"THE PETTY ANNOYANCES OF LIFE" THE SUBJECT.

Golden Text: "Moreover the Lord Thy God Will Send the Hornet Among Them Until Them That Hide Themselves from Thee Are Destroyed."



ASHINGTON, D. C,. Dec. 15, 1895. -Dr. Talmage today chose for his discourse a theme that will appeal to most people, viz.: The petty annoyances of life.

It seems as if the insectile world were determined to

extirpate the human race. It bombards the grain fields and the orchards and the vineyards. The Colorado beetle. the Nebraska grasshopper, the New Jersey locust, the universal potato-bug. seem to carry on the work which was

in swarms. It has captains over hundreds, and twenty of them alighting on one man will produce death.

the whole army was broken up, and noyances-a clerk's ill manners, or a the besieged city was rescued. This blot of ink on a bill of lading, or the the Hittites and the Canaanites from and chariot of war could not accomplish of store confidences in the street, or was done by the puncture of an insect. The Lord sent the hornet.

My friends, when we are assaulted by great behemoths of trouble, we becourage, and we make a cavalry charge at them, and, if God be with us, we come out stronger and better than when we went in. But, alas, for these insectile annoyances of life-these foes too small to shoot-these things without any avoirdupois weight-the gnats and the midges and the flies and the wasps and the hornets! In other words, it is the small stinging annoyances of our life which drive us out and use us up. In the best-conditioned life, for some grand and glorious purpose God has sent the hornet.

I remark, in the first place, that these small stinging annoyances may come in the shape of a nervous organization. People who are prostrated under typhoid fevers or with broken bones get plenty of sympathy; but who pities anybody that is nervous? The doctors say, and the family say, and everybody says, "Oh, she's only a little nervous; that's all!" The sound of a heavy foot, the harsh clearing of a throat, a discord in music, a want of harmony between shawl and the glove on the same person, a curt answer, a passing slight, the wind from the east, any one of ten thousand annoyances opens the door for the hornet. The fact is that the vast majority of the people in this country are overworked, and their nerves are the first to give out. A great multitude are under the strain of Leyden, who, when he was told by his physician that if he did not stop working while he was in such poor physical health he | Christian attainment. We all love to would die, responded, "Doctor, whether I live or die, the wheel must keep going in fair weather. Patience is a child of round." These sensitive persons of whom I speak have a bleeding sensitiveness. The flies love to light on anything raw, and these people are like | tience? The only time to culture it is the Canaanites spoken of in the text or when you are lied about, and sick and in the context-they have a very thin half dead. covering, and are vulnerable at all points. "And the Lord sent the hormet."

Again, the small insect annoyances may come to us in the shape of friends I would swim;" or, "I could shoot this and acquaintances who are always saying disagreeable things. There are some people you cannot be with for half an hour but you feel cheered and comforted. Then there are other people you cannot be with for five minutes before you feel miserable. They do not have fellowship with his sufferings. mean to disturb you, but they sting you to the bone. They gather up all the burn out of us the clinker and the thing grindable in sight he treated his yarn which the gossips spin, and re- slag. I have formed this theory in retail it. They gather up all the adverse gard to small annoyances and vexacriticisms about your person, about tions. It takes just so much trouble to fit your business, about your home, about us for usefulness and for heaven. The your church, and they make your ear only question is, whether we shall take the funnel into which they pour it. it in the bulk or pulverized and granu-They laugh heartily when they tell you, lated. Here is one man who takes it as though it were a good joke, and you in the bulk. His back is broken, or his laugh too-outside.

tention in the Bible, in the Book of majority of people take the thing piece-Ruth. Naomi went forth beautiful and meal. Which way would you rather into another land; but, after awhile, she came to the city? They all went out, and, instead of giving her commonsense consolation, what did they do? Read the Book of Ruth and find out. They threw up their hands and said, "Is this Naomi?" as much as to say, "How awful bad you do look!" When I entered the ministry I looked very pale for years and every year, for four or five years, a hundred times a year, I was asked if I had not the consumption; and, passing through the room I would solved in those times that I never, in to the floor, and you look up at the any conversation, would say anything ceiling, before you look into the safe.

