My Closest Friend. My closest friend! O subtle phrase Replete with meaning that allays The sting of loneliness and care, And breathes an intimate, sweet Of comradeship through all my days!

Alas! there is another phase Of friendship, which my ardor stays-For sometimes I cap scarcely bear

My closest friend! Her social debts she never pays: At restaurants, her mind's a haze, She doesn't even do her share-Much to my pocketbook's despair! In fact, she is in many ways

My closest friend!

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Ralph Morrow turned out the light and jumped into bed. It was only 9 o'clock but he was tired to the point of complete exhaustion. He had put in a hard day in a new telegraph office, and he had been glad when the night relief came in to le, him of It was the first experience in a rail road office, and he found the work vastly different from the more placid routine of a commercial branca, where the telegrams were simply worded, and there were chances for you would have caught on." rest between times.

A busy railroad wire was one constant strain and he told himself that in five minutes he would be asleep. He had dropped into a half doze when a soft, insistent elicking tell upon his ear and he rose in bed There was no mistaking the familiar sound. It was the click of a tel. graph key, and it was sounding a call for help. Over and over again the clicks and ticks spelled out the message as clear to Morrow though it was a spoken language. It was an odd sort of Morre, c'est and precise with none of the individuality that the average operator gives his "sending," but it was Morse beyond ing for help with the aid of a telegraph instrument It seemed odd that this means should be resorted to, and Raiph decided that it must be because the victim was gagged

The landlady had said semething about having another telegrapher as a boarder when he had told her his business. It was not uncommon for operators to rig up apparatus at home for the purpose of getting up speed through practice. Some fellow operntor was in danger, and had managed to work his way over to the key, and, with his bound hands, sent out his call for help in the faint hope that some brother of the key might hear and answer. That accounted for the clow, mechanical sending

"I am bound and helpless. Come

quickly to my assistance." There was silence for a minute then springing from the bed Ralph took a pencil and on the cover of a cigar box he tapped out an inquiry as to where the call came from After a moment there came a reply; "I am in the room on your right Unless you come quickly they will return and kill me Every moment ta precious"

With a hasty "O K." Ralph slipped into his clothes, and, with a re volver that he had used when he was in charge of an office on the night trick held ready for instant use. he softly opened his door and went out into the hall. For a moment the "room on the right" puzzled him There were rooms on each side of him. Was it on the right, entering or leav ing his own room. He concluded that it must have meant the room to the cast of his, and with stealthy steps he approached the door Care fully he turned the knob and then with a lunge, threw his entire weight against the door

There was no crash of splintering wood. The door was not locked, and the push he gave sent him spinning into the room, until he lost his bal ance and fell heavily to the floor.

There was a cry of terror, and Ralph scrambled into a sitting position to look into a pair of bine eyes set in a very scared face.

"I'm not a burglar," he assured as he slipped the gun into his pocket "You telegraphed for help and

came to your relief." "Telegraphed?" The girl seemed

"Certainly," insisted Ralph. "You telegraphed that your life was in danger. You said that you were bound and helpless."

He looked uncertainly about him The girl had been sitting quietly beside the drop light on the table. The book she had been reading lay on the floor beside her, and there was no trace of ropes or bonds of

"It must be the other room," he "It said the room on right and I supposed that that meant the east. It is one of the two."

"Some one is in danger?" asked the girl, catching the infection of his

"In mortal danger! Listen." He led the way to the door of his room The ticking was heard distinctively and now the message had changed to a more desperate appeal for assistance. Ralph read the call as it came and the girl's face grew white with terror.

"To think that such a thing could an alley and attached the rope to a was made up of the following menu: happen in this house," she gasped. | telegraph pole intending to finish the | Cream of tomato soup and wafers, intotalled but 6,075 pounds valued at "I have been living here for mearly a year. There might have been other revolver and pointed it at the head sauce, celery, baking powder biscuits, risen to 327,590 pounds, worth \$54,000, people killed in that time and we know nothing about it."

There was a labored step on the stairs and the landlady's perspiring | Barr. "Sit up and beg." face appeared above the top step, the rest of her ponderous body following. She eyed the pair sharply, as she tame toward them.

