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GOD HIS HELPER.

A merchant in New York had pledged to the Lord a certain portion of his business as fast as they were collected. He called this the Lord's insurance money, "for," said he, "so long as I give, so long will the Lord help and bless me, and in some way will He give me the means to give. It is a blessing to my heart to keep it open in gratitude, a blessing to gladden other hearts, and the surest way to keep the Lords favor with me.

The results of his experience were blessed indeed, as he said; "I never realized before how He helps me in my busiest plans.

"Things happen daily which show me that some one who knows more than I is protecting me. Bad debts have been paid that I did not expect. Errand boys just getting into sly and bad habits have been discovered ere their thefts had proceeded far. As I needed competent help in my business it has come just as I needed it.

"When customers were about to fail somehow their debts to me were paid although they failed to pay others.

"A severe fire came to my office and seemed to have swept all my valuables away. But it was stopped at just the right moment, and not one valuable was lost. The insurance company paid me enough to replace every damage, and the office was renewed better than before. The Lord sends me business enough to pay my debts, while others are dull.

"I cannot tell why it is except that I always pray for my business, and ask the Lord to bless it for the good of others, and that the means which come from it may be used for his cause.

"When I stop giving business stops coming. When I stop praying for it, perplexities arise. As long as I pray for it, all moves easily and I have no care or trouble.

"The Lord is my banker, my insurer, my deliverer, my patron, and blessed guardian of temporal things as well as spiritual."—The Wonders of Prayer.

BICYCLE RIDING.

There are some bicycle riders in Wilmington who sit erect in their seats, (one of our leading dentists being conspicuous in that regard); but a majority of them do not, and to these the following, from high medical authority, is commended:

Doctors seem to agree that there is such a thing as bicycle disease, and no one who sees a rider bent in two over his machine going along as if a prairie fire or a band of wild Indians were after him, will wonder at it. The bent position which is assumed by bicyclists, in order to secure the greatest amount of power over their machines and to attain the highest degree of speed while running them, is attended with an unnatural flexion of the spine, which appears in the region of the back and causes not only unsightliness in form, but in boys of 14 years and under is fraught with serious and possibly fatal consequences. In those over that age the results of the stoop is to produce permanent curvature of the spine and consequent deformity. It has also malign effects on the heart, lungs and other vital organs, the free and natural working of which is interfered with by the unnatural form acquired.—Wilmington *Star*.

MOMENTOUS RESULTS

Expected from the Southern Business Conference to be Held in New York Next Thursday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The Southern business conference to be held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, next Thursday, gives promise of momentous results. It is now expected that every great business interest, every city of importance, every board of trade and every transportation company will be present by notable representatives, equal in character to the striking list of New Yorkers who have joined in the call for a business talk. No speeches will be made; cold business only will occupy her meeting. In addition to the purely commercial and industrial representatives present from the South, Senator Patrick Walsh and Secretaries Hoke Smith and Herbert are expect to attend, while Gov. Northen has been urged by a numerously-signed telegram from New York to be present and preside at the gathering. It is believed that ways and means will be devised at this meeting for an immediate fund of $250,000 to give publicity throughout the States and the world to the supreme advantages of the whole South to the end of bringing into it millions of new capital, many new industries and desirable immigrants. If this gathering is successful, a new era of enterprises, progress and profit awaits the South. It is estimated that the signers are worth personally and represent one thousand million dollars.

A MONKEY'S CURIOSITY.

One day recently a new lock was put upon the door of the monkey cage in Central Park. The monkeys watched the proceedings with great interest, and the curiosity of one monkey became particularly excited. After the workmen had finished and gone away, he drew near to investigate this strange ornament to his house. He felt the lock all over with his paws; poked his finger through the small hole and twisted it about, shaking the door while he did so. Then he looked long and earnestly through the keyhole, first with one eye, and then with the other. Then he examined the hole with another finger.

During his examination of the lock a little monkey drew near and stood watching his actions attentively. The inquisitive fellow happened to turn around, and found himself observed. He flew at the little monkey with a cry rage, and gave him a sharp box on the ear. The poor little monky, in great alarm, fled to the farthest corner of the cage and crouched down there, whimpering. Having so defended his outraged dignity, the first monkey resumed his study of the lock.

He climbed up the bars of the cage and took views of it from above. Then he stooped down and took an observation from below. Then he peered through the keyhole, first with one eye, then with the other, as before. Then he explored it again with his finger. Presently, finding himself watched again by the little monkey, he sprang at him again, and gave him another beating.

Overmuch curiosity is always punished in this world, and, by-and by the monkey found it out. He caught his finger in the keyhole and, in spite of his efforts, could not release it. He twisted and struggled, chattered and screamed. His outcries finally brought a keeper to his rescue, and the finger was extricated, with loud laughter from the spectators. Seemingly much humiliated, the monkey retired to a corner of the cage, where he sat nursing his wounded finger and sulking as unmistakably as ever a cross little boy sulks. And in the opposite corner sat a much smaller monkey, and I am sure, if ever monkeys smile inwardly, that little monkey was doing that very thing.—*Harper's Young People.*

A Practical Solution.

A professor at the University of Texas was explaining some of the habits and customs of the ancient Greeks to his class. "The ancient Greeks built scrolls over their theatres," said the professor.

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