SERMON. depressing, and by the help of God I Now, my friends, would you not rather EFFECTS ON LABOR.

man's a failure."

ances will come in the shape of a domestic irritation. The parlor and the kitchen do not always harmonize. To get good service and to keep it, is one of the greatest questions of the country. Sometimes it may be the arro- be spent in small change, and a vast gancy and inconsiderateness of employ- amount of moral character may go ers, but, whatever be the fact, we all away in small depletions. It is the begun ages ago when the insects buzzed admit there are these insect annoy- little troubles of life that are having out of Noah's Ark as the door was ances winging their way out from the more effect upon you than great ones. culinary department. If the grace of A swarm of locusts will kill a grain-In my text, the hornet flies out on God be not in the heart of the house- field sooner than the incursion of three its mission. It is a species of wasp, keeper, she cannot maintain her equili- or four cattle. You say, "Since I lost swift in its motion and violent in its | brium. The men come home at night my child, since I lost my property, I sting. Its touch is torture to man or and hear the story of these annoyances, have been a different man." But you beast. We have all seen the cattle run and say, "Oh, these home troubles are do not recognize the architecture of bellowing under the cut of its lancet. very little things!" They are small, little annoyances, that are hewing, dig-In boyhood we used to stand cautiously | small as wasps, but they sting. Martha's ging, cutting, shaping, splitting and inlooking at the globular nest hung from nerves were all unstrung when she terjoining your moral qualities. Rats the tree branch, and while we were rushed in, asking Christ to scold Mary, may sink a ship. One lucifer match looking at the wonderful covering we and there are tens of thousands of womwere struck with something that sent | en who are dying, stung to death by us shricking away. The hornet goes these pestiferous domestic annoyances, got her death from smelling a poison-"The Lord sent the hornet."

These small insect disturbances may also come in the shape of business irri-The Persians attempted to conquer a tations. There are men here who went Christian city, but the elephants and | through 1857 and the 24th of September, the beasts on which the Persians rode | 1869, without losing their balance, who were assaulted by the hornet, so that | are every day unhorsed by little anthe making of some little bad debt to please somebody else.

It is not the panics that kill the out its making you better. come chivalric, and we assault them; merchants. Panies come only once in Our Government does not think it more than 8 per cent by the determinawe get on the high-mettled steed of our ten or twenty years. It is the constant belittling to put a tax on small articles. tion of employers to reduce wages. din of these every-day annoyances The individual taxes do not amount to which is sending so many of our best much, but in the aggregate to millions merchants into nervous dyspepsia and and millions of dollars. And I would paralysis and the grave. When our na- have you, oh Christian man, put a high tional commerce fell flat on its face, tariff on every annoyance and vexation these men stood up and felt almost de- that comes through your soul. This fiant; but their life is going away now might not amount to much in single under the swarm of these pestiferous cases, but in the aggregate it would be annoyances. "The Lord sent the hor- a great revenue of spiritual strength

think, to wake us up from our lethargy. the grace of God in your heart, you can There is nothing that makes a man so get sweetness out of that which would lively as a nest of "vellow jackets," and otherwise irritate and annoy. I think that these annoyances are intended to persuade us of the fact that burned to death. The stake was this is not a world for us to stop in. planted. He was fastened to it. The If we had a bed of everything that was faggets were placed around him, the attractive and soft and easy, what fires kindled, but history tells us that would we want of heaven? We think the flames bent outward like the canthat the hollow tree sends the hornet, vas of a ship in a stout breeze, so that or we may think that the devil sends the flames, instead of destroying Polythe hornet. I want to correct your carp, were only a wall between him and

on us to culture our patience. In the would not touch him. Well, my heargymnasium, you find upright parallel er, I want you to understand that by bars-upright bars, with holes over each God's grace the flames of trial, instead other for pegs to be put in. Then the of consuming your soul, are only going gymnast takes a peg in each hand and to be a wall of defense, and a canopy he begins to climb, one inch at a time, of blessing. God is going to fulfill to or two inches, and getting his strength you the blessing and the promise, as cultured, reaches after awhile the ceil- he did to Polycarp. "When thou walking. And it seems to me that these an- est through the fire thou shalt not be novances in life are a moral gymna- burned." Now you do not understand; sium, each worriment a peg with which you shall know hereafter. In heaven we are to climb higher and higher in vou will bless God even for the hornet see patience, but it cannot be cultured the storm. If you had everything desirable, and there was nothing more to get, what would you want with pa-

"Oh," you say, "if I only had the circumstances of some well-to-do man I would be patient, too." You might as well say, "If it were not for this water gun if it were not for the charge." When you stand chin-deep in annoyances is the time for you to swim out toward the great headlands of Christian attainment, so as to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, and to

