ning train of Gad's mercies and judgments.

The mercy of God As first to be tried upon

this nation. It will be preached in the pul-

pits, in theatres, on the streets, everywhere.

People will be invited to accept the mercy of

pose they do not accept the offer of mercy-

what then? Then God will come with his

judgments, and the grasshoppers will eat the

crops, and the freshets will devastate the

valleys, and the defalcations will swallow the

money markets, and the fires will burn the

cities, and the earth will quake from pole to

pole. Year of mercies and of judgments. Year

of invitation and of warning. Year of jubilee

and of woe. Which side are you going to be

on! With the men of Ai or the men of Joshua?

Jesus. You cannot stand what is to come

upon you and upon the world unless you

help of Christ. Come over. On this side is

your happiness and safety, on the other side

is disquietude and despair. Eternal defeat

to the men of Ai! Eternal victory to the

BITS OF GOOD READING.

Tramps were never so numerous in Cali-

The latest Maxim gun fires three-pound

A jubilee statue of the queen, to be erected

n Bristol, weighs four tons. It is by Mr.

The latest arrangement in Paris for a

Four figs taken from a tree in Cherokee,

According to The Critic, riding by moon-

The coins struck at the Berlin mint during

A Cincinnati druggist has killed a patient

The National Telephone company, of Scot-

The prize of 10,000 francs offered by the

land, has several submarine cables of seven,

eight and nine miles in length which give

city of Paris for the best musical composi-

tion was kept back for the reason that none

of the compositions was considered worthy

Chattanooga, Tenn., is prospecting quietly

A bale of Egyptian cotton weighing 688

A brigade was divided into two battalions

for a sham-fight at Aldershot. Just before

A Providence, R. I., foundry is engaged in

casting the largest mining pump in the world

single section of it has been completed and

weighs twenty tons. The unwatering of the

mine will be done sooner than was expected.

stealing five Tebel cartridges, has been sen-

tenced to five years' imprisonment and five

years' surveillance. A much heavier sen-

tence would have been imposed if there had

been evidence that he meant to sell them to a

prological Journal, Ann Arbor, Mich., for

the best original essays on tornadoes, or the

best description of a tornado. The first prize

is \$200; the second \$50. Among the writers

whose works deserve special mention \$50

The bad luck of the English navy never

stops. The Benbow, the most powerful ship

yet built, has just been commissioned. The

coal bunkers were closed during a thunder

storm to prevent the ignition of any foulgas.

After it was over two stokers went to the

bunkers with lights. The gas which had

been accumulating exploded, and both were

The Novosti publishes a startling account

of systematical piracy along the Russian

coast. This is confirmed by the experience

of a Finland steamer, which ran aground

this spring at Dago. The inhabitants along

the coast tried all they could to make use of

the opportunity for robbing the vessel. The

Novosti says that proper harbors have been

built, with false lighth uses, to lead vessels

aground. It is only quite lately that a light-

house was discovered only a few miles from

If the alligator hunters keep up the vig-

orous warfare they have lately inaugurated

in the vicinity of Panasoffkee, Fla., against

the reptiles the streams thereabout will be

bereft of them. When the business first com-

menced some time ago, they were only two

or three at it, but now their name is legion,

and they find it no longer profitable to hunt

on the lake and outlet and are going gradu-

ally farther down the river. The business is

paying, as two men get on an average fifteen

from fifty cents to \$1.25 each, according to

to twenty 'gators a night, and the hides bring

Egypt's Ancient Porphyry Quarries.

The ancient porphyry quarries of Egypt,

worked by the Egyptians and the Romans,

Brindley, who has acquired a concession

from the khedive. These quarries, are situ-

ated beyond the watershed of the Nile valley,

about ninety-five miles from the river, and

are reached by caravan journey from Keneh

Dukham. The great porphyry quarry is

3,650 feet above the level of the sea, and

there are remains of an ancient town with

workshops near it. Spotted and gray and

brecciated porphyries re obtained from this

part. Mr. Brindley int mids to transport the

torphyry to the Red sea, a distance of,

twenty-five miles, instead of to the Nile, as

in ancient times. It may be mentioned that

diese quarries, long longotten, were redis-

" vered by Burton me. Wilkinson in 1823.-

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for the Calumet and Hecla, of Michigan.

operations were to begin it was discovered

that one of the battalions had been supplied

with ball ammunition instead of blank.

for oil and natural gas, and if either is dis-

covered hugs herself in the conviction of

pounds and one of East Indian growth weigh

ing 409 pounds have attracted attention at

the doorway of the New York Cotton Ex-

becoming a new and greater Pittsburg.

