

BETTER DAYS

Better to smell the violets cool than to sip, the glowing wine,
Better to hark a hidden brook than to watch a diamond shine.

Better the love of gentle hearts than beauty's favors proud;
Better the roses' living seed than roses in a crowd.

Better to love in loneliness than bask in love all day;
Better the fountain in the heart than the fountain by the way.

Better be fed by mother's hand than eat alone at will;
Better to trust in God than say, My goods my storehouse fill.

Better to be a little wise than in knowledge to abound;
Better to teach a child to love than fill perfection's round.

Better sit at a master's feet than thrill a listening state;
Better suspect that thou art proud than be sure that thou art great.

Better to walk in the realm unseen than watch the hour's event;
Better the "Well done" at the last than the air with shouting rent.

Better to have a quiet grief than a hurrying delight;
Better the twilight of the dawn than the noonday burning bright.

Better a death when work is done than earth's most favored birth;
Better a child in God's great house than a king of all the earth.
—George Macdonald.

INFLUENCE OF THE BIBLE.

Single Passages That Have Transformed Men's Lives and Made History.

As Geikie wisely observes, the story of separate chapters of the Bible, or even verses, if it could be known, would be a record of surpassing interest. In the experience of everyone some texts shine like stars, as we think of personal trials they brightened, or death-beds of friends they cheered. Every religious life borrows thus its own secret illumination from year to year, its own galaxies and bright particular stars, which have soothed disappointments, tempered calamities, and filled the mind with a calm and steadfast serenity in the darkest moments. Human compositions catch its power as they embody its spirit and repeat its words. Kings and peasants, philosophers and the illiterate, martyrs and confessors, have alike been cheered, inspired and sustained by its wondrous words. It has created the loftiest poetry and the sublimest art the world ever knew, and a literature unique in its power and dignity.

There is hardly a chapter that has not, perhaps, in some of its verses kindled sentiments unknown to antiquity. There is a transcendent vigor and life in every page. A single verse made Anthony sell all that he had, and introduced through his doing so, a new era in ecclesiastical history. At a single warning of the epistles, Augustine's hard heart was melted under the fig-tree at Milan. A single chapter of Isaiah made a penitent believer of the profligate Rochester. A word to St. Paul has become the stronghold of Luther.

Cromwell charged at Dunbar, to the cry, "Arise, O God, and let thine enemies be scattered!" And Anthony drove away his temptations by the same appeal. Thomas Arnold, murmured in dying: "If ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons," and "Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed." So-lina, Countess of Huntingdon, died quoting Christ's words, "I go to my Father." Lady Jane Grey wrote in the book of the Lieutenant of the Tower before her execution: "The day of death is better than the day of birth." Latimer, at the stake, roused his soul by the remembrance that "God is faithful, and will not suffer us to be tempted above what we are able." Luther died crying: "Into thy hands I commit my spirit."

The Psalter alone, by its manifold applications and uses in after times is a vast palimpsest written over and over again, illuminated, illustrated by every conceivable incident and emotion of men and of nations; battles, wanderings, escapes, death-beds, obsequies of many ages and countries, rise, or may rise, to our view, as we read it. What shall we say of a book so many-tongued, so intensely human, so authoritatively divine? Let critics and theorists stumble at words or phrases; let some things remain to the end "hard to be understood," whose voice can it be but God's, which rises still and holy over the turmoil of life, in a thousand persuasions, commands and promises, to warn us of danger, to guide us aright, and to soothe our infinite cares and sorrows? It is a noble passage in which Augustine contrasts antiquity and Scripture, and gives his fealty as a Christian man must: "In Cicero and in Plato, and such writers I meet many things finely said, things that move the spirit; but in none of them do I find these words: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." —Christian Herald.

Her Little Ways.