Nothing but the furnace will ever eyesight put out, or some other awful These people are brought to our at- calamity befalls him; while the vast with the finest of worldly prospects, and have it? Of course in piecemeal. Better have five aching teeth than one she came back widowed and sick and broken jaw; better ten fly-blisters than poor. What did her friends do when an amputation; better twenty squalls than one cyclone. There may be a difference of opinion as to allopathy and homeopathy; but in this matter of trouble I like homeopathic dosessmall pellets of annoyance rather than some knock-down dose of calamity. Instead of the thunderbolt give us the hornet. If you have a bank, you would a great deal rather that fifty men would come in with checks less than a hundred dollars than to have two depositors come in the same day each sometimes hear people sigh and say, wanting ten thousand dollars. In this "A-ah! not long for this world!" I re- latter case you cough and look down

have kept the resolution. These peo- have these small drafts of annoyance ple of whom I speak reap and bind in on your bank of faith than some allthe great harvest-field of discourage- staggering demand upon your endur- GOLD STANDARD WORKING ment. Some day you greet them with ance? But remember that little as an hilarious "good-morning," and they well as great annoyances equally recome buzzing at you with some depress- quire you to trust in Christ for succor, ing information. "The Lord sent the and for deliverance from impatience and irritability. "Thou wilt keep him When I see so many people in the in perfect peace whose mind is stayed world who like to say disagreeable on thee." In the village of Hamelin, things, and write disagreeable things, tradition says, there was an invasion of I come almost in my weaker moments rats, and these small creatures almost to believe what a man said to me in devoured the town, and theatened the Philadelphia one Monday morning. I lives of the population; and the story went to get the horse at the livery sta- is that a piper came out one day and ble, and the hostler, a plain man, said played a very sweet tune, and all the to me, "Mr. Talmage, I saw that you vermin followed him-followed him to preached to the young men yesterday." the banks of the Weser; then he blew I said, "Yes." He said, "No use, no use; a blast and then they dropped in and disappeared forever. Of course this is Perhaps these small insect annoy- a fable; but I wish I could, on the sweet flute of the Gospel, draw forth all the nibbling and burrowing annoyances of your life, and play them down into the depths forever. . .

You know that a large fortune may may send destruction through a block of store-houses. Catherine de Medicis ous rose. Columbus, by stopping and asking for a piece of bread and a drink of water at a Franciscan convent, was led to the discovery of a new world. And there is an intimate connection between trifles and immensities, between nothings and everythings.

Now, be careful to let none of those annoyances go through your soul unburning and noxious insect stung out extravagance of a partner who over- arraigned. Compel them to administer draws his account, or the underselling to your spiritual wealth. The scratch their country. What gleaming sword by a business rival, or the whispering of a sixpenny nail sometimes produces lock-jaw, and the clip of a most infinitesimal annoyance may damage you which was against your judgment, just forever. Do not let any annoyance or perplexity come across your soul with- of wages, over 13 per cent for a refusal

and satisfaction. A bee can suck honey These annoyances are sent on us, I even out of a nettle; and if you have

Polycarp was condemned to be opinion. "The Lord sent the hornet." his enemies. They had actually to de-Then I think these annoyances come stroy him with the poniard; the flames

> Not a Horned Grinder. The upper west side, near 120th street, was startled the other day by the loud blowing of a tally-ho horn. Every housewife stopped her work and rushed to the front of the house. Heads popped out from windows and doors to witness the supposed unusual sight of a passing coach. The tally-ho was not in evidence but out in the middle of the street, with his modest grinding apparatus, stood a knife-sharpener, smiling and bowing to the surprised residents, and blandly asking if they had any knives or scissors that required a new edge put on them. Almost before they knew it frugal housewives hastened to look over their cutiery and within a short time the grinder was saying nothing but grinding hard. He must have picked up a little fortune for his first blast and after finishing everycustomers to a parting blast and moved on. He has been there since the first visit-this Italian, for such he appears to be and his merry roundelay is worthy of a master of the art.-New York Herald.

Wise Thoughts. The man who spends an hour alone with God in the morning, will not be seen at the theater that night. The heart that is trusting God can sign as man who is not doing anything to help take the world for Christ, is hindering God's work in his own heart. The surest evidence of trust in Christ, is obedience to him. The man whose hope is in God may be kept waiting, but his reward will be sure and certain. Giving respectability to any kind of a sin, gives the devil a mortgage on the young .- Ram's Horn.

Playgrounds on the Roofs.

It is now proposed that the roofs or schoolhouses in New York City should be utilized as playgrounds, and in the plans of a new school 10,000 feet of space is allotted thus on the roof for this purpose, at an added expenditure of \$4,000.

AWFUL HARDSHIPS.

Even the Strongest Labor Unions Can Not Withstand the Crushing Effect of the Pro-British Fluancial System-Strikes and Lockouts.

