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Bats measuring nearly five feet from tip to tip of their wings have been found in a cave near Tanga, in East Africa.

Mme. du Barry's hotel in the Avenue de Paris, at Versailles, is about to be sold. Louis XVII turned the palace into stables for many years past it has been disused.

India is rapidly becoming an important factor in the coal market. The output last year was nearly 40 per cent in excess of that of the year before, and a still further increase will be seen this year. Exportation of coal from India has already begun. The coal is found over wide areas.

Over 50,000 acres of unoccupied lands in Nebraska, Wyoming and Kansas were disposed of during one week recently, the largest amount in any one week in the history of the land department. The majority of sales were to Dunkards, who attended the conference of that sect at Lincoln, Neb. Large numbers were induced to give up their Eastern homes—most of them in Pennsylvania—and settle in the West.

A national fencing competition has just taken place at Bologna, and the championship was won by Signor Attilio Monferitto. This "maitre d'armes" is only twelve years old. He fought the most celebrated Italian fencers and beat them all. He used to be the fencing room assistant of the celebrated fencer Sartori, and he has now succeeded in vanquishing his former employer and many other past-masters of the art.

The Zion Lutheran congregation at Lancaster recently made its annual payment of one red rose to the descendants of Baron Steigel, who over a century ago donated the land on which the church stands. The anniversary proceedings, which are known as the feast of the roses were taken part in this year by thousands of people, each of them bearing a red rose. Miss Annie Boyer of Pittsburg represented the heirs of Baron Steigel and accepted the rose from the congregation.

More people over 100 years old are found in mild climates than in the higher latitudes. According to the last census of the German Empire, of a population of 55,000,000 only seventy-eight have passed the hundredth year. France, with a population of 40,000,000, has 213 centenarians. In England there are 146; in Ireland, 578; and in Scotland, 46. Sweden has 10, and Norway 23; Belgium 5; Denmark, 2; Switzerland, none. Spain, with a population of 18,000,000, has 401 persons over 100 years old. Of the 2,250,000 inhabitants of Serbia, 575 have passed the century mark.

The submarine Narval, conveyed by the sea-going torpedo boat Zouave, has returned to Cherbourg from a series of deep-sea trials. These trials extended over a period of fifty hours, and were eminently satisfactory. Rough weather caused great inconvenience to the torpedo boat, but the Narval sank out of the rough surface water and remained below in perfect security. Five times she torpedoed the Zouave, and on her return to port it was found that she still had a sufficient supply of oil on board for twelve hours' consumption, although she had steamed from Cherbourg to St. Lo and back.

The statue of the late Empress Elizabeth recently unveiled at Godollo Castle, near Budapest, is a bronze figure of more than life size on a high pedestal in Gothic style. She is represented in a walking costume, such as she most frequently wore at Godollo; in one hand a sunshade, in the other a few wild flowers, and she appears to be resting after one of her long excursions. Her head is crowned only with rich plaits of hair. The figure is the work of the Hungarian sculptor Rona, and stands in a part of the park most frequented by the empress.

It is hard to realize that the boot-black is an invention of the last half century, yet he is now celebrating in London the fiftieth anniversary of his appearance. He came upon the scene in 1851, the year of the great exhibition in London, the first of the "world's fairs." The city was full of visitors from all parts of the world, and the problem of the street Arab was a serious one. Mr. Macgregor of the famous Rob Roy canoe suggested that the boys be organized into a great boot-black brigade, and he himself made the first box for holding the "kit," the model of those still in use. Idlers jeered the boys at first, and sometimes stoned them, but the public found their services so convenient that the trade was profitable. It has prospered ever since, and is now, if not one of the learned professions, at least one with a history.

A Baltimore man, convicted on a charge of "having wilfully neglected to supply a dumb animal—a horse—with the necessities of life," and sentenced to pay the cost, told the judge that he might have the horse for the fine, but the magistrate insisted upon getting the money, \$1.45.

The most curious cemetery is situated at Luxor, on the Nile. Here repose the mummified bodies of millions of sacred cats. Their remains are side by side with the bodies of king and emperors in mausoleums.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

"Behold the Days Come, saith the Lord, That the Plowman Shall Overtake the Reaper"—Amos, ix, 13—The Force of the Bible.

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Washington, July 7.—Although Dr. Talmage was hindered from attending the great annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor society at Cincinnati, his sermons show him to be in sympathy with the great movement; text, Amos ix, 13, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper."

