An Appropriate Centennial Discourse by Dr. Talmage,

Our Country Guarded By the Divine Hests Struggles of the Thirteen Colonies Other Perils Safely Passed-A Bright Future.

At the Brooklyn Tabernacle on the Sunday before the centennial of the inauguration of George Washington as President of the United States, Dr. Talmage preached a sermon appropriate to the approaching anniversary. The text was from 2 Kings vi. 17: "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, beho'd, the mountain was about Elisha." Dr. Talmage said:

As it cost England many regiments and \$2,000,000 a year to keep safely a troublesome captive at St. Helena, so the King of Syria sends out a whole army to capture one minister of religion-perhaps 50,000 men to take Elisha. During the night the army of Assyrians came around the viilage of Dothan, where the prophet was staying. At early daybreak the man servant of Elisha rushed in and said: "What shall we do? there is a whole army come to destroy you. We shall die, we shall die." But Elisha was not scared a bit, for he looked up and saw the mountains around full of supernatural forces, and he knew that if there were 50,000 Assyrians against him, there were 100,000 for him; and in answer to the prophet's prayer in behalf of his affrighted man servant, the young man saw it too. Horses of fire harnessed to chariots of fire, and drivers of fire pulling reins of fire on bits of fire, and warriors of fire with brandished swords of fire, and the brilliance of that morning sunrise was eclipsed by the galloping splendors of the celestial cavalcade. "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Eitsha." I have often spoken to you of the Assyrian perils which threaten our American institutions, but now, as we are assembling to keep the centennial celebration of the inauguration of Washington, I speak of the upper forces of the text that are to fight on our side.

You will notice that the divine equipage is always represented as a chariot of fire. Ezekiel and Isaiah and John, when they come to describe the divine equipage, always represent it as a wheeled, a harnessed, an upholstered conflagration. It is not a chariot like kings and conquerors of earth mount, but an organized and compressed fire. That means purity, justice, chastisement, deliverance through burning escapes. Chariot of rescue? Yes, but charlot of fire. All our national disenthraliments have been through scorching agonies and red disasters. Through tribulation the individual rises. Through tribulation nations rise. Chariots of tescue, but charlots of fire.

But how do I know that this divine the history of the last one hundred and eight years. The American revolution started from the pen of John Hancock in Independence Hall in 1776. The colonies without ships, without amthe earth, the largest armies and the grandest navies and the most distinguished commanders, and resources in xhaustible, and nearly all nations ready to back them up in the fight. Nothing as against immensity.

The cause of the American colonies. which started at zero, dropped still lower | shall thy proud waves be stayed." through the quarreling of the Generals and through the jealousies at small success and through the winters which surpassed all predecessors in depth of snow and horrors of congealment. Elisha surrounded by the whole Assyrian army did not seem to be worse off than did the thirteen colonies encompassed and overshadowed by foreign assault. What decided the contest in our favor? The upper forces, the upper armies. The Green and White mountains of New England, the highlands along the Hadson, the mountains of Virginia, all the Appalachian ranges were full of reinforcements which the young man, Washington, saw by feet and the gangrened wounds and the exhausting hunger and the long march because "the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountains were full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

Washington himself was a miracle. What Joshua was in sacred history the first American President was in secular history. A thousand other men excelled of sobriety it may sometimes be very disbim in different things, but he excelled them all in roundness and completeness your estimate of the forces of righteousof character. The world never saw his like and probably never will see his like the Lord God Almighty to be? He is our from God direct. I do not know how any and the mountains are full of them. man can read the history of those times without admitting that the contest was decided by the upper forces.

could come but extermination?

At the opening of the war the command-er-in-chief of the United States forces was a man who had been great in battle but old age had come with many infirmities and be had a right to quietude. He could not mount a horse and he rode on the batthe field in a carriage, asking the driver not jolt it to much. During the most of four years of the contest, on the Southorn side was a man in mid life, who had la his voins the blood of many generations of warriors, himself one of the heroes of Cherubusco and Cerro Gordo, Contreras and Chapultepeo. As the years passed on and the scroll of carnage unrolled, there came out from both sides a heroism and a all the people believe, and lies that My hands" By the mightiest of all agenstrength and a determination that the nobody believes. Lies with humps like cies, the potency of prayer, I beg you to world had never seen marshaled. And what but extermination could come when Philip Sheridan and Stonewall Jackson met, and Nathaniel Lyon and Sidney Johnston rode in from North and South. and stewed. Crawling lies and jumping not one prayer ever directed to the heart and Grant and Lee, the two thunderbolts. lies and soaring lies. Lies wi hattach- of God ever miscarried. The way is all clashed? Yet we are a Nation and yet we ment screws and rufflers and braiders and clear for the ascent of your supplications are at peace. Earthly courage did not ready wound bobbers. Lies by Christian Heavenward in behalf of this Nation, Bedecide the conflict. The upper forces of people who never lie except during elec- fore the postal communication was so fonghtabove the clouds on Lookout mountoin, but there was something higher than

