### A Popular Railvoad Hotel. The most popular hotel for railroad

men in the United States, it I may call it a hotel, is next door to the Grand Central Depot. It is the institation known as the railroad men's branch of the Young Mea's Christian Association. Coming down on a late run on the Hudson River Railread the other night, the conductor expressed regret that it would be too late for him to reach his home in the suburbs. He seemed very cheerful aver his mis fortuge, however, and I understood reason when he added: "Well, I "am sure of a comfortable bed, and it won't cost me much." And then he told me that at the Railroad Young Mon's Christian Association building he hald get an excellent bed for the night for ten cents, and a cap of coffee and a roll in the morning for five cents. A visit to the institution subsequently proved that it is one of the most popular and beneficial of the kind in this city. Reading rooms and diverting games are provided, books, muonzines and papers and everything necessary for quiet entertainment. The rates are very low to members, each one of whom is provided with a carl entitling him to all the benefits of the institution. This is practical work in the line of Christian benevolence, and we cannot have too much of J. -- Now York Mail and Express.

#### Trapping Salmon in Norway,

There is a very singular way of trapping selmon on the Norweigan flere and there, as you pass along those great, magnificent fjords, which cut deep into the heart of Norway, you muy see a solitary figure ched upon a sort of spidery, fragilalooking timber lookout, overhanging the fjord. A week later, or a month, re you passagain, you may see that leady figure, his eyes always bent upon the ford beneath him, still keeping this watch.

The man our salmon catcher; in his hards are a couple of long ropes, connected with a net in the water below him, and day after day he sits up there intently watching until he sees a salmon pass into his net. The instart this great event happens he hauls sharply upon his ropes, closes the mouth of the net, and then, getting into his boat, proceeds to prek up the salmon at hus leisures.

The almon thus caught is sold to some hotel apon the fjord, or sent with others in itse to Bergen by the next stemmer. The fisherman gets from 3.1, to 6d, per pound for his cotch-1d, by an average price-and from the lord earned capture of three or four solmon a week, procured at the expense of long, weary days of wetching, means a good deal to these page pensant farmers, with whom money is a scarce commodity.-Pall Mail Gazette:

Ressian engineers are sin lying the rolls for the waterway to connect the White Sea with the Bultis. The total distance is about 180 miles, in part already navigable. A uniform depth of thirty feet can be obtained for the whole canal, it is estimated at a cost of only \$6,000,000.

A SURGEON'S KNIFE gives you's feeling of hortor and dread. There is no longer necessity for its use in using diseases formerly regarded as incarable without enting. The Triamph of Conservative Surgery is well illustrated by the fact that RUPTURE or liteach is now radii knife and without pain. Cornsy, chaf-ing two ex can be thrown away ! They never one but offen induce inflamma-tion, strangulation and death.

### REV. DR. TALMAGE THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

### TEXT: "He went down and slew a lion in a

pit in a snowy day."-I Chronicles xi., 22. Have you ever heard of him? His name-was Benaiah. He was aman of stout muscle and of great avoirdupois. His father was a hero, and he inherited prowess. He was uthletic, and there was iron in his blood, and the strongest hone in his body was back-bone. He is known for other wonders be-sides that of the text. An Ervitian five ultimetic, and there was iron in his blood, and the strongest bone in his body was back-bone. He is known for other wonders be-sides that of the text. An Egyptian five cubits in stature, or about seven feet nine-inches high, was moving around in bragga-docio and flourishing a great spear, careless as to whom he killed, and Bonalah of mytext with nothing but a walking stick, came upon him, snatched the spear from the Egyptian, and with one thrust of its sharp elge put an end to the blatant bully, which makes us think of the story in our Greek lesson, too hard for us if the smarter boy on the same bench had not helped us out with it, in which Horaties the Macedonian and Dioxippus the Athenian fought in the presence of Alexan-der, the Macedonian and the Athenian with nothing but a club. The Macedonian hurled the javolin, but the Athenian larcessfully dodged it, and the Macedonian lifted the spear, but the Athenian with the club broke it, and the Macedonian drew the sword, but the Athenian tripped him up before he could strong the marker boy and boy broke the Athenian tripped him up before he could strike with it, and then the Athenian with his club would have beaten the life out of the Macedonian, fallen among his useless waapons, if Alexander had not commanded, "Shut' Stor!"

