and Should Have the Best of

OVERCAME IT. This Condition Often Induces Paralysis

Treatment. From the Democrat, Pittsfield, 111. Mr. Valentine Smith, a farmer living in this county, whose post office address is Pittsfield, Ill., for the good of humanity in general and especially for the benefit of any

who may be afflicted as he was, wishes to make the following statement with reference to the great benefit he has received from using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People: His statement is as follows: "About a year ago I was living in the Mississippi bottom near the river, and I had become very much broken in health, suffering greatly from a distention or hardening of the lower part of the abdomen or bowels, besides being troubled with my kidneys and other complications which rendered my case,

as I had supposed, almost hopeless. I had been in this condition, although of course not as bad as I was a year ago, for something over six years and had about given up all hope of ever being a well managain, when, by the many testimonials and advertisements I had read with reference to the wonderful cures perfected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, I was induced to give them a trial. After taking two boxes I began to feel greatly relieved, and by the time I had used up five or six boxes I was completely cured and have been, comparatively speaking, a well man ever since. During all the time that I suffered with this dreadful disease, which I am unable to name, I passed many sleepless nights and was in great distress almost continually and was able to do but little work. Now sleep and out well, and, although I am sixtyone years (fage, I am able to do a good day's work on the farm, having put in and tended eight acres of corn this season, besides doing a large amount of other work on the farm, In short, I think your medicine a great blessing to humanity and can cheerfully recommend it to all suffering as I was. I had been in this condition six of seven years and had given everything could hear of, doctors included, a fair trial, but could get no relief.

VALENTINE SMITH. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of June, 1895.

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Quite Irish, You Know. An Irishman, traveling on too through Lancashire, stopped at a small

wayside inn to inquire the way to St

Helens. The landlord came to the door, and pointing to a sign post across the road said:

"Look at that; that will show you the way without disturbing folk." After which gracious speech he wen

in again to his more profitable cus "Bedad!" said Pat, with a look of determination on his face, "it's not meself who'll be after asking the way

agin." When next the landlord looked across the road there was no sign post, for Pat, afraid of again losing his way, had

taken it with him!

Atlanta and the South. The Chicago and Eastern Illinois R. R. will during the time of the Exposition at Atlanta, Sept. 18, to Dec. 31, 1896, offer exceptionally fine service between Chicago and the South. A low rate ticket will be sold, and through cars run to all southern points. This is 55 miles the shortest route to Atlanta, Chattanooga and the South.

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How She Rnew.

Fortune Teller-You may in time make a good income, but you will never be rich.

Young Man-Eh! Why not? Fortune Teller-You are not saving,

ron are wasteful. Young Man-My, my-I'm afraid that is true! You have a wonderful gift!

How did you know I was wasteful? Fortune Teller-You have just wasted five shillings getting your fortune told. -Household Words.

Kate Field in Denver.

Denver, Sept. 10.-My journey from Chicago was over the Chicago, Burlington & nincy railroad, one of the hest managed systems in the country. I should say, judging by the civility of the employes, the comfort I experienced, the excellence of its roadbed. and the punctuality of arrival. actually reached Denver ahead of time. The Burlington Route is also the best to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha and Kansas City.

Impudent Professionals.

Mrs. Squilts-The doctor has sent in that bill again; it's the fourth or fifth time, too. I really believe he wants us to pay it.

Mr. Squills-Well, I'll be durned Such impudence! Nex' thing the preacher will be wantin' pay.

The especial attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of the Southern Texas Colonization Co., which appears in this issue only. The high character of Mr. John Linderholm, who is at the head of this company, and the extraordinary offer be makes to the home-seeker, should prompt every one to write to him who desires a home or investment in Texas.

Women Run Street Cars for Charity. The women of Syracuse worked on the spring back and the door will swing they will find out it is the best way after street cars of the city recently in the interests of charity. The company tendered them the use of sixteen cars, from which they gained \$2,000.

There are scarcely ever fewer than 200 ships near Land's End leaving or bearing up for the British Channel.

TALMAGE'S SERMON

STORY OF CIDEON'S BATTLE AT MOUNT GILBOA.

"And the Three Companies Blow to Trumpets, and Broke the Pitchers the Lamps in Their Left Hands"-Judges, vii, 20-21.



