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(Special Correspondence. Letter No. 175.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Something is going to happen. Yes, there is no mistake about it. Else why this unusual stir in the streets? What means this splendid garniture in our shop windows, radiant with beauty and glowing with light and color. As I stop and gaze on the splendid fabrics, creations that seem to be the work of those airy spirits, that color our visions at night, rather than the labor of human hands; it seems as if the world had been ransacked to gather these wondrous treasures with which Christmastide greets Santa Claus and all its attendant spirits. The silky fleece of Cashmere's milk white goats transformed by Persian dyes and Persian looms, guided by the skilful weavers' art, give us those dazzling works of beauty which the prophet called "The Light of Heaven."

What is this weight that oppresses me? Oh, if I were only rich! If I were only rich! I never craved money so much before, with that dreadful miserly longing that will not sleep or rest. Each sunset now reminds me that the night will soon be here, when little stockings will hang in the chimney corner and the longing that is now tugging at my heart strings, is how to fill them. At such a time one does not want to appear mean, and yet I know plenty of homes where these Christmas obligations are only paid at heavy cost and sacrifice. But what's the use of moralizing? of continually croaking about the scarcity of money and your poverty, at a season when everybody is trying to be happy. Rich and poor, poverty and wealth, are only relative terms.

A case was tried in court some time ago where the dissolute son of a wealthy Wall street broker was sued by his tailor for a bill of $300. On the supplementary examination of the young man, in court, he admitted that his income was $26,000 a year, and he swore point-blank that he could not live on less. On the death of his mother he received a bequest of half a million, provided he did not marry an actress with whom he was infatuated. Well, he did not marry her, but he covered her with jewels, he took her around the world. She had richly furnished houses in London, Paris and New York. After his trip he returned to New York and blase, worn out, exhausted at thirty-two, he died miserably leaving everything he had in the world to the woman his mother forbade him to marry, and with whom he had ended his shameful, useless and disgraceful life, and with the remains of his own fortune, and all that was left of his mother's, five hundred thousand dollars.

That wretched bankrupt would have died a beggar with the wealth of Klondyke at his back and its golden treasures piled mountain high; for what he wanted most gold could not purchase. Even in his last moments, when time was closing its fatal gates behind him and eternity had thrown wide its tremendous portals for him to enter, he thought of nothing but her for whose sake he had become a social outcast, defying alike the laws of God and man.

When at last death came—oh, sacrilege of sacrileges! she who inherited his fortune called in a minister of Christ to pray for him, who for twenty years had never set his foot inside a place of worship, or contributed a dollar for the support of that gospel which is the sheet anchor of our civilization and the world's hope of salvation here and hereafter. The minister came, robed in spotless white, with rosary and stole, and in solemn tone read the service for the dead; his church's quartette sang "Angels Ever Bright And Fair" and "Nearer My God to Thee." A generous donation in bright golden pieces requitted their profanation of God's christian and holy service—a profanation which, if those inside the gates of pearl and gold, ever know grief, must have made the angels weep. With pride, pomp and circumstance, they laid him in the earth. "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust"—this is the last of earth, for all of his gold. Aye, though it were counted by millions, outcast! bankrupt! beggar! in that silent city of the dead, where thousands of sleepers await the archangel's call, none, no, not one so poor as he.

