

COMFORT FOR THE MARTHAS

Rev. Dr. Talmage's Sermon on Household Cares.

HOW TRIALS MAY BE OVERCOME

Mary and Martha—Their Prototypes Are in Every Parlor and Kitchen in the Land—Housekeeping Cares—Severe Economy—Sickness and Trouble—Home Influence—The Christian Housekeeper.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Rev. Dr. Talmage this morning preached from the words, recorded in Luke x, 40: "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her, therefore, that she help me."

There is a beautiful village homestead. The man of the house is dead, and his widow is taking charge of the premises. This is the widow Martha of Bethany.

Christ stands outside the door, and of course there is a good deal of excitement inside. The door is ajar, and the lady, who has been sitting at the table, has hurriedly put aside, and the hair is brushed back, and the dress is adjusted as well as in so short a time.

There is Martha, hard working, painstaking, a good manager, ever inventive of some new pasty or discovering something in the art of cooking and housekeeping. There is a Christ, too, engaged in deep questions of ethics, she has no time to attend to the questions of household welfare.

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MISER GENIUSES

Men Who Have Reduced Money-Saving to a Fascinating Art.

The fascinating study of financial gain accounts for the success of the miser. Avarice was the inspiration of one of our own great men, Franklin, whose memory is delayed by his reputation as "Poor Richard."

Among the most distinguished misers was Daniel Danvers. Upon the death of his father, Danvers came into the estate, which yielded a good income. One of his sisters lived with him and imbibed the miserly teachings. Danvers was remarkable for the style of his garments; his coat was made of pieces of every hue and texture, collected from the streets and ash-heaps.

Mr. Danvers, walking one day in search of bones and other delicate offal, found a dead sheep and carried it home in triumph. His brother, who was an immediate gift from heaven, thus went to the maiden fell ill. Lady Temple, a generous neighbor, was so kind that Miss Danvers determined to leave her \$8,000, but she died before she could sign the papers.

He constantly guarded against thieves, and concealed his gold and bank notes in the most hidden places. In the cow-house, in the holes in the chimney, covering them with ashes. The light of generosity, however, penetrated one chink of his miserable soul—he loved his dog, and while denying himself food, he would give his dog a bone daily with other delicacies.

In his 78th year Danvers became violently ill, and was attended by a physician. Again Lady Temple played her good fairy to the wretched hovel, attending him to the last and was generously rewarded by his immense fortune, which he left to her.

It would not be a difficult task to show the influence of avarice upon nations; the evils of society, the corruptions of religion and the tragedies of war have often been instigated and supported by this base passion.

Russia's Currency Reform Completed. One more important step has been taken by M. Witte in the gradual process of restoring the Russian currency and regulating the currency reform. A rough teacher school called upon a poor, half starved lad who had offended against the laws of the school and said, "Take off your coat directly, sir!"

The stout, healthy boy took the scourgings without a murmur. "I will obey every man," "Bravo!" How many of us are willing to take the scourging, and the suffering, and the toll, and the anxiety for other people? Beautiful things to admire, but how little we have of that spirit! God give us the spirit of Zerahaph, would be full, and the shoes of the children would last as long as the shoes of the Israelites in the wilderness—40 years.

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SCIENCE IN FARMING.

Supplying the Soil with Electricity is a Profitable Process.

A modification of the French invention called the geomagnetizer has been tested with great success at the Government experimental station at Amherst. The various systems of supplying the soil with current electricity have been expensive and unsatisfactory until the present method was adopted.

A pole 40 or 50 feet high is surmounted by a chevron of copper spikes insulated by a porcelain knob from the pole. The atmosphere electricity is collected night and day and conducted by a copper wire to a network of wires laid at a depth of five or six feet under the soil.

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It is generally conceded by English-speaking people that such family names as Smith, Evans, Butler and Armor arose from well-known occupations of some one of the early founders of the families. It appears that this custom prevailed in the far-away past, as well as in modern times.

The famous Latin orator, Cicero, for instance, is said to have derived his name from an ancestor who was a famous grower of beans. "Cicero" is the Latin name for a small bean called lentil, which constituted a very large portion of the food of these early people.

When naming a plant in honor of some great man liberties are frequently taken in the orthography, and very often the person chosen is more honored in the name than by any thing special that he did to deserve it.

Kindness out of season destroys authority.—Saadi. It is never wise to slip the bands of discipline.—Law Wallace. Age is a matter of feeling, not of years.

God alone can properly bind up a bleeding heart.—Joseph Rouz. Only evil grows of itself, while for goodness we want effort and courage.—Amei.

Ice More Slippery Than Glass. Ice has the property—peculiar to bodies which expand on freezing—of liquefying under pressure and solidifying again when the pressure has been removed.

icy water when it is subjected to great pressure it partially melts. Mexican's Curious Idea of Business. "While traveling in Mexico a few years ago I had a funny experience with a little Spanish vendor who goes to work with little Spanish ability the lower class have."

AESTHETIC VEGETARIANS.

Another View of the Cult From What Generally Accepted.

Most people probably imagine that vegetarianism is principally concerned with what we should eat and what we should drink, but this is to take a very low view of the question. The orthodox side of vegetarianism formed the subject of a very interesting address given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. McDonald at a meeting held at the Pioneer Club by invitation of Miss Campbell-Lang.

It was not enough to take up vegetarianism, she remarked, because it prevented indigestion, or because it was easy, or because it was economical. Those reasons were all good in their way, but it was not when vegetarianism entered on the mental plane and became the one great idea for which everything else was to be sacrificed that the cause would advance.

Those who had attained this mental plane had a certain unity in their existence. There was nothing more painful than to live against one's better judgment, and this was too common at the present day. This the aesthetic side of vegetarianism was practical all the other sides—physical and moral—grouped themselves around her.

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