AT is the strangbattle ever fought. God had told Gideon to go down and thrash the Midianites. too large: for the glory must given to God, and not to man. And so proclamation is

made that all those of the troops who are cowardly and want to go home may go, and twenty-two thousand of them scampered away, leaving only ten thousand men. But God says the army is too a stream, and commands Gideon to notice in what manner these men drink of the water as they pass through it. If they get down on all fours and drink then they are to be pronounced lazy and incompetent for the campaign; but if, in passing through the stream, they scoop up the water in the palm of their hand and drink and pass on they are to be the men selected for the battle. Well, the ten thousand men marched down in the stream and the most of them come down on all fours and plunge their mouths, like a horse or an ox, into the water and drink; but there are three hundred men who, instead of stooping just dip the palm of their hands in the water and bring it to their lips, "lapping it as a dog lappeth." Those three hundred brisk, rapid, enthusiastic men are chosen for the campaign. They are each to take a trumpet in the right hand and a pitcher in the left hand and a tamp inside the pitcher, and then at a given signal they are to blow the trumpets and throw down the pitchers and hold up the lamps. So it was done.

It is night. I see a great host of Midlanites, sound asleep in the valley of Jezreel. Gideon comes up with his three hundred picked men and when everything is ready the signal is given and they blow the trumpets and they throw down the pitchers and hold up the lamps and the great host of Midianites, waking out of a sound sleep, take the crash of the crockery and the glare of the lamps for the coming on of an overwhelming foe; and they run, and cut themselves to pieces, and horribly perish.

The lessons of this subject are very spirited and impressive. This seemingly valueless lump of quartz has the pure gold in it. The smallest dew-drop on the meadow at night has a star sleeping in its bosom, and the most insignificant passage of Scripture has in it a shiping truth. God's mint coins no small change.

I learn in the first place, from this subject, the lawfulness of Christian stratagem. You know very well that the greatest victories ever gained by Washington or Napoleon were gained through the fact that they came when and in a way they were not expected-sometimen falling back to draw out the foe, sometimes crossing a river on unheardof rafts; all the time keeping the opposing forces in wonderment as to what

would be done next. You all know what strategy is in military affairs. Now I think it is high time we had this art sanctified and spiritualized. In the church, when we are about to make a Christian assault. we send word to the opposing force when we expect to come, how many troops we have, and how many rounds of shot, and whether we will come with artillery, infantry, or cavalry, and of course we are defeated. There are thousands of men who might be surprised into the kingdom of God. We need more tact and ingentity in Christian work. It is in spiritual affairs as in military that success depends in attacking that part of the castle which is not armed and intrenched.

For instance, here is a man all armed

on the doctrine of election; all his troops of argument and prejudice are at that particular gate. You may batter away at that side of the castle for Bfty years and you will not take it; but just wheel your troops to the side gate of the heart's affections and in five minntes you can capture him. I never knew a man to be saved through a brilliant argument. You cannot hook men into the kingdom of God by the horns of a dilemma. There is no grace in syllogisms. Here is a man armed on the subject of perseverance of the saints; he does not believe in it. Attack him at that point and he will persevere to the man armed on the subject of baptism: he believes in sprinkling or immersion. All your discussion of ecclesiastical hydropathy will not change him. I remember when I was a boy that with other hoys I went into the river on a summer day to bathe and we used to dash water on each other, but never got any result except that our eyes were never results in anything but the blurring of the spiritual eye-sight. In other words, you can never capture a man's pecially intrenched. But there is in every man's heart a bolt that can be easily shoved. A little child four years old may touch that bolt and it will: open and Christ will come in.

I think that the finest of all the fine arts is the art of doing good, and yet this art in the least cultured. We have in the kingdom of God today enough troops to conquer the whole earth for Christ if we only had skillful manocuvering. I would rather have the

ecclesiastical combat.

I tearn from this subject, also, that a small part of the army of God will have to do all the hard fighting. Gideon's army was originally composed of thirty-two thousand men, but they went off until there were only ten thousand left, and that was subtracted from until there were only three hundred. It is the same in all ages of the Christian Church; a few men have to do the hard fighting. Take a membership of a thousand and you generally find that fifty people do the work. Take a membership of five hundred and you generally find that ten people do the work. There | no crown! are scores of churches where two or three people do the work.

We mourn that there is so much useless lumber in the mountains of Lebanon, I think, of the ten million membership of the Christian Church today, if five millions of the names were off the books the Church would stronger. You know that the more cowards and drones there are in any army large yet; and so he orders these ten | the weaker it is. I would rather have thousand remaining to march through | the three hundred picked men of Gideon than the twenty-two thousand unsifted host. How many Christians there are standing in the way of all progress!