Stop: Stop: But Benalah of the text is about to do For boundary of the text is about to do something that will eclipse even that. There is trouble in all the neighborhood. Lambs are carried off in the night, and children ven-turing only a little way from their father's house are found mangled and dead. The fact is the land was infested with Hons, and few people dared meet one of these grizzly beasts, much less corner or attack it. As a good Providence would have it one moning good Providence would have it, one morning a footstep of a flon was tracked in the snow. It had been out on its devouring errand It had been out on its devouring errand through the durkness, but at last it is found by the impression of the four paws on the white surface of the ground which way the wild beast came and which way it had gone. Pecilous undertaking, but Benalah, the hero of the text, armshimself with such weapons as those early days afforded, gunpowder having been invented in a far subhaving been invented in a far subsequent century by the German monk Bertholdus Schwarz. Therefore without gun or any kind of firearms, Benaiah of the text no doubt depended on the sharp steel edge for his own defense and the sharphter of the Hon as he followed the track through the snow. It may have been a javalin it way lion as he followed the track through the rnow. It may have been a javelin, it may have been only a kuite. But what Benaiah lacks in weapons he will make up in strength of arm and skill of stroke. But where is the Hon. We must not get off his track in the snow. The land has many cisterns, or pits, for catching rain, the rainfall being very scarce at contain sensors, are

rainfail being very source at certain sensors, and hence these distorts, or reservoirs, are digged here and there and yonder. Lions have an instinct which seems to tell them when they are pursued, and this dread men-ster of which I speak ratrents into one of these eisterns which happened to be free of water and is there pauting from the long run and licking its jaws after a repast of human flesh and after quaffing the red vintage of human blood

flesh and after quaffing the red vintage of human blood. Benainh is all alert and comes cauticusly on toward the hiding place of this terror of the fields. Coming to the verge of the pit, he looks down at the lion, and the lion looks up at him. What a moment it was when their eves dashed! But while a modern Du Chailla, Gordon Cumming or Sir Samuel Bakes or David Livingstone would have just brought the gun to the shoulder, and held the eve against the harret, and held the just brought the gun to the shoulder, and held the eye against the barret, and blazed away into the depths, and finished the beast, Benaiab, with only the old time weapon, can do nothing until he gets on a level with the beast, and so he jumps into the pit, and the lion, with shining teeth of race and claws lifted to ten to shreds the last vestige of human life, before for the may while Boasthe article springs for the man, while Benatah springs for the beast. But the quick stroke of the steel edge flashed again and again and again

scene cope manei again and again and again until the snow was no longer white and the right foot of triumphant Benatah is half covered with the tawny mane of the slain horror of Palestine. Now you see how emphatic and tragic and tremendous are the words of my text, "He went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day." Why nut that in the Bible?

