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You Should Read TEN MINUTES TO TWELVE!



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A Dashing Romance with a Plot Extraordinary!

We Shall Publish this Story in these columns. The first installment will soon appear.

LOOK OUT FOR IT.

Mr. J. A. Bostic, of New York, has just donated \$13,325 to the endowment fund of Wake Forest College.

The Episcopal Council of the East Diocese of East Carolina convened in New Berne on Tuesday. The Council of the Diocese for West Carolina was in session in Asheville last week.

An Arizona Yankee, who lives near the Mexican line, has hit on a way to evade the egg tariff. He feeds his hens in Mexico, where grain is cheap. Then he drives them across the line to their nests in the United States.

The 103th anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was celebrated in Charlotte yesterday in fine style and with patriotic spirit. The great sale of the lots of Dilworth on Tuesday Wednesday and today, brings, as by magic, a new city into existence—Dilworth, "The City of Avenues."

Last week a colored driver carelessly ran over and killed a white boy in Wilmington. The negro was arrested and lodged in jail. The colored people gathered into a mob and threatened to release the prisoner. The military force had to be called out to sustain the civil authorities. This is an evidence of deep rooted race prejudice that is not hopeful.

The Royal Geographical Society of London agreed in January, 1891, that the world's population was 1,487,600,000. This indicates that there are thirty-one persons to the square mile upon the earth's surface. The actual average, however, must be much greater than that since there are so many miles of the earth's surface uninhabitable. During the decade between 1880 and 1890 the world's population increased eight per cent.

A mass meeting of members of farmers' and laborers' organizations and citizens generally met in Cincinnati Tuesday, this meeting is not recognized officially by any of the various organizations, but is simply a kind of people's movement for expressing opinions and consultation. Of course no third party will be formed, and the straw on this occasion will hardly indicate the drift of the breeze. But the meeting called for February 1892 will size up the situation in a business-like manner.

The conciliatory and at the same eminently progressive spirit of the present head of the Roman Catholic church is exciting general attention. He has put himself on record for the higher education and greater emancipation of women, he discusses the labor question from the standpoint both of employers and of working men themselves, so it is said, that "the democracy of America, imported under other forms, will be the mold by which the future society and politics of Europe will be fashioned." Therefore he seems particularly desirous that the church should stand well with the government of the United States, and harmonize with its free institutions. He realizes that there is a mighty social movement among the people, and that they themselves will become the governing power of the world.

H. B. Randolph, Brunswick, Ga., writes: "I was under the care of nine different doctors, but not one did me the good that Botanic Blood Balm has done me."

THE MENDING OF NETS.

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waters what are called gill nets, and the fish put their heads through the meshes and then cannot withdraw them because they are caught by the gills. But gill nets cannot be of any service in religious work. Men are never caught for the truth by their heads; it is by the heart or not at all. No argument ever saved a man and no keen analysis ever brought a man into the kingdom of God. Heart work is not head work. Away with your gill nets! Sympathy, helpfulness, consolation, love, are the names of some of the threads that we need to weave in our Gospel nets when we are mending them.

THE WORLD'S HEART BURSTING WITH TROUBLE.

Do you know that the world's heart is bursting with trouble, and if you could make that world believe that the religion of Jesus Christ is a soothing omnipotence the whole world would surrender tomorrow—yes, would surrender this hour? The day before James A. Garfield was inaugurated as president I was in the cars going from Richmond to Washington. A gentleman seated next to me in the cars knew me, and we were soon in familiar conversation. It was just after a bereavement, and I was speaking to him from an overburdened heart about the sorrow I was suffering. Looking at his cheerful face I said: "I guess you have escaped all trouble. I should judge from your countenance that you have come through free from all misfortune." Then he looked at me with a look I shall never forget and whispered in my ear: "Sir, I know nothing about your trouble. My wife has been in an insane asylum for fifteen years." And then he turned and looked out of the window and into the night with a silence I was too overpowered to break. That was another illustration of the fact that no one escapes trouble. Why, that man seated next to you in church has on his soul a weight compared with which a mountain is a feather. That woman seated next to you in church has a grief the recital of which would make your body, mind and soul shudder.

