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Japan is the country where the cremation of corpses is practiced on the largest scale.. The custom dates back about 1,200 years.

Canoe-building is one of the industries of Kennebunkport, Me., which used to build great ships, and even now launches an occasional schooner.

A runaway horse in Denver the other day finished a flight by landing in the interior of a rapidly moving trolley car, where he rode for nearly a block before the vehicle could be stopped.

There are six surviving governors of New York-Cornell, elected in 1879; Cleveland, elected in 1882; Hill, first elected in 1885; Morton, elected in 1894; Black, elected in 1896, and Roosevelt, elected in 1898. Three of the six, after having been governor, attained honors in the field of national politics -Cleveland as president, Hill as senator, and Roosevelt as vice president.

Mr. Justice Brown of the Supreme court, once said, in addressing a class of young lawyers, that a verdict of a jury in a criminal case is a decision not upon the question whether the man on trial is guilty or not, but upon the question whether he shall be punished or not. An important distinction. It shows the element of human interest, independent of legal subtleties, which the jury system secures.

An atrocious murder was committed recently at Puy-Saint Gulmier, near Clermont-Ferrand, France.. A young man of twenty-seven, named Jean Baptiste Gometon, after shooting at his father with a rifle, followed him into the street, and in the presence of the neighbors chopped off his head with a hatchet. Jealousy was the cause of the crime, as both father and son were in love with the same thing worth getting up at 5 o'clock in woman.

An order has been given for the erection of a monument to Jennie Wade on the battle field of Gettysburg. Jennie Wade was a young Iowa woman who was visiting at the home of her sister in Gettysburg when the battle began. Her fiance was in the Union army, and was killed., She and her sister were in a large brick house almost within the Union lines. Jennie was engaged in this task when a musket ball went through the kitchen, killing the young woman.

At the beginning of the new fiscal year the pneumatic tubes which have been employed in the postal service of New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston went out of operation, and the mail wagon has taken their place. This looks like a step backward. It is probably only temporary. Congress seems to have refused to continue the appropriation solely on account of its unwillingness to foster a private monopoly. Doubtless a pneumatic tube service built and owned by the government will yet be established and maintained in all large cities, although several ingenious rival contrivances for doing the same work deserve consideration before a final decision is made.

The Crandall toy works of Pennsylvania have bought a large tract of lumber and mineral land in North Georgia, a short distance from Chattanooga. The company is having a railroad line built through the center of this tract. In the centre of the tract the company will erect a town of its own. A large factory will be built at this point, and houses for the workmen. The town will be built and operated after the manner of Pullman, Ill. Surveyors are at work surveying branch lines of railroad through the tract. Coal mines will be opened and fuel and raw material will America.

A French writer, Henri Coupin, says that the fact that, notwithstanding their simplicity, the songs of the birds and driving off dust that soon again cannot be imitated with musical instruments arises from the impossibility of reproducing their peculiar timbre. The notes of birds, while corresponding with our musical scale. also include vibrations occupying the intervals between our notes. The duration of birds' songs is usually very short, two or three seconds for thushes and chaffinches, four or five seconds for blackcaps, but from two to five minutes for the lark. Monsieur Coupin remarks that while one in every ten species of European birds is tuneful, the proportion diminishes to only one in a thousand among the gorgeously clad birds of the tropics.

Mary Clark, who had spent most of her 75 years in one of the cotton mills of Manchester, N. H., died last week as the result of the extreme heat. Miss Clark was supposed to have had a little money laid by, but a superficial search brought to light only four \$5 bills. In looking about the room a policeman picked up a pair of corsets. They were suspiciously heavy, and he ripped them open and found \$890. The money weighed 31/2 pounds. Miss Clark had worn the forset in the mill every day, being afraid to trust her savings to the panks

TALMAGE'S

FALSE NOTIONS ABOUT REAL RELIGION CORRECTED.

"Of Spices Great Abundance; Neither Was There Any Such Spice as the Oueen of Sheba Gave King Solomon." II Chronicles IX: 9.

