to feel about members of your families that went early. "Taken from the evil to come," this book says. What a fortunate escape they had! How glad we ought to feel that they will never have to go through the struggles which we have had t go through. They had just time enough to get out of the cradle and run up the sprin-time hills of this world and see how it looked, and then they started for a better stopping place. They were like ships that put in at st. Helena, staying there long enough to let passengers go up and see the barracks of Napoleon's captivity and then hoist sail for the port of their own native land. They only took this world "In transitu." It is hard for us, but it is blessed for them. And if the spirit of this sermon is true, then

we ought not to go around sighing and groaning because another year has gone. But we ought to go down on one knee by the milestone and see the letters and thank God that we are 365 miles nearer home. We ought not to go around with morbid feelings about our health or about anticipated demise. We ought to be living, not according to that old maxim which I used so hear in my boyhood, that you must live as though every day were ing and stung with the cold, pacing up and the last; you must live as though you were down the parapet with shouldered musket, is to live forever, for you will. Do not be neryous lest you have to move out of a shanty

into an Alhambra.

met him just off the lightship The captain often talked to me of the goodness of God, and especially of a time when he was about to go in New York harpor with his ship from Liverpool, and he was suddenly impressed that he ought to put back to sea. Under the protest of the crew and under their very threat, he put back to sea, fearing at the same time he was losing his mind, for it did seem so unreasonable that when they could get into harbor that

departed, his face was illuminated as though

he were just going into harbor. The fact was, he had already gone through the "Nar-

rows." In the adjoining room were the

Christmas presents waiting for his distribu-

narrowly escaped with his ship from being

run down by a great ocean steamer, he had

made his peace with God, and a kinder

neighbor or a better man you would not find

tion. Long ago, one night, when he had

mate, "You will call me at 10 o'clock at At 12 o'clock at night the captain was aroused and said : "What does this mean? I thought I told you to call me at 10 o'clock. and here it is 12" "Why," said the mate, "I did call you at 10 o'clock, and you got up looked around and told me to keep right on enough for me to go through this bereave | this same course for two hours, and then to call you at 12 o clock," Said the captain 'Is it possible? I have no remembrance of

At 12 o'clock the captain went on deck, and through the rift of the cloud the moonlight fell upon the sea and showed him a shipwreck with 100 struggling passengers. He helped them off. Had he been any earlier or any later at that point of the sea he would have been of no service to those drowning people. On board the captain's vessel they began to band together as to what they should pay for the rescue and what they should pay or the provisions. "Ah," says the captain 'my lads, you can't pay me anything. All I have on board is yours. I feel too greatly bonored of God in having saved you to take any pay." Just like him. He never got any pay except that of his own applauding con-

Oh, that the old sea captain's God might be my God and yours. Amid the stormy seas of this life may we have always some one as tenderly to take care of us as the captain took care of the drowning crew and the passengers. And may we come into the harbor with as little physical pain and with as bright a hope as he had, and it it should happen to be a Christmas morning when the presents are being distributed and we are celebrating the birth of Him who came to | tions from all letter earriers to raise the \$600 save our shipwrecked world, all the better, for what grander, brighter Christmas present could we have than heaven?

#### PROMINENT PEOPLE.

HENRY GEORGE is on a lecture tour. SENATOR DAVID B. HILL is fifty years old. THE King of Italy eats only one meal a day. SENATOR VOORBEES is an Ohlo man, aged OCEEN VICTORIA has a military guard of

ifty men and three officers.

THIRTEEN nephews and nieces of the late leneral Lilly, who was unmarried, will have his \$2,000,000 estate divided among them. It is said of Judge Francis Marion Cox, of Macon County, Missouri, who died recently, that he cared for and educated eighteen

John Hill, of Derby, England, is thought to be the oldest living Odd Fellow He is nearly ninety-one years old and was initiated In the order in 1823. GRAND DUKE ERNEST of Hosse is to marry

Princess Victoria, eldest daughter of the

Duke of Edinburgh, in April. Both are

grandchildren of Queen Victoria and first

VICTORIA SCHOELCHER, who started the anti-slavery movement which led to the enfranchisement of the Africans in the French colonies, has just died in Paris, aged eighty LAWRENCE GRONLING, of Washington, the

Socialist writer, is going to lecture in Kan-

sas. He thinks the field is ripe for the or-

ganization of a new political party, the corner stone of which will be Socialism. THE class of 1827 in the Yale Medical School has become extinct by the death of Dr. Henry Bronson, Dr. William Woodruff, class of 1826, and Dr. Nelson Isham, class of 1828, are the oldest living graduates of the

