By the Late Rev. Canon Liddon. Preached in St. Paul's Cathedral, London. "Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown

judge, shall give me at that day."-2 Timothy When St. Paul wrote thus, he was in full view of the end of his career. He is in prison at Rome for the second and for the last time. He has already had a first trial in the forum, or public court at Rome; possibly before the emperor, certainly with men of all nations and races looking on, assembled as they were in that great capital of the world. In that trying scene, in those anxious moments, St. Paul was alone. No patron, as the term was no powerful friend-sat by to show that he was interested in the acquit tal of the prisoner, or, at least, in seeing that justice was done to him. No advocate, trained in the technical knowledge or in the great traditions of the Roman law was thereto place his reading and his skill at the disposal of the accused. No human friend, powerless to sway the will of the judge, or to arrange or to assist the argument for the defence, yet striving by kindly looks to assure the prisoner of the sympathy of at least one human heart by doing so even one such friend as this was near. There were still Christians in Rome whom theforecasts of approaching persecution had not scared away; but they, too, it seems were absent. Demas, we know, had fled, having loved this present world. Titus and Crescens had left for the work of some Christian missions; but where where those hours of sadness and depression - where was Eubulus? Where was Pudens, the rising soldier, as it might seem, with his highly born British wife Claudia? Where was Linus, already bishop of what there was 'or Christain Rome, and, as such, working under the apostles? Above all, where was Luke, the beloved physician, who had rehealth in those last days of anxiety and con-We know not. This only know that they were not at Paul's side that first public trial, "At my first answer, he sadly writes, "At my first answer,

or public defence, "no man stood with me but all forsook me. I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge." And yet he was not alone. One was there, unseen by bodily eye, but clearly discerned by the eye of the soul, Who was at once Sympathizer and Advocate and Patron One from Whose pre sence the prisoner drew strength and boldness and inspiration One Who so stirre him to speak, that the faith was proclaimed by him again, and for a last time, in wise that, through their representatives, all the nations of the world should hear, it, and that, for the moment, eventhe heathen judg was awed before his victim. "The Lor Christ stood by me and strengthened me, that by my preaching the truth might be fully proclaimed, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was delivered out of the This first trial appears to have resulted i what the Roman lawyers called a " Non ligmet. It was not, that is to say; plain to the adges whether the accused was innocent

guilty; and, as a consequence, the case a ljourned adjourned, perhaps, indefinitel adjourned, anyhow, until popular passions or imperial caprice might make it expedient t bring it on again. It was during this interval thus obtained that St. Paul wrote to Timothy about crown of righteousness. For himself the apos tle was underno illusions whatever as to what awaited him. He had seen a great deal of Home, with eyes sharpened by anxious waiting, some five years before; and now he had scanned it for a second time from his Roman well knew what social forces were at work what was the general drift of affair what considerations would come to the front in possible or probable or unforeseen contingencies. He may well, too, have received some internation from on high, as: last proof of the high favour of that Divin Saviour whom he served, that the end was now very near, and that he must be read for it. "Even now," he cries- this is the meaning of his words -" Even now my blood .s, as it were, ponred out in sacrifice, and the time of my parting from earth is close before me. I have tought the good fight ; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteonsness, which the Lord, the rightcons judge, shall give me in that day. THE CROWN OF RICHTEOUSNESS.

What does he mean by it ? In nothing. was the whole ancient world more agreed than, in viewing a crown as the symbol of on our, glory, power. How it came to be so, or when, is a question about which much has been written, and with no great pro the symbol may have been suggested by the pular books as Mr. Layard's "Thou shalt the ages of eternity. set a crown of pure gold upon his head" that is David's forecast for the great King may be laid up for us somewhere and crowns of pusley, crowns of thyme, crowns | tile community like our own, this is t of laurels, were awarded to the conquerors. "corruptible crowns," as St. Paul calls them when for a great moral purpose the Corinthians of scenes with which they adh been familiar from childhood. "Corruptible crowns." but not for that, at the moment, less precious in the eyes of the men who won, or of the men who failed to win them. And thus, for St. Paul, with his Jewish birth and ednextion, and with his long and intimate converse with the Greek world, a crown was recognized, approved, done justice to. And words of the state of the blessed, he weaves. as it were, the highest moral beauty into the