"Been getting acquainted?" asked pleasantly, though her face in- mouth. dicated suspicion and disapproval. Hysterically the girl told her story and the suspicious look gave place

to a smile.

"Come with me," commanded the boarding house mistress. "I guess l can find the man who needs assist-She led the way to the floor above

and as she tapped on a door there came again a terrified appeal for aid. The message stopped in the middle of a sentence and the door flung open by a mild appearing young

"This is Mr. Morrow, our new boarder," introduced the landlady. "He says that you have been telegraphing for help and he mearly scared Miss Shay to death, breaking into her room to rescue her. thought that the sound came from her room."

carpet and the space between the they have been corresponding more resonator. You a telegrapher?"

He stood aside that Ralph might look into the room. An automatic accidentally fell into the hands of transmitter, a receiver and a half dozen cells of battery told their own

"I'm training to be a receiver on one of the press wires. Stuff comes fast, you know, and the chief loaned me an old Wheatstone apparatus. One of the boys prepares the tape into an endless band and run over

for you," offered Ralph, "if you'l! keep this story quiet at the office." The rescue party retreated down to market.

the stairs and the landlady left the two young people on their floor. this scare," apologized Ralph. don't know what you can think of eye of the hunter. The pearl busi-

man," she answered with eyes that cumstances. sparkled "You could not know that the appeal was only a pretense. You took chances just the same. I al-

ways did love brave men." Ralph's eyes were eloquent as he took her slender hand in his for a question. Someone in the next good-night greeting and went back room was in dire peril and was call- to his room to dream dreams that later came true -Buffalo Courier.

> ----MOUNTAIN SLIDING.

A Hawaiian Small Boy Simply "Drops Down the Edge of the Scenery."

uniy vigorous athletics indulged in tion of this "unnecessary official who by the boys of Hawaii. Mountain has practically nothing to do." His climbing is a favorite pastime, for salary should go to a "much wanted there are peaks four thousand feet assistant surgeon." There is only high within easy walking distance one surgeon in St. Helena, and if he of any part of Honolulu, and on the became incapacitated the little comisland of Hawaii there are awo mount munity on the lonely Napeleonie rock tains fully fourteen thousand feet in | would be in a parlous state.-Westheight. Sometimes the Honolulu minster Gazette. schools give picnics on the mountain sides that the pupils may gather landshells. It is on these excursions in search of land-shells that the Hawaiian schoolboys revel in the once national sport-mountain-slid- a man who took his stand daily out-

selected, where the grass is long very well off indeed, and they pergathers his own ti leaves—the ti leaf | them. is something like the banana leaf. the leaves by the stems in both hands, places the leafy part under him and sits down, gives himself a scenery like a flash. I was assured that it was an easy matter to regulate the speed of descent, by merele grasping the ti stems firmly and lifting them upward, this acting as a brake. I longed for the thrill of mountain, and upon my brief sled of ti leaves began the descent. I went heels, to be dashed to pieces among for them. the trees below. I thought of my brake and drew up on the ti leaves with all my might and came up with a jerk that jarred every bone in my body. There I sat, looking downward almost perpendicularly, held in position only by a few ti-leaves resting on the smooth, slippery grass, but the allding grass is nearly a foot long. and it is only after it has been repeatedly slidden over and beaten down that it approaches perfection in the eyes of the Hawaiian small boy, and sometimes leads to accidents, when, for instance, the thin layer of ti leaves wears out beneath the slide, a gentle tug at the stalks parts the sled and sends the slider whizzing downward in a most uncomfortable and ungraceful manner, all arms and legs. Lucky is the victim of such an accident if he is not stopped in his downward career by the trunk of a tree. -From "A Boy's Para-

DOG SAVES HIS LIFE.

dise in the Pacific" in St. Nicholas.

