DANIEL, THE COEUR-DE-LIGH OF ALL AGES.

iden Text: "His Windows Being Opened in Bis Chamber Toward Sernasiem"-Daniel, VI: 10 Delivered at New York Sunday, September 2.



HE scoundrelly princes of Persia, urged on by political jealousy against Daniel, have succeeded in gotting a law passed that vhosoever prays to God shall be put under the paws and teeth of the lions, who are lashing

themselves in rage and hunger up and down the stone cage, or putting their lower jaws on the ground, bellowing till the earth trembles. But the leonine threat did not hinder the devotions of Daniel, the Coeur-de-Lion of the ages. His enemics might as well have a law that the south wind should not oweep across a garden of magnolias or that God should be abolished. They could not scare him with the red-hot furnaces, and they can not now scare im with the lions. As soon as Daniel hears of this enactment he leaves his office of secretary of state, with its upholstery of crimson and gold, and somes down the white marble steps and s to his own house. He opens his window and puts the shutters back and pulls the curtain aside so that he can look toward the sacred city of Jerusalem, and then prays.

I suppose the people in the street gathered under and before his window, and said: "Just see that man defying the law; he ought to be arrested." And the constabulary of the city rush to the police headquarters and report that Daniel is on his knees at the wide-open window. "You are my prisoner," says the officer of the law, dropping a heavy hand on the shoulder of the kneeling Daniel. As the constables open the door of the cavern to thrust in their prisoner, they see the glaring eyes of the monsters. But Daniel becomes the first lion-tamer, and they lick his hand and fawn at his feet, and that night he sleeps with the shaggy mane of a wild beast for his pillow, while the king that night, sleepless in the palace, has on him the paw and teeth of a lion he cannot tame—the lion of a remorseful conscience.

What a picture it would be for some artist: Darius, in the early dusk of morning, not waiting for footmen or chariot, hastening to the den, all fushed and pervous and in dishabille, and looking through the crevices of the eage to see what had become of his prime minister! "What, no sound!" he says. "Daniel is surely devoured, and the lions are sleeping after their horrid meal, the bones of the poor man scattered across the floor of the cavern." With trembling voice Darius calls out, "Daniel!" No answer, for the prophet is yet in profound slumber. But a lion, more easily awakened, ad vances, and, with hot breath blown through the crevice, seems angrily to demand the cause of this interruption, and then another wild beast lifts his mane from under Daniel's head, and the prophet waking up, comes forth to report himself all unhurt and well.

But our text stands us at Daniel's window, open toward Jerusalem. Why in that direction open? Jerusalem was his native land, and all the pomp of his Babylonish successes could not make him forget it. He came there from Jerusalem at eighteen years of ege, and he never visited it, though he lived to be eighty-five years. Yet. when he wanted to arouse the deepest emotions and grandest aspirations of his heart, he had his window open toward his native Jerusalem. There are many of you to-day who understand that without any exposition. This is getting to be a nation of foreigners. They have come into all occupations and professions. They sit in all churches. It may be twenty years ago since you got your naturalization papers, and you may be thoroughly Amercanized, but you can't forget the land of your birth, and your sympathies go out toward it. Your windows are open toward Jerusalem. Your father and mother are buried there. It may have been a very humble home in which you were born, but your memory often plays around it, and you hope some days to go and see it-the hill, the tree, the brook, the house, the place so excred, the door from which you started off with parental blessing to make your own way in the world; and God only knows how sometimes you have longed to see the familiar places of your childbood, and how in awful crises of life you would like to have caught a glimpse of the old, wrinkled face that bent over you as you lay on the gentle lap twenly or forty or fifty years ago. You may have on this side of the sea risen In fortune, and, like Daniel, have become great, and may have come into rosperities which you never could ave reached if you and stayed there, ad you may have many windows to our house bay-windows, and skytght-windows, and windows of conervatory, and windows on all sidesbut you have at least one window open

When the foreign steamer comes to the wharf, you see the long line of sallers, with shouldered mati-bags. coming down the planks, carrying as many letters as you might suppose to be enough for a years' correspondence, and this repeated again and again durng the week. Multitudes of them are ers from home, and at all the postrindow and anxiously ask for them, bundreds of thousands of persons and-