In his tenth annual report, devoted to strikes and lockouts, which has just been completed, Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor, computes that the loss to employes in establishments in which lockouts and strikes occurred during the thirteen and a half years ending June 30, 1894, amounted to \$190,-493,382, and to employers to \$94,825,837. The loss to employes on account of strikes was \$163,807,866, and on account | corporation lawyers, the act demonetizof lockouts, \$26,685,516; to employers on | ing silver would long ago have been account of strikes, \$82,590,386, and on | declared unconstitutional and void. account of lockouts, \$12,235,451.

The number of establishments involved in strikes in this period was 69,167, and the number of persons the bond brokers of London and their thrown out of employment by reason of strikes, 3.714,406, making an average loss to the employes of each establishment of \$2,368, and to each person of | tion of silver. This has been fully dem-\$44. The number of establishments involved in lockouts was 6,067, and the number of persons locked out, 366,690. These persons lost an average of \$73 each. The assistance given to strikers and the subjects of lockouts during the period amounted, as far as ascertainable, to \$13,438,704, or a little over 7 per cent of the total loss to employes.

pages, and gives all the information ascertainable concerning strikes and lockouts for the seven and a half years ending June 30, 1894, especially covered by the report. It, however, includes the figures given in a previous report on the same subject, closing with 1886. The report is largely devoted to tables showing the causes, duration, location and cost of these labor disturbances, and also gives many other facts of interest bearing upon strikes and lockouts.

One of the most important tables is that given to the cause of strikes. This statement shows that more than a fourth of them were caused by a refusal to accede to a demand for increase to concede a reduction of hours, and Three thousand six hundred and twenty, or almost 8 per cent of the strikes were caused by sympathetic action with other strikes, and 1,688 were occasioned by the employment of non-

The industries most affected by strikes in the past seven and a half years were the building trades, with 20,785 establishments involved. After these in order of importance came coal and coke, clothing, tobacco, food preparations, stone quarrying, etc.

Out of a total of 10,488 strikes in the entire country for this period, 5,909, or to exceed 56 per cent, occurred in twenty-six of the principal cities, while of the establishments involved in lockouts, over 61 per cent occurred in these cities. Fifty-nine per cent of the establishments engaged in strikes were closed on an average of twenty-two days, and 64 per cent of those engaged in lockouts for an average of thirtyfive days, the loss of time in other cases being only temporary. In each case there were a few establishments closed Success was gained by the employes

in over 43 per cent of the strikes, partial success in over 10 per cent, while the remaining 46 per cent were failures. Over 48 per cent of the lockouts succeeded completely, and over 10 per cent partially. The others were failures. In the successful strikes 669,992 persons were thrown out of employment, 318,801 in those partially successful, and 1,400,988 in those which failed. Out of the total number of persons thrown out of employment by the strikes in the entire period of thirteen and a half years, 8.78 per cent were females, and by lockouts, 22.53.

Of the 10,482 strikes which occurred in the seven and a half years especially covered by the present report, 7,295 were ordered by labor organizations. while of the 422 lockouts of this period only eighty-one were ordered by organizations of employers.

Sixty-nine per cent of all the strikes and 76 per cent of all the lockouts of the seven and a half year period treated of occurred in the five states of Illinois, New York, Tennsylvania, Ohio, and Massachusetts, Illinois taking the lead of all states of the Union.-Press Dispatch.

The reader may find himself wondering what the subject of strikes and lockouts has to do with bimetallism.

It will be remembered, though, that Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Atkinson and gold champions generally, are endeavoring to delude the workingmen with specious statements of increased wages. They argue that the wage rate is higher than formerly, hence the gold standard is a good thing for the workingman.

The foregoing synopsis of Commisto give the "rate" of wages, unless be made successful by the agency of labor organizations, and the wage rate has been kept up in those callings alone where laboring men have been able to combine in large numbers and present a strong front. But even in such callings it cannot be done permanently in the face of steadily falling prices. When the price of the product continues to decline, sooner or later the wages of the workmen are certain to be reduced.

The armies of unemployed and the scattered millions of workingmen and workingwomen who have not been able to keep up their wages by organization, receive no consideration whatever in the philosophy of the champions of sound (?) money.

Why I Favor Free Silver.

I am in favor of the free and unlimit-

ed coinage of silver for three reasons: 1. Silver is the money of the constitution. Its demonetization in 1873 was a crime against the constitution which will cause the American people, when they fully understand this subject, to substitute the name of John Sherman for that of Benedict Arnold as a synonym for perfidy and treachery. If we had a supreme court to-day such as Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln would appoint, instead of a coterie of

2. The demonetization of silver was inspired by England and the opposition to its remonetization is now headed by tools in Wall street.

