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Dr. Johnson once took Bishop Percy's little daughter on his knee and asked her that the thought of the "Pilgrim's Prog-

The child answered that she had not read

"No," replied the doctor; " then I would not give one farthing for you." And he set or down and took no further notice of her. This story, if true, proves that the doctor rather intolerant. We must not ex communicate people because they have not on taste in books. The majority of people do not care for books at all. There is a demodent of John Bunyan's, alive now or stely, who Lever read the "Pilgrim's Books are not in his line. Nay, Bunyan himself, who wrote 60 works, Wis no great reader. An Oxfordischolar who risited him in his study found no books at lexcept some of Bunyan's own and Fox's "Book of Martyrs." Yet, little as the world in general cares for reading, it has read Bunyan more than most.

John Buryan, who wrote the "Pilgrim's Progress" and 59 other works, was a splendid example of an Englishman. They tried bully Bunyan; they arrested and imprisoned him unfairly even in law, accordno to accounts and he would not be bulli-What was much more extraordinary, would not be embittered. In spite of all he still called Charles II. "a gracious prince." When a subject is in conscience at variance with the law, Bunyan said, he has but one porte, to accept peaceably the punishment which the law awarded. He was never pured, never angered, by 12 years of durance, set exactly in a loathsome dungeon, but in my uncomfortable quarters. When there ane a brief interval of toleration, he did not occupy himself in brawling, but in resching and looking after the manners and morals of the little "church," including woman who brought disagreeable charggainst "Brother Honeylove." The church decided there was nothing in the barres, but somehow, the name of Brother loseylove does not inspire confidence.

He was not a travelled man; all his knowdge of people and places he found at his borr. He had some schooling, "according who rate of other poor men's children, adamuredly it was enough. The great civil ou broke out, and Bunyan was a soldier ; He does not seem to have been much under is but he got that knowledge of the appearuse of war which he used in Mansoul.

h 1646 the army was disbanded, and Benyan went back to Elstow village and is tinkering, his bell ringing, his dancing ith the girls, his playing at "cat" on a anday after service. He married very young ad poor. He married a pious wife, and read her library-"The Piain Man's Pathway Heaven," and "The Practice of Piety." became very devout in the spirit of the such of England, and he gave up his musements. Then he fell into the Slough Despond, then he went through the Val. yof the Shadow, and battled with Apollm. People have wondered why he fancied inself such a sinner! He confesses to havbeen a liar and a blasphemer. If I may ten I fancy that this was merely the litergenius of Bunyan seeking for expression. hen he heard a voice dart from heaven to his soul which said, "Wilt thou leave y sins and go to heaven, or have thy sins d go to hell?' So he fell on repentance, ad passed those awful years of mental stare, when all nature seemed to tempt n to the unknown sin.

Banyan got quit of his terror at last, iely by believing in the goodness of God. did not say, like Mr. Carlyle, well, if all lears are true, "What then?" His was Aristian, not a stoical deliverance.

The "church" in which Bunyan found elter had for minister a converted, major royalist regiment. It was a quaint little mounty, the members living like the ly disciples, correcting each other's faults, teeping a severe eye on each other's Bunyan became a minister in it; but, man as he was, he let his Pilgrims dance loyful occasions, and even Mr. Ready to waltzes with a young lady of the Pil-

buyan began to write books of controwith Quakers and clergymen. The debated are no longer important te main thing was that he got a pen he hand and found a proper outlet for soins, a better way than fancy swear-If he had not been cast into Bedford for preaching in a cottage he might have dreamed his immortal dream, become all that he was.

te leisures of gaol were long. In that the muse came to him, the fair kind the "Home Beautiful." He saw company of his, so like and so unyou admire Miss no further, if the world would let Countains in whose streams Isaak for the hand of my urnalist, I believe,