ame to the rescue of this Nation in 1876 at | should think he would stand dazed, his | and when ships came by a boat put out to the close of a Presidential election famous for devilish ferocity. A darker cloud yet attled down upon the Nation. The remit of the election was in dispute and live think of us? What a disgust they that barrel, although it contained mesmolation, not between two or three sections, but revolution in every town and The only good thing about it to many of and Africa, and all the islands of the sea Tork would throttle New York and How Orleans would grip New Orleans and Baston, and the same and Washington Washington. Some said Mr. Tilden was elected; others said Mr. Eagus was elected; others said Mr. Eagus was elected, and how near we came to universal messacre some of us guessed, but God only knew. I asserbe our escape which we wade every four years must be Ages.

not to the honesty and righteousness of rebuked by that religion which speaks infuriated politicians, but I ascribe it to from its two great mountains, from the the upper forces of the text. Chariots of one mountain intoning the command, mercy rolled in and though the wheels "Thou shalt not bear false witness were not heard and the flash was not seen. | against thy neighbor," and from the other yet all through the mountains of the North and the South and the East and the West, and blessing rather than cursing. Yes, though the hoofs did not clatter, the cavalry of God galloped by. I tell you God | There are two kinds of national religis the friend of this Nation. In the awful excitement at the massacre of Lincoln, when there was a prospect that greater slaughter would open upon this Nation. God hushed the tempest. In the awful excitement at the time of Garfield's as- is supported by a salary of \$75,000 a year sassination, God put His foot on the neck and there are great cathedrals with al of the cyclone.

nine great national harvests, and from the or two. national health of the last quarter of a century, epidemics very exceptional, and such national religion; but we want this from the great rivals of the Church of God, kind of national religiou—the vast majorand from the Continent blossoming with ity of the people converted and evangelfull of horses and chariots of fire round asylums and reformatory institutions, and from an Edenization which promises that this whole land is to be a paradise where

God shall walk in the cool of the day. If in other sermons I showed you what was the evil that threatened to upset and demolish American institutious, I am encouraged more than I can tell you as I see the regiments wheeling down the sky, and my jeremiads turn into doxologies, and that which was the Good Friday of the Nation's crucifixion becomes the Easter morn of its resurrection. Of course God works through human instrumentalities, and this national betterment is to come among other things through a scrutinized ballot box. By the law of registration it is almost impossible now to have illegal voting. There was a time-you and I remember it very well-when droves of vagabonds wandered up and down on election day from poll to poll, and voted here and voted there, and voted everywhere, and there was no challenge; or, if there were, it amounted to nothing, because nothing could so suddenly be proved upon the of darkness been so determined to win this vagabonds.

Now in every well organized neighbor hood every voter is watched with severest scrutiny. I must tell the registrar my name, and how old I am, and how long I have resided in the State, and how long I have resided in the ward or the township, and if I misrepresent fifty witnesses will rise and shut me out from the ballot box Is not that a great advance? And then notice the law that prohibits a man voting if he has bet on the election. A sty further needs to be taken and that man forbidden a vote who has offered or taken a bribe, whether it be in the shape of a free drink or cash paid down, the suspicous cases obliged to put their hand on the Bible and swear their vote in if they vote at all. So through the sacred chest of our Nation's suffrage redemption will come.

God also will save this Nation through an aroused moral sentiment. There never has been so much discussion of morals and immorals. Men, whether or not they acknowledge what is right, have to think what is right. We have men who have had their hands in the public treasury the most of their lifetime, stealing all they could get their hands on, discoursing Who shall have the shore of her inland eloquently about dishonesty in public servants, and men with two or three equipage is on the side of our institutions? families of their own preaching eloquently mandment. The question of sobriety and drunkenness is thrust in the face of this Nation as never before, and is to take a part in our political contests. The question munition, without guns, without trained of national sobriety is going to be respectwarriors, without money, without prestige. fully and deferentially heard at the bar lasting interests of a population vast be-On the other side, the mightiest nation of of every Legislature and every House of Representatives and every United States Senate, and an omnipotent voice will ring down the sky and across this land and back again, saving to these rising tides of drunkenness which threaten to whelm home and Church and Nation: "Thus far shalt thou come but no further, and here

> I have not in my mind a shadow of disheartenment as large as the shadow of a housefly's wing. My faith is in the upper forces, the upper armies of the text. God is not dead. The chariots are not unwheeled If you would only pray more and wash your eyes in the cool, bright water, fresh from the well of Christian reform, it would be said of you, as of this one of the text: 'The Lord opened the eves of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses will be a grand thing if, when the archand chariots of fire round about Elisha."