3. The vast majority of the American people are in favor of the remonetizaonstrated wherever the people themselves, unhindered by office-holders and

politicians, have been able to voice their

opinion. The great Napoleon saw the point when he said, after studying a set of compound interest tables: "There is one thing to my mind more wonderful than all the rest, and that is that the This report will cover about 1,200 | deadly fact involved in those tables has not before this devoured the whole

> world," Respectfully, Francis J. Schulte

> > LOOK TO MEXICO.

The "American Plan" Making a Rich

Country Out of That Republic, The United States are on the gold basis and have the single gold stand ard. Mexico is on the silver basis and has the silver standard. What the condition of industry and trade is here, need not here be recited. All our readers know the sad story. What the condition of affairs in our neighboring republic, let the following article, clipped from the Atlanta Constitution, answer: "I returned from Mexico a stronger

silver man than ever," said Mr. S. A. Inman. "I took things leisurely, very carefully observing business and industrial conditions. I find that Mexico has prospered during the past two years, when business conditions in our country have been actually going backward. Cotton in Mexico is selling at 161/2 cents a pound in silver, which is equal to 814 cents in our money. I paid \$7.50 in silver for a suite of rooms which in this country would have cost \$10 in gold. A suit of clothes, a pair of gloves, a hat or any item of domestic necessity sells in Mexico for approximately the same amount of silver that we are required to pay here in gold; in other words. about half as cheap.

"This establishes very clearly in my mind the absurdity of the argument about a depreciating currency. A silver dollar in Mexico will do what is done by a gold dollar in this country. and it has been the appreciation of gold and not the depreciation of silver which has brought about the disparity. I found the factories running on full time, and a cotton factory at Orizaba, capitalized at \$2,500,000, was paying from 20 to 25 per cent dividends. The people are contented and prosperous and have not suffered from the general depression during the past few years. The truth of the matter is the silver currency of Mexico has acted as a splendid protection measure against outside depression, and, as it has resulted in Mexico, so it would in our own country, if we would imitate the example of Mexico in this respect, and throw ourselves upon our own resources."

Let the reader, especially if he believes in protection, consider well the dast sentence in the above extract-"the silver currency of Mexico has acted as a splendid protective measure against outside depression." What free coinage has and is doing for Mexico, it will, in a measure, do for us. While giving our people better prices for their products, and the laborer better wages and more steady employment, would prove a far more effective protective measure than any that has yet passed or is likely to pass congress.

As corroborative of the above, the following telegram from the City of Mexico October 4, published in the Oregonian of the 5th, is interesting and suggestive: The marvelous growth of Mexico's commerce is attributed by the Mexican Herald to the country's a co., 221 LaSalle St., Chicago. being on a silver basis, which acts as a stimulus to every industry, and is leading to the establishment of new manufactures each week, among others being a grand paper mill projected by Americans, also woolen and cotton mills, etc.-Salem (Or.) Post.

Here's Logic for You.

It is amusing to compare the anteelection and post-election editorials of the goldite press. On Oct. 9 the Atlanta Journal (Hoke Smith's paper) sioner Wright's report shows very gloatingly remarked that silver had clearly how false and misleading a been repudiated this year by every sweetly in the dark as in the light. The basis of computation the mere wage Democratic state convention but onerate is. It is simply a waste of breath | Mississippi. On November 6 the same paper said that free coinage lunacy had coupled therewith is a statement of the | defeated the Democratic party in every number of idle men, and time lost by state-but Mississippi. There is logic short hours. Moreover it will be seen for you with a vengeance, gentlemen. that so far as wages have been upheld | Mississippi, the only state in which the it has been largely through the medium | party came out unequivocally for 16 to of "strikes." These movements can only | 1 stands alone in the Democratic column and with 50,000 majority at that. Yet they tell us that the silver cause is dead. The corpse is laughing at the VERITAS. wakers.

Silver Cause Very Much Alive. The goldbug Chicago Chronicle ons day said Morgan and Pugh would abandon the silver issue in Alabama. Next day it noted their speeches and renewed efforts at organization for silver. Oh, these crazy, lying goldbugs!

Durant a Plagiarist.

Thedore Durant. "the criminal of the cetury," is a plagiarist as well as a murerer. In literature plagiarism is a captal crime. Soon after Durant had been sentenced he said he had written poem. The Examiner secured and published it as a literary freak. It now turns out that the "poem" was stolen almost bodily from "Ad Leones." previously published in a religious magazine. The "deadly parallel" clearly shows the fraud of the prisoner. He merely adapted the original poem to his uses by thanging a word here and there. - San Irancisco Examiner.

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