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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

It is Well to Make Provision for Your Family After You Are Gone.

A despatch from Washington says:—Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the following text: "Let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years."—Gen. xli. 34.

These were the words of Joseph, the President of the first life insurance company that the world ever saw. Pharaoh had a dream that distracted him. He thought he stood on the banks of the river Nile, and saw coming up out of the river seven fat, sleek, glossy cows, and they began to browse in the thick grass. Nothing frightful about that. But after them, coming up out of the same river, he saw seven cows that were gaunt and starved, and the worst looking cows that had ever been seen in the land, and in the ferocity of hunger they devoured their seven fat predecessors.

processions. Are you so certain that you are going to live ten or twenty years that you can warrant your household any comfort after you go far away from them? Besides that, the vast majority of men die poor. Two—only two out of a hundred succeed in business. Are you very certain that you are going to be one of the two? Rich one day—poor the next. Besides that, there are men who die solvent who are insolvent before they get under the ground, or before their estate is settled. How soon the auctioneer's mallet can knock the life out of an estate! A man thinks the property worth \$15,000; under a forced sale it brings \$7,000. The business man takes advantage of the crisis, and he compels the widow of his deceased partner to sell out to him at a ruinous price, or lose all.

Caged by A Lion.

STOPPED A BULLET.

"I can conceive of no human quality more fiendish in its action than jealousy; and of the various kinds of that poisonous power, professional jealousy is the cruellest and meanest." A look of horror was on the speaker's face and a sort of shuddering spasm seemed to twist his features as he spoke. He was a comfortable merchant, John Jelly by name, and his stout, jolly, good-looking wife was with him. They were in Switzerland, enjoying a well-earned holiday after the rigours of business. Just then they were in company with other holiday-makers on the deck of the steamer that was plying between towns on the Lake of Geneva.



STOPPED A BULLET.

The accompanying cut is from the photograph of a watch that was sent home a short time ago from Kimberley, South Africa, by Private Peter Flynn, Third K. O. B., to his relatives at 19 High Street, Maxwelltown, Dumfries, Scotland. Mr. Flynn bought the watch from a comrade in Kimberley who was short of money, and he should scarcely have parted with it, for in all probability it saved his life. During one of his engagements with the Boers the watch was in the breast pocket—wherein it must have been face outwards at the time—of his khaki jacket when it stopped the flight of a bullet, which firmly embedded itself in its centre, penetrating right through the works, and making a deep dent in the back.

And I was very glad to be where I was. I wondered how long it would be before the room was entered. Then I could have howled aloud. For Maris was close to the door and the key was moving in the lock! Someone was coming in. I got ready for a tremendous shout, but my dry throat seemed ill able to utter it, and it died on my lips as I saw a mad face look in—Arati's face. He saw the lioness and, with a miraculous return of his old power he made straight for her.

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THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Bits of information which you should read. Fascinating Facts About Almost Everything Under the Sun. One sailor in 256 is lost at sea. England is a creditor to the world for over £1,500,000,000. The carat used in estimating the weight of gems is a grain of Indian wheat.