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# THE LIMITS OF LIFE.

OF HAVING TOO MUCH.

The Symbol of the Giant-He Is Not Always the Strong Man-The Everyday Man Does the Work-The Worry of Useless Addenda.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.-From a passage of Scripture that probably no other clergyman ever preached from Rev. Dr. Talmage in this discourse sets forth a truth very appropriate for those who have unhealthy ambition for great wealth or fame. The text is I Chron.

"A man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand and six on each foot, and he also was the son of a giant. But, when he defied Israel, Jonathan, the son of Shimea, David's brother, slew him:" Malformation photographed, and for what reason? Did not this passage slip by mistake into the sacred Scriptures, as sometimes a paragraph utterly obnoxious to the editor gets into his newspaper during his absence? Is not this Scriptural errata? No, no; there is nothing haphazard about the Bible. This passage of Scripture was as certainly intended to be put in the Bible as the verse, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," or, "God so loved the world that he gave his only

And I select it for my text today because it is charged with practical and tremendous meaning. By the people of God the Philistines had been conquered,

They do the world's work, bearing the the money to celestial citizens at 2 per world's burdens, weeping the world's cent a month and got a "corner" on

ing men of the present.

#### The Limits of Wealth.

for livelihood and for the supply of advice, but the most of you will not, you made 50 years ago are as plain as

and the Faradays and the Edisons and and missionary societies, but for such that now some shake hands, but then the Bismarcks and the Gladstones and testators I have no respect. They would all will shake hands, throne and footthe Washingtons and the George have taken every cent of it with them if stool, across seas, nation with nation, DR. TALMAGE TALKS ON THE DANGER Whitefields of the future. The longer I | they could and bought up half of heaven God and man, church militant and live the more I like common folks and let it out at ruinous rent or loaned church triumphant. The Human Foot.

Yea, the malformation of this fallen sympathies, carrying the world's conso- harps and trumpets. They lived in this giant's foot glorifies the ordinary foot, lation. Among lawyers we see rise up world 50 or 60 years in the presence of for which I fear you have never once a Rufus Choate or a William Wirt or a appalling suffering and want and made thanked God. The 26 bones of the foot Samuel L. Southard, but society would no efforts for their relief. The charities are the admiration of the anatomist. go to pieces tomorrow if there were not of such people are in the "Paulo post The arch of the foot fashioned with a thousands of common lawyers to see future" tense. They are going to do grace and a poise that Trajan's arch or that men and women get their rights. them. The probability is that if such a Constantine's arch or any other arch A Valentine Mott or a Willard Parker one in his last will by a donation to be- could not equal. Those arches stand rises up eminent in the medical profes- nevolent societies tries to atone for his where they were planted, but this arch sion, but what an unlimited sweep lifetime closefistedness the heirs at law of the foot is an adjustable arch, a would pneumonia and diphtheria and will try to break the will by proving yielding arch, a flying arch and ready scarlet fever have in the world if it that the old man was senile or crazy, for movements innumerable. The huwere not for 10,000 common doctors! and the expense of the litigation will man foot so fashioned as to enable a The old physician in his gig, driving about leave in the lawyer's hands what man to stand upright as no other creaup the lane of the farmhouse or riding was meant for the Bible society. Oh, ye | ture and leave the hand that would on horseback, his medicines in the sad- overweighted, successful business men, otherwise have to help in balan tag the dlebags, arriving on the ninth day of whether this sermon reach your ear or body free for anything it chooses. The the fever and coming in to take hold of your eyes, let me say that if you are foot of the camel fashioned for the sand, the pulse of the patient, while the fam- prostrated with anxieties about keeping the foot of the bird fashioned for the ily, pale with anxiety and looking on or investing these tremendous fortunes tree branch, the foot of the hind fashand waiting for his decision in regard I can tell you how you can do more to ioned for the slippery rock, the foot of to the patient and hearing him say, get your health back and your spirits the lion fashioned to rend its prey, the "Thank God, I have mastered the case; raised than by drinking gallons of bad foot of the horse fashioned for the solid he is getting well!" excites in me an tasting water at Saratoga, Homburg or | earth, but the foot of man made to cross admiration quite equal to the mention Carlsbad. Give to God, humanity and the desert or climb the tree or scale the of the names of the great metropolitan the Bible 10 per cent of all your in- cliff or walk the earth or go anywhere doctors of the past of the illustrious liv- come, and it will make a new man of he needs to go.