rally of a "crown of righteousness. WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY IT? which is crowned, or that, if I may so put the toil that I have undergone is not ill reit, righteousness is the material of which warded by the crown. the crown is made? If we are to do the apostle justice, it is of some importance, that we should settle this. Now, there are two expressions in the the winning of which many a life is spent-New Testament, very similar to this, to de- it is not too much to say-from first to last. scribe the reward of the blessed. They are We English, as a people, reach forward "the crown of life" and "the crown of glory." | into the future not less eagerly than do other In these it is plain that what is meant is not | European nations. But more resolutely than | that life is crowned, but that the crown of they, or, at least, than most of them, the blessed is life; not that glory is also cling to the bequests of a distant past. these are, if the word were not too rude, bine the ideals of the subjects of the the very material and substance of the Plantagenets with the practical aptitudes of ousness. The crown of righteousness is a of a society, profoundly modern in its ten- stool pigeon. crown whereof rightconsness is the material. | dencies and temper, is directed to the atas that which it should decorate. It is a splendor from the ages which have passed crown whose beauty is moral beauty the away; and thus, in England, if class envy of those more precious, nay, priceless things tions, it is mainly because in his secret which gold and gems can but suggest to us - heart each ambitious member of every class the beauty of justice, truthfulness, purity, but the highest hopes to rise? And if, as charity, humility, carried to a point of re- we survey the ceaseless activity of every finement and of high excellence of which, section and department of the social world, here and now, we have no experience. Once, we could but seize the undertone of desire and once only, was such a crown as this, which is the soul of all this incessant effort, worn upon earth, and, when it was worn, to we should find, probably, that it is directed human eyes it was a crown of thorns. It may seem to be a difficulty in the way length might say, "I have made great of this statement that the happiness of the efforts, tempered with due discretion. blessed is said, elsewhere, to consist in the have finished a course which has appeared beatific vision : that is to say, in the complete | to bring me unbounded pleasure, but yet has and uninterrupted sight of God, whom the really meant incessant weariness. I have blessed praise and bless to all eternity. observed those laws of social propriety which "We know that we shall be like Him, for are never disregarded with impunity; and we shall see Him as He is." But what is it | so, henceforth, there awaits me an assured that makes the vision of God the source of position in which I may, indeed, be rivalled, the promised happiness? What is it in God but from which I cannot be dislodged-a that will chiefly minister to the expected position which society cannot but award,

"All-Knowing! All-Knowing! All-Know- power. In our day and country that crown ing?" Will they not -do they not -say with can be said to be beyond the reach of no out fatigue, without desire for change - man. In the days of our fathers there was "Holy! Holy! Holy!" And why is this! what is called a governing class. In our Because essentially God is a moral being, and days, as we see, any man with sufficient it is by His moral attributes that He perfect- ability and good opportunities may become ly corresponds to, and satisfies the deepest a member of the government. And thus

wants of cur human nature. "The crown of righteousness." There is country, the budding ambitions which a share, such as it is possible for a creature would fain some day help to control the to have, in God's essential nature-in His affairs of England. To become a member justice, His purity, His love, since while we of a municipal corporation-to represent a can conceive of Him, had He so willed it, as popular const tuency, or even to stand for never having created the heavens and the it with some distinction-to raise a voice earth, we cannot-we dare not-think of which shall command attention even for Him, in any relations with other beings, as , twenty-four hours at a crisis in the nations other than just, true, loving, merciful-in history-these are the first steps in th other words, as other than holy. He is, in ascert. But how many are the steps, the One conquers bad deed, Himself the crown with which He re- flights of steps above—the steps, the day than to-morrow.

cepted: and Christianity is, accordingly, well. to enable a man to do the best he can with the active struggles of political life, one another. this present visible world.