4 was then casting angle. a too late to praise the "Pilgrim's Pro-You may put ingenuity on the rack, can say nothing new that is true te best romance that ever was wedded The people live, they are living the people, the noisy, bullying langing courts after Monmouth's war; grave Puritan girls and Mathad the gripes, and lazy feckless who came to so ill an end, poor ad stardy Old Honest and poor Mr. stangle persons but dczens arise They come, as vivid, as if out of Scott or Moliere; the Tingreat a master of character and the greatest, almost: his style is plain and sound, full of old idioms of something like old slang. But

at picture of the in classical. resenting the earth the very body's author. The very have their edition of the Pilgrim: Giant Pepe, but have been hard to insert Giant Protestant Unheralded, unannounced, incriticised (they accused the plagiarist, of course) Bun- have waited for it for three years. the own your ont, I

yan outshone the court wite, the learned, the posts of the restoration, and even the great theologians. His other books, except "Grace Abounding" (an autobiography) The Holy War," and "Mr. Badman," are only known to students, nor much read by

The fashion of his theology, as of all theology, passed away. It is by virtue of his imaginations, of his romance, that he lives. The allegory, of course, is full of flaws. It would not have been manly of Christian to run off and save his own soul, leaving his wife and family. Bunyan shrank from showing us how difficult, if not impossible, it is for a married man to be saint. Christiana was really with him all through that pilgrimage, and how he must have been hampered by that woman of the world ! But, had his allegory clung more closely to the skirts of truth, it would have changed from a romance to a satire, from "The Pilgrim's Progress" to "Vanity Fair" There was too much love in Bunyan for a satirist of that kind; he had just enough for a humorist.

Born in another class, he might have been, he would have been, a writer more refined in his strength, more uniformly excellent, but never so universal, nor so popular in the best sease of the term. In the change of times and belief it is not impossible that Bunyan will live among the class whom he least thought of addressing, scholars, lovers of worldly literature, for devotion and poverty are parting company, while art endures till civilization perishes.

## Dont's For Girls.

Don't encourge young men to call upon you who frequent liquor saloons, billiard parlors or pool rooms. Don't notice men who stare at you on the streets, even if it is wellbred stare. Doubtless they think themselves irresistible and you very much impressed with their appearance.

Don't stand at street corners talking to young men, though they are acquaintances. Don't consider it a sign of your popularity to be accompanied by several escorts when ever you take your walks abroad.

Don't accept promiscuous invitations. It only cheapens you and may draw you into a circle of acquaintances you will regret having formed.

Don t sanction wine-drinking when out to parties or weddings. Your simple act of declining the proffered glass may act as a check upon your companion. Tacit disapproval sometimes does mere good than the most elequent temperance lecture.

Don't marry a drinking man. If the sweet heart will not give up the dangerous habits, it is very certain the husband will not. Don't allow men to be tamiliar with you, to use slang or doubtful expressions in your

presence. Don't make appointments with men either at a friend's home, in the park, or at any place but you father's house.

Don't rebel if the visits of a certain gentleman are disagreeable to your mother, and she says so. She knows heat, and can see faults and deficiencies that your youth and inexperience would never discover.

Don't attempt to copy the manners and dress of your brothers. Nothing so unsexes a woman as masculine ways.

Don't use loud tones in talking, nor call men by their last names without the usual prefix. Men may treat you as a good comrade, but they very rarely marry such girls.

Don't be ashamed to help mother with the housework. A practical knowledge of bread making, cooking, and the general drops occasionally put down the sink drain management of a house is worth more than a smattering of music or painting. To know how to "set" the sponge for bread is an accomplishment that no girl need despise, and the kneading of it is grand exercise.

Don's set your mind too much on dress. While it is your duty to look your very best with the means at your command, it is wrong to give so much time and thought to the adornment of your person, while your mind is starving for want of proper food. You need not be a blue-stocking, but a good healthy course for reading and thinking is

splendid gymnastics for your mental powers. wrapper, slovenly shoes, "bang" done up | She will take care of the house at night and in curl papers, and back hair in a cracker look after the children and I can go down knot on top of your head. You will never and sit in the office with you while you see any one better to dress for than those in the home circle. They are the ones to be cheered by your sweet, wholesome appear. ance, and not strangers.

and by so doing you will gain an inflaence to my mind till yesterday. On! John, forwhich, like a sweet perfume, will shed its give me for not thinking of your comfort the animal shies or stumbles. fragrance upon all with whom you may be sooner. But I will go and sie with you tobrought in contact.

