dyhe was in Washington?" "I did. I saw her in the pension

office an hour ago." "Bless my soul! Call Ruff. We haven't seen that blessed old woman

"Knew her, then, I suppose?" "Knew her? Well, rather. An angel appeared with-not wings exactly-but

since the war!"

healing, to two poor tramps with broking bodies. She appeared with heavenly smiles, and food, and cheer, and ruffled night gowns! That's how Ruff got his name."

"Well! Always heard him called 'Ruff,' but took it to be short for Rufus, Ralph, or, maybe, Raphael."

These middle-aged men had come to the pension office on besiness and to look over their old camping grounds, now in the heart of the great capital city, and this was the story of "Com-

"In 1863 Sam and I were discharged from a Southern hospital, as able to go home and make room for others.



"Know Her? Well, Rather." Battles were fought every day, and the dying and wounded brought in hundreds to the hospitals. This old, empty sleeve, boys, tells my story, and Sam had a bullet in his hip. It was August, and the heat intolerable. We started for home, but, traveling on slow trains, waiting at crowded depots in the hot sun and wanting care, our wounds broke out afresh. We had to stop off one night on the Ohio & Mobile road, crawl into a little shanty, and lie down, we felt, to die. Provisions and bandages used up, clothes in rags, and our wounds bleeding. I crawled half a mile for water and debeg for food and help. I tied a scrap of white paper I had picked up to a stick, and about sundown waved my

The conductor slowed up. "'Wha. do you want?' he shouted "'Take us aboard or leave us sup-

train came by.

plies!" I velled. "Sam had stumbled over to the track. and we didn't look like interesting passelgers. The train stopped. Off sp.ang a sunshiny, cheery, fair-faced woman. She carried a bundle almost as big as herself, and a black bag, and was so warm, boys. Talk about angels! We met one then!

"She said: Why, boys, you look pretty well used up. Soap and water and bandages and-something good in your poor stomachs, first, I guess!' She grumbled at the nurses and surgeons who could 'let boys go on in that fix.' Out of that bag and bundle came everything we needed. We built a fire and cooked such a supper as we never tasted since! Just we three, in that

nat ruffles and lace were not to be rid. | FREE SILVER COINAGE \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* iculed.

"These gowns, with other garments. had been given Mother Bickerdyhe by wealthy women for the hospitals, and all the way through the South she had sold the finest to the rebel women for butter, eggs and milk. These she had brought along for that purpose.

"The next morning she took us along with her to the field hospital. When able we were sent home, 'unfit for duty.' And, boys, Sam goes on one leg -I have only one arm, but I tell you, whenever and wherever Mother Bickerdyhe's face shines on us in this world, there's one arm to wave, and has just completed a careful analysis money of the civilized world has been one willing leg to tramp in her ser-

That very week Mother Bickerdyhe met "the boys" and laughed and cried en bones, bleeding wounds and stary- over them as they told her the story of Ruffles; and "Ruff" has been called by that names since 1863.

-By Margaret Spencer.

Their Culture a Growing Industry

AMERICAN PINEAPPLES.

in Florida. While most of the pineapples sold in the United States have, within recent years, come from Cuba, the cultivation of this fruit in Florida has rapidly increased, and last season 50,000 crates

were shipped from sections in that state other than the Keys. The output from the central and northern part of the state this year is estimated at 35,000 crates, while, but from the damage to new plantations by freezing a year ago, a crop amounting to 250,000 crates was counted upon for the next few months.

The Bahamas formerly furnished the main supply, which was carried in small sailing vessels, taking from four six days to reach this port, while unfavorable winds made a voyage of twenty days not unusual. Most of the pineapples now coming from Nassau and other ports of this group are consigned to Baltimore, where they are canned. As many as 5,500,000 of these pineapples have reached that city within the past four years, and large quantities are canned on the island. Nearly all the Cuban pineapples come to New York, 200,000 barrels and more constituting the imports for a year. ing the entire year. The season begins, however, in the middle of March and continues at its height for four months, while the Bahama season is a month later in opening. Some of the choicest pineapples have in recent years come from the Indian River section of Florida, and exceptionally large and high-grade fruit omes from Porto Rico. The comparatively small supplies from Jamaica include some ex eleat varieties which are in special