[Copyright, 1901, by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.] Washington, Aug. 4 .- In this discourse Dr. Talmage corrects come of the false notions about religion and ix., 9: "Of spices great abundance; mon.'

What is that building out yonder glittering in the sun? Have you not heard? It is the house of the forest of Lebanon. King Solomon has just taken to it his bride, the princess of Egypt. You see the pillars of the portico and a great tower, adorned with 1,000 shields of gold hung on the outside of the tower-500 of the shields of gold manufactured at Solomon's order, 500 were captured by David, his father, in battle. See how they blaze in the noonday sun!

Solomon goes up the ivory stairs of his throne between twelve lions in statuary and sits down on the back of the golden bull, the head of the huge beast turned toward the people. The family and the attendants of the king are so many that the caterers of the palace have to provide every day 100 sheep and thirteen oxen, besides the birds and the venison. I hear the stamping and pawing of 4,000 fine horses in the royal stables. There were important officials who had charge of the work of gathering the straw and the barley for these horses. King Solomon was an early riser, tradition says, and used to take a ride out at daybreak, and when, in his white apparel, behind the swiftest horses of all the realm and followed by mounted archers in purple, as the cavalcade dashed through the streets of Jerusalem I suppose it was somethe morning to look at.

Seeing for Oneself.

Queen Balkis was so pleased with the acuteness of Solomon that she said, "I'll just go and see him for myself." Yondon it comes-the cavalcadehorses and dromedaries, chariots and bread and medicines and garments you charioteers, jingling harness and clat- give them let there be an accompanitering hoofs and blazing shields and ment of smiles and brisk encourageflying ensigns and clapping cymbals. ment. Do not stand and talk to them The place is saturated with the per- about the wretchedness of their abode. fume. She brings cinnamon and saf- and the hunger of their looks, and the On the morning of the third day word | fron and calamus and frankincense | hardness of their lot. Ah, they know wheels grind the gravel in front of for the children of God there is imthe pillared portico of the king. Queen mortal rescue. Wake them up out of Balkis alights in an atmosphere be- their stolidity by an inspiring laugh, witched with perfume. As the dromedaries are driven up to the king's storehouses, and the bundles of camphor are unloaded, and the sacks of cinnamon and the boxes of spices are opened, the purveyors of the palace discover what my text announces: "Of spices, great abundance; neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon."

> Well, my friends, you know that all theologians agree in making Solomon a type of Christ and in making the queen of Sheba a type of every truth seeker, and I will take the responsibility of saving that all the spikenard and cassia and frankincense which the queen of Sheba brought to King Solomon are mightily suggestive of the sweet spices of our holy religion. Christianity is not a collection of sharp technicalities and angular facts and chronological tables and dry statistics. Our religion is compared to frankincense and to cassia, but never to nightshade. It is a bundle of myrrh. It is a dash of holy light. It is a sparkle of cool fountains. It is an opening of opaline gates. It is a collection of spices. Would God that we were as wise in taking spices to our

> > Christ Brings Cheerfulness.

How any woman keeps house without the religion of Christ to help her be supplied in abundance to operate is a mystery to me. To have to spend one of the greatest toy concerns in the greater part of one's life, as many women do, in planning for the meals and stitching garments that will soon be rent again and deploring breakages and supervising tardy subordinates will settle and doing the same thing day in and day out and year in and year out until the hair silvers and the back stoops and the spectacles crawl to the eyes and the grave breaks open under the thin sole of the shoe oh, it comes to the drawing room and comes to the kitchen and comes to the nursery and comes to the dwelling, then how cheery become all womanly duties! She is never alone now. Martha make a coat for young Samuel, Miriam because she can watch her infant brother, Rachel because she can help her father water the stock, the widow of Sarepta because the cruse of oil is being replenished. O woman, having in your pantry a nest of boxes containing all kinds of condiments, why have you not tried in your heart and life the spicery of our holy religion? troubled about many things, but one thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen away from her.'

sipid. There is nothing piquant or el- you could get out of this lite. You age, 550 lives a year.