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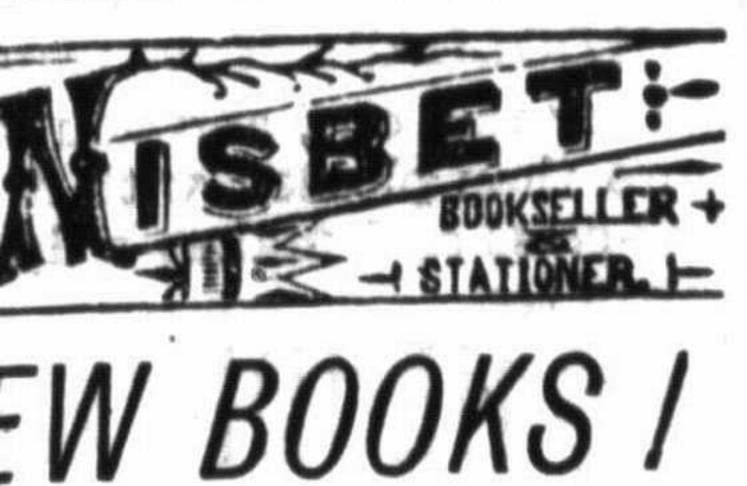
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USES OF STRATEGEM. Continued from page two.

the city of Ai. Oh, that we all knew how to lie in ambush for opportunities to serve God. The best of our opportunities do not lie on the surface, but are secreted; by tact, by stratagem by Christian ambuscade, you may take almost any castle of sin for Christ. Come up toward men with a regular besiegement of argument, and you will be defeated; but just wait until the door of their hearts is set a jar, or they are off their guard, or their severe caution is away from home, and then drop in on them from a Christian ambuscade. There has been many a man up to his chin in scientific portfolios which proved there was no Christ and no divine revelation, his pen a scimetar flung into the heart of theological opponents, who, nevertheless, has been discomfitted and captured for God by some little | Pass over this Sabbath into the ranks of Isthree-year-old child, who has got up and put rael. I would clap my hands at the joy of her snowy arms around his sinewy neck and your coming. You will have a poor chance asked some simple question about God and for this world and the world to come without

Oh, make a flank movement; steal a march on the devil; cheat that man into beaven. | have the pardon and the comfort and the A five dollar treatise that will stand all the laws of homiletics may fail to do that which a penny tract of Christian entreaty may accomplish. Oh, for more Christians in ambuscade, not lying in idleness, but waiting for a quick spring, waiting until just the right time comes. Do not talk to a man about the vanity of this world on the day when he has bought something at "twelve" and is going to sell it at "fifteen." But talk to him about the vanity of the world on the day when he has bought some-The same of the sa

"twelve." Do not rub a man's disposition the wrong way. Do not take the imperative mood when the subjunctive mood will do just as well. Do not talk in perfervid style to a phlegmatic, nor try to tickle a torrid temperament with an icicle. You can take any man for Christ if you know how to get at him. Do not send word to him that tomorrow at 10 o'clock you propose to open your batteries upon him, but come on him by a skillful, persevering, God directed am-

buscade. Lesson the fourth: The importance of taking good aim. There is Joshua, but how are those people in ambush up yonder to know when they are to drop upon the city, and. how are these men around Joshua to know when they are to stop their flight and advance? There must be some signal—a signal to stop the one division and to start the other. Joshua, with a spear on which were ordinarily hung the colors of battle, points toward the city. He stands in such a conspicuous position, and there is so much of the morning light dripping from that spear tip, that all around the horizon they see it. It was as much as to say: "There is the city. Take it. Take it now. Roll down from the west. Surge up from the north. It is ours, the city of Ai." God knows and we know that a great deal of Christian attack amounts to nothing simply because we do not take good aim. Nobody knows and we do not know ourselves which point we want to take, when we ought to make up our minds what God will have us to do, and point our spear in that direction and then burl our body, mind, soul, time, eternity at that one target. In our pulpits and pews and Sunday schools and prayer meetings we want to get a reputation for saying pretty things, and so we point our spear toward the flowers; or we want a reputation for saying sublime things and we point our spear toward the stars; or we want to get a reputation for historical knowledge, and we point our spear toward the past; or we want to get a reputation for great liberality, so we swing our spear all around; and it strikes all points of the horizon, and you can make out of it whatever you please; while there is the old world, proud, rebellious and armed against all righteousness; and instead of running any further away from its pursuit, we ought to turn around, plant our foot in the strength of the eternal God, and lift the old cross and point it in the direction of the world's conquest till the redeemed of earth, marching up from one side and the glorified of heaven marching down from the other side, the last battlement of sin is compelled to