MISS ALICE FLETCHER, the ethnologist, re-

ceived #8 a day from the Government as a special agent of the Indian bureau while making the allotment of lands for Indian tribes. This is the highest salary Uncle Samhas ever paid any of his daughters. GENERAL JOSE M. HERNANDEZ, who reided recently in New York, but who is a revolutionist, a patriot and a candidate for the Presidency of Venezuela, has been prominent in half a dozen revolutions. He has seen the inside of more prisons than any ther distinguished man in South America UNITED STATES SENATOR-ELECT THOMAS D. Martin, of Virginia, never smoked or drank ntoxicating liquors. He is forty-six years old, short, thick set, an I doesn't look unlike Thomas B. Reed. He is an able lawyer, an I is in the employ of the legal department the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Com

Within the large house in Washington o upied by Archbishop Satolli there is not a woman to be seen. All the servants are nen, speaking Italian, and only his interpreter talks English. Satolli has but one ad, and that is a fondness for birds. In almost every room of the house there is : cage of birds, and the whole residence

seems like a mammoth aviary. SECRETARY JARNO, of the Corean legation at Washington, is an ardent student of the English language. He takes his lessons the most practical way, learning about things he has to handle each day in the atfairs of the household. Not long ago he had his English teacher make him out a list of groceries and household utensils, with their average price, which he now uses as a check upon the storekeepers, who, as a rule endeavor to get the best of him.

The Outlook for Winter Wheat. A Toledo (Ohio) drm has received replies om 3384 grain dealers and millers in Ohio, Irdiana, Illino's, Michigan, Kansas and Missouri. The replies cover every important

of the United States.

usual

Each of the States reports a smaller seroage sown to winter wheat this fall than the amount sown in 1892. Michigan shows the largest falling off, nearly twenty-five per cent. Missouri has about one-fifth less; Hilinois, about one-eighth less. Kansas, Ohio and Indiana each shows about onesixteenth decrease. The acreage barvested this year was reduced by a larger amount than usual being winter-killed. goes into winter in good condition. Some regious say it was a little dry for the late sown. Ohio reports the best and a favorable start. Indiana shows nearly as well, followed closely by Kansas and Michigan, woile Missouri and Illinois have secured only a fair or an average start. Six hundred and thirty-five report the prospect excellent, 1229 good, 1014 fair, 388 poor, and only 75 say the crop has an extremely poor start. The reports show that about three-eighths of the 1893 wheat crop, which was a short one, still remains in the hands of farmers, dealers and interior millers in six States. Onio, as usual, has the largest reserves equal to about half of the last crop. Half of the reports say the reserves are about the same as a year ago. Kansas and Missouri have only enough to supply their local mills until next harvest. Ohio and Indiana have a fair surplus for shipment. More poor wheat has been fed to animals than

at an elevation of 400 feet. It will carry tion. Many million feet of lumber will also

St. Louis has 100,000 idle. Texas unions will form a State bady, SAT FRANCISCO Chinese have a union. PITTSBURG has created work for 5000.

FEDERATION OF LABOR lecturers get \$40 a

Wheeling (W. Va.) glassworks will establish a co-operative union.

oin the International Union. TOLEDO (Ohio) striking painters will organize a co-operative company. Five hundred men are to be employed on

a new coal find at Belt, Montana. DENVER (Col.) union plumbers are fined

rived at Columbus, Texas, on one day re-

THE wages of the laborers in the Homestead (Penn.) Steel Works are to be reduced ten per cent. WASRINGTON (Ind.) railroad shop hands get from ten to thirteen cents an hour. They

work nine hours daily. \$4 and \$5 for the same labor.

Mean than sixty labor organizations had Christmas and New Year entertainments in 1832-3, but in 1893-4, on account of the hard times no such entertainments were held. A TACOMA (Wash.) man lost a suit for \$10,000 damages against the Ironmolders'

THE New York Letter Carriers Association needed to complete the payment for the statue of S. S. Cox, which cost \$10,000.

heart of the city of Tacoma, Wash., by a workman digging a cellar.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country

Produce Quoted in New York. Beans-Marrow, 1893, choice# -Medium, 1893, choice ... 1 75 (6) 1 80 Pen. 1893, choice. Red kidney, 1898, choice 2 30 White Kidney, 1893, choice 2 10 @ 2 20 Black turtle soup, 1893. ... 2 10 @ 2 15 Lima, Cal., 1893 2 60 lbs . 1 55 @ 1 65 Green peas, bbls, F bush .....

BUTTER Creamery State, best ..... 25 @ 25 2 State, common to good, .... Western, firsts..... Western, seconds..... Western, thirds mils, extras H. f., tubs and pails, firsts f. tubs and pails, seconds Welsh tubs, best lines .... Welsh tubs, thirds ... W. Im. creamery, seconds.