around humming psalms in a minor would be the dust of the valley!" and key and cultivating melancholy, and wished you could pull over you in your their worship has in it more sighs last slumber the coverlet of green than raptures. We do not doubt their grass and daisies. You have said: piety. Oh, no! But they are sitting at "Oh, how beautifully quiet it must be a feast where the cook has forgotten in the tomb! I wish I was there." to season the food. Everything is flat in their experience and in their conversation. Emancipated from sin and death and hell and on their way to a I could ask all those in any audience magnificent heaven, they act as though they were trudging on toward an everlasting Botany Bay. Religion does not seem to agree with them. It seems to catch in the windpipe and become a represents it as being joy inspiring in- tight strangulation instead of an exstead of dolorous. Text II. Chronicles | hilaration. All the infidel books that have been written, from Voltaire down neither was there any such spice as fo Herbert Spencer, have not done so the queen of Sheba gave King Solo- much damage to our Christianity as lugubrious Christians.

Put in More Spices.

I have to say also that we need to put more spice and enlivenment in our religious teaching, whether it be in the | mother! Bring me back my mother!" prayer meeting or in the Sunday And it was said that as the people school or in the church. We ministers need more fresh air and sunshine that which lay in the box in the in our lungs and our heart and our wagon, all she loved on earth-it is head. Do you wonder that the world said the whole village was in tears. is so far from being converted when And that is what a great many of you you find so litle vivacity in the pulpit are doing-chasing the dead. Dear and in the pew? We want, like the Lord, is there no appeasement for all Lord, to plant in our sermons and ex- this sorrow that I see about me? Yes; hortations more lilies of the field. We the thought of resurrection and rewant fewer rhetorical elaborations and union far beyond this scene of strugfewer sesquipedalian words, and when gle and tears, "They shall hunger no we talk about shadows we do not want | more, neither thirst any more, neither to say adumbration, and when we mean shall the sun light on them nor any queerness wo do not want to talk heat, for the Lamb which is in the about idiosyncrasies, or if a stitch in midst of the throne shall lead them to the back we do not want to talk living fountains of water, and God about lumbago; but, in the plain ver- shall wipe away all tears from their nacular of the great masses, preach eyes." Across the couches of your ings and imperfections, and he was exthat gospel which proposes to make sick and across the graves of your all men happy, honest, victorious and dead I fling this shower of sweet free. In other words, we want more spices. Queen Balkis, driving up to cinnamon and less gristle. Let this be the pillared portico of the house ot so in all the different departments of cedar, carried no such pungency of perwork to which the Lord calls us. Let | fume as exhales to-day from the Lord's us be plain. Let us be earnest. Let garden. It is peace. It is sweetness us be common sensical. When we talk to the people in a vernacular they can understand, they will be very glad to come and received the truth we present. Would to God that Queen Balkis would drive her spice laden dromedaries into all our sermons and prayer meeting exhortations!

More than that, we want more life and spice in our Christian work. The poor do not want so much to be groaned over as sung to. With the and while you send in help, like the queen of Sheba, also send in the spices. There are two ways of meeting the poor. One is to come into their house with a nose elevated in disgust, as much as to say: "I don't see how you live here in this neighborhood. It actually makes me sick. There is that bundle. Take it, you poor, miserable wretch, and make the most of it." Another way is to go into the abode of the poor in a manner which seems to say: "The blessed Lord sent me. He was poor himself. It is not more for the good I am going to try to do you than it is for the good that you can do me." Coming in that spirit, the gift will be as aromatic as the spikenard on the feet of Christ, and all the hovels on that alley will be fragrant with the spice.