And thus, while, for Christians, this life is made of less account than the life to come, it is sweetened, it is raised, it is invigorated, by virtues which would not be, to say the least about them, popular or common if men

were once to think that all really ended with death, and that there is no such thing as rown of righteousness" hereafter. And we are told, again, by the apostles o what claims to be disinterested virtue, that Christian service, after all, is but a poor an bitterness, "Doth Job serve God for naught It is asked by men who assure us that the do love virtue because it is virtue; that they love it for the sake of its own loveliness that they find their happiness and the satisfaction simply in obeying its dictates that they want no payment, whether in glor or in gold, for efforts which they would no account forego. Virtue, they say, once their inspiration and their prize. A then they turn a pitying glance upon Chri tendom, with its millions and millions of

o them, solely upon escaping the agonies of upor attaining the joys of paradise. "Wha a poor conception," they cry, "is this of a price that is paid for glory! What a travest within the sanctuary of the serious transits part, pretends to no disinterestedness and which is honestly brutal in its avowal o selfish motives. How far higher," they say and nobler is our life which knows of no ing, which expects nothing, after deathwhich is virtuous because virtue is the law of its being—because it is the joy of its ex-

My brethren, this is, at first sight flank of Christianity with argument which is profoundly Christian. seems to defeat our Lord Jesus Christ His own chosen ground. But this is the a pearance; it is not the fact. The fact we have just now seen, that virtue is its own eward in Christendom not less trulyuse very guarded terms-not less truly undertaken in order to win a life of a different kind-a life of glory a life of pleasure, in a future state of existence. The Christian life is a life of right eousness, and it only counts on such glo

and such pleasure as righteousness in th long run, and ine itably brings with it. is a life of righteousness, not our own. assuredly, in its origin, but always the git of the perfect moral Being, our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a life of righteousness, begun on earth, but continued on to a high sphere where rightcousness takes new an genius of the human form itself ; and, very transcendental proportions, and, as a crown becomes its own-nay, much more than its well believe, wreathed reschuds round the own reward. The real difference between temples of the maiden, and bound laurels us Christians and the thinkers in question on the soldier's brow, and set a diadem of does not turn upon the point whether virtue gold and gems on the head of the ruler of is its own reward, but upon the question men. To the Jews the crown was the most whether this is or can be sufficiently achievfamiliar of symbols. Their own monarchs ed within the narrow limits of an earthly long-wore the crown which David took from existence. The real question is whether at the King of Ammon. Their women, their death men cease to be. If they do not, then bridegrooms, their priests were coronets or the Christian heaven with its crown of rightcrowns or tiaras of varied form; and the cousness, is but the prolongation on a splen-

ligion in the dust they were crowned also, of righteousness," which is not to fade away as we know from their sculptured forms in on the sod that covers an earthly grave, but our museums, and from drawings in such po- to beautify a being that cannot die through But the crowns which so many of us hope of the future. Nor was the conception only some one what are they? There is the Jewish or Oriental. In the games of Greece, crown of a good income. In a great mercansupreme distinction for which many a man labours without thought of anything beyond He begins as a salaried clerk in a great firm He sees, rising above his head, in a hier archy of ever ascending splendours, the upper clerks, the junior partners, the retir ed partners, the millionaires, the men who

count their incomes, not by hundreds or by thousands, but by tens of thousands; and this is his world, his firmament; this is the sphere in which he hopes to rise. He hopes for a day in which he, too, may say, "I have struggled hard by day therefore, when he would speak in human and by night. Thave lived the life of a thorough man of business. I have kept the rule of honesty and the rule of hard form which he associates with the triumphs of work. Henceforth, there is laid up for me tireek or of lewish life, and he talks, natu- the distinction of an income which will enable me to spend my remaining years in an easy affluence; and, after all money means is righteonsness comfort, and, money means power; and