Begs, Plays Dead and Somersaults When Policeman Points Pistol. "I would have killed a dog only he was a trick dog, and that saved his life for him," said Policeman Henry Barr. The policeman was riding his wheel on West Eighth avenue

flicting a severe wound. dog. He then dragged his victim into persons and costing exactly 70 cents animal with a bullet. He pulled his breaded pork chops, potatoes in white 1 \$1,400. In 1906 these figures had of the dog. At that the animal rolled apple pie, cheese, coffee. President over on its back and "played dead." Jonathan Rigdon of the school was

the leg, tearing his trousers and in-

The creature sat upon its haunches and howled mournfully. Then he stood on his head, turned a back ounce piece of cheese has been estisomersault, lipped a chip of wood off mated at 5,000,000,000.

she his nose and weftly caught it in his

"You are too good a dog to bump off," said Barr, "and if you promise not to grab my legs again, you can come along with me."

The dog was overloyed and began to lick his new master's hand .- Den ver correspondence of the New York World.

Names Will Be Just Alike.

As the romantic result of a photograph being delivered to the wrong address, through a postman's mistake of one letter in two names pronounced alike, Vernon Henning Petre, a Cannelton Indiana, man, who has been for several years in the Philippines, was married to Miss Annie Mae Petrie, of Christian county, Kentucky, in Fairview Baptist chapel, near the bride's home.

Mr. Petre and Miss Petrle met last spring, on his return to America "I guess it goes through the floor," on furlough from his duties as depuanswered the new man. "I have no ty collector of customs at Manila, but floor and the ceiling must act as a than a year, ever since a picture of himself, addressed to his sister, Miss Saidee Petre, at Hopkinsville, Ky., Miss Mae Petrie, who was there at the same time. The two young women were unacquainted, but became warm friends and will be devoted sisters-in-law henceforth.

Pearls Help Pay Bills.

Some of the most perfect pearls and he delights in getting up the at Lake City, Iowa, are being found most bloodthirsty messages. These in the Raccoon river, Dr. T. W. Johnare just some practice slips pasted son opened a clam shell in which was a perfect white pearl, said the idea that I was calling for help. people take their vacation camping If I had used one of the longer tapes every year, and live along the 'Coon seadching for pearls, and this year "I'll come up some night and send they have been more than ordinarily successful, and not a few have sent excellent gems to Eastern jewelers

The clams are gathered by wading and with nets, and carried to the "I feel like a fool for giving you shore, where they are opened with care, lest the pearl escape the sharp ness is belping out families that "I think that you are a very brave | would otherwise be in straitened cir-

Colony Without Crime.

St. Helena, our little Napoleonic colony in mid-Atlantic, is a model community. Its governor, Col. Gallwey, is also its judge, but in the latter capacity he has little or nothing to do. He holds court at stated times, but the only business is the presentation of white gloves.

Nevertheless St. Helena has an "inspector of police" and as the withdrawal of the garrison, hitherto the chief consumer of local products, has adversely affected the finances the Water sports are by no means the St. Helena Guardian urges the aboli-

Bother of Dressing Up. Thackeray's crossing-sweeper who kept his carriage was not entirely a creation of his imagination. I knew side a public house, fetched cabs and A very steep mountain side is did ced jobs. His relatives were

but not nearly so long. With a bunch, a couple of months he reappeared one with tar and sand and covered with meantime become extremely facility. of it leaves in his hand, the first boy day outside the public house. I. tarpaulin. steps to the edge of the side, grasps knowing his circumstances, asked him why he had left comfort for the cold payement. "I had to," he said. "I stood it as long as I could, but, start and drops down the edge of the when they wanted me to dress for dinner every time they had company I chucked it."-From the Referee.

Spanks Prodigal Son.

While Irene Staller of Elkhart, was pensburg she met and admired a nice, apple-cheeked lad of seventeen named Martin Goodheart. The young like the wind; it seemed as though woman proposed and was accepted. my breath would be taken away from The couple eloped and reached Pittsme, or that I would plunge head over | burg, where the police were waiting

> When Goodheart, Sr., arrived be ed him. He wanted to spank the girl but the judge interfered. "I was just taking him out to In-

diana, where I can get him a good job," was the girl's explanation, which staggered the father.

Within three minutes the girl had "borrowed" \$5 from the old man, who took his erring son home.

The Terrors of War.

