#### SERMON

SHAKESPEARE

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O war, thou son of helt. -Henry VL, part II., act V., sc. 2 A" great general of the American civil war forcibly remarked, "War is hell." He knew from experience the evils of war, the sufferings endured. the sorrow Jeft in its wake the permanent injury done the parties or nations engaged. His expression was rot strikingly original. Shakespeare three hundred years ago formulated the same sentiment in almost the same words. It is true that it is not Shakespeare, but one of his creations who speaks of war as the son of helt, | but so often do, passages sternly condemning war appear in his dramas that it can be taken for granted that-Shakespeare himself is here speaking. There is no present day subject that more demands the thoughtful consideration of the patriot, than that of contumelious, beastly, mad-brained war." As the nineteenth century closed it was hoped that the time was drawing nigh when men would convert their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Peace conferences met, emperors and presidents talked universal peace, but while the echo of the peace orations was still in the air the two most highly civi ized nations found themselves engaged in war-the United States with Spain, and Great Britain with the Boers. Scarcely had the sound of the "devilish cannon" of these powers died away when Russia and Japan were at each other's throats. To all of these nations war proved to be helf. It desolated homes, it filled the workhouses, it drove thousands into exile it vastly increased the burdens of the toilers. The suffering caused, the losses endured, should have turned men's thoughts to peace. Instead of this the dogs of war are abroad. Never before had militarism such a grip on the race. Europe is an armed camp; Japan is ready to do battle with any power that challenges her, and even China is waking from her sleep of twenty centuries and more and her cities are noisy with preparations for war. The shipyards of the civilized powers are turning out monster battleships. The inventive geniuses of the race are devoting their time to producing new explosives and more effective guns. In Europe and America and Japan daring experimenters are striving to conquer the air mainly in the interests of war. Where will it end ! Must the nations meet in one bloody last battle before world-wide peace shall be declared? War is the child of selfishness and

greed. It is brought about largely by men who will never be targets for bullets. Calmly they sit on their thrones or in their offices and stir up strife that is likely to 'lay the summer's dust' of their country with showers of blood." If the politicians were placed at the head of the armies in onfliet, or on board of the battleships in a death grapple, there would be less talk of war, less building of Dreadnoughts. Were they brought into the presence of battle they would Put amnor on their ears and on their

that they might not see the monster Blood will have blood! One war is but the brooder of another. . Russia failed in her purpose against Japan. The Russians agreed to what was to them a humiliating peace. They will a the disgrace until they have wiped it out or suffered more in another war. They are but biding their time. If France had the strength she would

gladly preci; ttate a war with Germany

on account of past defeats.

Scholars and statesmen have mot together with the hope of establishing peace among the so-called Christian, powers. Their efforts have been in vain. War, that son of hell, is still abroad. In spite of mothers' tears and prayers, in spite of the intellectual outpourings of the pulpit, platform and the press, the powers are ready. of war. Is there no way to bring them to their senses? Their people, are groaning under a burden of taxation, their sons are fleeing to foreign lands to begin life under more favorable conditions. They care not! Their battle strength must be maintained. though their people starve. Their exuse is that in order to maintain peace they must be ready for war. Would it not be fitting that these powers, so auxious to maintain peace that they pour out treasure like water and draw men from productive in-dustries to battleships and barracks. should get together and devise ways and means of maintaining peace without burdening their subjects to the breaking point and multiplying en-

conditions of peace. There is a fallacy that war is necessary for giving a nation character. Man has nature to battle with. His character can be grandly moulded in bridging great rivers, constructing useful canals, stringing railways across passes. The energy put forth, the millions expended in such undertakings enrich the nation. The millions of money and the thousands of lives A Milwaukee man and his wife re- beer, more beer !" sacrificed in war are but an offering cently received a call from an old "Mercy!" exclaimed the husband poured forth to that insatiable idol of friend whom they had not seen for forgot entirely?" the nations, which Shakespeare has years. Just before the three sat down

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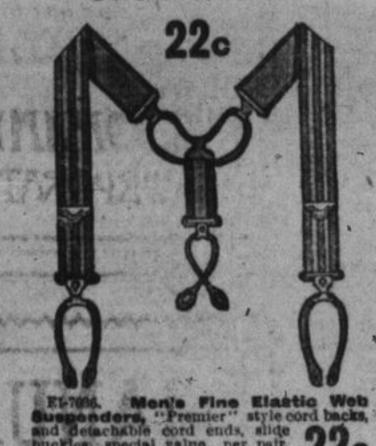
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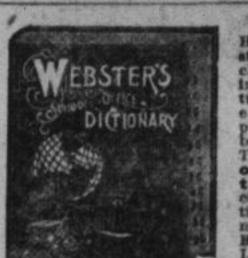
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