Unable because of other important duties to accept the invitation to take part in the great convention of Christian Endeavorers at Cincinnati, began last week, I preach a sermon of congratulation for all the members of that magnificent association, whether now gathered in vast assemblage or busy in their places of usefulness, transatlantic and cisatlantic, and as it is now harvest time in the fields and sickles are flashing in the gatherings of a great crop, I find mighty suggestiveness in my text.

It is a picture of a tropical climate, with a season so prosperous that the harvest reaches clear over to the planting time, and the swarthy husbandman, busy cutting the grain, almost feels the breath of the horses on his shoulders, the horses hitched to the plow, preparing for a new crop. "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper." When is that? That is now. That is this day, when hardly have you done reaping one harvest of religious result than the plowman is getting ready for another.

In phraseology charged with all venom and abuse and caricature I know that infidels and agnostics have declared that Christianity has collapsed; that the Bible is an obsolete book; that the Christian church is on the retreat. I shall answer that wholesale charge today.

Growth of Christianity.
But now let us see whether the book is a last year's almanac. Let us see whether the church of God is a Bull Run retreat, muskets, canteens and haversacks strewn all the way. The great English historian Sharon Turner, a man of vast learning and great accuracy, not a clergyman, but an attorney as well as a historian, gives this overwhelming statistic in regard to Christianity and in regard to the number of Christians in the different centuries: In the first century, 500,000 Christians; in the second century, 2,000,000 Christians; in the third century, 5,000,000 Christians; in the fourth century 10,000,000 Christians; in the fifth century 15,000,000 Christians; in the sixth century 20,000,000 Christians; in the seventh century 24,000,000 Christians; in the eighth century, 30,000,000 Christians; in the ninth century, 40,000,000 Christians; in the tenth century 50,000,000 Christians; in the eleventh century 70,000,000 Christians; in the twelfth century 80,000,000 Christians; in the thirteenth century 75,000,000 Christians; in the fourteenth century 80,000,000 Christians; in the fifteenth century 100,000,000 Christians; in the sixteenth century, 125,000,000 Christians; in the seventeenth century 155,000,000 Christians; in the eighteenth century 200,000,000 Christians—a decadence, as you observe, in only one century, and more than made up in the following centuries, while it is the usual computation that there were at the close of the nineteenth century 470,000,000 Christians, making us to believe that before this century is closed the millennium will have started its boom and lifted its hosanna.

Poor Christianity! What a pity it has no friends! How lonesome it must be! Who will take it out of the poorhouse? Poor Christianity! Four hundred millions in one century. In a few weeks of this year 2,500,000 copies of the New Testament distributed. Why, the earth is like an old castle with 20 gates and a park of artillery ready to thunder down every gate. See how heathendom is being surrounded and honeycombed and attacked by this all conquering gospel. At the beginning of the nineteenth century 150 missionaries; at the close of that century 84,000 missionaries and native helpers and evangelists. At the beginning of the nineteenth century there were only 50,000 converts. Now there are over 1,000,000 converts from heathendom.

The Force of the Bible.
Suppose the congress of the United States should pass a law that there should be no more Bibles printed in America and no Bibles read. If there are 60,000,000 grown people in the United States, there would be 60,000,000 people in an army to put down such a law and defend their right to read the Bible. But suppose the congress of the United States should make a law against the reading or the publication of any other book, how many people would go out in such a crusade? Could you get 60,000,000 people to go out and risk their lives in defense of Shakespeare's tragedies or Gladstone's tracts or Macaulay's "History of England"? You know that there are a thousand men who would die in the defense of this book where there is not more than one man who would die in the defense of any other book. You try to insult my common sense by telling me the Bible is fading out from the world. It is the most popular book of the centuries.

How do I know it? I know it just as I know in regard to other books. How many volumes of that history are published? Well, you say 5,000. How many copies of another book are published? A hundred thousand. Which is the more popular? Why the one that has the hundred thousand circulation. And if this book has more copies abroad in the world, if there are five times as many Bibles abroad as any other book among civilized nations, does not that show you that the most popular book on earth today is the word of God?

"Oh," say people, "the church is a collection of hypocrites, and it is losing its power, and it is fading out from the world." Is it? A bishop of the Methodist church told me that that denomination averages two new churches every day. In other words, they build 730 churches in that denomination in a year, and there are at least 1,500 new Christian churches built in America every year. Does that look as though the Christian church were fading out, as though it were a defunct institution? What stands nearest to the hearts of the American people today? I do not care in what village or what city or what neighborhood you go. What is it? Is it the postoffice? Is it the hotel? Is it the lecturing hall? Ah, you know it is not! You know that that which stands nearest to the hearts of the American people is the Christian church.