The delay of a day in the transporta-

tion of this perishable fruit may mean termined to signal the next train and a heavy loss, and twenty-four hours of warm, damp weather may injure a cargo to the extent of 50 per cent of its original value. No vessels specialsignal up and down as the evening ly fitted for carrying pine apples are yet in service, and this tender fruit is closely packed in steamers carrying sugar and other heating articles. Quick transportation in steamers equipped with improved ventilation and the best storage facilities, as are already in use in the banana trade, would open up new possibilities for this time when, besides the shortage caused by the loss in Florida, the trade a sunbonnet hung off her neck. It in Cuba is affected by war, prices have been high. The trade known to wholesale grocers as Havana xx., thirty-five pine apples being required to fill a barrel, now commands \$9 per barrel, and whoesale buyers for barrels holding ger to the south." forty-five and ninety of the fruit.-Garden and Forest.

The Surplus of Horses.

In some parts of the far West It is said that horses are being slaugh-



Just We Three in That Lonely Place

ed water, and Mother Bickerdyhe washed and dressed our wounds,

"Out came the bundle, and wrapped fine, cambric night gowns.

bandages; just the thing; soft and nice.

"So Sam looked at me and I looked at Sam, and we both looked into the dear blue eyes of our saint, and we all laughed-actually laughed! She tore off the lower portions for wide band- the purpose much better than the ages, and used the upper portions for shirts. Mine had some sort of edging. but Sam's was trimmed around the neck, sleeves and down to the waist with a wide, soft, flowing ruffle. He faintly protested, and tried to get it tucked inside, but Mother Bickerdyhe said "Never mind the frills, boys. You can tell the rebels they are none

too good for our soldiers.' "We were so heavenly comfortable with our stomachs full of good food, our burning, throbbing wounds washed | for want of thought. and wrapped in cool, soft cloths, our-

lonely place by the railroad. We heat- | tered and fed to swine. This fact | carries its moral along with it. It of horses of a certain kind. Men when engaged in that business should certainly consider the propriety of around paper parcels, saucepans, bread. raising some other kind of live stock lint, matches and jelly, came two long. | than horses on those ranges. They can surely grow beef at a better retion. This too means a strange use to put the horse to. If meat is the object of production on the range, the steer or the sheep will answer They should say to us, grow horsesif they are grown at all, that will be far too valuable to be fed to swine or to be consumed as food for man.-

Northwestern Farmer.

He and She. She-He whistled as he went, for want of thought. Of course, it was a

He-No; she wouldn't whistle; she'd

talk.-Indianapolis Journal.

WHY OLD PARTYITES SHOULD duces. If this were true we should be JOIN HANDS.

Even to the Extent of Going Into the Populist Party Through the Chance Offered at St. Louis-Goldites are Aiways Traitors.

Raymond E. Dodge, statistician for equally indisputable fact that prices the republican national committee, have fallen because half the metallic of the probable silver strength in the demonetized.-The Manufacturer. next democratic national convention. He estimates that the free coinage wing | mentioned above should not surprise will have at least 100 majority. This the Manufacturer. Almost every arwould enable the silver men to frame the platform, but they would lack the requisite strength to name the candidates. In the democratic convention it takes two-thirds to nominate, and if lars," in the next it is going to "drive the estimates of Mr. Dodge are correct, all of the gold out of the country and it and the gold men stand firm, they can absolutely block a nomination. That to fill its place. As a result free cointhey will stand firm is almost certain. The influences behind goldite politicians are of such a character that they going right down to 50 cents, but the seldom weaken. The power which dishonest silver miner is to get 100 makes them, absolutely controls their cents for each 3711/4 grains. Just how actions. . The gold power is one that is | the same dollar can be worth 100 cents thoroughly organized, it knows no to the silver miner and only 50 cents party fealty, and in the eastern states, to other people they never try to exparticularly, very few public men care plain. So we have a flood of silver and to defy it.