Do not worry, oh Christian, if you have to do more than your share of the work. You had better thank God that he has called you to be one of the picked men, rather than to belong to the host of stragglers. Would not you rather one of the three hundred that fight than the twenty-two thousand that run? suppose those cowardly Gideonites who went off congratulated themselves. They said: "We got rid of all that fighting, did not we? How lucky we have been; that battle costs us nothing at all." But they got none of the spoils of the victory. After the battle the three hundred men went down and took the wealth of the Midianites and out of the cups and platters of their enemies they feasted. And the time will come, my dear brethren, when the hosts of darkness will be routed, and Christ will say to his troops: "Well done, my brave men, go up and take the spoils! Be more than conquerors forever!" and in that day all deserters will be shot!

Again: I learn from this subject that God's way is different from man's, but is always the best way. If we had the planning of that battle we would have taken those thirty-two thousand men that originally belonged to the army and we would have drilled them and marched them up and down by the day and week and month, and we would have had them equipped with awords or spears, according to the way of arming in those times, and then we would have marched them down in solid column upon the foe. But that is not the way. God depletes the army and takes away all their wespons and gives them a lamp and a pitcher and a trumpet and tells them to go down and drive out the Midianites. I suppose some wiseacres were there who said: "That is not milltary tactics. The idea of three hundred men, unarmed, conquering such a great host of Midiaultes!" It was the best way. What sword, spear, or can non ever accomplished such a victory as the lamp, pitcher and trumpet?

way, but it is always best! Take, for inwrite a history, or make an argument, tlements and battalions, there will be flaws and contradictions." but forty men shall do it." And they God, as he stood amidst the blaze of did, differing enough to show there had chandeliers and pier mirrors. In the been no collusion between them, but not contradicting each other on any im- tears of the widows whom he had portant point, while they all wrote from robbed, and in the snowy satin the paltheir own standpoint and temperament; lor of the white-cheeked orphans whom so that the matter-of-fact man has his he had wronged. The blood of the opthe epigrammatic his Solomon; the the imported chair. The music tremwarrior his Joshua; the sailor his bled with the sorrow of unrequited cian his Paul. Instead of this Bible, higher on reefs of coral and pearl. The which now I can lift in my hand-in- days and the nights went merrily. No stead of the Bible the child can carry sick child dared pull that silver doorto Sunday School-instead of the little | bell. No beggar dared sit on that mar-Bible the sailor can put in his 'acket | ble step. No voice of prayer floated when he goes to sea-if it had been left | amidst that tapestry. No shadow of a to men to write, it would have been a judgment day darkened that fresco. No thousand volumes, judging from the tear of human sympathy dropped upon amount of ecclesiastical controversy that upholstery. Pomp strutted the hall which has arisen. God's way is dif- and Dissipation filled her cup, and all ferent from man's, but it is best, in | seemed safe as the Milianites in the valfinitely best.

Christian's life we would have said: "Let him have eighty years of sunshine, a fine house to live in; let his surroundings all be agreeable; let him have I would let every man have as much children's cheeks and fountains of gladdred-ay, none at all. How many people there are at their wits' end about their livelihood, about their reputation. But awhile; God will show them that he de- you will now surrender the sine with pletes their advantages just for the which you have been fighting against same reason he depleted the army of Gideon-that they may be induced to throw themselves on his mercy.

"How glad I am to get through the win- ||surrender; Christ, with his hand on his ter! I shall have no more trouble now! | pierced side, asks you to.

three hundred lamps and pitchers of Summer weather will come and the gar-Christian stratagem than one hundred dea will be very beautiful!" But the thousand drawn swords of literary and | gardener comes, and cuts the vine here and there with his knife. The twigs begin to fall and the grape vine cries out, "Murder! what are you cutting me for?" "Ab," says the gardener, "I don't mean to kill you. If I did not do this you would be the laughing stock of all the other vines before the season is over." Months go on, and one day the gardener comes under the trellis and the grape vine says: "Thank you, sir; you could not have done anything so kind as to have cut me with that knife." "Whom the Lord leveth he chasteneth." No pruning, no grapes; no grinding mill, no flour; no battle, no victory; no cross,

> So God's way, in the redemption of the world, is different from ours. If we had our way we would have had Jesus stand in the door of heaven and beckon the nations up to light, or we would have had angels flying around the earth proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ. Why is it that the cause goes on so slowly? Why is it that the chains stay on, when God could knock them off? Why do thrones of despotism stand when God could so easily demolish them? It is his way, in order that all generations may co-operate and that all men may know they cannot do the work themselves. Just in proportion as these pyramids of sin go up in height will