"He went down and siew a non in a pit in a snowy day." Why put that in the Bible? Why put it twice in the Bible, once in the book of Samuel and here in the book of Chronicles? Ob, the practical lessons are so many for you and for me? What a cheer in this subject for all those of you who are in conjunction of heatile circumstances. Three bins things were against Benalah of my text in the moment of combat, the snow that im-peded his movement, the pit that environed him in a small space, and the lion, with open in the r him in a small space, and the lion, with open jaws and unlifted paw. And yet I hear the shout of Bonalah's victory. Oh, men and women of three translits, you say, 'I could stand one, and I think I could stand two, but three are are least one too many.'' There is a man in business perplexity and who has siekness in his family, and old age is conting on. Three troubles -a iton, a pit and showy day. There is a good woman with failing health and a dissipated husband and a wayward boy -three troubles. There and a wayward boy three troubles. There is a young man, salary cut down, bad cough, frowning future-three troubles. There is a matten with difficult school lessons she cannot get, a face that is not as attractive as some of her schoolmates', a lessons she cannot get, a 'new that is not as attractive as some of her schoolmates', a prospect that through hard times she must quit school before she graduates—three trou-hies. There is an author, his manuscript re-jected, his power of origination in decadence, a numbures in forefinger and thumb, which threatens paralysis—three troubles. There is a reporter of fine taste sent to report a pugilism instead of an oratorio, the copy he hands in rejected because the paper is full, a mother to support on small income—three troubles. I could march right off these sents and across this platform, if they would come at my call, 500 people with three troubles. This is the opportunity to play the hero or the herolne, not on a small stage, with a few hundred people to clap their approval, but with all the galleries of heaven filled with sympathetic and ap-plauding spectators, for we are "surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses." My brother, my sister, my father, my mother, what a chance you have! While you are in the struggle, if you only have the grace of Christ to listen, a voice parts the heavens, saving, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Whom the Lord loveth He chast-emeth, "You shall be more than conquerors." And that reminds me of a letter on my table written by some one whom I suppose to beat this moment present, saving, "My dear, dear And that reminds me of a letter on my table written by some one whom I suppose to be at this moment present, saying, "My dear, dear doctor, you will please pardon the writer for asking that at some time when you feel like it you kindly preach from the thirtieth Psalm, fifth verse, Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning," and much oblige a down own business man." So to all down own business man to all uptown business men I say. If you have en hand, crock, that you connect sail and But I am giad to say to all of you who have got the worst in such a struggle that there is a lion on our side if you want him, Revela-tion v., 5, "The lion of Judah's tribe." A Lamb to us, but a lion to meet that other lion, and you can easily guess who will be bate in that fight, and who will be beaten. When two opposing lions meet in a jungle in India, you cannot tell which will overcome and which will be overcome. They glare at each other for a moment, and then with full strength of muscle they lash argingt each other like two thunderen hand goods that you cannot sell and debtors who will not or cannot pay, and you are also suffering from uncertainty as to what the imbedile American Congress will do what the imbecile American Congress will do about the tariff, you have three troubles, and enough to bring you within the range of the consolation of my text, where you find the triumph of Benaiah over a lion, and a pit and a snowy day. If you have only one trouble I cannot spend any time with you to-day. You must have at least three, and then remember how many have tri-umphed over such a triad of misfortune. Paul had three troubles: Sanhedrin de-nouncing him-that was one great trouble, physical infirmity, which he called "a thern in the flesh," and although we know not what the thern was, we do know from the figure the thorn was, we do know from the figure he used that it must have been something that stuck him-that was the second trouble;

traveled than almost any man of his time. What does he say? "The best of all is, God is with us." And when his poet brother, Charles Westey, said to him, "Brother John," If the Lord were to give me winzs, I'd fly." John's reply was, "Brother Charles, if the Lord told me to fly, I'd do it and leave Him to find the wings." George Whitefield had three troubles-re-lection from the pulpits of England because

jection from the pulpits of England because he was too dramatic-that was one trouble he was too dramatic-that was one trouble: strabismus, or the orossing of his eyes, that subjected him to the environment of all the small wits of the day: vermin and dead ani-muls thrown at him while he preached on the commons-that made three iroubles. Rever-theless, his sermons were so buoyant that a little child, dying soon after hearing him preach, said in the intervals of pain. "Let me go to Mr. Whitefield's God." Oh, I am so glud that Benainh of my text was not the only one who trimmched over a live in a sit aly one who triumphed over a lion in a oit on a snowy day.

on a snowy day. Notice in my text a victory over had weather. It was a snowy day, when one's vitality is at a low ebb and the spirits are naturally depressed and one does not feel like undertaking a great enterprise, when Benalish rubs his hands together to warm them by extra friction, or trashes his arms around him to revive circulation of the 'blood, and then goes at the lion, which was all the more flerce and ravenous, because of the sharp weather. Inspiration here admits atmospheric hindrame. The snowy day at Valley Forge well nigh put an end to the strongle for American independence. The snowy day demolished Napoleon's army on the way from Moseow.