Singing as a Religious Duty. I promise a high spiritual blessing to any one who will sing in church and who will sing so heartily that the people all around cannot help but sing. Wake up, all the churches from Bangor to San Francisco and across Christendom! It is not a matter of preference. It is a matter of religious Divine King as Queen Balkis was wise duty. Oh, for fifty times more the in taking the spices to the earthly Sol- volume of sound than has ever yet rolled up from our churches! German chorals in German cathedrals surpass us, and yet Germany has received nothing at the hands of God compared with America. And ought the acclaim in Germany be louder than that of America? Soft, long drawn out music is appropriate for the drawingroom and appropriate for the concert. but St. John gives an idea of the sonorous and resonant congregational singing appropriate for churches when in listening to the temple service of heaven he says: "I hear a great voice as the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of is a long monotony! But when Christ | mighty thunderings. Halleluiah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!"

Join with me in a crusade, giving me not only your hearts, but the mighty uplifting of your voices, and I believe we can through Christ's grace gets through fretting and joins Mary sing 5,000 souls into the kingdom of at the feet of Jessus. All day long Christ. An argument they can laugh Debora is happy because she can help at, a sermon they may talk down, but Lapidoth, Hannah because she can a 5,000-voiced utterance of praise to God is irresistible. Would that Queen Balkis would drive all her spice-laden dromedaries into our church music!

The Remedy for Sorrow Why did you look so sad this morning when you came in? Alas, for the loneliness and the heartbreak and the load that is never lifted from your soul! Some of you go about feeling "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and like Macaulay when he wrote, "If I had another month of such days as I have been spending, I would be imthat good part which shall not be taken | patient to get down into my little, narrow crib in the ground, like a weary I must confess that a great deal of factory child." And there have been the religion of this day is utterly in- times in your life when you wished

SERMON. evating about it. Men and women go have said, "On, now sweet to my lips

I see all around about me widowhood and orphanage and childlessness; sadness, disappointment, perplexity. If who have felt no sorrow and been buffeted by no disappointment-if I could ask all such to rise, how many would rise? Not one.

A widowed mother, with her little child, went west, hoping to get better wages there, and she was taken sick and died. The overseer of the poor got her body and put it in a box and putit in a wagon and started down the street toward the cemetery at full trot. The little child-the only childran after it through the streets bareheaded, crying: "Bring me back my looked on and saw her crying after

The Most Magnificent Temple. Have you read of the Taj Mahal, in India, in some respects the most majestic building on earth? Twenty thousand men were twenty years in building it. It cost about \$16,000,000. The walls are of marble inlaid with carnelian from Bagdad and turquoise from Tibet and jasper from the Punjab and amethyst from Persia and all manner of precious stones. A traveler said that it seemed to him like the shining of the enchanted castle of burnished silver. The walls are 245 feet high, and from the top of these springs a dome 30 more feet high, that dome containing the most wonderful echo the world has ever known, so that ever and anon travelers standing came to the house that many of the and all manner of sweet spices. As it better than you can tell them. Show below with flutes and drums and harps soldiers were suffering for want of the retinue sweeps through the gate them the bright side of the thing, if are testing that echo, and the sounds guard, protect, and ald each other to the food, and the women set about mak- the armed guard inhales the aroma. there be any bright side. Tell them from below strike up, and then come very utmost. By it each one "gives over ing biscuits and bred for the soldiers. "Halt!" cry the charioteers, as the good times will come. Tell them that down, as it were, the voices of angels all around about the building. There is around it a garden of tamarind and in a common life. banyan and palm and all the floral glories of the ransacked earth. But that is only a tomb of a dead empress, and must always be in the case of a covenant it is tame compared with the grandeurs which God has builded for your living and immortal spirit.

Oh, home of the biessed! Foundations of gold! Arches of victory! Capstones of praise! And a dome in which there are echoing and re-echoing the halleluiahs of the ages! And around about that mansion is a garden, the garden of God, and all the springing fountains are the bottled tears of the church in the wilderness and all the crimson of the flowers is the deep hue that was caught up from the carnage of earthly martyrdoms and the fragrance is the prayer of all the saints and the aroma puts into utter forgetfulness the cassia and the spikenard pledged to him. Of course what God and the frankincense and the world renowned spices which Queen Balkis of Abyssinia flung at the feet of King Solomon.

When shall these eyes thy heaven built walls

Thy bulwarks, with salvation strong, And streets of shining gold?