I have said that riches and poverty are only relative terms. On last thanksgiving morning, not a hundred yards from where I write, the widow Taylor sat in her cheerless room, where there was no fire in the stove and no food in the cupboard for the two little sleepers that were tucked away in the corner; their scanty covering being mother's old skirt and ragged shawl, while she herself shivered in the biting chilly air that seemed to freeze the marrow in her bones. Mrs. Mason, a rich lady, had given her some sewing to do, which when finished, would have brought her a dollar; but little Joe fell sick the night before thanksgiving and his sister, little Millie, was knocked down and nearly run over in the street, and, altogether, the poor widow Taylor was having a pretty hard time of it. But when she tried to sew, her poor frozen fingers refused to respond to her task. The tears welled up into her eyes and she feared the moment when the children should wake—hungry as young wolves, with nothing to eat. At last the pent-up grief of her soul could be no longer restrained, and in a wild burst of agony which would not be kept back, covering her face with her hands, while the tears rolled down her cheeks like rain, she cried; "God help me! God help me!" Just then a knock came at the door, and the widow said; "Come in." The door was opened, and old Tommy Law, staggering under the weight of a big basket, accompanied by the grocer's boy with a big hod of coal and some bundles of wood. Without as much as "by your leave," the grocer's boy proceeded to start a fire, while old Tommy Law went to work unloading his big basket. At first, the widow Taylor was so surprised that she could not speak. At last she asked old Tommy if he had not made a mistake. "I guess not," said old Tommy, as he handed a card on which was written, "Mrs. Frances M. Taylor, third floor, Nostrand avenue. Paid." Quite mechanically, and cool as an iceberg, old Tommy proceeded with his task of unloading the basket, while the widow looked on in speechless wonder. First came a fine ham, considerately cut in two, with three or four slices all ready for the pan; and a nice piece of bacon; a fine young chicken and a big tender steak; a large paper of sugar, a pound of tea and a pound of coffee and a new coffee pot, and a paper of hot rolls that the baker sent, and a loaf of fresh bread, and cheese. There were many things beside in that wonderful basket that reminded one of those marvelous hats from which magicians draw mountains of paper, live ducks, rabbits and pigeons.

When Tommy had finished his task he went up to the widow and put a key in her hand. "You will find a ton of coal in your bin," he said, "and this is the key of the padlock on your door, and this bit of paper is a receipt for your December rent, and in this you will find something that may be useful," Old Tommy said, as he handed her a nice little pocketbook, and saying, "Now, good morning," he started for the door. The widow, whose eyes were streaming, grasped old Tommy's hand and with choking utterance, said:" God bless you, sir; God bless you." Who shall I thank for this?" "Thank God," reverently replied old Tommy, as he uncovered his head, and closing his eyes, seemed for a moment in silent prayer. "I do thank God, I do, I do, with all my heart; with all my soul. O God, I thank thee," she sobbed, while her whole frame trembled like an aspen leaf shaken in a summer storm. As she fell upon her knees, her face suffused with tears, she could only exclaim between the choking sobs: "O God, I thank Thee! O God I thank Thee! O God, I thank Thee!" When she arose and looked around old Tommy and the grocer's boy were gone!

No, it was not a dream, for the table was there loaded with good things and the cupboard was full. No fear for the morrow, and the rent was paid, thank God for that. The fire burned brightly in the stove and the kettle was singing joyfully, Come to breakfast, come, come come. "Thank God for that, thank God for that," she cried, and this was widow Taylor's thanksgiving.

When the children woke they ran to the table and then to the cupboard. Little Joe was as hungry as a little bear. With hot roll in one hand and a great big rosy apple in the other, he was the richest little boy in the Greater New York, with its three millions of people and its hundreds of millions of money, and Millie, too, had both hands full and she ate with an appetite such as only poor people feel, a blessing rarely granted the very rich. Then both the children ran to their mother and she clasped them to her heart, closer, closer, closer still and kissed them with an ecstasy of joy she hardly ever had known before. Though the tears were streaming still, her face was radiant with happiness and hope. "Mamma, mamma," cried Millie, "who gave us all these beautiful things?" "God, my children, God, our Father in heaven. Let us give thanks."

Gold will not buy happiness or health or the blessing of a contented mind. While I write on the richest part of the earth that history records since time began, where gold in uncounted millions awaits the coming of the hardy argonauts who come to bear away the golden fleece, who are ready to face danger and death for its possession,—in the near future famine, grim, gaunt, savage and deadly, will stand watch and wait by the open gates that lead to the dread unknown. The glittering ingots are at their feet and on either hand millions upon millions lure them as the sweet voice of the siren lures the enraptured mariner into the maelstrom's deadly embrace.

But for all my moralizing I wish I had my pocket full of Klondyke nuggets and Yukon dust, I'd make the fur fly for the next four weeks and there would not be many empty stockings in Broadbrim's castle. I wonder if the sooty old saint will think of me—time will tell.

Our new rulers are busy as bees cabinet making, and this is the rock upon which so many clover cabinet makers split. The deserving applicants for the rich and juicy plums are so numerous that they fail to see themselves as others see them, and the chief difficulty lies in the fact that there is only one plum to every hundred who are willing to sacrifice themselves in the public service. Brooklyn seems to think that she is not getting a fair share in the new deal and Mr. Croker has intimated that she has all she deserves. The news that John Sheehan, who took Mr. Croker's place as chairman of the executive committee, a place that carries with it the leadership of the democratic party, has been respectfully invited to step down and out, and John F. Carroll, who is the mayor elect's right hand man, has been slated for the place.