And closely allied to this is another crown how. -the crown of a good social position. country like our own, this is a crown for that the crown of the Our social system strikes its roots far back "Life" -" Gory" into the Middle Ages; and we often com-

to a time when each struggling aspirant at

joy? Is it His boundless power? Is it His sooner or later, to those who struggle upunsearchable wisdom? Will they cry for ever, wards faithfully, in obedience to her rules." "Almighty! Almighty! or And then there is the crown of political we see, also, naturally enough, all over the

wards the blessed; and there is no opposi- heights which must be traversed and , tion between the idea of such's crown and the scaled ere the summit is reached; how many beatific vision. They are only two different | the failures, the rebuffs, the disappoinments accounts of that which is in its essence, the |-how transient the successes-how keen | the humiliations, which must be encountered We are told sometimes that the Christian I have finished a course of political activity with another by night as well as by day, trembling. His fingers are likely to twitch faith is largely responsible for unfitting which has borne me onwards to the end. and in thick as well as in clear weather. nervously, and he may even hitch at

but in whom intellect is active and there is a limited element of truth in the, and taste refined, and to whom, therefore, used, the international commercial code, earthly life with moral excellencies have caught the fancy of the world, and meeting with a combined speed of twenty which, by their high practical value, which shall have made criticism respectful, eight knots per hour the time for actual flag

more than atone to human society and or, perhaps even enthusiastic, he may be hoists is not much more than five minutes, life for the constant absence of the able to say," I have had a hard time of it. as the vessels are approaching and separating heart itself to use our Lord's expression- I have finished what I proposed to do. I at the rate of about a mile in two minutes. along with its treasure in heaven; for the have been true to the requirements of a great | With a good distant signal and the Morse expectation of a crown of righteousness tends, and exacting subject. Henceforth, there is system this time may be very much extend from the nature of the case to make men re- reserved for me the rare pleasure of a repu- and a great deal more work done; semble that which they expect, just as any tation which wealth and station cannot To bring this about it is proposed usi command, and which envy cannot take gradually, but surely, shapes the thought away. Henceforth, I have a place in the and the character of the man who entertains great communion of the learned, among those elect minds in whom genius is wedded to industry, and whose works are among system is not nearly so cumbrous as a the treasures of the human race.' THE FATAL DRAWBACK TO THEM ALL.

Here are the crowns, or some of them, Of the wearer of one it is written, "He sued, a triangle and a ball. The former in hall carry nothing away with him when he lieth :" of another, " Man being in honour hath no understanding. He is like unto he beasts that perish ;" of a third, " How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning;" of a fourth, "Of making of books there is no end, and much study is weariness to the flesh." They pass awaycrowns-even the very brightest of They are put off in the dying hour: less worn in the eternal presence chamber "hey pass with all their tinsel and with all he adornments of such real beauty as may belong to time : they pass and are forgot-

or crowns like these? That surely would e an exaggeration, because it often happens guiding others-the political triumph, in aboard of the passing vessel. order to carry out some great moral or re ligious principle, or some social improve- past two or three years are held by the highment-the literary success, as a means of est English authorities as emphasizing the only knows how it is with each expect. vessels. The moment the evolutions were ant of any earthly crown; but, at least, to started it was found how even the imitation

be right in a Christian to whom the king- ship to ship at sea or from the shi The Christian knows that he has an operishable soul made for eternal communon with and enjoyment of an unchangeever fascinating for the moment, does not retend to last, does but trifle with the very facts of his existence.