And pearly gates behold,

Two Passengers' Dislikes. A lady of a truly masculine spirit, accompanied by a small poodle, is said to have failed sadly the other day in an attempted reformatory movement. She entered the smoking car of a when approached by the conductor, to go into another car, observing that her presence would keep the other occupants from smoking. One thickskinned wretch, however, insensible to the claims of refinement and reform, began to enjoy his accustomed cigar. which was suddenly snatched from his lips with the remark in a high treble: "If there is anything I do hate it is tobacco smoking!" For a time the offender was motionless, then, gravely rising, amid the curiosity of the assembled smokers, he took that little poogle out of the lady's lap and gently threw him through the window, sighing: "If there is anything I do hate it is a poodle."-Chicago Tribune.

Caught a Freak Lobster.

Daniel Carpenter of the South Ferry recently caught in one of his lobster pots a freak lobster. While this crustacean is of ordinary size and perfectly developed, one-half of the shell, running down the back, from the center of its head to its tail, is of a brilliant crimson and the other half of a bright green, while according to the learned ones of Brown University who are making a study of this species of marine animals, similar specimens have been found. A lobster thus colored was never before seen by old fishermen in these waters .- Providence Journal.

British lifeboats save, on an aver-

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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cession.

Oaks of Mamre, in the environs of the two pieces as leggings. city. Lot dwelt in Sodom

Time.-About 15 years after the last esson. B. C. 1897, according to Ussher's dating. Abraham was 99 years old. His

son Ishmael was 13 years old. I. Two Oriental Scenes .- One day the aged Abraham, now 99 years old, was sitting in his tent door among the Oaks of Mamre resting during the heat of the day, when suddenly, looking up, he saw three strangers near him. He immediately went to them and welcomed them in the Oriental manner, and entertained them with the utmost hospitality. It was not long before he perceived, by what they said and did, that they were angels, and one of them was no less than the Angel of the Lord, who had in some way appeared to him five times before. whole scene is primitive and Oriental, and, in the words of Geikie, "presents a perfect picture of the manner in which a modern Bedawee Sheykh receives trav- ing is a part of the course, so that the elers arriving at his encampment." "Ab-

II. The Two Announcements of the year, who was to be the heir of the like hospital nurses than mistresses of promises, and of the covenant with Abra- the brush. The second was that God was about to visit Sodom with some terrible judgment on account of its wickedness. But that was a neighbor of Abraham, and he must have visited it and become acquainted with some of its people through Lot. But especially his beloved Lot lived there, loved in spite of his failposed to destruction together with those whose company he kept.

III. Abraham's Prayer for the Doomed City.-Vs. 22-32. "22. And the men turned their faces from thence." Two of the three strangers to investigate the wickedness of Sodom. This is said to show i: vivid colors that God never punishes rashly or unjustly. "Abraham stood yet before the Lord" in the person of the third angel.

"That passed between those pieces," as the representative of God.

"18. In the same day." At this very time. "The Lord made a covenant with Abram." A solemn agreement or promise on the Lord's part, and absolute faith Pills-is making some miraculous in it, acceptance of it on the part of Abraham.

The Meaning of This Vision.-We understand the meaning of this vision only when we know the ancient customs of the blood covenant. The rites are known to be very ancient. Its underlying form is that of the mutual transfusion of blood. Dr. Trumbull relates a case where two young men entered into this covenant in this way: "One of the friends took a sharp lancet and opened a vein in the other's arm. Into the opening thus made he inserted a quill through which he sucked the living blood." done by the other. They thus became friends closer than brothers, who must ne's very self or one's entire possession to another." It is like a true marriagcovenant, "their separate identity is lost This covenant is made in several different ways. Sometimes the blood of an animal sacrificed is used as a substitute and type. This with God. One form is that described in the verses of the lesson. The two persons pass between the parted portions of the animals. God was represented by the burning lamp here. Dr. Abbott says, 'By some the division into two is supposed to represent the two parties to the covenant; and their passing between the one. By others it is supposed that the meaning of the ceremony, perhaps expressed in words at the same time, wa in effect an invocation or prayer that the fate of the sacrificial beast hewn into two pieces might fall upon whoever lated the treaty and broke the promise. Nothing could express more perfectly to Abraham the divine assurance that promises should be fulfilled and that God was his friend. It is most beautiful and It also bound Abraham to touching. serve God with all his heart. He was could do under his covenant depended upon Abraham's obedience. But he had been tried again and again through a long life, and it was now assured that he would not fail.