snowy day, demolished Napoleon's army on the way from Moscow. The inelemency of January and February weather has some years bankrupted thou-sands of merchants. Long succession of stormy Subbaths has crippled innumerable churches. Lighthouses veiled by the snow on many a cost have failed to warn off from the rocks the doomed fright. Tens of thou-sands of Christians of nervous temperament by the depression of a snowy day almost despair of reaching heaven. Yet in that despair of reaching heaven. Yet in that style of weather Benaiah of the text achieved his most orielorated victory, and let us by the grace of God become vistor over influences atmospherie. If we are happy only when the wind blows from the close northwest, and the thermometer is the coar above reacting was, and the intermometer is above freezing point, and the sky is an in-verted blue cup of sunshine poured all over us, it is a religion 95 per cent. off. Thank God there are Cirketians who, though their whole life through sickness has been a snowy while the through an kness has been a showy day, have killed every lion of despondency that dared to put its cruck paw against their suffering pillow. It was a showy day when the Pilgrim Fathers set foot not on a bank of lowers, but on the cold New England rock, and dowers, but on the cold New England rock, and from a ship that might have been more ap-propriately called after a December hurri-caue than after a "Mayflower" they took possession of this great continent. And amid more chilly worldly circumstances many a good man or a good woman has taken possession of a whole continent of spiritual satisfaction, valleys of peace and rivers of gladness and mountains of joy. Christ landed in our world not in the month of May, but in the stormy month of Decemof May, but in the stormy month of Decem-ber, to show that we might have Christ in whiter weather and on a snowy day. Notice everything down in the pit that

Notice everything down in the pit that snowy day depended upon Banaina's weapon. There was as much strength in one muscle of that lion as in all the muscles of both arms of Banaina. It is the strongest of heasts, and has been known to carry off an ex. Its tongue is so rough that it acts as a rasp tearing off the flesh in licks. The two great chaines at each side of the mouth make es-are investible for anothing it has one canines at each side of the mouth make es-cape impossible for anything it has once selzed. Yet Benaiah puts his heel on the neck of this "king of beasts." Was it a dagger? Was it a javelin? Was it a knife? I cannot tell, but everything de-pended on it. But for that Benaiah's body under one crunch of the monster would have been left limp and tumbled in the snow. And when you and I go into the fight with temptation, if we have not the right kind of weapon, instead of our slaying the lion the biog will slay us. The sword of the Spiriti hon will slay us. The sword of the Spiriti Nothing in earth or hell can stand before that, Victory with that, or no victory at all, By that I mean prayer to God, confidence in His rescuing power, saving grace, almighty de-liverance. I do not care what you call it. I call it "sword of the Spirit." And if the lions of all the jungles of perdition should at once spring upon your soul by that weapon of heavenly metal you can thrust them back and cut them down, and stab them through and leave them powerless at your feet. Your and chi them down, and shao them through and leave them powerless at your feet. Your good resolution wielded against the powers which assault you is a toy pistol against an Armstrong gun; is a penknife held out against the brandished sabers of a Heintzelman's cavalry charge. Go into the fight against sin on your own strength, and the result will be the hot breath of the ilon in your blanched free and his front paws one on each lung. face, and his front paws one on each lung. Alas' for the man not fully armed down in

lover sheet spread ower it. Do ye noo think clover stleet spread ower it. Do ye noo think so, too, sir?" Cheer up all, disconsolates. The best work for God and humanity has been done on the snowy day. At gloomy Marine Terrace, island of Jersey, the exile, Vietor Hugo, wrought the mightlest achievements of his pen. Ezekiel, banished and bereft and an invalid at Corn-hill, on the banks of Chebar, had his momentous vision of the cherubim and wheels within wheels. By the dim light of a dungeon window at Bodford, John Banyan sketches the "Delectable Mountains." Mil-ton writes the greatest poem of all time sketches the "Deloctable Mountains." Mil-ton writes the greatest poem of all time without eyes. Michael Angelo earred a statue out of snow and all Florence gazed in raptures at its exquisiteness, and many of God's servants have out of the cold cut their immortality. Persecutions were the dark background that made more impressive the courage and consecration of Suvonarola, who, when threatened with denial of burial. said, "Throw me into the Arno if you choose; the resurrection day will find me and that is enough. Benaiah on a cold damp, cutting, snowy day gained leonine triumph. Hard-ship and trouble have again and again ex-aited and inspired and glorified their sub-