When the army of Antigonus went into battle his soldiers were very much then provided for Christ, is in the midst he is looking for the next dollar. The discouraged, and they rushed up to the of a garden. faith; and his men endured the frozen General and said to him: "Don't you see we have a few forces and they have so many more?" and the soldiers were affrighted at the smallness of their number and the greatness of the enemy. Antig- tower cut his name on it. Then he covonus, their commander, straightened himelf up and said, with indignation and vehemence: 'How many do you reckon me to be?" And when we see the vast armies arrayed against the cause couraging, but I ask you in making up ness-I ask you how many do you reckon again, because there probably never will commander. The Lord of Hosts is His our finances, across our religious, be another such exigency. He was let name. I have the best authority for say- names worthy of remembrance, names down a divine interposition. He was ing that the chariots of God are 21,900, written on the architecture of our churches

You will take without my saying it that my only faith is in Christianity and in the of this continent and He was the sculptor upper forces suggested in the text. Po- of all its grandeurs, and long after through Then in 1861, when our civil war was opened, many at the North and at the Bouth proncunced it national suicids. It lives and I think He has ordained this ated the Divine Signature and Divine was not courage against cowardice, it was Nation for a career of prosperity that no Name will be brighter and brighter as the not wealth against poverty, it was not demagogism will be able to halt. I ex- millenniums go by, and the world shall large States against small States. It was pect to live to see a political party which | see that the God who made this continent heroism against heroism, it was the re- will have a platform of two planks—the has redeemed it by His grace from all its sources of many generations against the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on sorrows and from all its crimes. resources of generations, it was the prayer | the Mount. When that party is formed it | Have you faith in such a thing as that? of the North against the prayer of the will sweep across this and like a tornado. After all the chariots have been un-South, it was one-half of the Nation in I was going to say, but when I think it is wheeled and after all the war chargers armed wrath meeting the other half of not to be devastation but resuscitation, I have been crippled the chariots which the Nation in armed indignation. What change the figure and say, such a party Elisha saw on the morning of his peril as that will sweep across this land like will roll on in triumph, followed by all

spice gaies from Heaven. Have you any doubt about the need of God could do it without us, but He will the Christian religion to purify and make not. The weakest of us, the faintest of decent American politics? At every us, the smallest brained of us shall have yearly or quadrennial election we have in a part in the triumph. We may not this country great manufactories of ties, have our name, like the name of and they are run day and night, and they Sostratus, cut in the imperishable rock turn out half a dozen a day all and conspicuous for centuries, but we shall equipped and ready for full sailing beremembered in a better place than that Large lies and small lies. Lies private and in the heart of Him who came to reand lies public and lies prurient. Lies cut deem us and redeem the world and our bias and lies cut diagonal. Long limbed names will be seen close to the signature lies and lies with double backaction. Lies of His wound, for to-day as He throws complimentary and lies defamatory. Lies out His arms toward us He says: "Bethat some people believe, and lies that hold. I have graven thee on the palms of camels and scales like crocodiles and seek our national welfare. necks as long as storks and feet as swift | Some time ago there were 4 600,000 letas an antelope's and stings like an ad- ters in the dead letter post-office at Washder's. Liesraw and scalloped and panned ington-letters that lost their way-but

I confess I am ashamed to have a for- on the side of the rock, so it could be seen Again, the horses and chariots of Gol eigner visit this country in such times. I far out at sea, was the word "Pos -office;" hand on his pocketbook, and dare not go take and fetch letters. And so sacred out nights. What will the hundreds of were those deposits of affection in thousands of foreigners who come here to that barrel that no lock was ever put upon must have for the land of their adoption! sages for America, and Europe, and Asia, them can not understand the English lan- Many a storm-tossed sailor, home sick, illage and city of the United States them can not understand the English lan- Many a storm-tossed sailor, home sick, send imminent. The prospect was that guage. But I suppose the German and got messages of kindness by that rock. would throttle New York and Italian and Swedish and French papers and many a homestead heard good news and grip New Orleans and translate it all and peddie out the infernal from a boy long gone. Would that all the

mount making plea for kindness and love

we are going to have a national religion. ion. The one is supported by the state, and is a matter of human politics, and it has great patronage, and under it men will struggle for prominence without reference to qual fications, and its archbishop the machinery of music and canonicals, To prove that God is on the side of this and room for 1,000 people, yet an audience Nation, I argue from the last eight or of fifty people, or twenty people, or ten