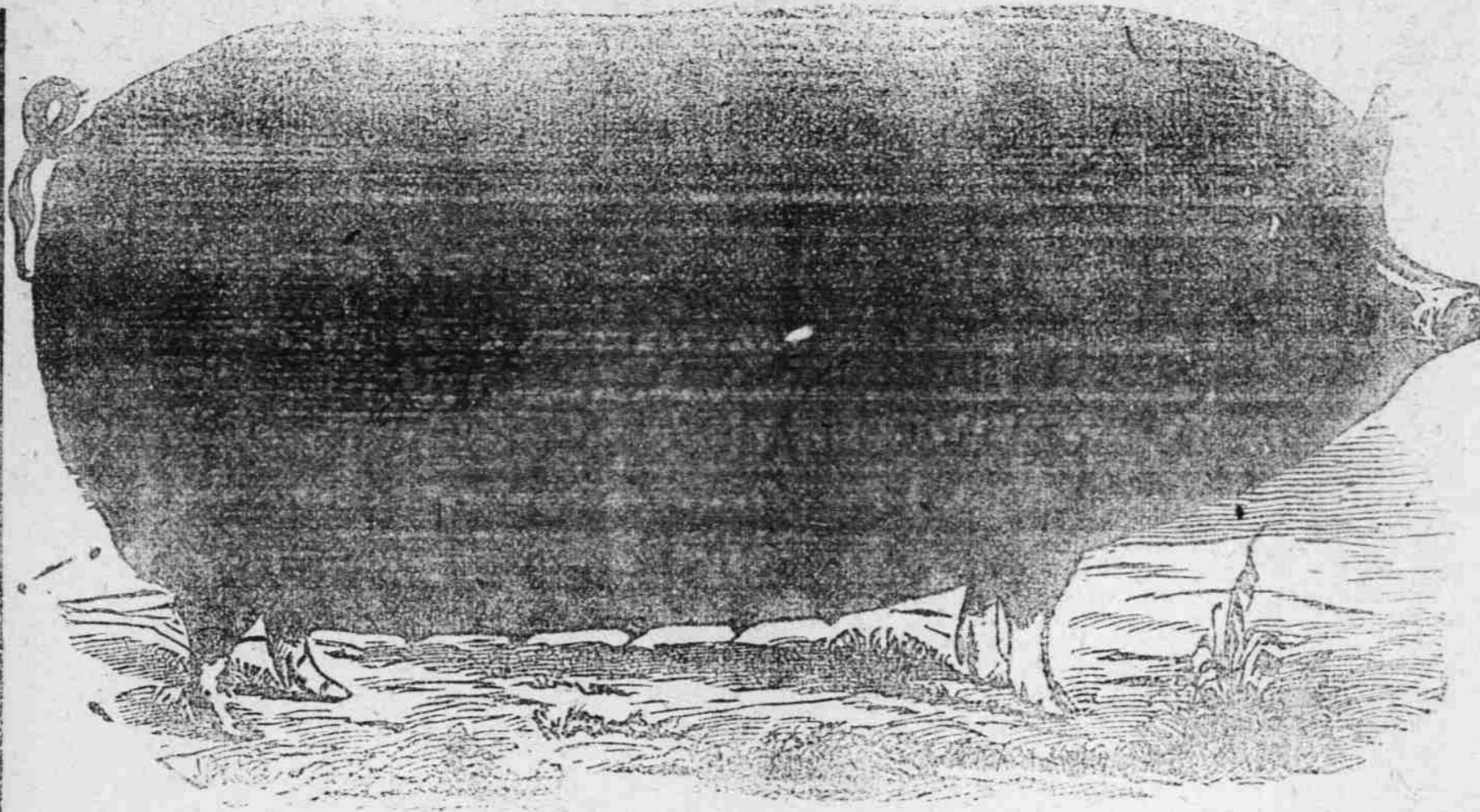
"When my wife buys a \$15 hat she says it will last her three years."
"That's cheap enough."
"Yes; but every season she gets \$5 worth of new trimmings to put on it."

An Inspiring Sight.

"How cheerfully your husband runs your lawnmower, Mrs. Riprap."
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lv Philadelphia	1:12pm	12:00am
lv Baltimore	3:15pm	2:00am
lv Washington	4:40pm	3:30am
lv Richmond, A.C.L.	8:50pm	7:40am
lv Norfolk	8:30pm	7:20am
lv Portsmouth	8:45pm	7:35am
lv Weldon	11:25pm	11:55am
ar Henderson	12:50am	1:40pm
ar Durham	1:15am	2:05pm
ar Raleigh	1:40am	2:30pm
ar Sanford	3:35am	4:25pm
ar Southern Pines	4:25am	5:15pm
ar Hamlet	5:07am	5:57pm
ar Wadesboro	5:53am	6:43pm
ar Monroe	6:43am	7:33pm
ar Wilmington	12:05pm
ar Charlotte	7:50am	8:40pm
ar Chester	8:40am	9:30pm
lv Columbia, C.N. & N.C.R.	6:00pm
ar Clinton	8:45am	12:15pm
ar Greenwood	10:35am	1:05pm
ar Abbeville	11:05am	1:35pm
ar Ellerton	12:07pm	2:41am
ar Athens	1:15pm	3:43am
ar Winder	1:50pm	4:28am
ar Atlanta (Cent. Time)	2:50pm	5:20am

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