### The bush itself has mounted higher And flourished unconsumed in fire.

Well, we have had many snowy days within the past month, and added to the chill of the the past month, and added to the chill of the weather was the chilling dismay at the nonärrival of the ocean steamer Gascogne. Overdue for eight days, many had given her up as lost, and the most hopeful were very anxious. The cyclones, whose play is shipwrecks, had been reported being in wildest room all up and down the At-lantic. The ocean a few days before had swallowed the Elbe, and with unap persed annetic seemed asving "Give pensed appetite seemed saving, "Give us more of the best shipping." The Norman-die came in on the same track the Gascogne was to travel, and it had not seen her. The Was to travel, and it is not seen her. Ins Teutonic, saved almost by the superhuman efforts of captain and  $c^{rew}$ , came in and had heard no gun of distress from that missing steamer. There were pale faces and wring-ing hands on both continents, and tears rolled down cold cheeks on those snowy days. We all feared that the worst had harmoned and talked of the City of days. We all feared that the worst had happened and talked of the City of Boston as never heard of after sailing, and the steanship President, on which the brill-iant Cookman sailed, never reported and never to be heard of again until the time when the sea gives up its dead. But at last, under most powerful glass at Fire Island, a ship was seen limping this way over the waters. Then we all began to hope that it might be the missing French liner. Three hours of tedious and agonizing waiting and two continents in suspense. When will the everglasses at Fire Island make revealation of two continents in suspense. When will the eyeglasses at Fire Island make revelation of this awful mystery of the sea? There it is! Ha, ha! The Gascogne! Quick! Wire the news to the city! Swing the flags out on the towers! Ring the bells! Sound the whistles towers! Ring the bells! Sound the whistles of the shipping all the way up from Sandy Hook to New York Battery! "She's safe! She's safe!" are the words caught up and passed on from street to street. "It is the Gascogne" is the cry sounding through all our delighted homes and thrill-ing all the telegraphic wires of the continent and all the cables under the sea, and the huzza on the wharf as the gangplanks were swung out for disembarkation was a small part of the huzza that lifted both hemi-soheres into exultation. The fakes of snow spheres into exultation. The flakes of snow fell on the "extra" as we opened it on the street to get the latest particulars.