We want no such religion as that, no ized, and then they will manage the secu-

lar as well as the religious. Do you say that this is impracticable? No. The time is coming just as certain as there is a God and that this is His book and that He has the strength and the houesty to fulfill His promises. One of the ancient Emperors used to pride himself on performing that which his counselors said was impossible, and I have to tell you to-day that man's impossibilities are God's easies. "Hath He said and shall He not do it? Hath H: commanded and will He not bring it to pass?" The Christian religion is coming to take possession of every ballot box, of every school house, of every home, of every valley, of every mountain, of every acre of our national domain. This Nation, notwithstanding all the influences that are trying to destroy it, is going to live.

Never since according to John Milton, when 'Satan was hurled headlong flaming from the ethereal skies in hideous ruin and combustion down," have the powers continent as they are now. What a jewel it is-a jewel carved in relief. the camed of this planet! On one side of us the Atlantic ocean, dividing us from the worn out governments of Europe. On the other side the Pacific ocean, dividing us from the superstitions of Asia. On the north of us the Artic sea, which is the gymnasium in which the explorers and navigators develop their courage. A continent 10,500 miles long, 17,000,000 squre miles, and all of it but about one-seventh capable of rich cultivation. One hundred millions of population on this continent of North and South America-one hundred millions, and room for many hundred millions more. Atl flora and all fauna, all metals and all precious woods, and all grains and all truits. The Appalachian range the backbone, and the rivers the ganglia carrying life a'l through and out to the extremities. Isthmus of Darien, the narrow waist of a giant continent, all to be under one government, and all free, and all Christian. and the scene of Christ's personal reign on earth if, according to the expectations of many good people, He shall at last set un His throne in this world. Who shall have this hemisphere, Christ or Satan! seas, the silver of her Nevadas, the gold of her Colorados, the telescopes of her observatories the brain of her universities, the savannas, the two great ocean beachesthe one reaching from Baffin's bay to Terra del Fuego and the other from Behring straits to Cape Horn-and all the moral and temporal and spiritual and evervend all human computation? Who shall have the hemisphere? You and I will decide that, or help to decide it, by conscientious vote, by earnest prayer, by maintenance of Christian institutions, by support of great philanthropies, by putting body, mind and soul on the right side of all moral, religious and national move-

Ah! it will not be long before it will not make any difference to you or to me what becomes of this continent so far as earthly comfort is concerned. All we will want of it will be seven feet by three, and that will take in the largest, and there men, and there are small merchants as will be room to spare. That is all of this there are small politicians; and the country we will need very soon-the difference between the great and the youngest of us. But we have an anxiety about the welfare and happiness of the generations that are coming on, and it angel's trumpet sounds, we find that our sepulcher, like the one Joseph of Arima-

was the white marble watch tower of Pharos of Egypt, Sostratus, the architect and sculptor, after building that watch events; this knowledge enables him to ered it with plastering and to please the King he put the monarch's name on the outside of the plastering; and the storms beat and the seas dashed in their fury and they washed off the plastering and they of barter, but a science and an art; he washed it out, and they washed it down, studies the general laws of trade, but the name of Sostratus was deep cut in the imperishable rock. So across the face of this Nation there have been a great many names written, across and our schools and our asylums and our homes of mercy, but God is the architect

the armies of Heaven on white horses.

d lies by people who always lie. easy and long ago, on a rock 100 feet high but beat themselves in a Presidential came on the coast of England, there was a barrel fastened to a post, and in great letters from a boy long gone. Would that all the heights of our national prosperity were going up meeting blessings on postal colostial, not a storm-

STEAMSHIP COLLISIONS. Difficulty of Checking the Speed of

Steamers Under Full Headway.