> they come down in ghastliness of ruin. Oh, thou father of all iniquity! If thou canst hear my voice above the crackling of the flames, drive on thy projects, dispatch thy emissaries, build thy temples, and forge thy chains; but know that thy fall from heaven was not greater than thy final overthrow shall be when thou shalt be driven disarmed into thy flery den, and for every lie thou hast framed upon earth thou shalt have an additional hell of fury poured into thine angulah by the vengeance of our God, and all heaven shall shout at the overthrow, as from the ransomed earth the song breaks through the skies, "Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth! Hallelujah! for the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord Jesus Christ!" God's way in the composition of the Bible, God's way in the Christian's life, God's way in the redemption of the world, God's way in everything-

different from man's way, but the best. I learn from this subject that the overthrow of God's enemies will be sudden and terrific. There is the army of the Midianites down in the valley of Jezreel. I suppose their mighty men are dreaming of victory. Mount Gilbon never stood sentinel for so large a host, The spears and the shields of the Midianites gleam in the moonlight and glance on the eye of the Israelites, who hover like a battle of eagles, ready to swoop from the cliff. Sleep on, oh army of the Midianites! With the night to hide them and the mountain to guard them and strong arms to defend them let no slumbering foeman dream of disaster! Peace to the captains and the

Crash go the pitchers! up flare the lamps! To the mountains! fly! fly! Troop running against troop, thousands trampling upon thousands. Hark to the scream and groan of the routed foe, with the Lord God Almighty after them! How sudden the onset, how wild God's way is different from man's the consternation, how utter the defeat! I do not care so much what is stance, the composition of the Bible, If | against me if God is not. You want a we had had the writing of the Bible we better sword or carbine than I have would have said, "Let one man write it. ever seen to go out and fight against If you have twenty or thirty men to the Lord omnipotent. Give me God for write a poem, or make a statute, or my ally, and you may have all the bat-

I saw the defrauder in his splendid But God says: "Let not one man do it, house. It seemed as if he had conquered diamonds of the wardrobe I saw the Moses; the romantic nature his Ezekiel; pressed glowed in the deep crimson of Jonah; the loving his John; the logi- toil. But the wave of mirth dashed ley of Jezreel. But God came. Calamity So it is in regard to the Christian's smote the money market. The partlife. If we had had the planning of a ridge left its eggs unhatched. Crash went all the porcelain pitchers! Ruin, rout, dismay, and wee in the valley of

Alas for those who fight against God! sound health; let no chill shiver Only two sides. Man immortal, which through his limbs, no pain ache his side are you on? Woman immortal, brow, or trouble shadow his soul." I which side are you on? Do you belong very last in not believing it. Here is a enjoy the prosperity of others so much to the three hundred that are going to win the day, or to the great host of Midmoney as he wants and roses for his lanites asleep in the valley, only to be roused up in consternation and ruin ness glancing in their large round eyes. Suddenly the golden bowl of life will be But that is not God's way. It seems as broken and the trumpet blown that will if man must be cut, and hit, and pound- startle our soul into eternity. The day ed just in proportion as he is useful. of the Lord cometh as a thief in the His child falls from a third-story win- night, and as the God-armed Israelites dow and has its life dashed out; his upon the sleeping foe. Ha! Canst thou blinded; and all this splashing of water | most confident investment tumbles him | pluck up courage for the day when the between Baptists and Pedo-baptists into bankruptcy; his friends, on whom trumpet which hath never been blown he depended, aid the natural force of shall speak the roll call of the dead gravitation in taking him down; his and the earth, dashing against a lost life is a Bull Run defeat. Instead of meteor, have its mountains scattered twenty-two thousand advantages he has | to the stars and oceans emptied in the only ten thousand-ay, only three hun- air? Oh, then, what will become of you? What will become of me?

> If those Midianites had only given up their swords the day before the disaster, all would have been well; and if God you will be safe. Oh, make peace with him now, through Jesus Christ the ord. With the clutch of a drowning A grape vine says in the early spring: man seize the Cross. Oh, surrender!

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SHE HAD A GOOD CRY.

And Her Escort Sensibly Lot Her Have It Out Without Interfering.

From the New York Tribune: The young woman and her escort had ridden from Forty-ninth street to Tarrytown on their wheels. The afternoon was hot and close, and the ride had been a hard one. They were to take the train back to Tarrytown, and this thought had cheered her as she came in sight of each successive hill. But the strain grew worse and worse, and when they reached the railway station she was as near sheer exhaustion as it was possible for a human being to be. Some women would have fainted-there was ample excuse for it-but this one didn't. She dropped from her wheel, sat on the platform, and started in for a good cry.

Her companion showed rare good sense. Perhaps most men would have told her to stop, and some would have said she was a fool. But this man took it as if she were doing the most ordinary thing in the world. He said not a thing to her, and merely looked angrily at the people whose curiosity led them to gaze at his weeping companion.

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