When you are mending your net for this wide, deep sea of humanity take out that wire thread of criticism and that horsehair thread of business, and put in a soft silken thread of Christian sympathy. Yes, when you are mending your nets tear out those old threads of gruffness and weave in a few threads of gentleness and geniality. In the house of God let all the Christian faces beam with a look that means welcome. Say "good morning" to the stranger as he enters your pew, and at the close shake hands with him and say, "How did you like the music?" Why, you would be to that man a panel of the door of heaven; you would be to him a note of the doxology that seraphs sing when a new soul enters. That man is a thousand miles from home, and he has just heard by telegraph that his child is sick with scarlet fever, and his boy at college has got into disgrace, and he has had business troubles, and is so homesick he can hardly keep from crying. Just one word of brotherly kindness from you would lift him into a small heaven.

I have in other days entered a pew in church, and the woman at the other end of the pew looked at me as much as to say, "How dare you! This is my seat, and I pay the rent for it." Well, I crunched in the other corner and made myself as small as possible and felt as though I had been stealing something. So there are people who have a sharp edge to their religion, and they act as though they thought most people had been elected to be damned and they were glad of it. Oh, let us brighten up our manner and appear in utmost gentleness and ladyhood.

AVOID ABRUPTNESS. The object in fly fishing is to throw the fly far out, and then let it drop gently down and keep it gently rising and falling with the waters, and not plunge it like a man-of-war's anchor; and abruptness and harshness of manner must be avoided in our attempt at usefulness. I know a man in New York who is more sunny and genial when he has dyspepsia than when he is not suffering from that depressing trouble. I have found out his secret. When he starts out in the morning with such depression he asks for special grace to keep from snapping up anybody that day, and puts forth additional determination, to be kind and genial, and by the help of God he accomplishes it. Many of our nets need to be mended in these respects, the black threads and the rough threads taken out, and the bright threads and the golden threads of Christian geniality woven in.

In addition to this, we need to mend our nets with more threads of patience. It is no rare thing for a fisherman to spend one whole day before he can take a St. Lawrence pike or an Ohio salmon or a Long Island pickerel or a Cayuga black bass, or a Delaware catfish, and he does that day after day without particular discouragement. But what a lack of patience if we do not immediately succeed, in our catching. We are apt to give it up and say, "I will never try again." Into all our nets we need to weave all along the edge, and all through the center, great, stout threads of Christian patience. How patient God has been with us! Can we not be patient with our fellows? I had presented me from Scotland a few days ago an ornamented inkstand, the woodwork of which were made from a piece of a tree cut down by Mr. Gladstone, at Hawarden, and sent by him to Scotland by request.

The incident reminded me of the fact that a woman who had long been on Mr. Gladstone's estate had a wayward boy, and in her despair she asked Mr. Gladstone to take the boy in hand. While prime minister of England, with the mighty affairs of the kingdom in his hand, he took that boy in his study and counseled him, and then knelt down and prayed with him, and the boy was saved. If we all had hearts of sympathy like that, what would be to us impossible! "Is it not delightful that I can sing so well?" said Jenny Lind in a burst of joy that she could help others. "Is it not delightful that I can sing so well?" And might we not all say in thankfulness to God, "Is it not delightful that we can sympathize with others and encourage others and help others and save others?"

THE THREAD OF FAITH. Again, in mending our nets we need also to put in the threads of faith and

tear out all the tangled meshes of unbelief. Our work is successful according to our faith. The man who believes in only half a Bible, or the Bible in spots, the man who thinks he cannot persuade others; the man who halts, doubting about this and doubting about that, will be a failure in Christian work. Show me the man who rather thinks that the garden of Eden may have been an allegory, and is not quite certain but that there may be another chance after death, and he does not know whether or not the Bible is inspired, and I tell you that man for soul saving is a poor stick. Faith in God and in Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, and the absolute necessity of a regenerated heart in order to see God in peace, is one thread you must have in your mended net or you will never be a successful fisher for men. Why, how can you doubt? The millions of men and women now standing in the church on earth and the hundreds of millions in heaven attest the power of this Gospel to save. With more than the certainty of a mathematical demonstration let us start out to redeem all nations. The rottenness thread that you are to tear out of your net is unbelief, and the most important thread that you are to put in it is faith. Faith in God, triumphant faith, everlasting faith. If you cannot trust the infinite, the holy, the omnipotent Jehovah, who can you trust? Oh, this important work of mending our nets! If we could get our nets right we would accomplish more in soul saving in the next year, than we have in the last twenty years. But where shall we get them mended? Just where old Zebedee and his two boys mended their nets—where you are. "James, why don't you put your net in Lake Galilee, or hoist your net and land at Capernaum or Tiberias or Gadara, and, seated on the bank, mend your net? John, why don't you go ashore and mend your net?"