A great deal has been said and written on the above subject, without due consideration, always, for all the facts in the case. The first thing to be remembered is the utter density of the fogs that cause these collisions. In a genuine ocean fog one end of a vessel's deck is absolutely invisible from the other end, and the rays of a brilliant headlight can not penetrate the intense blackness more than a few rods. The one protection that steamers have in these fogs is the blowing of whistles. asked. It should, of course, be made the duty of the captain of a steam vessel to have snake skins for the manufacture of this whistle sounded continuously, or nearly so, during the entire time that | cles of that description, but there is no a fog lasts, but this practice is too often dealer in leather who keeps tanned neglected. The use of the whistle, snake-skins in stock that I know of, however, can not prevent accidents; All the skins we get are brought to us first, because its sound only announces by private individuals who have had the existence of a danger, but does not them tanned and are willing to sell locate it. It is very difficult, almost them. The anaconda that originally impossible, to accurately place the possessed the skin in my window was direction whence the sound of the formerly one of the attractions of a whistle comes, until the danger, if dime museum. When he died I heard danger it be, is so near that escape, of it and secured his hide. Askin like from it is impossible. This is because, that is worth about fifteen dollars." secondly, it is by no means easy to check the speed of a steam vessel occasion to interview the commanders running at full speed, and the engines were reversed, how far would the ves- them loose." sel run before it began to "gather stern way"-that is, move backward? The answer varied between two and four them?" miles, but the conclusion was that two vessels approaching each other at full speed, might, after hearing the fog horn at the distance of four miles, do their best to stop and still collide with serious consequences. As to the matter of double track lines, or "ocean lanes," as they are called, these were first suggested nearly fifty years ago, and a chart was made for the use of captains of Atlantic steamers, on which one line was laid down for eastern and another for western passage. At that time there was but one line of steamers, the Cunarders, between this country and Europe. Now steamship lines have multiplied to such an extent that their courses cross and recross each other like a network of telegraph wires, and the original plan of a chart is manifestly no longer equal to the needs of the case. It has been suggested, however, that it would be possible to have charts prepared by an authoritative board, or and homeward courses to be followed the other a big black snake. They by each of the steamship lines in each month. These, if carefully followed, would generally lessen the dangers of collision, even if they could not altogether prevent it. -- Chicago Inter Ocean. BRAINS IN BUSINESS.

The One Great Secret of Success in Com-

One great secret of success in busiseries of transactions. There are great merchants as there are great statessmall man is very much the same in works by the day, and sees only the one small opportunity before him; the small merchant does the same thing - a barrel together, and the next mornstatesman, on the other hand, is master of the situation because he understands the general principles which control deal with large questions and to shape

the future. The great merchant does the same thing; his business is not a mere money-getting affair, not a mere matter watches the general condition of the country, investigates present needs. foresees future wants, and adapts his business to the broad conditions of his It Should Have Belonged to America. But Does Belong to England. time and place. He puts as much brains into his work as does the statesman, and he ends by being, not a money-getter, but a large-minded and capable man. An eminently successful business man, of the statesmanlike quality, said the other day that the more he understood of life, the more clearly he saw that it was all done on business principles. By which he meant, not that the universe stands for the dollar, that the universe is governed by unvarying laws; that promptness, exactness, thoroughness, and honesty are wrought into its very fiber. On

of the politician.—Christian Union. Origin of the Word "Snob."

these business principles all life is con-

Power which is behind man. It ought

to treat his business from the point of

to be the ambition of every young man

The origin of the word "Snob" has generally been attributed to Thack- ation. eray, to whom, certainly, may be credited the fact of its having taken its bimself: There are faults about these place in the English language as a machine guns. regular noun substantive, expressive of something that no other single word can adequately convey. 'Snob' was the cartridge hangs fire a little, but the in use, however, before Thackeray crank turns on and they explode at the came into the field as a satirist. It was then a slang word much used among hunting men in England to denote a sportsman of the Cockney school seconds. a quiet, well-appointed gentleman. defects. It is automatic. It needs no tents of a well-filled ink bettle all over manners, and used it to such good pur- that the operator has to do is to aim it. pose that it at once took hold of the popular mind and became classical, as meaning one who meanly tries to ap- it is owned by the government of Great pear to be something more than be actually is, or is entitled to be. -N. T.

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SKINS OF REPTILES. A New York Shop-Keeper Talks About the

Loss of Serpent Hides. In the window of an up-town Broadway store, where fancy articles in leather are sold, hangs a skin which very much resembles an alligator's hide, except for its greater length and lighter markings. "That." said the proprietor of the store when questioned, "is the largest anaconda skin ever exhibited in this city. It is fifteen feet long, two feet in width, and, as you see, is beautifully marked."

"Do you mean to say that there is a staple trade in anneonda skins?" was

"Not at all. We use a great many pocket-books, small sachels, and arti-"What is it good for?"