SERMON, ing that window of foreign mails the open window toward Jerusalem. Mexsages that say: "When are you coming home to see us? Brother has gone into the army. Sister is dead. Father and mother are getting very techle. We are having a great struggle to get on here. Would you advise us to come to you, or will you come to us? All join in love, and hope to meet you, if not in this world, then in a better. Good-

bya. Yes, yes; in all these cities, and amid the flowering western prairies, and on the slopes of the Pacific, and amid the Sierras, and on the banks of the lagoon, and on the ranches of Texas there is uncounted multitude who, this an hour, stand and sit and kneel with their windows open toward Jerusalem. Some of these people played on the heather of the Scottish hills. Some of them were driven out by Irish famine. Some of them, in early life, drilled in the German army. Some of them were accustomed at Lyons or Marseilles or Paris to see on the street Victor Hugo and Gambetta. Some chased the chamois among the Alpine precipices. Some plucked the ripe clusters from Italian vineyard. Some lifted their faces under the midnight sun of Norway. It is no dishonor to our land that they remember the place of their nativity. Miscreants would they be if, while they have some of their windows open to take in the free air of America and the sunlight of an atmosphere which no kingly despot has ever breathed, they forget sometimes to open the window toward Jerusalem.

when far away from bome, hearing the national air of his country sung, the malady of homesickness comes on him so powerfully as to cause his death. You have the example of heroic Daniel of my text for keeping early memories Forget not the old folks at fresh. home. Write often; and, if you have surplus means and they are poor, make practical contribution, and rejoice that America is bound to all the world by ties of sanguinity as in no other nation. Who can doubt but it is appointed for the evangelization of other lands? What a stirring, melting gospelizing theory that all the doors of other nations are open toward us. while our windows are open toward them! But Daniel, in the text, kept this

No wonder that the son of the Swiss,

porthole of his domestic fortress unclosed because Jerusalem was the capital of sacred influences. There had smoked the sacrifice. There was the Holy of Holies. There was the Ark of the Covenant. There stood the temple. We are tempted to keep our windows open on the opposite side, toward the world, that we may see and hear and appropriate its advantages. What does the world say? What does the world think? What does the world do? Worshipers of the world instead of worshipers of God. Windows open toward Babylon. Windows open toward Corinth. Windows open toward Ath-Windows open toward Sodom. Windows open toward the flats, instead of windows open toward the hills. Sad mistake, for this world as a god is like something I saw in the museum of Strasburg, Germany-the figure of a mander was staying. When she saw olden time was brought there, and this figure would open its arms to receive him, and, once enfolded, the figure closed with a hundred knives and lances upon him, and then let him drop one hundred and eighty feet sheer down. So the world first embraces its idolaters, then closes upon them with many tortures, and then lets them drop forever down. The highest honor the world could confer was to make a man Roman emperor; but, out of sixtythree emperors, it allowed only s'x to die peacefully in their beds.

But, mark you, that good lion-tamer is not standing at the window, but kneeling, while he looks out. Most photographs are taken of those in standing or sitting posture. I now remember but one picture of a man kneeling, and that was David Livingstone, who in the cause of God and civilization sacrificed himself; and in the heart of Africa his servant, Majwara, found him in the tent by the light of a candle, stuck on the top of a box, his head in his hands upon the pillow, and dead on his knees. But here is a great lion-tamer, living under the dash of the light, and his hair disheveled of the breeze, praying. The fact is, that a man can see further on his knees than standing on tiptoc. Je rusalem was about five hundred and afty statute miles from Babylon, and vast Arabian desert shifted its sands between them. Yet through that open window Daniel saw Jerusalem, saw all between it, saw beyond, saw time, saw eternity, saw earth, and saw heaven. Would you like to see the way through your sins to pardon, through your troubles to comfort, through temptation to rescue, through dire sickness to immortal health, through night to day, through things terrestrial to things celestial, you will not see them till you take Daniel's posture. No cap bone to the joints of the fingers, no cap of bone to the joints of the elbow. but cap of bone to the knees, made so because the God of the body was the God of the soul, and especial provision for those who want to pray, and physiclogical structure joins with spiritual necessity in bidding us pray, and pray, and pray.