In the Hour of Distress.
You may talk about the church being a collection of hypocrites, but when the diphtheria sweeps your children off whom do you send for? The postmaster, the attorney-general, the hotelkeeper, alderman? No. You send for a minister of this Bible religion. And if you have not a room in your house for the obsequies, what building do you select? Do you say, "Give me the finest room in the hotel?" Do you say, "Give me that theater?" Do you say, "Give me that public building where I can lay my dead for a little while we say a prayer over it?" No. You say, "Give us the house of God." And if there is a song to be sung at the obsequies, what do you want? What does anybody want? The "Marseillaise Hymn"? "God Save the Queen"? Our own grand national air? No. They want the hymn with which they sang their old Christian mother into her last sleep, or they want sung the Sabbath school hymn which their little girl sang the last Sabbath afternoon she was out before she got that awful sickness which broke your heart. I appeal to your common sense. You know the most enduring institution on earth, the most popular institution on earth today is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. A man is a fool that does not recognize it.

What Christianity Does.
A distinguished infidel years ago riding in a rail car in Illinois said, "What has Christianity ever done?" An old Christian woman said: "It has done one good thing anyhow. It has kept an infidel from being governor of Illinois." As I stood in the side room of the opera house of Peoria, Ill., a prominent gentleman of that city said, "I can tell you the secret of that tremendous bitterness against Christianity." Said I, "What is it?" "Why," said he, "in this very house there was a great convention to nominate a governor, and there were three or four candidates. At the same time there was in a church in this city a Sabbath school convention, and it happened that one of the men who was in the Sabbath school convention was also a member of the political convention. In the political convention the name highest on the roll at that time and about to be nominated was the name of the great champion infidel. There was an adjournment between ballots, and in the afternoon, when the nominations were being made, a plain farmer got up and said: 'Mr. Chairman, that nomination must not be made. The Sunday schools of Illinois will defeat him.' That ended all prospect of his nomination."

The Christian religion is mightier today than it ever was. Do you think that such a scene could be enacted now as was enacted in the days of Robespierre, when a shameless woman was elevated to the dignity of a goddess and carried in a golden chair to a cathedral where incense was burned to her and people bowed down before her as a divine being, she taking the place of the Bible and God, while in the corridor of that cathedral were enacted such scenes of drunkenness and debauchery as had never before been witnessed? Do you think such a thing could possibly occur in Christendom today? No. The police of Washington, or of New York, or of Paris would swoop upon it. I know infidelity makes a good deal of talk in our day. One infidel can make great excitement. It is on the principle that if a man jumps overboard from an ocean liner he makes more excitement than all the 500 who stay on board. But the fact that he jumps overboard does not stop the ship. Does that wreck the 500 passengers? It makes great excitement when a man jumps from the lecturing platform or from the pulpit into infidelity, but does that keep the Bible or the church from carrying millions of

passengers to the shores of eternal safety?

Perfection of Christianity.
What do they agree on? Herschel writes a whole chapter on the errors of astronomy. La Place declares that the moon was not put in the right place. He says if it had been put four times farther from the earth than it is now there would be more harmony in the universe, but Lionville comes up just in time to prove that the moon was put in the right place. How many colors woven into the light? Seven, says Isaac Newton. Three, says David Brewster. How high is the aurora borealis? Two and a half miles, says Las. Ninety miles, say other scientists. How far is the sun from the earth? Seventy-six million miles, says Lacalle. Eighty-two million miles, says Humboldt. Ninety million miles, says Henderson. One hundred and four million miles, says Mayer. Only a little difference of 28,000,000 miles! All split up among themselves—not agreeing on anything.

Here these infidel scientists have impaled themselves as a jury to decide this trial between infidelity, the plaintiff, and Christianity, the defendant, and after being out for centuries they come in to render their verdict. Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed on a verdict? No, no. Then go back for another 500 years and deliberate and agree on something. There is not a poor miserable wretch in the city prison tomorrow that could be condemned by a jury that did not agree on the verdict, and yet you expect us to give up our glorious Christianity to please these men who cannot agree on anything. Ah, my friends, the church of Jesus Christ instead of falling back is on the advance. I am certain it is on the advance. I see the glittering of the swords; I hear the tramping of the troops; I hear the thundering parks of artillery. O God, I thank thee that I have been permitted to see this day of thy triumph, this day of the confusion of thine enemies! O Lord God, take thy sword from thy thigh and ride forth to the victory!