## Origin of the German Empire.

One of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha's daucer's; Faithful, and Hopeful, and memorandums in his new volume is of real the fellowship of fiends, the importance, as it is calculated decisively to Cavaliers of Vanity Fair," and settle the question as to the origination of Despair," with his grievous crabtree | the project for restoring the German Empire. and other people he saw who are | Since the death of the Emperor Frederick always; the handsome Madame | it has been asserted that he and he alone, and the young woman whose name suggested in the first instance the restoration and Mr. Worldly Wiseman, and of the imperial dignity, a statement which the Bothways, and Byends, all the has excited considerable surprise, to say the of the C. He hears the angelic least of it. Tae doubts which have been the City beyond the River; he freely expressed are now shown to be justi-Im no repeat them to us he cannot, fied, for, so far from the Emperor Frederick In no poet," as he says himself. He having originated this idea, and Prince Hountester of Beulah and the Delect- Bismarck having opposed it, as has been Where that earthly paradise of absurdly stated, it appears that in October, where we might be happy yet, and 1870, the Dake of Saxe-Coburg Gotha sent one of his "memoranduma" to Prince Bis marck, in which he strongly advocated the empire arrangement. The Chancellor replied that the Duke's ideas were precisely his own in every particular, and that they were now in process of realization. It may be hoped that this valuable contribution to the controversy which has been raging during the last sixteen months will finally dispose of the Emperor Frederick's preposterous claims to be considered the originator of the German Empire, for the Duke of Saxe Coburg Gotha, who was one of his intimate friends, may surely be accepted as an unexceptionable authority.

# Not so Very Sudden.

He (about to ask for a kiss) -I have an important question to ask you. She (playfully) -I know what it is, George. You want me to be your wife. Well, take

He (rather taken back)-This is somewhat sudden, isn't it?

She (tenderly)-I don't know, George, whether it is sudden for you or not, but I

## What Sociatism Really Means

Now what are we to say to the nostrum, whereby the Socialists (would remedy the miseries of the world? At the outset it is open to this manifest objection, that the remedy is worse than the disease. I do not underrate the gravity of the disease. But what does the socialistic proposal really mean? It means the undoing of the work of civilization. For in what does the progress of society consist? It consists in the evolution of the individual.

The history of western civilization, whatever else it may be, is certainly the history of the growth of personal liberty and of private property. The two things are intimately connected, for property is but liberty realized. Socialism, as Proudhon confessed, "is apt to take its assumptions for realities its Utopias for institutions." Its Utopias, realized, would, alse ! mean barbarism. And what can be more false than some of its assumptions? Take one, for example, that the workers produce all the wealth of society." Does not capital then create value? | then to that giant, Imagination. Does it not render human labor more productive by promoting co-operation and by the use of improved machinery? It is true, also, that Socialism is in direct conflict with man's natural rights; and herein is its suffi clent condemnation. It is fatal to human liberty, in that it is the negation of man's most sacred prerogative to be himself, to live out | ments as these that my mind lays hold of intentioned but unwise father, who is relate 1 it with a vigor, against which the natural an egg, and about half a teaspoonful of salt. by Mr. Samuel Weller to have cut off his | desire for sleep hopelessly makes battle. son's head in order to cure him of squinting.

which is essentially rational and ethical. It | Olympia are not hers? would reduce the public order to a machine. and would bring in an era of universal slavery, with a modicum of pigwash for all .-W. S. Lilly in the February Forum.

### About the House-

A damp cloth dipped in salt will remove eggs stains from silver, or tea stains from china dishes.

A piece of sponge fastened to a stick is good thing with which to clean lamp chim-

If you dip the wicks of lamps in strong, hot vinegar, and then dry them, it will do away with most of the disagreeable smell.