In olden time the Earl of Westmoreland said he had no need to pray, because he had enough pious tenants on his estate to pray for him; but all the prayers of the church universal amount to nothing unless, like Daniel, we pray for ourselves. Oh, men and women bounded on one side by Shadrach's redhot furnace, and the other side by devouring lions, learn the secret of courage and deliverance by looking at that Babylonish window open toward the southwest! "Oh," you say, "that is the direction of the Arabian Desert!" Yes;

but on the other side of the desert is God, is Christ, is Jerussiem, is heaven

The American aborigines look for ward to a heaven of illimitable hunting grounds, partridge, and deer, and wild duck more than plentiful, and the hounds never off the scent, and the guns never missing fire. But the geographer has followed the earth round, and found no Homer's elysium. Voyagers have have traversed the deep in all directions, and found no Hesiod's islands of the blessed. The Mohammedan's celestial debauchery and the Indian's eternal hunting-ground for vast multitudes have no charm. But here rolls in the Bible heaven. No more sea-that is, no wide separation. No more night-that is, no insomois. No more tears that is, no heart-break. No more painthat is, dismissal of lancet and bitter draught and miasma, and banishment of neuralgias, and catalepsies, and consumptions. All colors in the wall except gloomy black; all the music in the major-key, because celebrative and jubilant. River crystalline, gate crystailine, and skies crystalline, because everything is clear and without doubt. White robes, and that means sinlessness. Visis full of odors, and that means pure regalement of the senses. Rainbow, and that means the storm is over. Marriage supper, and that means gladdest festivity. Twelve manner of fruits and that means lucious and unending variety. Harp, trumpet, grand march, anthem, amen, and hallelujah, in the same orchestra. Choral meeting solo. and overture meeting antiphon, and strophe joining dithyramb, as they roll into the ocean of doxologies. And you and I may have all that, and have it forever through Christ, if we will let him with the blood of one wounded hand rub out our sin, and with the other wounded hand swing open the shining portals.

Day and night keep your window open toward that Jerusalem, Sing about it. Pray about it. Dream about it. Do not be inconsolable about your friends who have gone into it. Do not worry if something in your heart indicates that you are not far off from its ecstasies. Do not think that when a Christian dies he stops, for he goes on.

An ingenious man has taken the heavenly furlongs as mentioned in Revelation, and has calculated that there will be in heaven one hundred rooms sixteen feet square for each ascending soul, though this world should lose a hundred millions yearly. But all the rooms of heaven will be ours, for they are family rooms; and as no room in your house is too good for your children, so all the rooms of all the palaces of the heavenly Jerusalem will be free to God's children and even the throne-room will not be denied, and you may run up the steps of the throne, and put your hand on the side of the throne, and sit down beside the king according to the promise: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne."

But you cannot go in except as conquerors. Many years ago the Turks and Christians were in battle, and the Christians were defeated, and with their commander Stephen fled toward a fortress where the mother of this comirgin in wood and iron. The victim in her son and his army in disgraceful retreat, she had the gates of the fortress rolled shut, and then from the top of the battlement cried out to her son, You cannot enter here except as conqueror!" Then Stephen rallied his forces and resumed the battle and gained the day, twenty thousand driving back two hundred thousand. For those who are defeated in battle with sin and death and hell, nothing but shame and contempt; but for those who gain the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ the gates of the New Jerusalem will hoist, and there shall be an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord toward which you do well to keep your windows open.

MISSING LINKS.

The largest Bible in the world is manuscript Hebrew Bible in the Vatican, weighing 320 pounds. In the gardens around London there

are more specimens of the cedar of Lebe anon than on Mount Lebanon itself.

In some parts of south Africa much damage is done by baboons, which go in large marauding parties to rob gar-

In Albania the men wear petticoats and the women trousers. The women do all the work and their husbands attend to the heavy standing round. In the British Museum there

beautiful piece of stained glass, with an engraved emblazorment of the monarch Photi mes III., who lived 3,400 years ago. Nevaon is the most sparsely settled State. There are nearly two and a half square niles to each inhabitant; next comes Idaho, with one inhabitant to each square mile. Montana and Wyo-

ming each have less than one.

