

A lone in African
WINDS.

The Father's Sweet Refrain.

By Alice E. Howard, Berkeley, California.
The same old jingle, the same old boat.
The father's sweet refrain.
God is peace,
And God is strength,
Supporting tendril twin!
The cause we see now,
The shadow all the galaxy comes.
The Father's sweet refrain.
Oh, God is love,
And God is strength divine,
And round the burdens of your life,
Supporting tendrils twin!

Nothing has grown less, dear heart,
Our prayer art, our love, 1907
For strength, the same old boat.
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Prayer.

Lord, increase our faith. Manifest Thy presence to us. We never doubt that Thou art near us. We know that, and love us. Thy purposes for us are all of good. May we have confidence in all Thy great promises, and when we think of them cheer our hearts in times of trial and despondency. Make us truly obedient to Thy most wondrous wills, and fulfilling the day by thy commandments, may we have the assurance that God Himself is our shield from every harm and that His rewards are sure. We bless Thee, O Lord, even unto which Thou hast entered with us in Jesus Christ. In this we find our rest, our home, our joy, and we look to Thy perfect and everlasting salvation through Thy mercy and faithfulness. Amen.

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Hearts That Stare for Love.

Hope, brightness, life, joy, requires thought and care to make it so. We forget that love is not to be learned, but it takes great deal of self-restraint, of patience, of willingness, to learn and live the lesson of love. There are thousands of hours in which there is love and where the sacrifices are cheerfully made; and yet tears are starting there-for love's daily bread. There are homes where expressions of affection are almost unknown; there are husbands who work hard whose love's converse has settled into the harshest conventionalities. There are parents who never kiss their children after they are babies, and who discipline in them, as they grow up, all longing forances and marks of affection. Let them restore again something of the affectionateness of the early childhood days, and see if this is not a great secret of happiness. It is. Many who are longing for richer homesickness need only to reply with a spurt of love with tenderness and not afraid of affectionate expressions. Royal J. Miller, D. P.

Time and Place of Prayer.

The religion of Jesus Christ is a religion of freedom, and the New Testament is true to itself in making no prescriptions as to the time and place of prayer. It does not even prescribe family worship any more than it enjoins the abolition of slavery. But, it is supremely practical, just because it prescribes so little. It creates a spirit, and the spirit must express itself in love and when and where will depend upon circumstances. But when the circumstances are normal and regular, the expression will likely also be regular. Regrettably, however, it easily degenerates into routine of the very regularity, the real object of prayer may be defeated, and its serious import forgotten. In every case, therefore, it is necessary, for those who lead the devotions of others, whether in church or home, to preserve the vitality of prayer, without which it is of no more value than the sounding of brass or the thuking of symbols. John Edgar McAdoo, M. A. in "The Prayers of the Bible."

The Author and Perfector of Faith.

We are introduced here to a great principle in God's dealing with men. What God requires of men in every age is that they should believe in Him as He is revealed to them, that they should have confidence that His commands are good and that His cause is His reward is sure. Abraham believed in the God Jehovah, who appeared to him in vision, and who spoke to him in the depths of his soul; we are summoned to faith in God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. But why is faith in God required of men for righteousness? Because the righteousness of mankind is capable of being wrapped up in the act of faith. Righteousness is "obedience to God" will and faith is the attitude of will, and which inevitably follows.

One of the most precious lessons of our religion is that God understands our frailty and knows our frame and remembers that we are dust. He understands, for example, how hard it is for us all ways to stand upon the wings of pure spiritual faith; He knows how we desire sometimes to find a footing upon the earth, how we seek after a material sign of that which we believe. Hence God's patience with Abraham, who asked, "O Lord Jehovah, where shall I know that I shall inherit it?"

Origin of Missouri Name.

Few Missourians know from what the State took its name. The name of Indians from which the word Missouri was taken was "Omossouries," which meant in Indian language "dwellers at the mouth of waters," as the tribe lived near the mouth of the Missouri River. A number of historians have differed in some cases direct statements have been made.

Your Doctor.

Cairo, Feb. 15.—With the arrival of Port Said, on the 14th inst., of Lieutenant Boyd Alexander he became a conclusion one of the most remarkable trips African land, and the results of his travels, new dimensions of record of the distance traversed and the valuable geographical, zoological, and other results which have been arrived at on account of the singular circumstances connected with it.

On the tour Englishmen, who entered Africa from the west on the historic journey only days ago, and shores of the Red sea, two days ago had died, and one third having returned home at an earlier date. The Englishmen, who entered Africa on Jan. 10, 1906, and had been away for over a year, the expedition was led by Captain G. Gosling, R. F. B. and Mr. Alexander. They had, together with Lieutenant Boyd Alexander, the command of the expedition to explore and survey the eastern portion of Nigeria and to make explorations in the Lake Chad basin. Late in January, at this point it was uncertain whether the expedition would be taken back to Europe, or beyond the lake would be dashed into the sea. The Englishmen, who entered Africa from England, had been compelled to sail home, owing to the bad weather, and the crew had been occupied with work carried out under most arduous conditions.

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An Unavoidable Incident.
(Houston, Tex. Post.)

"My daughter tells me that you are anxious to see my son-in-law." "What do you mean?" "Why—ahem—I understand her to say you wished that—just what I wish—the fact that to do this will cause me to be your son-in-law—merely unavoidable."

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Britain's Merchant Marine.

In 1906 was notable for the largest addition to the British mercantile marine in effective tonnage and in size and power ever recorded in any one year. The total addition to the register was 1,800,000 tons gross, an advance of 12.1 per cent. on the production of 1905. Sailing ships are no longer a factor of importance in considering tonnage afloat, and a further 200,000 tons was removed from the British register during the year.

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