No; they sat on the banks of the boat, or at the prow of the boat, or in the stern of the boat, and they took up the thread and the needle, and the ropes and the wooden blocks, and went to work; sewing, sewing; tying, tying; weaving, weaving; pounding, pounding; until, the net mended, they push it off in the sea, and drop paddle and hoist sail, and the cutwater went through amid the shoals of fish, some of the descendants of which we had for breakfast one morning while we were encamped on the beach of beautiful Galilee. James and John had no time to go ashore. They were not fishing for fun, as you and I do in summer time. It was their livelihood and that of their families. They mended their nets where they were, in the ship. "Oh," says some one, "I mean to get my net mended, and I will go down to the public library, and I will see what the scientists say about evolution and about the 'survival of the fittest,' and I will read up what the theologians say about 'advanced thought.' I will leave the ship awhile and I will go ashore and there I will mend my net." "Oh," says some one, "I mean to get my net mended, and I will go down to the public library, and I will see what the scientists say about evolution and about the 'survival of the fittest,' and I will read up what the theologians say about 'advanced thought.' I will leave the ship awhile and I will go ashore and there I will mend my net."

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command of that city of six hundred thousand souls. He took off his fishing jacket and put on a robe of gold in the presence of howling mobs. He put his hand on his lip as a signal and they were silent. He waved his hand away from him and they retired to their homes. Armies passed in review before him. He became the nation's idol. The rapid rise and the complete supremacy of that young fisherman, Massanello, has no parallel in all history. But something equal to that and better than that is an everyday occurrence in heaven. God takes some of those who in this world were fishers of men, and who toiled very humbly, but because of the way they mended their nets and employed their nets after they were mended, and suddenly hoists them and robes them and seepers them and crowns them, and makes them rulers over many cities, and he marches armies of saved ones before them in review, Massanellos unnumbered on earth and radiated in heaven. The fisher boy of Naples soon lost his power, but those people of God who have kept their nets mended and rightly swung them shall never lose their exalted place, but shall reign forever and ever and ever. Keep that reward in sight. But do not spend your time fishing with hook and line. Why did not James the son of Zebedee sit on the wharf at Cana, his feet hanging over the lake and with a long pole and a worm on the hook dipped into the wave wait for some mullet to swim up and be caught? Why did not Zebedee spend his afternoon trying to catch one? No, that work was too slow. These men were not mending a hook and line; they were mending their nets. So let the church of God not be content with having here one soul and next month another soul brought into the kingdom. Sweep all the seas with nets, scoop nets—seine nets, drag nets, all-embracing nets—and take the treasures in by hundreds and thousands and millions, and nations be born in a day, and the hemispheres quake with the tread of a ransoming God. Do you know what will be the two most tremendous hours in our heavenly existence? Among the quadrillions of ages which shall roll on what two occasions will be to us the greatest?

The day of our arrival there will be to us one of our greatest. The second, I think, will be the day when we shall have put in parallel lines before us what Christ did for us, and what we did for Christ, the one so great, the other so little. That will be the only embarrassment in heaven. My Lord and my God! What will we do and what will we say when, on one side are placed the Saviour's great sacrifices for us, and our small sacrifices for him; his exile, his humiliation, his agonies on one hand, and our poor, weak, insufficient sacrifices on the other? To make the contrast less overwhelming, let us quickly mend our nets, and, like the Galilean fisherman, may we be divinely helped to cast them on the right side of the ship.

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