As the supply of ivery is becoming short bilitard balls of east steel are being used in Sweden. By making them llow the weight is made to corre-

spond with that of ivory balls.

The Mexican torch thistle, growing to a height of fifty or sixty feet, looks more like a candelabra than a tree. Another variety of the same species has long gray bristles, which give it the appearance of the head of an old gray.

haired man. A Pennsylvania railroad train recent went 58.3 miles from Camden to Atsantic City in forty-five minutes, an average rate of 76% miles an hour. This is considered the fastest time ever made by a railroad train in this country. The stest single mile was made in forty-

The practice of ringing the surfew bell appears to have prevailed through-out Europe long before the Norman con-quest of England, its object being the laudable one of preventing fires, which on account of the houses being built chiefly of wood were at that time quite frequent and destructive.

Relgium's revenue from the drink habit has grown in forty years from creasing 200 per cent at the same time and insanity 28 per cent.

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof-Horticulture, Viticulture and Flori-



N the suburbs of a nice town we found an enterprising young man working a one-acre market garden where truck was being nicely and thoroughly cared for. Not a weed was to

showed a remarkable thrifty growth. We remarked, You must have had lots of rain here. Oh no, says the proprietor, not until quite recently, but I have spent the most of my time cultivating and hoeing this patch, and have sold to date (June 10th) \$30 worth, and his harvest had just begun. Two days later, not far from this place, we heard of a man that was running a twentyacre garden. We were anxious to see it, and a short drive brought us to the spot. It was a big spot, too. Weeds

ping. At on ly one station of the seven did the topy ped plots give the larger yield, and the average difference of thirteen bus hels per sere in favor of the corn which was not topped was more than to be feeding value of the more than todder secure d.

The Preadly Sightshade,

The nights hade (Hyoscyamus niger) found growing in great is frequently out old gardens and in profusion a which are not cultivated plowed fields to any great extent after the early part of the season. In gardens and fields hoeing is done it is not where much usually seen, and this fact suggests a means of pracctically exterminating it. all kinds of garden It is a low-growing, branching plant of rapid growth. During late summer it bears a profusion of black berries, which are likely to attract the atten-tion of childrents, and very often we hear be seen. Every plant of death from their having eaten them. The stramonius in is a weed found growing almost everywhere at the north, at the south as well. It and I presume is a plant have ng coarse, ovate leaves. thick stalks, a ind large, tubular white flowers borne of n short peduncles in the forks of the baranches. These flowers are produced thiroughout the season. It is popularly kittown as "jimson weed" -probably a copruption of Jamestown weed, as there his a story extant in old chronicles that deeveral soldiers who had been sent to hell p quell the Baker rebelwere numerous all over it. The man-ager seemed to be in no particular eating a salad nhade from young shoots hurry. His entire crop had a backward of this plant, which they found growappearance, and we predict a failure ing plentifully in the vicinity of the



SILVERY WORMWOOD (ARTEMESIA FRIGIDA).

The cut on this, page shows a speci- divisions narrow linear. The flower men of silvery wormwood. It will be heads are globose, racemose, noticed that the sketch has been made with the main stem cut off so as to conplant as it actually looks, imagine the stem filled with flowers put back on the

cane from which it has been cut. The stem is slightly woody at the are pinnately parted and 3-5 cleft, the

for him. Now the one-acre man will have much to say about the remarkable productiveness and great value of Dakota soil, while the twenty-acre man will curse the soil, climate, railroads and everything else but himself. In Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado we have seen the same clearly demonstrated. These facts, coupled with what we have seen in the older eastern states, prompts uz to repeat that there is no section of this great country where the intelligent, pushing, enterprising young man with a little money can get as much and as sure an in-

story of the little farm well tilled. Dakota Farmer.