ST. PAUL'S EXPECTATION AND CONFIDENCE. St. Paul writes with death in full view. ong before he could say sincerely, "I count all things but dung, that I may win Christ and be found in Him." Now this view of life lish commerce and trade routes could be proelearer and more decided than ever. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." When a thoughtful man knows that he has not long to live, he does stationed at changeable rendezvous between not think over much of that which he knows must end with life. He may be wealthy, but the hearty co-operation of the navy and merat his death his wealth will be as much bed his control as if he had never earned a the latter could be of most assistance was enny. He may have achieved a great social having some system of signaling whereby position: how will it profit him when he is they could communicate on the princip once in his coffin? His name may have be- pointed out by Lieut. Crutchley. ome a household in all the courts, in all he newspapers of Europe: will their estimate of its importance be recognised when he finds himself in the world unseen? His books may be classics: they may be translated into all the languages of the civilized

great Asiatic conquerors who trampled their did scale of the ever progressing strength waste paper. As we get nearer death the ex- nized as having points in common with other ber one of these rewards—the Piano. really are. We distinguish that which lasts family of four children. To-day he entered away. from that which passes. We understand the the following statement in his diary. It distinction—the immense distinction—be. might be a valuable fact for the census tween all the perishable crowns and the takers: crown of righteousness. That crown does not pass. It is laid up; it is set aside for its | years ago to-day I undertook to keep an ac destined wearer by the Most Merciful Re- curate statement of all my earnings and exdeemer, who is also the Eternal Judge, and penses, so that I might know actually how is watching with an unspeakably tender in- much it costs to live in a married state. Then crest each conqueror as he draws nearer and all was anticipation. I and my youn! wi nearer to the end of his earthly course, and counted our resources and our expectations. as, in the name of the great redemption, he I received \$15 a week, with the prom

Figs and Thistles.

The nearer you get to the Father's han The hardest thing God has to do is to tel sinner that He loves him. It you want to learn how to speak well, first learn to hold your tongue. The truth may be crucified, but no grave can be made deep enough to hold it. If you go to church without praying the preacher, the devil will go with you. The devil would rather put a long face or

If you want to have a good preacher, treat the one you have the best you know else, don't let envy get a foothold in your

a Christian than sell a barrel of whisky.

No man can know everything about God | who had borne the greater part, this ques until he first knows a good deal about him-! tion, and I know that she spoke with a A preacher who has a praying church be- 'Not for all that money could buy would

heavenly crown. And so it is with righte the subjects of Victoria; and the enterprise evil the devil will be certain to use you for a In twenty-six years we have received from God's hold on man is uncertain as long as through my wife and the children, \$40,900 The crown is of the same fabric and texture tainment of positions which derive their the devil's claws run clear through his -or, say \$40,000-besides the amount If you want to be a Christian and do not plant of about \$3,000 and two employees, beauty not of gold and precious stones, but is, happily, reduced to moderate propor- begin to be one at once, it may be that you man and wife, it has taken, therefore, about

The Flowers. God! if I could worship any God but Thee, would choose me some dear, sweet, fragrant flower. And before its shrine of spotless chastity Adore the mystery of its silent power, violet, a daffodil or new blown rose. A common wall-flower or a branch of may.

breath of apple blossoms or the light tha From lilies clothed with whiteness of the Or I would stand upon some overlook

Adorned with diamond hues that throb an Like myriad crystals of a broken star. Or passion-bound before some rich carnation. A spray of jessamine or a tube rose.

And what is worship but unity of spirit With the soul of beauty and the heart of | shod.' ill fragrant lips and radiant eyes inherit Beauty of the flowers and the stars above

I would sing the new song of Thy new cres

Colored India silk, brocaded in monotone is dressy for the front of tea gowns.

W. H. THORNE.

QUICK SIGNALS AT SEA.

People who wish to visit foreign countries Now, this idea of the future life of the ere the prize is won. And yet, in every are carried over the ocean in the greatest as crowned with righteousness, young man who ventures on that often possible comfort at a high speed and with ed in white will stand perfectly exact, look furnishes us incidentally with an answer to thankless career, there is a hope in his heart two common objections to Christianity which of hearts that a day may come when it may thing wanting to make ocean travelling almay be found in the secularist literature of be his to say, "I have fought a good fight most perfect, and that is a good system of the big blank of the big bla against the foes of my party, or my country. signaling, whereby one ship can communicate