you, and from restless walking of the With that divine triumph of anatomy floor at night you shall have eight in your possession where do you walk? Yet what, do we see in all depart- hours' sleep, without the help of bro- In what path of righteousness or what ments? People not satisfied with ordi- mide of potassium, and from no appetite path of sin have you set it down? Where nary spheres of work and ordinary du- you will hardly be able to wait for your have you left the mark of your footties. Instead of trying to see what they regular meals, and your wan cheek will steps? Amid the petrifactions in the girl. can do with a hand of five fingers, they fill up, and when you die the blessings rocks have been found the mark of the want six. Instead of usual endowment of those who but for you would have feet of birds and beasts of thousands of of 20 manual and pedal addenda, they perished will bloom all over your grave. years ago. And God can trace out all want 24. A certain amount of money Perhaps some of you will take this the footsteps of your lifetime, and those

those whom we leave behind us after and you will try to cure your swollen those made in the last soft weather, all

are your prospects for the world to come.

the fact that both these pieces of divine

mechanism, hand and foot, belong to

The Beauty of Service.

goes about paths of greatest usefulness,

and that the most beautiful hand that

does the most to help others. I was

reading of three women in rivalry about

the appearance of the hand. And the

the bloom contended that her hand was

York to begin rehearsals played in a

Chicago stock company a part of the

summer, says a writer in the Washing-

ton Post. It wasn't an especially suc-

cessful company and there were periods

when the ghost did not walk for weeks

That is the most beautiful foot that

That there might be no doubt about

#### ON A BIKE BUILT FOR TWO.

And the Startling News Was Not Known Until Afterward.

NO. 26.

A cyclist whom we will call Baxter was strolling along the avenue when he noticed a pretty girl in a neat cycling costume standing by a tandem. She had her back turned to him, but he saw she wore a trim costume, had a neat ankle and a nicely arranged lot of hair. Baxter is very particular about a girl's hair. This girl looked so attractive that, he paused. There was something pa-thetic in her attitude, he thought. Was she waiting for a cavalier to join her on the tandem? A wild idea entered Baxter's head. He would do a daring thing. He walked up to the girl. She turned a frank, merry face on him as he approached.

"Pardon me," he laughingly said, "but are you looking for an accompanist?" and he pointed to the tandem. "Well," she smilingly answered, "now that you mention it, I guess I

A moment later they were whirling up the street. When it began to grow dark, they turned back.

"My tandem?" cried the girl. "Why, it isn't my tandem."

"Not your tandem?" shouted Baxter. Whose is it, then?" "Why," said the girl, "I thought it

was yours.' "Heavens, no!" groaned Baxter.

"But you acted as if it was yours," said the girl.

"What shall we do?" moaned the

"Take it back," said Baxter. So they rode back in silence, and when they were about a block away the girl said:

"I guess I'll stop here." Leaving the tandem as near to the place where he saw it as he could, he scuttled away in the darkness. - Cycling Gazette.

with the exception of a few giants. The race of giants is mostly extinct, I am household, is worse than an infidel," in olden times. Goliath was, according to the Bible, 11 feet 41% inches high, which many struggle, if obtained, or, if you doubt this, the famous Pliny would be a hindrance rather than an declares that at Crete, by an earthquake, advantage. monument was broken open, discover-