A sweet young thing was being shown over one of the battleships. "What is the captain's name?" she asked incidentally of the marine who had been detailed to show her around, "Mitchell, Captain Mitchell," replied the marine; and he added, by the way of historical interest, "during the Spanish-American war it was Converse, but now it is Mifchell." "Oh." said the s. y. t., gazing at him with all the animation of board ing school intelligence, "do they

The smarine fell overboard, and all of the crew within hearing jumped in to rescue him .- New York Press.

change their names on account of

Dinner Only Costs Seventy Cents. At Warsaw, Ind., nine persons feasted on 70 cents' worth of food when a Eskimo dog grabbed him by in Indiana has been proved by a class in the domestic science department of the Winon i Normal School Barr got a rope and lassoed the A dinner served by the class to nine News.

The microbe population of a 12.

The French Government Establishes Stations That Wrecked Mariners May not Starve ---- Caches Visited by Ships Each Year.

Depots of food and clothing supplies are maintained on the shores of the southermost of the Auckland Islands for the benefit of sailors who may have the misfortune to be cas

up on these barren stretches of land These islands are on the extreme southern edge of commercial naviga tion. Supply depots are now main tained on them because they are uninhabited and it is difficult for cast aways to maintain life on these bleak rocks, while awaiting some passing ship, whose coming may be long deferred.

Sallors in that part of the country have all felt reasonably secure be cause of the knowledge that provisions had been made by the government for such emergencies as shipwrecks, but recently it developed that twelve sailors from the unfortunate Dundonald spent eight long months in utter misery on one of these islands, subsisting on such fish as they were able to kill with sticks.

They hunted persistently for the supply depots which they knew to exist, but were unable to find any evidence of them. It happened that they were not supplied with the maps which are issued giving the particulars of their location.

These maps are printed and issued every year by the government, giving directions concerning the depots of provisions and clothing which it keeps on seven groups of Islands between New Zealand and the antarctic circle. The latest series of maps and instructions that has reached New York was printed last year.

The main island in the Auckland group is about thirty miles long and twenty miles wide in its broadest part, and it is not very easy to find the depots without the directions. The survivors of the wrecked steamer say they could find no boat, but the New Zealand government asserts that three lifeboats are kept there, two at the north and one at the south end of the group, and the map shows their position.

It also shows the position of the three supply stations on the main island, and the printed directions menmedicine, tools, etc., among the sup-

Evre last year to the islands of Am- are at last at home in the couples sterdam, St. Paul and Kerguelen, on it is of the very greatest advantage the southern edge of the Indian to themselves as well as their trainocean, to establish provision and ers. clothing stations for ship-wrecked

Both the French and the New Zealand governments distribute instructions how to find these stations, with lished metropolitan club which offerlists of what they contain, including |ed the usual advantage of bedrooms at each depot about a ton of preand sloping downward. Every one suaded him to go and live with served beef and biscult, warm under town. When next the country gentleclothing, cooking pots, matches, all man came to town he put up for the After leading a life of luxury for packed in iron-hooped barrels, coated night at the club, which had in the

Spotless Town.

The housecleaning tools, hung upon the wall in neat lines, were as numer ous, as diverse and as handsome as the tools of a carpenter or a chauf feur. There were floor brushes, wa!! brushes, picture brushes-all sizes and shapes. There were rakes and scrapers for corners. There polishing instruments of every kind -for glass, for metal, for floors, for furniture. There were sponges, chamois skins, soaps and powders of all descriptions

"It is a complete set of cleaning tools, isn't it?" said the owner, "It should be complete. I brought it from Holland with me last monthfrom Brook-from Spotless Town. Brock is the cleanest place in the world. When you enter its gates they give you a pair of new straw sandals, yellow as gold, to put on so that you will not track up the snowy streets. In the bright sunshine you seem to be walking in a town made of sugar candy. The tree trunks are painted yellow, the garden fences are a bright blue, the tables and chairs before the little inns are as white as though carved out of snow. Enter a Brock stable. The walls are scarlet, the managers are green, the floors are yellow. The cows' tails are fastened to a ring in the ceiling so that they may not soil or be soiled." -New York Press.