men for the duties of this world, by fixing I have kept to my principles, or I have Lieut. Crutchley of the Naval Reserve in their attention too exclusively on a world shown that I had reason to modify or to England, has, with others, experienced the that is to succeed it. That which happened abandon them. Henceforth, there is laid difficulty when meeting a homeward or outat Thessalonica between the writing of St. up for me a crown of political influence ward bound fast steamer of getting any in-Paul's first and of his second epis le—the which is, almost from the nature of the formation from her, as in fine weather, with neglect of obvious, daily work, in obedience case, independent of office, and which a no wind, flags are indistinguishable when to a religious excitement—is said to be the grateful country will never refuse to those end on, and two or three hoists are theutmost rule wherever Christianity is sincerely ac- who have served it long and have served it that can be exchanged by vessels passing at condemned by those who measure the truth And, once more, there is the crown of a code of signals by which both men-of-war ing, "Brace up, old boy," and "Come, of a religion solely by the effect in this one literary reputation. There is many a man and merchant vessels can hold a brief condirection-solely by its effect in this one di- who cares little for society, and less for versation even in the short space of time rection—solely by its capacity or incapacity wealth, who has neither spirits nor skill for that they are within signaling distance of

Some of the codes now in use have many And here we must admit in candour, that creative, and imagination enterprising, excellent features, but the one principally objection. Say what we will, the religion | the pursuits of literature are less of open to the objection that it frequently of the New Testament is a renunciation, in an employment than a recreation. In takes a long time to convey very little inforwhatever degree, of the present world for our own day, when education has become so mation, while at night there is no method of the sake of the next. It is not really possi- general, the literary class-to use that word communication whatever beyond the ordinble to make the best of both worlds-at in a wide sense-is much more numerous ary distress, pilot, and private company least, in the sense of making the most, ma- than are the opportunities of literary occupa- signals. There are certain difficulties in the terially speaking, of this. But if Christian- tion, or than the chances of even moderate way of signaling by flags in the daytime. ity does thus draw the keenest interests of distinction; and yet we may be pretty sure One is that there is no place about the ship men away from the seen and the present to that each young writer, as he tries his hand where a flag large enough to be seen at a disthe future and to the unseen, it also at his first article, or at his first review, tance would be free from obstruction or clear -mark this it also gives more than it hopes devoutly that a day may come when of danger of being torn in sending aloft or withdraws. It endows men, during this at the conclusion of some work which shall hauling down. In the case of two steamers

"shapes' instead of flags, to be hoisted at the

or stay, or in fact wherever they can be seen best by the approaching vessel. Such signal flags; it can be worked by one man, and can be far more effectually used. seldom, they are rewarded. But do they last? mistake. There are only two "shapes" to be altitude is less than the diameter of latter. The ball is always to the right of the signaler. A pennant hoisted at any otherwise the commercial code is understood A pause is made after each letter, and indicated by both "shapes" being mome arily out of sight; a longer pause signifie the end of a work. Attention is called by continuous bobbing up and down of the two "shapes," and is answered similarly.

in which the electric light is called into play takes the place of the "shapes." A twenty five-candle-power incandescent thought to be of sufficient power, and with Do I say that it is always wrong to look | the working apparatus handy on the ridge it can always be kept bearing on the vessel our human life that the expectation of There is a shutter worked by a lever which earthly crown is closely intertwined passes in front of the light and gives the long men's graves form four sides of a square, something that is nobler beyond it. or short flashes at the will of the operator, the man reposing in the center, while the income may be valued chiefly as a and a handle at one side turns the standard inscriptions are as follows : means of charitable effort—the social posi- on which the shutter works so that it can tion, chiefly as an opportunity for helping and always be fairly presented to the observer