Should the silver men absolutely and the same identical dollar worth 100 dominate the convention there is cents to the silver miner and only 50 scarcely a doubt that the gold standard | cents to the "poor laborer" at the same democrats would refuse to support the time, hard times caused by crop fail-

The action of the cuckoo democrats | time, and so indefinitely. in the Kentucky legislature is conclusive evidence that when the master a most peculiar thing. speaks they obey.

Kentucky democracy has always been true to the silver cause. Until within the last year there has never been a shadow of a doubt that Kentucky was a free silver state. But the malign influence of Cleveland and Carlisle, These pineapples are all grown near backed by the money power of Wall Havana, and shipments continue dur- street, has done its work. We now find a small contingent of that party in the legislature, masquerading as "sound money" men, and stubbornly refusing to suport the regular nominee, Senator Blackburn. That gentleman's democracy has never been questioned, and he has guarded the interests of his constituents with rare fidelity. Up to the prices on record. And this includes silvery moment of Mr. Cleveland's elec- ver, which moved, as usual, along with father's house: tion, Blackburn and Carlisle were apparently perfectly agreed on the silver question, and their votes were cast on the same side. Now we find a few democrats (?) in the legislature oposing his re-election, because, forsooth, he stands on the money question precisely where he has always stood, and where Mr. Carlisle seemed to stand, until certain occult influences caused him to change.

If goldite democrats in Kentucky will thus stultify themselves, it is safe to conclude that the same class of men in the national convention of that party will do likewise, and refuse to support this department of the fruit trade. At a silver candidate on a silver platform. But Mr. Dodge suggests a compromise, the silver men taking the platform, and the gold men the candidate. This would substantially be the case

of 1892 right over. More aptly, the situation would be expressed by the old this is also the importers' price to gag, "the law to the north and the nig-A silver platform with a gold candi-

> could happen. Hundreds of thousands of silver democrats would be deluded into supporting the ticket, and even if successful, no legislation in the interest of silver is always worth a dollar, and the gold could possibly be had.

date would be the worst thing that

But such a combination could not win. Not a silver man outside the democratic party would suport it, large numbers of silver democrats would refuse to be duped, and the party would alone that is unchanged. Gold is albe buried out of sight.

Nothing would please republican leaders better than for the democrats to name a gold candidate on a silver

platform. Such a combination, though, is hardly probable.

The incongruity is too great. No gold standardist with any self respect could accept a nomination on a straight | gold organ) absolutely destroys every out silver platform. Some qualifying argument that has been made in favor phrase would have to go in. and that of the gold standard during the last would mean gold.

Silver Democrats will do weil to view the situation with the closest care. It is as pain as light itself that they cannot carry the country for free trade or tariff reform in 1896, but they can make combinations by which they can win on the great question of monetary reform. Will they be wise?

### INCONSISTENCIES.

Every Claim of the Gold Standardists Based on Nonsense.

Discussing the fall of the prices of agricultural products in the last two or means that there is a great surplus three years the New York Herald attributes it to two influences, (1) the long three years' drouth which has prevailed so acutely over almost all sections of the country; (2) the fact that "the world's markets were glutted with "There, boys; got to be clean some- turn than they can get for horse flesh | cereals, cotton, and other agricultural how and comfortable; got to have when fed in that way. And in other produce." The fact that drouth creplaces horses are being regularly ates scarcity rather than superabunslaughtered and canned for consump- dance, does not fit in very well with the allegation that the world's markets have been glutted. That allegation, however, is of itself without foundation. The world's supply of useful prohorse. These facts are significant, ducts is now, and it has always been, insufficient for the needs of man. But men who have desired the things produced have been forbidden to obtain them, because this government has obstructed the movement from producer to consumer. There are multitudes of persons in this country who cannot find employment, and so cannot buy the boy. You wouldn't find a girl whistling food of the farmer or the goods of the manufacturer. Thus there seems to be a surplus production, but in truth there is nothing else than partial paralysis of the business of making exchanges. If the theory of over-production were in me."

sound we should be obliged, also, to THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. accept the theory that the world becomes poorer the more wealth it pro-

man doubts that if half the world's

stock of gold should be suddenly ex-

terminated prices of all commodities

would fall at least 50 per cent. Why,

then, should any one question the

Such little inconsistencies as the one

gument on the gold side is pervaded

In one breath free coinage is going to

"flood the country with 50 cent dol-

will take a very long time to get silver

age will contract the currency. Again

under free coinage the silver dollar is

contracted currency at the same time.

ures and over-production at the same

Truly sound money argument (?) is

FIXITY OF GOLD.