Deathbed Statistics.

rounded his deathbed, but the news of Honduras, that interference by more to know than to hear if he were laid out in the parlor or bedroom, or if he were attired in a by a strong cautionary decree issued shroud or his regular clothes. But an to the offending governments. Atchison inquirer has measured his now remains to be seen whether this be appreciated. One of the amurances hed, and finds that without unseemly | decree will be respected or enforced. | of a continued and permanent growth crowding it will accommodate six- If successful in maintaining neutralteen. How, then, can thirty and forty | fty it will not only prove its value in surround the deathbeds of the great prompting the peace of troubled Cenmen, as told in the telegraph. - trai America, but will afford an ob- York is entertaining an average of over

Japan Losing Her Hair. Japanese hair now floods the human-hair market. In 1904 this export 1906, bought 117,000 pounds of hair, Weekly.

mearly 3,746,000 square miles.

MAKING UP THE PACK.

Training Puppies to Go in Couples and Answer to Call, A pack of foxhounds can be kept up only by weeding out as spring comes round the unfit and replenishing their ranks with selections from

the now full grown pupples that have

come in from walk. Here is a tremendous task for the master and huntsman, says Battly's Magazine. To examine each single hound out of some fifty couple or more and assess its probability as a success behind the fox, to weigh carefully in each case the considerations of neck, shoulders, loin and limb is a business of all devouring interest.

Almost daily in the kennels are masters of hounds and huntsmen in their white kennel coats, brooding thoughtfully over their future hopes, and discussing the motley crowd of romping puppies as they fly to the bit of biscuit tossed to some far corner of the yard and show their comportment and display their strong and their weak points.

Now and then a likely couple is isolated for special study, and, falling naturally and with easy grace into their role, they sit up with that dignified and inimitable grace which

only a foxhound possesses. The answering to their names is part of their education, which, although of course this has in a measure been achieved at walk, has now to be emphasized. But to make each of fifty or sixty couples respond at once to his name is a task not accomplished easily, though each hound in the hundred may be perfectly well aware who is wanted when the name

Feeding time is the great occasion for this lesson to be driven home. Outside a door, held just sufficiently ajar to admit one hound at a time, some fifty young hounds, with a few old stagers left in to illustrate the lesson, are collected, eagerly awaiting their horsestesh and oatmeal With wistful, upturned faces, each waits his turn.

"Prodigal!" calls the huntsman, and from the far end of the gathering. perhaps right on the outskirts, or secreted among the motley crowd. up to the door creeps or vaults over the others, as they rage round. Prodigal, Then to the call of Careless thera is a stir through the crowd, and in slips Careless.

So the young bounds watch it all, and thus they quickly learn to do likewise, till they are so perfectly drilled that not a bound will stir until its name has been called.

Then comes another ordeal-to learn to go in the couples. This too should, where possible, be taugh! at walk, and if puppy walkers would save their pupples many a miserable day at kennels they would get them used to the couples very young.

When full grown it is a most tiresome business. They resent it keen ly, and many a bloody battle is attion clothing, biscuit and other food, tempted when they find thomselves chained to another hound. But 't is a lesson which has to be learned The Drench sent" the war vessel for many reasons, and when they

The Early Bird. A very steady and serious country gentleman had joined a newly estabfor country members temporarily in able and its hours correspondingly irregular. The visitor went to bed at an early hour when all was orderly and the other members decorous

The next morning he came down for breakfast at his usual houreight o'clock-but was surprised to find the room in the middle of dust ing process and not a cloth on the table. While he was gazing helplessly around a sleepy-eyed waiter came

"I beg your pardon, sir," he said apologetically, "but no suppers can be served after half past seven."-Harper's Weekly.

Queer Breads. "This bread is made with water," said a seaside baker, "and it is thought to be good for the dys peptic. Another bread, baked with the powdered seawerd called Porphy ra laciniata, is eaten by rheumatic sufferers with fair results. They say that whole wheat bread mixed with a flour made of powdered fishbones helps certain sorts of skin diseases. There is reason for believing in the medicinal properties of the sea and its products," said the baker learned "They who live on the shore will tell you how, at certain seasons many kinds of animals—cattle, sheep, horses and even poultry come down on the sands and drink of the bitter waters."-New York Press.

Testing a New Court,

The efficacy of the new Central American Court of Justice is to be given a prompt test. The complaint People care no Guatamala and San Salvador has encouragea rebellion against the Honduran government, has been answered in the wider theatre of international relations.-Boston Herald.