Well, it will be better than that when some of you are seen entering the harbor of heaven. You have had a rough voyage. No mistake about that. Snowy day after snowy day. Again and again the machinery of health and courage broke down, and the waves of temotation have sweet clear over the waves of temptation have swept clear over the hurricane deck, so that you were often com-pelled to say, "All Thy waves and Thy billows have gove over me," and you were down in the trough of that sea and down in the trough the trough of that sea and down in the trough of the other sea, and many despaired of your safe arrival. But the great Pilot, not one who must come off from some other craft, but the one who walked storm swept Gallice and now walks the wintry Atlantic, comes on board and heads you for the haven, when no sconer have you passed the narrows of death than you find all the banks lined with immortals celebrating your arrival, and while some break off paim branches from the banks and marst them these stand. from the banks and wave them those stand-ing on one side will chant, "There shall be no more sea." and those standing on the other side will chant, "These are they which came out of great tribulation and had thei-robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb." Off of the stormy sea into the smooth harbor. Out of leonine struggle in the pit to guidance by the Lamb, who shall lead you to living fountains of water. Out of the sno xy day of earthly severities into the gardens of everlasting flora and into orchards of eternal fruitage, the fall of their white blossoms the only snow in heaven. from the banks and wave them those standpit on a snowy day, and below snow in heaven. All my hearers and readers have a big fight of some sort on hand, but the biggest and the wrathiest lion which you have to fight is what the Bible calls "the roaring The Typical American Face. It may be worth while to add that once when I said, "How unlike each lion who walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Now, you have never soen a real lion unless you have seen him in India or Africa, just after capture. Long caging breaks his spirit, and the con-stant presence of human beings tames him. But you onebt to see him sorting against the other are our American faces, yet how quickly we recognize any one of them among European faces !- I wish I knew why," a foreign friend re-plied that she could tell me why. stant presence of human beings tames him. But you ought to see him spring against the iron bars in the zoological gardens of Calcutta and hear him roar for the prey. It makes one's blood curdle, and you shrink back, although you know there is no peril. Plenty of lions in olden time. Six hundred of them were slaughtered on one occasion in the prisence of Pompey in the Roman amphitheater. Lions came out and de-stroyed the camels which carried the bag-gage of Kerzes' army. In Bible times there were so many lions that they are fre-quently alluded to in the Scriptures. Joel, the prophet, describes the "check teeth" of a great ilon, and Isalah mentions "The typical American mouth," she said, "is more sensitive than that of other races, and the chin isslenderer; bet the main peculiarities are the shape and setting of the eyes, and especially the modeling of the cheek bones. You have high cheek bones, but they are narrow, while when they are high in other races they are broad and fist, as with the Japanese, or square, as with the Scandinavians." I teeth" of a great lion, and Isalah mentions among the attractions of heaven that "no lion shall be there," and Amos speaks of a shepheid taking a lamb's ear out of the mouth of a lion, and Solomon describes the righteous as "bold as a lion." and Daniel was a great lion tamer, and David and Jeromiah and St. John often speak of this creature. But most am I impressed by what I have quoted from the Apostle Peter when he calls the devil a lion. That means strength. That means bloodthirstiness. That means cruelty. That means destruction. Some of you have felt the strength of his paw, and the sharpness of his tooth, and the horror of his rage. Yes, he is a savage devil. He roared at everything good when Lord Claverhouse assailed the Covenanters, and Bartholomew against the Hugue-nots one August night when the bell tolled for the butchery to begin, and the ghastly teeth" of a great lion, and Isaiah mentions am afraid she thought that we all looked a little foxy; but a fox's face has beauty, and shows a keen sense of humor as well as its own sort of cleverness; and besides, every one knows that it is merely a mask .--

HE ADMONISHES THE BOYS TO WRITE TO THE OLD FOLKS

When They Are Far Away from the Parental Roof.

If I was asked what gives the visitors at Clear Water the greatest and sweets: pleasure I should answer, letters from home-letters from kindred and friends. We got out daily mail wry carly in the morning, and it ac'ually in-duces a babit of early rising in the toneshold. Long before breakfast the family and the suests congregate in the large ro m where the mail has been assorted upon the center table. With earnest hopes and eager over they scan the letters and I see a look of disprointment if the expected ones are missing, but they rarely fail, and even the futurate on a bare the letters and I see a look of disppointment if the expected once are missing, but they rarely fail, and soon the fortunate on a have settled down to an enjoyment that is pure as have and welcome as charity. I know of no pleasure that can be given as cheaply as the permeil of k nd, loving letters from dear on a at home and there is no excuse, no apology that will arone for a neglect of writing them. Many sail moments are passed by parents because at home and the rels no excess no apoloxy that will arone for a neglect of writing them. Many sait moments are passed by parent's tecause their long absent children do no write to them, for it letokens a lac't of filal love or a hardened hear. It is a sure sign of selfah in-difference. Needent tell me that he is a spien-diff young man-so handsome, so gentlemanly. If he habitually neglects to write to his mother hardened hear. It is a sure sign of selfah in-difference. Needent tell me that he is a spien-diff young man-so handsome, so gentlemanly. If he habitually neglects to write to his mother have no respect for him. I wouldn't trust him as a cashier or a clerk. Once nor twice a year does not satisfy. Once a menth is a stim-sy ar does not satisfy. Once a menth is a stim-fly make shift, when we consider how easy it is to do, ard how little the cost compared with the pleasure it gives. I have knew u a venerable mother to put her son's letters carefully away among her dearest trassures and get if out again occasionally and wipe her spectacles for an-other readin. Why, it word pay a boy a thousand-field to look in upon that mother as is a reads his letter, espec ally if it was a good long one, and earns from his heart. It would pay him to see her read a postal card if it had nothing on it bur. We doar, dear mother, and "God bless you" and his signature. Young men, why don't you carry some postal cards in rom pocket, as you travel from pare to place, and earny day or two, pencil a few lines while on the train and hand to the con-ductor. He will mail it on the train. He al-ways does i for me. So, then, there is posi-tively no exues, and if you think St. Peter will let you on at the golden gate you are mis-aken. H nore the father and mother, is the only one o' the two mandments that has a prom se in it. Shakespeare says, "how sharper line a serpent's tooth it is to have an ungrave. rom se in it. Shakespeare says, "how sharpe han a serpent's tooth it is to have an ungrate All this is about letters from children to