W. Factory, fresh, seconds. W. Factory, thirds .... State-Full cream, large, fancy Full cream, large, choice Full cream, good to prime. State Factory-Part skins. Part skims, fair to good. Part skims, common ....

EGGS. Western - Fresh, best ...... Limed ..... 16 6 @ PRUITS AND BERRIES-PRESS Apples—King, ₩ bbl ..... 4 00 @ 5 50 Greening, 7 bbl. .... 4 00 @ 4 75 Baldwin, P bld. Pears, Sheldon, Boston 7 bbl 3 90 @ 3 50

Concord W basket tate-1893, choice, 7 fb ..... 1898, common to prime.... 1892, choice.

Clover mixed... Short rye Fowls-Jersey State, Penn. Western, P lb .... Western, P Ib.

California's Largest Irrigating Flume. The largest irrigating flume in California has just been completed. It is in Fresho County, and is fin, 3 miles long, extending from Stevenson Creek, at an elevation of 500 feet, to Covis, twelve miles from Fresno, 300 cubic feet of water per second, and wil bring 40,000 acres of new land under cultiva-

#### THE LABOR WORLD.

LABORERS get ninety cents a day in Lon-

THE American Ballway Union has 20,000

Boston Machinists' Union has abolished

PHILADELPHIA bricklayers have declined to

\$5 for smoking non-union cigars. HOMESTEAD (Penn.) glassworks boys struck gainst a cut to forty-five cents a day. Two carloads of men looking for work ar-

Bostontans insid that efficient only shall be employed in the crection of the public

Grars in Pittsburg bolt and not factories who formerly were paid \$16 a week now get-DANBURY (Conn.) councils have purpased eighteen acres of timber lands and the striking hat workers will be given work

Union. He claimed that he had been out of work three years because he was not a member of the Union.

As eight-toot tedge of silver and gold quartz assaying \$151 in silver and #27 is gold per ton has been discovered in the

Foury Ohioans, of the new religion known as Omish, are going to Tifton, Ga., soon to cause fruit on a fifty-acre tract there.

THE MARKETS

State dairy-h. f., tubs and Western Im, creamery, firsts... W. Im. creamery, thirds

Western Factory, fresh, firsts.

Full skims.....

Grapes, Catawba, 7 basket ... Cranberries, Cape Cod, # bbl 3 00 @ 5 25 Jersey, P crate ...... 1 25 @ 1 60

1892, common to prime.... 15 @ Old odds.... HAY AND STRAW. Hay -Good to choice # 100 th 85 @ Straw-Long ryo..... 50 60 LIVE POULTRY.

spring chickens, local, if th. loosters, old, 7 tb ..... Turkeys, 2 th Ducks-N. J., N. Y., Penn., Western, P pair Geese, Western, # pair..... 1 12 @ 1 50 Pigeons, # pair..... 20 @ DRESSED POULTRY-DRY-PAUZED. Chickens, Phila, # th ..... State & Penn., & lb ...... Western, 7 tb.

Fowls-St. and West, P to Near by, fancy, & lb Geese-Near by & Md., P ht., 11 @ 13 Squabs-Dark # doz ...... 1 50 @ 2 00 White, P doz...... 2 75 @ 3 00 VEGETABLES. Potatoes-State, #180 lbs. . 1 25 @ 2 00 1 50 @ 1 75 Jersey, & bbl. Cabbage, ¥ 100 . . . . . . . 3 00 @ 6 00 Onions—St. & West., ¥ bbl . 1 50 @ 1 62 Eastern, red, # bbl...... 1 00 @ 1 75 Eastern, white, P bbl L. I. & Jersey, yellow, P bbl 1 50 @ 162 quash, marrow, & bbl ..... 1 50 @ 2 00 Hubbard, ¥ bbl..... Carrots, P bbl ..... 1 00 @ Furnipe, Russia, P bbl ..... 70 @ Celery, L. I., P doz. bunches 1 00 @ 1 50 Cauliflowers, ? bbl ..... 100 @ 500

Vineland, ₱ bbl ..... 2 50 @ 4 00 Parsnips & bbl ... Spinach, Norfolk, P bbl . . 100 @ 125 GRAIN, ETC. Flour-Winter Patents..... 3 25 @ 3 40 Spring Patents..... 3 85 @ 4 00 Wheat, No. 2 Red ..... 66% (4) Oate-No. 2 White..... Mixed Western..... 34 @ LIVE STOCE.

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Sweet potatoes, So. Jersey . 200 @ 275

Lard-City Steam ..... - @ Beeves, city dressed...... Country dressed ..... 4 75 @ 5 25 Hogs-Live, \$ 100 tbs..... 5 40 @ 6 00 Dressed .... 6 9

Milch Cows, com. to good .... Caives, City dressed.....