"Well, the leather is remarkably under full headway. Few lands- tough, and could be used to cover men have any idea of the momen- furniture, but I secured it more as a tum of ocean steamers. Several years curiosity than any thing else. I have ago the Scientific American took made slippers from anaconda leather, but the scales are a great objection to of ocean vessels on this subject. Sup- its use for such a purpose. You see, pose, it was asked, a steam vessel was each one has to be carefully cemented down, but a little water is apt to work

to you to have articles made from

"Do people ever bring snake skins "Yes, indeed; and, strange to say, my best customers are women. A very pretty girl came to me the other day with the skin of a king scake. The king snake, you know, is a native of Florida, and is to the snake kingdom what a lion is to the animal. He can lick any thing that crawls even a rattler. The skin that the young lady brought in was one of the handsomest I have ever seen. The yellow circles around the dark body shone in contrast like gold, and so nicely had the leather been tanned that it was as soft and pliable as chamois. Its owner had a story to tell about the snake, which, it seems, her brother had captured in a somewhat novel way. He was sitting, she said, one afternoon on the shore of Lake Weir, in Central Florida, when suddenly he heard a thrashing in the brush at his side. He investigated and discovered two snakes fighting for all they were and came home. weren't exactly fighting, either, she said, for the king snake had succeeded he had been after other attacks. He he wanted him. In other words, the terest in his condition, finding out the the patient cating, drinking and sleephead of the black snake was in the facts which have been related. There ing there until cored. One patient has king snake's mouth, and the swallowing process had already begun. The thrashing was the result of the black snake's indignation at the proceedings. To make a long story short, the king snake finally succeeded in swallowing ness the secret, in fact, of success on his black rival until only about two a large scale-is to conceive of it as a linches of the latter's tall projected matter of principle, not merely as a from the conqueror's mouth. The up to the stable, and, laving them on tail and gently pulled them apart. The black snake was still alive, but hadn't much energy left. The king both professions. The small politician snake, on the contrary, was as lively as a kitten and immediately showed

> "But what did the young lady wish to have made from his skin?" "She wanted it stuffed. You see, she had become attached to the reptile. and, woman-like, wanted to preserve the remains in the most life-like form." -N. Y. Evening Post.

> ing the black one was dead. The

young man brought the king snake

home with him, and he became a pet in

the family. The cold was too much

for him, though, and he finally died."

STANLEY'S MACHINE GUN.

The prints of the English-speaking

world have been full of stories about the machine gun which Henry M. Stanley carried with him in his last desperate venture in Africa. And yet it is an old story. It occurs to this dinner in his honor, and invited all paper to properly tell it:

The weapon so much talked vented by a citizen of these United did, for a wonder, put in an appear- wore my red satin decoletty dress down States. He was poor and sought en- ance on this occasion; but, during the couragement from our Government He got none. He went to England. where they saw its merits at once and made him rich. So his gun is under ducted-if not by men, at least by that | control of the British government.

At the time when he commenced his investigations the three great machine guns of the world were the Gatling. view of the statesman and not from that | the Hotchkiss and the Nordenhoff - the first two American, the last English. There was little difference in their merits, save that the Hetchkiss was lighter and made for ready transport-

Maxim, an American boy, said to

1. The turning of the crank prevents any thing like an aim. 2. Often

-a vulgar swell as distinguished from The Maxim gun overcame all these sons who worked for lower wages dur- continues to load and fire itself so long his summons, appeared with a large store and the water made to bed ing a strike, the men who stood out be- as the supply of cartridges last. The ing distinguished as "nobe." Thack- power of the "recoil does all the work. eray adopted the word "Snob" for want even to shooting a jet of water along five shillings, my good girl, my very near by; cold water passing through of a better, extended it so as to take the barrel to keep it cool. It fires good girl, confided Tenayson in much the jar continually, to prevent the in a great deal beyond mere dress and seven hundred shots a minute, and all

> This is the Stanley gun. You can not see it in the United States now, for Britain. - Cincinnati Enquirer.

--Where were you born, little giel?" bed a philasthropist of a street begply, "but I office heard my me my that I was been in goverty."—I. Y. Ledger.

AUTOMATIC AMBULATION. A Foculiar Case of Double Conscio

Reported by a Physician. The very interesting case described by Dr. Donaldson under the title Automatic Ambulation," which he had seen in the clinic of Charcot, is not without parallel, as the doctor supposes. The condition of the patient, in which, though seemingly rational, he was really suffering from a lapse of consciousness, is one which has been described by several writers upon epilepsy, notably Hughlings, Jackson and Gowers. Formerly it was asserted that such a state of doubleconsciousness was always a post-epieptic phenomenon. Now it is believed that it may occur as the physical equivalent of the epileptic attack.