To the elect, to whom the door of the secret council chamber is always open, Mr. Sheehan's downfall was no surprise. From the hour of his election as chairman of the executive committee to the moment when he received his congé he has never been in favor with the leaders, and the question has been asked a thousand times, "Why did Mr. Croker select him as his successor?"

All sorts of guesses have been made, every one wide of the mark, and Broadbrim offers his solution of this very knotty problem when Mr. Croker announced his retirement from politics. Republicanism and reform were in firm possession all over the state, and the city of New York, which at every election met the despondent democrats from the upper portion of the state with 70,000 or 80,000 good solid democratic votes, found, when the reform cyclone had passed, their stronghold in the hands of the enemy. A return to power seemed improbable for some years to come; during which time there was nothing to get and nothing to give. In giving up his place Mr. Croker did not want to put in it some leader who would cause his name and service to be forgotten, but rather a man who could easily be got rid of, if a fighting chance with a hope of victory should arise. That chance came with the advent of Seth Low. Mr. Croker hastened back to his old post, John C. Sheehan was elbowed out of the way and Richard Croker is now the power behind the throne.—BROADBRIM.

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The idea of the polychrome Bible originated with Professor Paul Haupt of Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, a gentleman who has gained an international reputation by his remarkable discoveries in Assyriology and other Semetic branches. For a scientist Professor Haupt is an intensely practical man. He realized that the time had come when the results attained by scholars who had given many years to the study of the Bible in the original should be given to the people in a compact and simple form. For years it has been generally understood that through the process of translating and retranslating much of the original meaning of the Bible had become corrupted. Scholars have also discovered that different portions of the books of the Bible were written at different times by different authors. To indicate the period and authorship Professor Haupt devised the plan of using tinted backgrounds for the text, each tint to correspond to a particular period. So novel was this plan that a patent was granted to him by the United States patent office.

In order to sum up the results of scholarly research Professor Haupt arranged that the work of the new edition should be parceled out among eminent scholars of various denominations and countries. This has been done, and the editor of each book has not only aimed to make a new and correct translation from the original Hebrew, but to rearrange the text and render in unmistakable modern English the precise meaning of the original.

For eight years the work has been under way, and now the first results are appearing. Instead of one bulky and expensive volume the books of the Bible are being

PROFESSOR PAUL HAUPT.

issued in separate volumes, making it, what it is thought it was at first intended for, a sacred library.

Not only is this a labor of great proportions, but it is a bold enterprise. It assumes that there has been almost a revolution in the attitude of Christians toward the Bible. It antagonizes the old doctrine of literal and mechanical inspiration. The 38 Biblical scholars who are engaged in the work are all devout believers in the Bible, but they have not been able or willing to close their eyes to the fact that its pages are full of inaccuracies and contradictions.

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Against JHVH and against his anointed,
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And their cords we will cast away from us."

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It was in Egypt that the present governor general of Crete first showed the stern stuff of which he is made. So excellent an impression did he make on the English authorities there that he was put in charge of the movement to suppress the slave trade, with the rank of pasha. With remarkable independence and fearlessness he went right to work and arrested three of the pashas of the palace who were the real supporters of the slave trade. These men were the chief advisers and constant associates of the khedive. They were immensely wealthy and proportionately influential in the corrupt court, one of them being at the time president of the Egyp

COLONEL SCHAEFFER.

tian national council. But Colonel Schaeffer did not stop on this account. He pushed his charges with so much vigor and proved the guilt so clearly that the wicked pashas were only saved from prison by a royal pardon given after they had promised never to buy any more slaves.

It was a great victory, but during the rest of his stay in Egypt Colonel Schaeffer was in the hottest kind of hot water. Every slave owner and slave trader in the country, high or low, had a knife or a bullet ready for the daring foreigner. Plots without number were organized to assassinate him, and only the courage and devotion of his black orderlies saved his life. During the expedition of Lord Wolseley up the Nile to rescue Gordon Schaeffer saw more phases of the English service and was promoted to the rank of colonel. He also received decorations from Germany and Austria for helping the German colonial governor and explorer Major Wissman and for rescuing Austrian prisoners from the Mahdi.

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