When the glass globes of chandeliers have become smoked and grimy, soak them in hot water, to which a little sal soda has been added. Then put some ammonia in hot water, enter the globes and scrub briskly with a stiff brush. Rinse thoroughly and wipe dry.

In using ammonia for domestic purposes one tablespoonful to a quart of water is about the ordinary proportion.

Great improvement will be found in tea and coffee if they are kept in glass jars instead of tin boxes. Nothing is better than a glass fruit jar

for keeping cooking raisins moist. Before attempting to seed raisins cover them with hot water and let them stand fifteen minutes. The seeds can then be removed easily, without a particle of

Strong carbolic acid is sure death to bed-bugs. It is also one of the very best disinfectants. A bottle should be kept on hand—out of reach of children—and a few

## She Had Him in the Toils.

Wlfe (with solicitude of tone) -" It must be very lonesome sitting all by yourself at night, John, balancing your books?"

Husband (tenderly) -"It is, my darling." W .- "I have been thinking about it for some time and now I have got a pleasant surprise for you."

H.—"A pleasant surprise?" W .- "Yes, dearest. I sent for mother yesterday and I expect her this evening 1 Don't come down to breakfast in a soiled | mean to have her stay with us quite awhile.

> H .- "The dev-that is to say, I couldn't land is very rocky. think of you going down town."

W .- "It's my duty, dearest. I ought to In a word, girls, try to be true woulden, have thought of it before, but it never came

night." H .- "To night! Why, I-I-the fact is, I got through with my books last night." W .- "You did? How delightful! And cases. you can now stay at home every evening!

I'm so glad. " And the delighted wife ran off to make preparations for the recaption of her mother, while the husband, with sombre brow, sat looking at the picture of a poker party with one member absent in the glowing, grate.

## But the Loan Didn't Go.

Mac-You're always broke. How do you manage to live? Fitz-The same as the rest of us, from

better than a comb. Adam down. "Why, what do you mean?"

"From hand to mouth."

### Felt Sure of His Own Standing. Young Hopeful-Papa, who are the real

geatlemen ? Puzz'ed but Proud Parent-Well, dear, it is hard to tell nowadays, but whenever you parts. want to judge for yourself, your father will

answer for a model.

#### Doubted Him. He-Why, I love you so much, Ethel, that I'd die for you if you'd marry me.

She-I'd marry you if I believed it. No Hopes. Landlady-So you came here for your heath? Do you expect to live here? New Boarder (who is in delicate health) -

## Where He Was Weak. . Sasie-You must be awfully weak, Mr.

Mr. Collier (who prides himself on his muscle)-Not so very, I guess; what makes you think so? Susie-I was just reading that knowledge

No, not if I board with you.

How a Revel is Written.

The characters in my novels, you ask how conceive them? Once the plet is recoved from the misty depths of the mind, the characters come and range themselves readily enough.

always young with me, for that matter, for little salt. what, under the heaven we are promised, is so altogether perfect as youth !

If any of you, dear readers, is as bad a sleeper as I am, you will understand how thoughts swarm at midnight. Busy, bustling, stinging bees, they forbid the needed rest, and, thronging the idle brain, compel attention. Here in the silent hours the ghosts called characters walk, smiling, bowing, nodding, pirouetting, going like marionettes through all their paces.

At night I have had my gayest thoughts, at night my saddest. All things seem open

Here, lying 'n the dark, with as yet no glimmer of the coming dawn, no faintest light to show where the closed curtains join, too indolent to rise and light the lamp, too sleepy to put one's toot out of the wellwarmed bed, praying fruitlessly for that sleep that will not come—it is at such mohis life. Its method is like that of the well- the novel now in hand, and works away at

Just born this novel may be, or half com-Socialism indeed, if we weigh the matter | pleted; however it is, off goes my brain at | Br well, is but one of the many expressions of a tangent. Scene follows scene, one touch- | white beans over night in cold water. In the the abounding materialism of the day. It ing the other; the character unconsciously morning cut about two pounds of fresh lean is a chapter, and a very ignoble one, in what | falls into shape; the villain takes a ruddy | beef and put in all the bones; when it comes Carlyle was wont to call "pig philosophy." hue; the hero dons a white robe; as for the to a boil, skim and add the beans, and cook It is devoid of any true notion of the organic, heroine, who shall say what dyes from until the meat and beans are all cooked to

thrusts itself into notice. Lightest of skele- papper unless you are sure all your family tons all these must necessarily be, yet they like it. Keep hot until you wish to serve make up eventually the big whole, and from | it. the brain wanderings of one wakeful night three or four chapters are created for the next morning's work.