An interesting case, which illustrates

this condition, was observed at my

elinic not very long ago. A young

man, a carpenter by trails, who had

occasionally suffered from epileptic at-

tacks, related the following history:

He remembered having come home as

usual from work on a Thursday night. and having gone to bed with his brother with whom he always slept. The next thing he remembers is awakening on Friday afternoon, at four o'clock, and fluding himself in Bellevue Hospital. He had no recollection whatever of how he got there, and it was a surprise to him not to find himself in his own room. He learned, however, subsequently, that he had gotten up, apparently as usual, on Friday morning, after a quiet night, his brother being positive that he could not have had an epileptic attack during enjoy her favorite dish. the night, and his family having work as usual, and had been sent by police of that city are peculiarly liable delivered the package at the required | Louis police force and serve ten years a distant part of the city, in the shop reaching forty years of age. of a plumber, with whom, it seems, he had picked a quarrel, and who turned lived near each other, in Philadelphia him over to a policeman, who in turn One was accustomed to sing hymns, took him to the station-house, whence | while the other was addicted to swearhe was sent to the Bellevue Hospital. The police justice sent him to the hospital because he appeared to be bewillered, but not drunk, as he answered questions intelligibly, and could walk perfectly, and yet did not seem well, slike When he reached the hospital he was put to bed, and soon fell asleep. When Eddie, "I want to make some women." pearing to be well, he was discharged house already." "Well, I sin't going

was not bitten, he was not fatigued as Companion. in getting the black stake just where was very intelligent, and took an in- says the Hospital, is a continual both. had, undoubtedly, been a total "lapse | been kept in such a bath for 3% days of consciousness" from Thursday night He is tied up always at night to prenotil Friday afternoon, yet during this went him from alluming so as to be period he had acted as if conscious, and drowned. The palms and soles become had found his way as usual to his place | much shriveled, but the seat of the sities of work.

It seems preferable to speak of mich | sinety-eight dogrees.

doubt that others have seen similar stantly; and will not kick or fail. cases, though I can not but believe ... If a lady is wise in small matters Starr, in Medical News.

THE POET LAUREATE.

Interesting and Amusing Assertates Concerning Tennyson.

Absent-minded to a degree, Tennyson often forgets to whom he is speaking, and once when in full conversation with Robert Browning said, apparently apropos de bottes: "I wonder how Browning is getting on." "Why" exclaimed Robert, "I am Browning." "Nonsense," replied Tennyson, with almost an attempt at regulah raillery. "I know the fellow well, so you can't tell me you are be."

A few years ago some enthasiastic admirers of Tennyson gave a large their choicest friends in the world of fellow. We just put up at the Fifth literature and art to meet him. Tenny. | Avynoo in New York and at the Vannson, who rarely accepts an invitation. first half of the dinner, caused the solitary diamond year-bobs and my greatest disappointment by remaining diamond pin, and that big diamond absolutely silent, and as if lost in the star stuck in my hair and my pearl falling like pearls of thought from his got me a pale-blue satis to wear down lips, gazed somewhat wistfully on him. to dinner and to set around the parlor when suddenly rousing himself, he ex-claimed in a loud, stentorian voice: "I like my mutton cut in chunks." I can big as anybody, and set my shoes out something of malice prepense in this night. I jet em see that we knowed being gaped at, and a corresponding Boston." - Time. desire to punish the offenders.

An anecdote told me not long ago by the daughter-in-law is amusing, in that It shows how the greatest are not incawho had been spending some years in good use. I had a tin can made. The Paris, returned to London, and anx- lid is air-tight, and has in the top a lous to renew old ties, wrote inviting long, tie tube of about an eighth of an wrong time. 3. Most of all, the rapid him to their house. But Tennyson mis- inch in diameter, which is so bent as to firing heats the gun so that it is use took the day, and arriving at the domi- allow of placing the end in a glass jar, less and even dangerous in a few cile found the birds flows. Sitting at some distance from the can. The the beautiful new white Persian carjug of new milk, which she poured over about an hour, the end of a tim t the offending ink stain. "Ill give you being in a jar of water on the aritation, "if you'll only get rid of that steam from overheating the water and mistress come home. And together causing evaporation. The result is the on their hands and knees post and Abia few weeks afterwards Tennyson west without expense, where there is a famreason to believe that she had told no takes. At any rate the host and heaters displayed their purposes carpet with the any sign of consciousness. - London less the formula of the london

MISCELLANEOUS.