swing out the streamers of Emanuel. Oh, church of God, take aim and conquer. I have heard it said: "Look out for a man who has only one idea; he is irresistible." say: Look out for the man who has one idea, and that a determination for soul saving. believe God would strike me dead if I dared to point the spear in any other direction. Oh, for some of the courage and enthusiasm of Joshua! He flung two armies from the tip of that spear. It is sinful for us to rest, unless it is to get stronger muscle and fresher brain and purer heart for God's work. I feel on my head the hands of Christ in a new ordination. Do you not feel the same omnipotent pressure? There is a work for all of us. Oh, that we might stand up side by side and point the spear toward the city! It ought to be taken. It will be taken. Our cities are drifting off toward loose religion or what is called "liberal Christianity," which is so liberal that it gives up all the cardinal doctrines of the Bible, so liberal that it surrenders the rectitude of the throne of the Almighty. That is liberality with a vengeance. Let us decide upon the work which we, as Christian men, have to do, and, in the

strength of God, go to work and do it. It is comparatively easy to keep on a parade amid a shower of bouquets and hand clapping, and the whole street full of enthusiastic huzzas; but it is not so easy to stand up in the day of battle, the face blackened with smoke, the uniform covered with the earth plowed up by whizzing bullets and bursting shells, half the regiment cut to pieces and yet the commander crying, "Ferward, march!" Then it requires old fashioned valor. My friends, the great trouble of the kingdom of God in this day is the cowards. They do splendidly on a parade day, and at the communion, when they have on their best clothes of Christian profession; but put them out in the are to be re-explored by an Englishman, Mr. great battle of life, at the first sharpshooting of skepticism they dodge, they fall back, they break ranks. We confront the enemy, we open the battle against fraud, and lo! we find on our side a great many people that do not try to pay their debts. And we open the battle against intemperance, and we find on our own side a great many people who drink too much. And we open the battle against profanity, and we find on our own side a great many men who make hard speeches. And we open the battle against infidelity, and lo! we find on our own side a great many men who are not quite sure about the Book of Jonah. And while we ought to be massing our troops and bringing forth more than the united courage of Austerlitz and Waterloo and Gettysburg. we have to be spending our time in hunting up ambuscades. There are a great many in the Lord's army who would like to go out on a campaign with satin slippers and holding umbrellas over their heads to keep off the heavy dew, and having rations of canvaz back ducks and lemon custards. If they can-

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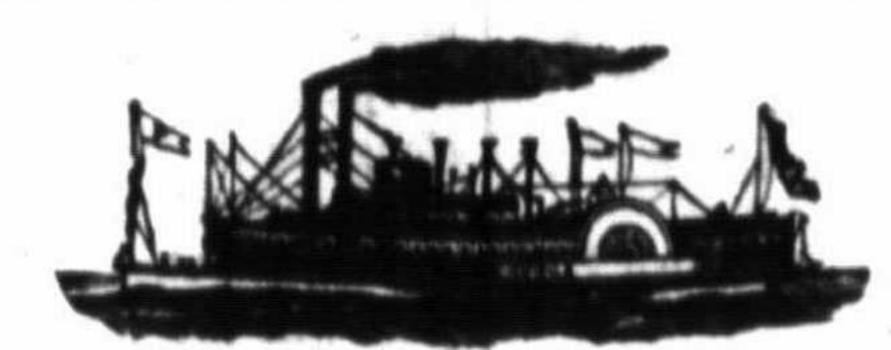
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