Richest Girl in Oklahoma

Ruth Tate Brady, of Oklahoma, is

the richest girl in the far west. She France, Japan's chief customer, in is twelve years old and has in her own right an income of \$400 a day. "You must be a trick dog," said a guest at the dinner.-Indianapolis | while the United States in that year | Her mother was a half-blood Cheropurchased 42,500 pounds.-Harper's kee Indian. Miss Brady received 300 acres of public land on the allotment, and on this tract oil wells have The Dominion of Canada contains been developed producing daily 2,000 barrels of off - Wall Street Journal.

CONDEMNS "YELLOW" PAPERS.

Hre. Cornwallis West Says Women's Pages Are Joys of Lunaties. "The lunatics' delight" is the terse description of the woman's pages of

American "yellow" papers given by Mrs. George Cornwallis West in a remarkable interview in London. Several of these pages, with their "answers to girls" columns and their alleged love experts' replies to imaginary correspondents, asking why a girl of 10 should not wed a man of 70, were

shown to her. "As far as twaddle of this type is concerned," she continued, pointing to various bits of advice to girls of 18 to avoid wedding men of 40 and to women of 50 to avoid marriage with youths twenty years their junior, etc., "I say as far as this twaddle is concerned, I never heard of such nonsense. Why, this page is a veritable lunatics' 2alight. Clearly it is written by some feeble-minded person to delight readers of equally low mentality.

"Human nature, you know, is pretty well the same the world over, and the fact is that, despite all this 'expert-onlove' twaddle, the divorce records of America prove fairly conclusively that following the advice of self-chosen prophets of Eros leads to the divorce court more rapidly and with greater



frequency than ignoring the nonsense

peddlers altogether. "In Europe the marriage of a young man with a woman of, say more than 40, or that of a man more than 40 with a girl in her twentles, is quite common, and the almost clear court records, not to mention the undoubted real happiness that has followed these alliances, is answer sufficient to these 'love philos-

ophers' of the American yellow papers "One might as well expect to follow the advice of an Italian railroad navvy on how to write Gaelle poetry, or that of a Zalu cowherd on how to paint a

"No, the American yellow paper, with its idiotic, not to say positively harmful, nonsense on 'love' is nauseating." No marriage in the high life of England in recent years caused so much comment, favorable and otherwise, as that of Lieut. Cornwallis-West and Lady Randolph Churchill. The marriage was bitterly opposed by the mother of the young bridegroom and others of his family on the alleged ground of the great disparity in the ages of the couple. Mrs. Cornwallis-West is now more than 50 years old, while her husband

Mrs. Cornwallis-West was formerly Miss Jennie Jerome of New York. She married Lord Randolph Churchill in 1874. He died in 1895, leaving her with

two sons and a fortune of \$250,000. LITTLE OLD NEW YORK.

Larger in Population than Sixteen Different States and Territories. Some one who is apt at figures has shown that New York City to-day is larger in population than sixteen different States and Territories, and further that within a radius of twenty miles are living over 10,000,000 people, says the National Magazine.

The improved methods of transportation, which are fast widening the limits of New York's business energy, will soon embrace a radius of fifty miles, within which are located 2,364 different towns and cities, whose total population, with that of Greater New York, is equal to fully one-fifth of the

population of the United States. When it is realized that the permanent increase in population of New York last year was about 400,000, a city the size of Cleveland, Ohio, some idea of the tremendous growth of the city can is to be found in the 50,000 marriages that take place every year.

Besides this permanent increase New ject lesson to be studied and followed | 150,000 transient visitors every day, and at some seasons, when the hotel accommodations are taxed to their utmost, fully 800,000 people are chronicled in their home papers as "spending a few days in New York on pleasure and business."

> An Infernal Machine. "Jinx was found with an infernal machine in his possession last night." "Taking it to be mended?" "Taking what to be mended?"

"The phonograph."-Houston Post Borrowing money is synonymo with berrowing trout

Immortality is nothing but a ation of this life. It is not future present.—Rev. F. W. Hinnitt. P. terian, Danville, Ky. Keeping Young.