The anxieties and annoyances of those whose estates have become plethoric can only be told by those who possess them. It will be a good thing when through your industry and prosperity you can have and rightly employ it. I think you own the house in which you live. But all have, figuratively as well as literally, suppose you own 50 houses and you fingers enough. Do not long for hinderhave all those rents to collect and all ing superfluities. Standing in the presthose tenants to please. Suppose you ence of this fallen giant of my text and have branched out in business successes in this post mortem examination of until in almost every direction you him, let us learn how much better off under a sky full of hawks and trying with anxious cluck to get your own overgrown chickens safely under wing.

reached you have to trust so many important things to others that you are apt to become the prey of others, and you are swindled and defrauded, and the anxiety you had on your brow when you were earning your first \$1,000 is not equal to the anxiety on your brow now that you have won your \$300,000.

Financial Obesity.

off was by far heavier than the one you cities of the whole earth, are the vic-

madness to return to court."

God and the betterment of the world is giving it away. If a man has more ing. You can see the hand is just made that all his shirts were at the laundry hang on to the hindering superfluity the shoulder of the other. till death, and then, as they are comtron Bitters. Backache vanishes, headache disappears, strength takes the place of weakness, and the glow of health readily comes to the pallid check when this won-derfal remedy is taken. For sickly elildren should be without this famous remedy. Browns' Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers. Deathbed Generosity.

we have departed this life is important, hand by getting on it more fingers and of them petrified for the judgment day. for we have the best authority for say- your rheumatic foot by getting on it. Oh, the foot! Give me the autobiography now except to enlarge the income of ing, "He that provideth not for his more toes, and there will be a sigh of of your foot from the time you stepped museums. But there were many of them own, and especially those of his own relief when you are gone out of the out of the cradle until today, and I will world, and when over your remains the tell your exact character now and what but the large and fabulous sums for minister recites the words, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," persons who have keen appreciation of the ludicrons will hardly be able to keep their

Christ's service both hands of Christ faces straight. But, whether in that diand both feet of Christ were spiked on rection my words do good or not, I am the cross. Right through the arch of anxious that all who have only ordinary both his feet to the hollow of his instep equipment be thankful for what they went the iron of torture, and from the palm of his hand to the back of it, and there is not a muscle or nerve or bone among the 27 bones of hand and wrist or among the 26 bones of the foot but it belongs to him now and forever.

have investments. The fire bell rings at we are with just the usual hand, the night; you rush up stairs to look out of usual foot. You have thanked God for the window to see if it is any of your a thousand things, but I warrant you mills. Epidemic of crime comes, and never thanked him for those two implethere are embezzlements and abscord- ments of work and locomotion that no ing in all directions, and you wonder one but the infinite and omnipotent God whether any of your bookkeepers will could have ever planned or made-the prove recreant. A panic strikes the hand and the foot. Only that soldier or financial world, and you are like a hen that mechanic who in a battle or through machinery has lost them knows anything adequately about their value, and only the Christian scientist After a certain stage of success has been | can have any appreciation of what divine masterpieces they are.

#### The Hand That Works.

woman appeared, and, looking up in her Sir Charles Bell was so impressed decrepitude, asked for alms. And a womwith the wondrous construction of the an who had not taken part in the rivalry human hand that when the Earl of gave her alms. And all the women re-Bridgewater gave \$40,000 for essays on solved to leave to this beggar the questhe wisdom and goodness of God and tion as to which of all the hands present eight books were written Sir Charles was the most attractive, and she said, Bell wrote his entire book on the wis-"The most beautiful of them all is the The trouble with such a one is he is dom and goodness of God as displayed one that gave relief to my necessities,' spread out like the unfortunate one in in the human hand. The 27 bones in and as she so said her wrinkles and rags my text. You have more fingers and the hand and wrist with cartilages and toes than you know what to do with. ligaments and phalanges of the fingers Twenty were useful; 24 are a hindering all made just ready to knit, to sew, to superfluity. Disraeli says that a king of build up, to pull down, to weave, to Poland abdicated his throne and joined write, to plow, to pound, to wheel, to the people and became a porter to carry battle, to give friendly salutation. The burdens. And some one asked him why | tips of its fingers are so many telegraph he did so, and he replied: "Upon my offices by reason of their sensitiveness foot lacerated. honor, gentlemen, the load which I cast of touch. The bridges, the tunnels, the