come from his labor and money as in

those states, if he will keep in mind the

The practice of topping corn is quite common in all parts of the country but a series of tests made at the differ ent experiment stations show that the work is seldom profitable, and that the loss to the corn is rot made up by the todder secured. At the Mississippi station the plan has been followed during three years, the tops being removed after the corn had become well glazed, and in every case the yield of corn has shown a marked decrease, for which the value of the tops did not compensate. The average loss in the total feeding value has been more than 20 per cent, which is somewhat larger than the usual loss from such work in the north, as the tops are worth less here than there. The records of seven other stations where similar work has en done show the average yield of the fields which were topped to have the wind. All attempts to repair been 63.3 bushele per acre, while the damage and prevent decay failed untouched check plots averaged \$1.3 died last spring. Ex-President

The plant grows to a height of six feet, and is found on dry bills and dense the illustration. To have the among the rocks. Gray, botanist, describes its native habitat as St. Anthony's Falls, Wisconsin, Lake Superior, and northwestward.

Its nearest relative among the plants base and is white-silky. The leaves is common wormwood (artemesia absinthium).

> town. We do not hear of much injury from it because its foliage has such disagreeable odor when disturbed that children are repelled by it, but because of the poisonous qualities which it is known to possess it should be promptly destroyed wherever found. It is a near relative of the tobacco plant, which is not a very favorable recommendation for the latter. Indeed, the narcotic principles of tobacco is simply a variation or modification of the poisonous principle of the stramonium.-The Ladies' Home Journal.

> A Long Root. L. A. Clapp, of Centerville, has had a wonderful experience with the roots of a small elm tree one of which found its way into a tile drain which conducted waste water from his residence to an old well which he used as a cesspool. The elm root entered the tile through a hole the size of a lead pencil and then proceeded to flourish amazingly. The four-inch tile was completely filled with a fibrous root for a distance of twenty feet to the well, and there a single root extended eighteen feet from the openiar of the tile to the water at the bottom of the well. The tree had shown may velous growth—the result of obtaining nourishment in this manger. - Three

Rivers Tribune. The "Old Pine" in Dartmouth college park, with which many of the trailtions of the institution are connected and around which every graduating farewell pipe, has been cut down it was struck by lightning seven ye ago, and in 1892 was badly brok bushels, a loss of 16 per cent from top- | vest thinks it at least 200 years o

Prices of Wheat,

The Home, Field and Forum gives the following table showing the prices of wheat in England for 100 years: bushet. 1796..... 2.39 1797...... 1.63 1798...... 1.57 1799...... 2.09 1800.... 3.46 1801..... 2.63 1802..... 2.12 1805.... 2.73 1806..... 2.40 1807...... 2.29 1808......2.47 1809...... 2.96 1810...... 3.23 1811...... 2.89 1812..... 3.83 1813..... 3.33 1814..... 2.26 1815...... 1.89 1816...... 2.38 1819..... 2.26 1820..... 2.06 1821...... 1.70 1824...... 1.94 1825..... 2.02 1826..... 1.73 1827. 1.72 1828. 1.78

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1894..... Ironing Table.-The combination ironing table that can be turned into i seat has been put to other than kitchen use by some clever women. One has been stained a deep olive green and had the seat upholstered with olive corduroy fastened with white nails. other seat stained an oak color had a pattern on the back picked out with fancy-headed wrought iron nails. one was covered with figured in oak color, fastened in place in the same kind of nails used on the back. A seat of the kind in a bed painted with white enamel and has the seat covered with scarlet. Chicago

Winter Window Garden.-The authorities say that slips of gerap fuchaias, heliotropes and some plants should be started now. soon as the slips are started we them and sink the pot in the gr and keep the growth and shap form. This will give good le plants. A row of straggling sl Il-shaped old plints are no or in the window, but that is the l display you will have if you preparations until the first of Au ater. - Ex.

Marketing Honey.-There are things to learn about marketing The first thing necessary is to the honey is corefully sorted. should be thoroughly cleaned a into neat, white crates. Anothimportant thing is, the crates be the same all through; that honey should all be just what pears to be on the face of it. is a great deal of talk nowaday low prices and slow sales, but who has an honest, clean, fir-article of any kind need not a ging for customers, even in the

Wool is the farm product tha the most money in proportion it takes from the farm, with i abor to the producer.