While the march of time in the

able, one need not grow old in

asserting that age need not rob one interest in life.—Rev. Joseph L. Garvin Scientist, Seattle. Seeking. Somehow or other the conscious seek ing of a good thing, if kept up too lon and too constantly, interferes with the

Hadley, Presbyterian, New Haven Requirements of Religion. Religion requires first a person who is right and righteous in his soul, and then an outward life of goodness and service in harmony with that right

chauce of obtaining it .- Dr. A. Twilling

state within.-Rev. John W. Rowlett, Unttarian, Atlanta. Woman's Age. This is the best age for women the world has ever known. Never were there so many opportunities given them

as now, and never were there so many

avenues of opportunity open to them. Rev. W. W. Bustard, Baptist, Boston, All Needs Supplied. Man does not live by bread alone? God has given to each phase of life its need, and no lower nature in us ca supply the needs of the one above it. though it may influence it more or less.

-Rev. Sidney H. Cox, Evangelical Church, Brooklyn. Bible Versus Crime. It has been found by statistics gather ered in the Juvenile courts and reform atories that in almost every case of wrong doing the culprits have no knowledge of the Bible and its teachings,-flev. Frank L. Goodspeed, Pres-

byterian, Springfield, Seif-Denial, The bare fruitfulness of any life comes by its self-denials. There is no good done and no profit made without labor and pain; it is by surrenders and givings that one becomes of value to society and to the kingdom of Christ -Rev. Dr. Leete, Methodist Episcopa

lian, Detroit. Biindness of Sin. Why will people persist in thinking that Christ came into the world to comdemn them? "Tis the blindness of sin. He is the sinner's truest friend. God sent not liks son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world should be saved through Him .- Roy. R.

M. Little, Presbyterian, Pittsburg. Obeying God's Ward. What we need to-day above "peps larity" or kingly patronage or load me ate or rich pageantry is simple of ence to God's word, If this gots to be a mere detail that may be lost an in the general fues, so much the worse for all concerned.—Rev. A. Aird Mottat.

Congregations list, Newark, Cleansing the World.

There are many scholarly and thoughtful men, who are as far frue being pessimists as a delicious peach le from being a sour grape, who think it would take something as cleansing as the flood described in Genesis to purify our country, to say nothing of the rest of the world.-Rev. Frederick M. Hopkins, Congregationalist, Chicago.

Catechiem. The little child that is familiar with his catechism is really more enlightened on truths that should come home to every rational mind than the most pro-

phers of our times .-- J. Cardinal Gibbons, Roman Catholic, Baltimore, Material Prosperity Insufficient. Mere material prosperity has never been sufficient to secure stability of government. Moral courage, honesty Mberal education, and a bearing sen of religion are of greater impertance in our national life than big crops large bank deposits, enormous factories

found philosophers of pagan antiquity,

or even than many so-called philoso-

or extensive railways.—Rev. John B. Scott, Episcopalian, Hot Springs, Va.

The Ram's Horn. The shofar's tones, while not quite so beautiful and harmonious as the trust pets of war, have a far different lesson to convey. At the sound of the note from the Ram's horn all larget in the tening to the same and is stirred to the very depths, and rally to the flag in their faith, pledging themselves a new loyalty to their God,-Rev. M. S. Legy Hebrew, San Francisco.

The Bible. ahead of date. It has anticipated every scientific discovery of any consequen and little is taught in science to day that may not be found outlined in the Bible. The order of creation, for example ple, is now found by science to be identical with the method revealed in this hollest of books.—Rev. Hugh K. Walke er, Presbyterian, Los Angeles, The Devil.

The production of "The Devil" develops the coarseness and grossness of the story. Yet, despite its coarse stage the play must suggest to all who think at all the many guises in which will may present itself. It is greatly to be deplored that this study in evil, wh might prove a warning to many thoughtful man and woman, should developed in its worst instead of its best phases.—Rev. A. Eugene Bactles Church of the Redeemer, Chicago,

"John," she whispered, "there's burglar in the drawing ro just knocked against the ple several keys at once."

"I'll go down," said he "Oh, John, don't do any Rash! Why, I'm going! You don't suppose he can plane from the box ance!"-London The