A Gold Standard Paper "Puts Its Neck

A London financial circular says that

'1896 has thus far improved greatly on

1895, and will doubtless continue to do

so for a month to come and more, at

the least." For the various statistical

records for which the world has to

thank Mr. Sauerbeck, the Economist

and others, show that January and Feb-

ruary, 1895, had, on an average of all

the wholesale prices of the chief articles

of commerce of the world, the lowest

gold remained unaltered, as it always

does, because it was fixed fifty years

since by act of Parliament.-Brad-

The foregoing appears in Bradstreet's

clause: "The price of gold re-

mains unchanged because it was fixed

What have our goldite friends to say

And it is one monetary truth that has

of that? What becomes of their "in-

trinsic value" theory when viewed in

appeared in a gold paper. The value

of gold, that is, its value per ounce, ex-

pressed in pounds, shillings and pence,

was fixed by the English Parliament in

1844. In "money" it is worth just what

Now, if law fixed the value of gold,

which the goldite assumes to be of a

ways equal to gold, but how is it when

compared with anything else? Upon

an average it will exchange for twice

as much of other things as it would

twenty-two years ago, and if that does

The simple little statement thus

THE PRICE OF GOLD REMAINED

UNALTERED, AS IT ALWAYS DOES,

BECAUSE IT WAS FIXED FIFTY

YEARS AGO BY ACT OF PARLIA-

Convention Dates.

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Republican National Convention, St.

Democratic National Convention,

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blemish of any sort.

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clipped from Bradstreet's (a strong

not make it "worth twice as much,"

then there is no meaning in words.

the light of that statement?

the law says it shall be worth.

it can be worth no less.

twenty years.

Louis, July 22.

Louis, June 16.

Chicago, July 7.

MENT.

fifty years ago by act of Parliament."

in the Intrinsic Value Halter."

with contradictions even worse.

LESSON IV, APRIL 26-THE RICH able to reach a condition of outright MAN AND LAZARUS. pauperism by stimulating wealth-production just a trifle farther. No sane

Golden Text: "Ye Cannot Serve God and Mammon," Luke xvl, 13 - The Relations of the Present Life to the Fu-



UR LESSON for today includes from the 19th to the 31st verses of Luke, chapter 16. We still continue to

study the series of parables recorded only by Luke, illuminating a number of truths the people needed to know and feel. There are many sides to truth, and there is danger of emphasizing one to the exclusion of others.

In the last lesson we saw as in a heavenly vision the love of the Father and hope for the lost through repentence; and heard the joyful songs of the angels over the returning wanderer.

Today we see in the parable of the unjust steward how to make this word the means of reaching the everlasting habitations; and in that of the rich man and Lazarus the danger of eternal loss if we misuse this world and its goods

Place in the Life of Christ.-Still in the Perean ministry, about three months before

Jesus is giving a series of personal and national instructions with vivid illustrations. The full text of today's lesson is as follows:

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: 20. And there was a certain beggar named

Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of 21. And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: more-

over the dogs came and licked his sores. 22. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died and was buried.

23. And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24. And he cried out and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25. But Abraham said, Son, remember that hou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things. and likewise Lazarus evil things: but not he is comforted, and thou art tormented. 26. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they good as which would pass from hence to you cannot: neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27. Then he said, I pray thee therefore. father, that thou wouldst send him to my all other commodities; only the price of | 28. For I have five brethren: that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into

29. Abraham saith unto him. They have buy it elsewhere. Moses and the prophets: let them hear them. 30. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead,

issue of the 22d, and it is reproduced for 31. And he said unto him, If they hear not the purpose of calling attention to the Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. Explanations to today's lesson follow:

19. "A certain rich man." His name is not given, perhaps to show that in heaven's estimation it has no worth. "Was clothed in purple." His outer robe was made of silk or wool dyed purple, very costly, and worn by kings and heroes. "And fine linen." The under-garment, or tunic, of fine linen .- Godet. It was made from the Egyptian byssus, a flax that grew on the banks of the Nile. "And fared sumptuously every day." Literally, "making merry every day, splendidly." It indicates a life of banquets.