The extensive naval mancenvres of lisseminating what is believed to be truth, necessity of making distinctive efforts toor of improving public conduct. God-He ward increasing communication between rest in the expectation of any earthly crown, of war caused a dependence to be placed upon as if it were a sufficient and satisfactory signaling that was not before realized as a end of thought and action, cannot possibly possibility. Whether in communicating from om of heaven has been laid open by his shore and back again, it was made quite evident to all that existing arrangements were unsatisfactory and would inevitably lead to serious complication, if not disaster. It was able object; and a decoration which, how. | conclusively proved that in the event of war breaking out it would be impossible to rely upon a hastily-devised system of communication, and that too much attention could not be given during these days of comparative inactivity to this all-important subject. Bowden-Smith remarked that he was one of those who thought that in case of war Engtected, and ought to be protected, by means of her magnificent string of coaling stations, and with the assistance of cruisers skillfully those stations. To carry that out effectually cantile marine was necessary, and the wa

WHAT A FAMILY.COSTS.

Extract from the Diary of a Practica Man-Shoes Beat Everything. What does it cost to bring up a family ggerations of self-love cease to assert them- householders, has preserved an account of the the next person, the \$100.00 in cash selves. We see things more nearly as they expense to which he has been in rearing a and so on till all these rewards are given

"To-day I close my diary. Twenty-six more. I owned a house comfortable enoug for frugal young people to begin life in. were spa ed house rent, therefore, an lour ex penses have never included this item. trospectively, I see that we have brought up four children in comparatively easy circumstances. My health has been good, and my earnings have been constantly received. now receive \$30 a week, and we still own the homestead; without any great additions to i wealth except in an increased amount of fur niture. I have little more money than I have when first married. Perhaps, all told, I hav \$3,500 now of assets, then I had perhaps \$2, 500. We have never wanted for bread So netimes we have felt in need of more Three of the children are now mak ing their own way. Next week the fourth graduates at the high school, having received the same schooling that the others have had If you don't want to lose everything and will begin to look out for himself. "I shall not necessarily be at any more expense on account of my children, and the Dr. Truth gives bitter medicines and uses diary properly ends now. Would I be able very sharp knife, but he never ween a to go through the same experience again of raising a family? I asked my companion heart full of love, but was compelled to say ind him never has any trouble about get- go through again what has been necessa

my wages and incidental moneys that came \$10,000 o each man produced. This, of course, included all employees' expenses. The plant is slightly enhanced in value, bu the employees have seen their best days. The quality of the goods is yet to be demonstrated. Prospects happily point to cessa tion of labor and an increase.

want another job. "Some of the items of expense have been these: Doctors' bills (twenty-seven years). \$2,100(andall paid, probably the only instance on record) : groceries, average per week first five years, \$7; next three, \$9; remainder of the twenty-six years, \$43 a week. For ter vears it has taken on an average one pair shoes per week for the family, include When day breaks across the prairies, miles self and wife. The most annoying thing have ever known is the rapidity with which children wear out shoes. Only one thing approaches it—the high price of children's shoes. I never could understand how, with all the civilization of the age and the mand for cheaper results, children's have not been reduced in price. The human shoe is a failure. No man not rich From which love sown music ever onward afford to buy shoes for a family, and if I had it to do I would go to Timbuctoo, where neither horses, mules, camels, nor men are

but there is no certainly about this. T

employees are proud of their work, but don

father: "Albert, dear, did you hear the sweet | to use them in that way. heard our angel twitter." Second Baby. - strictly in the order letters arrive at the see. Return Tickets, \$80, \$90 and \$110, accord

Rashful Bridegrooms

Ministers declare that in nine cases out of ten brides are much more self-possessed than are bridegrooms when the marriage ceremony is being performed.