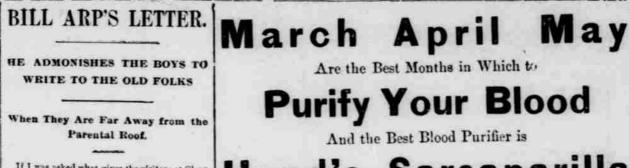
All this is about letters from children to parents. But there are other 1 there that should be written--letters from friends to triends that always give plea ure. The best quality of a letter is that it should be willingly written. How often do we hear is said, "Oh, I've got to write some b-terms and I had rather to anything in the world than to write letters." Well, of course, there are some correspondents tike schoelight and transient friends that are not particularly desirable, but, if a letter is worth of character in a letter. The other day one of our hous hold received a letter from a young lady in Atlanta and it was so bright, so newse, so genial that it wont the grand r unds. Everybody read it, and each one said, "Well, Mary does write such a beau-tifnil ther. She is a very suprior and." Mod people regard writing good letters are not worth the postage. Sheridan sad that "Easy writing was curst hard reading" and Pope said: "True ease in writing com a form art, not

"True ease in writing com a from art, not chance, As those move easiest who have learned to

dance

I have observed, though as a general rule, the most gifted talkers are the poorest corre-pendents. The pen is too slow for the r wits. O is of the most genial companions and truest friends I even had, never wrote me a let-ter, never answered any, and had the same old excuse that he had rather take a whipping than arite a letter. What a blessing is the privilege. Two cents, only 2 cents to be carried 4000 miler-only 5

What a blessing is the privilege. Two cents, only 2 cents, to be carried 4,000 miler—only 5 cents to cross the Atlantic oc an. I remember when it was quite a tax to pay for a letter from another stat to Georgis. It was 25 cents and was paid at the end of the line—paid by the one who received it, and if it was a pour letter be felt like he was cheated—imposed upon. Many a time when I was the pourmaster s clerk have I handed out het: was and it is master in the sector.



Hood's Sarsaparilla

### Which Purifies, Vitalizes and Enriches the Blood

#### Large Sores

At this season everyone should take a good ; spring medicine. Your blood must be parti- under each side of her neck; had the attendfied or you will be neglecting your health. ance of the family physician and other doe-There is a cry from Nature for help, and un- tors for a long time, but seemed to grow less there is prompt and satisfactory response you will be liable to serious illness. I read of many people curse of scrot-ula by Hood's Sarsaparilla. As soon as we

Heaithy Robust Child.

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that stuck him—that was the second trouble, approaching martyrdom—that made the three troubles. Yet hear what he say, "If I had only one misfortune. I could stand that, but three are two too many?" No. I misinterpret. He says: "Sorrowful, yet always rejoteing. Poor, yet making many rich. Having noth-ing, yet possessing all things." "Thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." ur Lord Jesus Christ.