20. "Laid at his gate." The entrance from "Laid at his gate." The entrance from the the outside to the first court. "so that the rich man saw the wretched object every time he went in or out of his mansion." "Full of sores." "Ulcerated all over." so that he could do nothing to gain his living.

superior nature and above all law, why 21. "And desiring." In the Greek the same can it not fix the money value of word is used of the prodigal who would fain eat of the husks. He was eager; he set his The reader will understand that we are referring to the constantly reiterwhere he could have picked them us as they ated parrot-like cry that a gold dollar | fell; he would share the leavings with the dogs when all the garbage and remnants were in it is just as good as the dollar itself. practice.-Prof. I. Hall. "Moreover" (R. V., So it is, and simply because the law 'yea even") "the dogs came," in strange contrast with the other brute clothed in purple. makes that piece of gold a dollar, and The dogs showed kindness where the rich man But it is the "money" value of gold

of his burial, because probably his body "was without honor thrown into a ditch," but his soul, his real self, was "carried by the angels," blessed bearers, giorious funeral train! "into where Abraham was the host of a great feast (Matt, xxii, 2; Rev. xix, 7-9); and "to lie in his bosom, as St. John in that of our Lord (John xiii, 23), was to be there as the most favored guest."-Ellicott.

Compare the martyr throng clothed in white and singing with the angels, who had come out of great tribulation, but had "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. vii). "The rich man . was buried." There is a also died, . . sublime irony in this mention of his burial, connected as it is with what is immediately to follow.-Trench. The last service his wealth could give him was a burial "crowned with the vain and extravagant pomp of his ife," with rich men and not angels for his

pall-bearers. 23. "And in hell" (R. V., Hades). The unseen world, including both the Paradise of the good and Gehenna, "the hell of fire" for the wicked. It was "the grave, the intermediate condition of the dead between death and the final judgment."-Cambridge Bible. "Being in torments," "tormented in this flame," no literal fire, for a spirit cannot be touched by flame, but "an anguish of soul as intolerable as the touch of earthly flame is to the nerves of the mortal body."-Ellicott. "And seeth Silver National Convention, St. Louis, Abraham afar off." So represented, because both in condition and character they were as far apart as possible. "And Lazarus in his bosom." Reclining in honor at the ban-

quet of bliss .- G. W. Clark. 24. "And he cried and said." "We have reason to believe that in the unseen world there is not the same sense of distance as there is in this."-Sadler. "Father Abrawork of organization preparatory for ham," for it was one of his descendants who the National Convention to be held at called, and felt that he had a right to. "Have St. Louis, July 22, 1896, should be ad-dressed to J. J. Mott. Chairman, Property of the course. "Send Lazarus," whom he dressed to J. J. Mott, Chairman, Room saw near Abraham. "Dip the tip of his finger." 83, Corcoran Building, Washington, He asked the smallest possible favor, possibly as an opening for more. But what a fearful contrast with his former state. "Cool my ongue," that had been gratified with so many dainties; that had refused so many requests for help, and spoken so many selfish words.

FIGS AND THISTLES.

Truth pever blushes when you look it in the face.

The devil gets all the votes, when some men run for office. Don't fool with sin. It is safer to

play with a rattlesnake. The people who talk the most, do not always say the most.

Every true prayer begins with a right feeling toward men. Good fortune does not always ride in

a gold-mounted carriage.

# Spring Medicine

Your blood in Spring is almost certain to be full of impurities-the accumulation of the winter months. Bad ventilation of sleeping rooms, impure air in dwellings, factories and shops, overeating, heavy, improper foods, failure of the kidneys and liver properly to do extra work thus thrust upon them, are the prime causes of this condition. It is of the utmost importance that you

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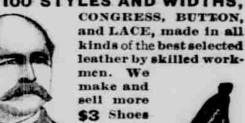
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