A shy, modest-looking little creature rol age and feats of daring, and when the time

bride and her attendant he nearly had a fit through the ceremony. I had to keep say started at all, and at the door he was idiotic enough to clutch at me and say : "Say, Fred, how would it do to have Mary and the preacher slip in here and have it al over with before we go down at all? I can't go through with it before all that crowd." "Idiot!" I said, briefly and pointedly enough to leave no doubt as to my meaning "Mary won't come in here and you will go

down this instant !" He got through it at last without doing of saying anything ridiculous, in which res pect he was luckier than another stalwar bridegroom of my acquaintance, who was so dazed and overcome that he held out one ter said : "With this ring I thee wed. Another bridegroom I knew lost his head to such a degree that when it came time for him to say, "I, Horace, take thee, Annie, to be my lawful wedded wife," he said in an unnaturally loud tone, "I, Mary, take thee, Horace, to be my lawful wedded wife;" and when the time came for nim to introduce bride to some of his friends who had not yet seen her, he did it by saving awkwardly, "Ah, er-Miss Carter this is my wife, Miss the shop

Barton," calling her by her maiden name.

Few men say "my wife" easily and natur-

ally the first time they use the words in A funny case was that of the badly rattlal bridegroom who stared blankly at the minister until asked if he took "this woma to be his lawful, wedded wife," when started suddenly and hastily and "Ah, beg pardon—were you speaking to

A village preacher says that he once man bride's parents in the presence of a large company of invited guests. The bridegroom was a big, bony, red-faced young fellow who looked as though he could have felled an with his fist : but he shivered and turne at its close he fell down in a dead faint. the manifest annoyance of his bride, who had been as cool "as a cucumber" through out the whole ceremony

Their Husbands. In New London, Conn., there is a lot the city cemetery containing five graves

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To the part on that place where, in others, is And he cheered up my faith when he lisped of As he gnawed at the nib of his eglantine cane This, don t-tshye-naw dude this dear little dudi This wincopipe dude with his spicular cane.

How sweetly he smiled on the doormat by Fan-The pale moon fell soft on his yellow mus While his tongue made a noise like the seed, there's any. Such as babas used to shake from a green as he struggled, quite manful, to ask her to tell

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What has he done? Vy, the baber says Shudge Hoffsteiner has hanted town a decision. Now hant-me townish all right for the cloding pusines but it's oudt of blace on the pench.

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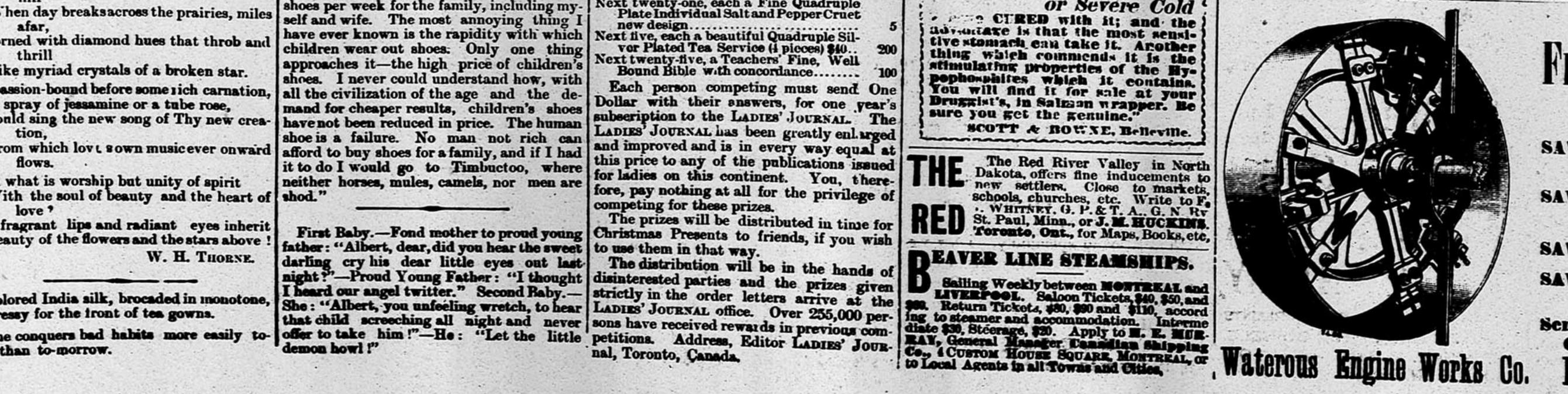
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