As for the work itself, mine is perhaps strangely done, for often I have written the last chapter first and founded my whole story on the one episode that it contained.

### How to save Doctors' Bills.

Never go to bed with cold or damp feet. Never lean with the back upon anything that is cold.

Never begin a journey until the breakfast has been eaten.

After exercise of any kind never ride in an open carriage or near the window of a car for a moment; it is dangerous to health or even life. Never omit regular bathing, for unless

the skin is in regular condition, the cold will close the pores and favor congestion or other When hoarse, speak as little as possible

until the hoarseness is recovered from, else the voice may by permanently lost, or difficulties of the throas be produced.

Merely warm the back by the fire, and never continue keeping the back exposed to warm. To do otherwise is debilitating.

Keep the back, especially between the shoulder blades, well covered; also the chest well protected. In sleeping in a cold room establish the habit of breathing through the nose, and never with the mouth

Never stand still in cold weather, especially after having taken a slight degree ice or snow, where the person is exposed to the cold wind.

When going from a warm atmosphere into a cooler one keep the mouth almost closed, so that the air may be warmed by its passage through the nose ere it reaches the lungs.

## Management of a Horse.

Feed regularly three times daily, but

never overfeed. Never wash a horse with cold water when he is overheated.

On a farm dispense with shoes, unless the Water before feeding, but not while the

horse is hot from work. Use the whip very little, and never when

Never leave a horse standing unhitched.

It is the way to make them runaways. Do not storm and fret. Be quiet and

If a horse is vicious and unmanageable at I control him.

Give the horse a large stall and a good bed at night. It is important that he lie

down to rest. Hay and other ground feed is indispensable, and ground corn or hominy is better

than whole corn. A cotton-card is one of the best instruments for grooming a horse. It cleans

Collar galls and bruises are benefited by washing with salt water. Wash shoulders daily when using the horse. Brine is also Look forward ! Though thy mind must fail good for stiff joints.

over lightly with a weak solution of carbolic acid. If you have not the acid, apply sturgeon oil on the flanks, neck, and tender

# How Long Should we Sleep?

Up to the fifteenth year most young people require ten hours. After that age every one finds out how much he or she requires, though, as a general rule, at least six to eight hours is necessary. Eight hours' sleep will prevent more nervous derange. on hand. ments in women than any medicine can cure. During growth there must be ample sleep it the brain is to develop to its full extent : and the more nervous, excitable or precocious a child is, the longer sleep should it get, if its intellectual progress is not to come | tice, 534, 146 pounds of cleomargarine was to a premature standstill, or its life cut short | sent to British North America during the at an early age.

# Where Did He Go?

McCorkle-If you find it, bring it home be that the old is used to grease the hard

is power, and I knew —But he had fled. — with you. So long !

Receipts for Soups

The time for soup is the winter. For the following receipts we are indebted to the "Cultivator and Country Gentleman":

CELERY Sour .- Take some "soup stock, made the day previous, with beef after the A scene, we will say, suggests itself-a fat is taken off, put over the fire, thicken garden, a flower show, a ball-room, what with a little flour mixed in cold water; cut you will-and two people in it. A young fine two bunches white celery and add. Boil man and woman for choice. They are until tender, add a cup of sweet cream and a

> MILE Soup. - Take one quart of milk, add a pinch of salt; beat one egg well, stir in flour to thicken that has one-fourth teaspoonful of baking powder mixed through it. Mix the eggs and figur so it will form lumps; when the milk boils, stir them in and cook two or three minutes, and you will have a nice soup.