our Lord Jesus Christ." David had three troubles, a bad boy, a temptation to dissoluteness and dethrone-ment. What does he say? "God is our re-

fathers and mothers who have lost children, that is the weather that cuts through body and soul. But drive back the lion of bereavement with the thought which David Rae, of Edinburgh, got from the Scotch gravedigger, who was always planting white clover and the sweetest flowers on the children's graves in the cemetery, and when asked why he did so replied: "Surely, sir, I canna make ower fine the bed coverin o' a little innocent sleeper that's waitin there till it's God's time to waken it, and cover it with the white robe, and waft it away to glory. When sie grandeur is waitin tuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be cast into the midst of the see "

and cover it with the white rooe, and wait it away to glory. When sie grandeur is waitin it yonder, it's fit it should be decked oot here. I think the Saviour that counts its dust sae precious will like to see the white John Wesley had three troubles-defa-mation by mobs, domestic infelicity, fatigue from more sermons preached and more miles

California big trees are now to be whittled up smail for lead pencils, an-nounces the New York Recorder, the nounces the New York Recorder, the German supply of pencil timber hav-

#### ing run out.

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for the butchery to begin, and the ghastly joke in the street was, "Blood letting is good in August," and 50,000 assasin knives were plunged into the victims, and this monater

has had under his paw many of the grandest scals of all time, and fattened with the spoils of centuries he comes for you. But I am giad to say to all of you who have

dash against each other like two thunder-bolts of colliding stormelouds, and with jaws

boils of colliding stormetoutis, and with jaws like the crush of avalanches, and with a re-sounding voice that makes the Himalayas tremble, and with a pull and tear and clutch and trample and shaking of the head from side to side until it is too much for human

and trample and shaking of the head from side to side until it is too much for human endurance to witness, and, though one lion may be left dead, the one which has con-quered crawls away lacerated and gashed and lame and cycless to bleed to death in an adjoining jungle. But if you and I feel enough our weakness in this bat-tle of temptation and ask for the divine help against that old lion of hell, described in St. Peter, will go to the stronger lion described in Revelation, and it will be no uncertain grap-ple, but under one omnipotent stroke the de-vouring monster that woull slay our sout shall go reeling back into a pit 10,000 times deeper than that in which Benaiah alew the lion on a snowy day. A word to all who are in a snowy day. Oh, fathers and mothers who have lost children, that is the weather that cuts through body

Century.

have I handed out letters and they were in-ported all over and handed back with the re-mark: "Well, you can keep it until I get the money." In that day there were no envelopes, money." In that day there were no envelopes, no mucilage-most of them were scaled with waters that cost 25 cents a box. Many were scaled with soft rosin from the pines. In fact, the mucilage business is of rather recent origin. It is said that its discovery was actidental; that the adhesive substance used in England on en-velopes and postage stamps was not only ex-pensive but was pois nous, and be came v ry unpopular. About this time a grocer's store burned down in London, and after the fire had cooled down the owner was turning versome burned down in London and after the fire had cooled down the owner was turning over some potatoes with his hands and coon his fingers were all stuck up with mucilage. He was a thoughtful man, and told it to a chemist near by, and he made use of it and very soon offered to the postmaster general a both of the mu-cilage to try and asen el him that it was both cheap and hermies. The result was a large contract and soon it was known all over the x rd and the cover menuts were surplied with w r d, and the governments were supplied with the same addesive fluid that re have now. When letters used to be sealed with wax it in-

dicated that the writer did not wish the con-tents to be inspected. The greater number were not sealed at al, and this meant that were not sealed at a 1, and this meant that they contained no screts-nothing that the writer feared to be exposed, and hence came the pretty word "sincere," which means with-out wax--sincernan. Such letters were open letters and any postmasted's daughter could ceed them if she wished. There is an old a ng that I used to admire called "I Sent a Letter to My Love," and an-other that sold.

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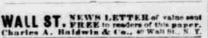
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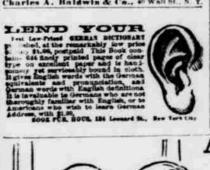
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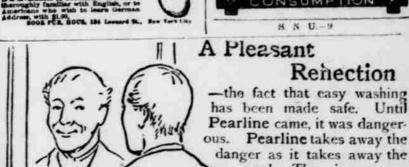
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