see me carry. The weightiest is but a tories of the hand. The hands are not straw when compared to that weight dumb, but often speak as distinctly as under which I labored. I have slept the lips. With our hands we invite, we more in four nights than I have during repel, we invoke, we entreat, we wring all my reign. I begin to live and to be them in grief, or clap them in joy, or a king myself. Elect whom you choose. spread them abroad in benediction. The As for me, I am so well it would be malformation of the giant's hand in the text glorifies the usual hand. Fashioned "Well," says somebody, "such over- of God more exquisitely and wondrousloaded persons ought to be pitied, for | ly than any human mechanism that was their worriments are real, and their in- ever contrived, I charge you to use it at a time. The actor I speak of is what somnia and their nervous prostration for God and the lifting of the world out they call on the stage a handsome dressare genuine." I reply that they could of its moral predicament. Employ it in er. He is especially addicted to clean get rid of the bothersome surplus by the sublime work of gospel hand shak- linen, and a day dawned when he found

houses than he can carry without vexa- for that. Four fingers just set right to and he was penniless. rible hindrance. The most of the good tion, let him drop a few of them. If his touch your neighbor's hand on one side, He went to call on the Chinaman estate is so great he cannot manage it and your thumb set so as to clinch it on who kept the laundry. In this instance without getting nervous dyspepsia from the other side. By all its bones and having too much, let him divide with joints and muscles and cartilages and those who have nervous dyspepsia be- ligaments the voice of nature joins with cause they cannot get enough. No; they | the voice of God commanding you to guard their sixth finger with more care shake hands. The custom is as old as than they did the original five. They the Bible anyhow. Jehn said to Jehongo limping with what they call gout adab: "Is thine heart right as my and know not that, like the giant of my heart is with thine heart? If it be, give text, they are lamed by a superfluous me thine hand." When hands join in toe. A few of them by charities bleed Christian salutation, a gospel electricity themselves of this financial obesity and thrills across the palm from heart to monetary plethora, but many of them heart, and from the shoulder of one to With the timid and for their encourpelled to give the money up anyhow, in agement, shake hands. With the troutheir last will and testament they gen- | bled in warm hearted sympathy, shake erously give some of it to the Lord, ex- hands. With the young man just enterthe occasion of the affair. The actor expeeting po doubt that he will feel very ing business and discouraged at the plained. much obliged to them. Thank God that small sales and the large expenses, once in awhile we have a Peter Cooper, shake hands. With the child who is who, owning an interest in the iron new from God and started on unending works at Trenton, said to Mr. Lester: journey, for which he needs to gather "I do not feel quite easy about the great supply of strength and who can amount we are making. Working un- hardly reach up to you now because der one of our patents, we have a you are so much taller, shake hands. monopoly which seems to me some- Across cradles and dying beds and thing wrong. Everybody has to come graves, shake hands. With your eneto us for it, and we are making money mies, who have done all to defame and too fast." So they reduced the price, hurt you, but whom you can afford to and this while our philanthropist was forgive, shake hands. At the door of building Cooper institute, which moth- the churches where people come in and ers a hundred institutes of kindness and at the door of churches where people go mercy all over the land. But the world out, shake hands. Let pulpit shake had to wait 5,800 years for Peter Cooper! | hands with pew and Sabbath day shake hands with weekday and earth shake

#### TWO HUMOROUS BROTHERS.

They Won Wagers on the Strength of Their Own Homeliness,

Many years ago there were two brothpaced Joel and Jonethan, w were famous throughout Wayne country Ind., because they were both such frights. One day they were on their way to Cincinnati by wagon in the days of the old canal. The wagon was of the covered variety, and only Joel was visible to the natural eye as the vehicle plunged into and out of the chuck holes that infested the way. Joel was said to be the next to the ugliest man in all the country round, and his

brother took precedence. The two brothers met a stranger, who attracted by the supremely homely face of Joel, stopped his horse and said:

"Excuse me, my friend, but would you mind tellin me your name?"

one reddened her hand with berries and In a sepulchral tone that fitted well said the beautiful tinge made hers the the hideous face Joel replied:

"Well, I guess I hain't never done most beautiful. And another put her hand in the mountain brook and said as nothin that would make me ashamed the waters dripped off that her hand to tell my name. My name is Joel"-"Where do you live, if it is a fair was the most beautiful. And another plucked flowers off the bank, and under question?"

"I live in Wayne county, Indianny." "Well, stranger, I've seen much of the most attractive. Then a poor old Indianny, but I'll bet you \$10 that you're the ugliest man in the state." "Well, I hain't no gamblin man," replied Joel, "but I hain't never seen nothin in the Scriptur' ag'in bettin on a sure thing, an I'll jest take that bet." Turning to the wagon cover and peering into its depths he called:

"Jonathan, stick your head out hyer." Jonathan did as he was requested. The stranger paid the money without a word of complaint. -- New York Mail

Have You

Perhaps you have had the grippe or a hard cold. You may be recovering from malaria or a slow fever; or possibly some of the children are just getting over the measles or whooping cough.

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delay recovery longer but

Take

and her decrepitude and her body disappeared, and in place thereof stood the Christ, who long ago said, "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it unto me," and who to purchase the service of our hand and foot here on earth had his own hand and Been Sick : Whipped the Wrong Man. An actor who was in Washington recently on his way to join the army of stage folk who are trooping into New

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done in the world and the most of those who win the battles for the right are Nice comfortable rooms. Good servants. The table supplied with the ordinary people. Count the fingers of best the market affords. Good stables their right hand, and they have just five-no more and no less. One Dr. Duff Board per day, including lodging among missionaries, but 8,000 missionaries that would tell you they have only common endowment. One Florence Nightingale to nurse the sick in conspicnous places, but 10,000 women who are (just as good nurses, though never heard of. The "Swamp Angel" was a big gun that during the civil war made a big noise, but muskets of ordinary caliber and shells of ordinary heft did the execution. President Tyler and his cabinet go down the Potomac one day to experiment with the "Peacemaker," a great iron gun that was to affright the said defendant will further take with its thunder foreign navies. The including lodging. The patronage of notice, that he is required to appear gunner touches it off, and it explodes the public solicited. Satisfaction assured. GRIFFIN BROS. - Proprietor. nary bore, able to be the defense of the nation, and ready at the first touch to waken to duty. The curse of the world is big guns. After the politicians, who have made all the noise, go home hoarse Court of Hyde county, at his office in from angry discussion on the evening of Swan Quarter, N. C., within six weeks the first Monday in November, the next day the people, with the silent ballots, will settle everything and settle it right, 1,000,000 of the white slips of paper they drop making about as much noise

the Chinaman kept the shirts, too, for no threats, no entreaties, no proffers of watches and scarfpins as securities, no arguments of any kind, sufficed to move him. He wanted money. Two whole days the actor endured this state of things. Then salaries were paid. The actor marched to the laundry, laid down the money, saized the Chinaman by the collar of his pyjamas, jerked him over the counter and rubbed the floor down with him, horizontally, perpendicularly and spirally. The poor oriental sputtered out a great deal of talk and one front tooth, I believe. A policeman happened to be passing, an eccentric fellow, casually peered in and asked

"Ah, thin," said the officer sympathetically, "you'll have to do it over ag'in. It's not him that kapes the joint. Hop Sing is sick. You've been doin up the wrong man. But, thin," consolingly, "they all needs it."

Smashed the Red Tape.

Major General Kitchener, the sirdar of the Egyptian army, is opening England's eyes to what can be done with few materials when common sense and enterprise are used and the war office red tape is dispensed with. The latest manifestation is the arming of his field artillery for the Sudan campaign with

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