OYSTER SOUP .- Allow one quart of boiling water and one quart sweet milk; stir in twothirds cupful of fine cracker crumbs ; season with salt. When it boils, add one quart of oysters which you have carefully looked over : let it come to a boil for one minute, and add half a cupful of cream and almost a cupful of butter.

TOMATO SOUP. - Take a three-pound can of tomatoes, add one quart of boiling water, boil half an hour, strain through a colander, put it back on stove and add one seaspoonful of soda; let it boil up, then put in a quart of sweet milk, a piece of butter larger than Be sure to add the soda before you do the

BEAN SOUP .- Soak one quare of small pieces; strain through a colander, put back A conversation suggests itself, an act in kettle and season with salt. Do not use

ECONOMY SOUP.—The bones of a turkey from which all the meat has been used, or the bones from a piece of roast beef or lamb make good soups. Boil them two or threehours, and set away until next morning : then take of all the fat before heating the soup; skim out the bones and throw away; wash a cupful of rice and what vegetables you wish, and boil two or three hours. When ready to serve, toast two slices of bread and cut in pieces two inches square,

and pour soup over them. BEEF STOCK.—To make this get a knuckle of beef, cut the meat all off the bones into small pieces; break the bones and throw them into a kettle, and allow one quart of water for every pound of meat. When it begins to boil, skim as long as any soune. rises. Set the kettle on back of stove so the meat will cook slowly for five hours, then add salt to season, and skim out meat and bones. Strain the rest and set away to cool; then skim all the fat off and you will

have a firm jelly which is ready for soups. One housekeeper when asked how to make good soup says she saves all the bones from roast meat and steaks for three days, and a piece of marrow bone if she can, then puts them together in an iron kettle with plenty of cold water soon after breakfast, then the heat after it has become comfortably washes and adds half a cupful of small white beans. About an hour before dinner pour this through a colander to get the bones and bean hulls out, return the soup to the kettle, slice in three or four potatoes, grate in a raw carrot or parsnip, add salt and pepper if you like it. Season with dried celery leaves or any sweet herbs you wish, beat up one egg, add a spoonful or two of water, then mix is a cupful of sifted flour; do not put in too much water as it should be in crumbs; stir of exercise, and always avoid standing on into the soup and cook ten minutes. Some add half a cupful of canned tomatoes.

## Evolution.

A boy sat dreaming near a summer brook. Dreaming of the things to come, and yet

To view the landscape with enraptured look ; The sunset bars of gold, with crimson blent,

Filled all his soul with silent wonder-His was a sacred joy, beyond compare,

Long years have passed; the boy hath learn-

To think this earth had scenes so wondrous

ed his share Of knowledge of the toil that daily

How earth is filled with bitter cark and And ceaseless want broods darkly o'er the

Of city haunting toilers, men and wives. kind, and the horse will be so too, in most How can his heart do otherwise than grieve That earth has dens where ruffians cheat and thieve?

your business, sell him to some one that can But wherefore backward gaze with fond regret?

Canst thou not learn the lesson God would His face is forward, and His laws have

No limit to His forecast's boundless reach If even here, at times, joy visits each

Whose mind is pure, conceive what joys may:

A world unsoiled by crime, untouched by

When flies are bad wash the horse all The vast devolpments of endless time. Believe that He, whose smile doth even

This sinful earth, can, in his plan sub-Complete a universe that knows no crime.

Serve faithfully; help :hem that err, and God in good time throws wide the golden

It is better to make the soup the day before it is needed, if you do not keep "stock"

High collars are again in the ascendant. as the cold weather approaches, but the low. broad collar is worn in the house by those

who have pretty throats. According to United States export statispost few months. Mr. Bain, member for Wentworth, proposes to ask the government If the British North America referred to is Canada, because if it is our law prohibiting importation of oleomargarine is being Jayamith-Good-by ! I'm going away for | violated; but of course Newfoundland is within British North America, and it may tack of the bold fishermen of that colony