Compare the covenant of blood in the charnel house in Lalla Rookh, and the fiery cross dipped in blood in Scott's Lady of the Lake

IV. The Covenant Agreement.—See Gen. 12: 2, 3, 7; 13: 14-17; 15: 4-6, 18: 17: 4-8; 22: 15-18. 1. Abraham should have a child and descendants, who should become a great nation. 2. These descendants should be as innumerable as the sands and the stars. 3. They should pos-sess the land of Palestine. 4. He would their God, and they his people. would bless them, protect them, train them as a father trains his children. 5. would make them a blessing to all suburban train and sternly refused, nations, through all ages. Note (1) the gradual unfolding of these promises. They grew larger as Abraham grew in faith and character. Note (2) they were not selfish promises. They began in Abra but reached over the world. Note (3) that there was to be a long period of training before they could be completefulfilled. All efforts to make the world better suddenly like a flash of lightning are necessarily failures, from the nature of man. Note (4) that God made every thing a reminder of the covenant, name, his person, the land, the dust, the sand, the stars, his flocks, his altarsevery one spoke to him of his covenant with Ged.

> V. Practical Lessons and Illustrations.-1. God comes to us in our dark times, the times of trial and sickness and loss and danger. These with God in them are a training in faith and char acter. How sweet the sunshine after the storm, and the assurance that he is always shining on the other side even dur ing the darkness and storm! Character grows by God's encouragements in the trials of our faith, by earnest believing by confirmations of faith, by religious observances, by the everlasting covenant with God.

Lithographic Stone in Kentucky. A deposit of lithographic stone has been found near Mount Sterling, Ky., SOZODONT Tooth Powder 25c which Eugene Leary of the United States geological survey, who had been sent to examine it, says he would rather own "than any gold mine he ever heard of. There is no reason why the quarry should not control the market in this country. There is no lithographic stone anywhere else, so far as known, and there will be no difficulty in competing with the German product."

New Place for Corsets. A Manila exchange tells of an American soldier who, while stationed in

Bulacan, became enamored of a pretty LESSON VII. AUG. 18; GENESIS Filipino. Wishing to show his affection he purchased and sent to her a complete outfit of American clothing. When next he called he found her ar-Golden Text-The Effectual Ferrent rayed in all the pretty things, but she Prayer of a Righteous Man Availeth had made one radical mistake. This Much-Jas. 5; 16-Abraham's Inter- was with the corsets, which had caused her a great deal of worry before she discovered what she took to be the use for which they were intended. Place .- Abraham was in Hebron at the Then she unlaced them and put on the

Says It is a Business Proposition.

A millionaire shoe manufacturer is going to leave his palace home and occupy one of the plain cottages he is building for his workingmen in the model shoe manufacturing town he is constructing at Endicott, N. Y. He absolves himself from all philanthropic measures and declares he is actuated in securing ideal surroundings for his laborers simply by the knowledge that it will pay.

Women Trained as Sign Painters. Women sign painters in Berlin un-

dergo a regular apprenticeship. They are first taught how to use the brush and to mix paints. Gymnastic trainvomen may ascend scaffolding and stand on ladders without losing their Angels,-The first announcement was nerve. The female painters wear gray that Sarah should have a son within a lined frocks and caps and look more

> It Pays to Read Newspapers. Cox, Wis., Aug. 5th.-Frank M. Russell of this place had Kidney Disease so badly that he could not walk. He tried Doctor's treatment and many different remedies, but was getting worse. He was very low.

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