-Strange, but true: weak-minds people are often headstrong. - Be

more American. - The essentials of a watering piace may be alliteratively summed up thus: Sea, salt, sun, sand, shells, shrimps,

steamers, ships, sailors and shingle. -Some one has figured that only one young man out of fifty who marries asks the old man's consent. If he isn't booted off the doorstep or chewed up by the dog he takes it as a sign that the old man is willing, and he reasons cor-

They are drawing the color line so fine in a Jamaica, L. L. school that the principal expelled two boys, it is said, for being too dark complexioned. while two lighter ones of the same family were allowed to remain.

Little Pierre, a French boy, went out to walk with his father on the road, and was badly frightened by a drove of cattle. "Why should you be afraid, Pierre " his father asked You cat such creatures as that at disner, you know." "You, papa," said Pierre, "but these aren't well enough done."-Youth's Companion.

-Girls in Biddeford and Soon Ma. seem to have some opport factor. One lady makes an excursion to the brickyard each summer and lays in a supply of nice, blue clay to eat through the winter. Another favorite dainty is a soft brick, and long experience has taught her has to select the choicest specimens at a glance. Each of these ladice has lived to a good old ago to

According to a report made by Dr. noticed nothing unusual in his appears George Homan, Medical Examiner of ance or manner. He had gone to his the St. Louis Police Department, the the foreman upon an errand, involving to pulmonary diseases. He says past walk of sixteen blocks, which errand experience justifies the expectation he had partly carried out, as he had that about half of all who join the St. place. His next trace of himself is in will die of consumption soon after

-A story is told of two parrots that ing. The owner of the latter obtained permission for it to associate with the former, hoping that its bad habit would be corrected; but the opposite result followed, for both hearned to swear

- "Where's the sciences" asked the physician came to examine him '4) I wouldn't" said roguish Uncle soon after, he was awakened, and then | Jos. who loves to tease his small nices. was in his natural condition, and ap- | There are women enough in this to make really truly ones," answered There appeared to be no evidence Eddie earnestly. "I couldn't angway,

-A new remedy for skin disease, is unchanged. The water is kept at

a state as one of double consciousness. The Russian method for atomics rather than as one of lapse of conscious a running horse is said to be very of young lady's brother then took them ness, though there is certainly a lapse feeties, and is not particularly count of memory. He has had no subsequent | They place a cord with a running knot. the floor, put his foot on the protruding attack to my knowledge, having been around the horse's neck near the nock treated with bromides as for opliersy, stran. To this slip-neose attach a pair A somewhat similar case has recently of roles, which may be thrown over come under my observation in consule the dustboard rendy to be solved at tation, but various circumstances sub- once. When the horse starts made up sequently discovered by the attending the extra roles and tighten the conf. fight. The two snakes were placed in physician led us both to decide that it around the horse's throat. The goest was a case of malingering. I have no furious horse thus choked stone in-

> that they are very rare. -Dr. M. A. she serves len nowadays by seeding up in advance enough for cups for all of her company in they large of mult or muslin of the color of the table decorations. Gilded baskets tind with ribbons are heaped with the pretty toys and form the chief ornaments of the dising room. Under the bright-hand bags sho must have white ones lying, and when tea is wanted she deftly extracts these latter and throws them into the bolling water, taking them out when the favor has been extracted and placing them in a silver slop basin.

-"La yee," said Mrs. Oregonian complacently on her return from a trip East, "I tell you I let them Now Yorkers know that we know about as much about style out here as the next dome to Boston, and at both piaces I most profound reverie. The guests, and diamond bracelets, and I wore 'em who had expected to hang on words all down town ev'ry time I went, and I not help suspecting that there was in the hall and had 'em blacked er'ry burst of confidence, and that the poor what style was. Why, you'd thought man feit a not unnatural irritation at I'd been born and raised right there in

Home-Made Attar of Roses.

pable of steeping to little weaknesses. age that my roses might be put to some down to write a note of explanation, he can is then filled with fresh roses. had the misfortone to throw the con- picked early in the morning when the in. The can is then placed on the aritation, 'if you have your master and causing evaporation. The result is the gail rubbed and rubbed at the wretched | jar the pure atter of rease, which we carpet until not a spot remained. The purchase at so much east. This is a girl earned her five shillings, and when dample contrivance and can be operated to dise with his friend be had every fiv of children to pick the room and Boop up a regeonable fire, too much hast not bring desirable on account of