Secular and Religious Press.
And then I find another most encouraging thought in the fact that the secular printing press and the pulpit seem harnessed in the same team for the proclamation of the gospel. Every banker in this capital tomorrow, every Wall street banker tomorrow in New York, every State street banker tomorrow in Boston, every Third street banker tomorrow in Philadelphia, every banker in the United States and every merchant will have in his pocket a treatise on Christianity, 10, 20 or 30 passages of Scripture in the reports of sermons preached throughout the land today. It will be so in Chicago, so in New Orleans, so in Charleston, so in Boston, so in Philadelphia, so in Cincinnati, so everywhere I know the tract societies are doing a grand and glorious work, but I tell you there is no power on earth today equal to the fact that the American printing press is taking up the sermons which are preached to a few hundred or a few thousand people, and on Monday morning and Monday evening scattering that truth to the millions. What an encouragement to every Christian man!

Then you have noticed a more significant fact if you have talked with people on the subject, that they are getting disgusted with worldly philosophy as a matter of comfort. They say it does not amount to anything when you have a dead child in the house. They tell you when they were sick and the door of the future seemed opening the only comfort they could find was the gospel. People are having demonstrated all over the land that science and philosophy cannot so lace the troubles and woes of the world, and they are taking Christianity, the only sympathetic religion that ever came into the world. You just take a scientific consolation into that room where a mother has lost her child. Try in that case your splendid doctrine of the "survival of the fittest." Tell her that child died because it was not worth as much as the other children. That is your "survival of the fittest."

Not Ashamed of the Bible.
Young man, do not be ashamed to be a friend of the Bible. Do not put your thumb in your vest, as young men sometimes do, and swagger about talking of the glorious light of nature and of there being no need of the Bible. They have the light of nature in India and China and in all the dark places of the earth. Did you ever hear that the light of nature gave them comfort for their trouble? They have lanterns to cut and juggernauts to crush, but no comfort. Ah, my friends, you had better stop your skepticism. Suppose you are put in a crisis like that of Colonel Ethan Allen. I saw the account and at one time mentioned it in an address. A descendant of Ethan Allen, who is an infidel, said it never occurred. Soon after I received a letter from a professor in one of our colleges, who is also a descendant of Ethan Allen and is a Christian. He wrote me that the incident was accurate; that my statement was authentic and true. The wife of Colonel Ethan Allen was a very consecrated woman. The mother instructed the daughter in the truths of Christianity. The daughter sickened and was about to die, and she said to her father: "Father, shall I take your instruction or shall I take mother's instruction? I am going to die now; I must have this matter decided." That man, who had been loud in his infidelity, said to his dying daughter, "My dear, you had better take your mother's religion." My advice is the same to you, O young man! You know how religion comforted her. You know what she said to you when she was dying. You had better take your mother's religion.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON III., JULY 21—GENESIS, 8:1-22.

Golden Text: "Noah Found Grace in the Eyes of the Lord"—Noah Is Saved in the Ark—Some Results of the Fall of Man.

I. Some Results of the Fall. Exemplified in the Early Ages of Man.—A period of many centuries had followed the fall, in which many men had grown wicked, and deeds of violence and crime filled the earth, and "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." "It was a world of men, fierce and energetic, violent and lawless, in perpetual war and turmoil." The earth also was corrupt before God. Cain was among the first of these evil-doers, but the world was becoming a race of Cain. There seems to have been two kinds of people: The children of men, who were degenerate, because without God in the world; and the sons of God, the religious people who continued from Adam the worship of the true God. Then the godly race was led astray. "The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose." This intermarrying of religious people with the irreligious is to many "the most dangerous form in which worldliness presents itself." Usually the result is the same. "Instead of the ungodly rising to the level of the godly he sinks to her level. Compare the case of Ahab and Jezebel. It seems," continues Professor Dods, "like a truce to say that a greater amount of unhappiness has been produced by mismanagement, folly, and wickedness in the relation subsisting between men and women than by any other cause." From this union sprang a race of giants, "men of stature," rather, fierce and remorseless chiefs, who, in their wild ambition, filled the world with blood and turmoil, and all the excesses of unbridled depravity, till it was clear that wickedness would very soon make a conquest of the whole race of man in perpetuity. They may have been of gigantic size, like those to whom the same name is afterwards applied in Polynesian, but it is not necessarily implied." Gettke. This band of true worshippers seems to have grown smaller and smaller till at last it was represented by only one family, that of Noah.

II. The Great Problem: What to Do With Wicked Men.—There were four possible ways of treating this condition of things: 1. To let it continue with the same influences of good and evil as had been working for many centuries. 2. God could destroy the whole race at once, and leave the earth bare. This, though it would mean failure. 3. God could take away their free choice but then they would no longer be men. There would be neither good nor evil. A world of good men who choose the good while they might have chosen evil, this would be success in the creation of man. 4. He would destroy the wicked by some act which would be a perpetual warning, and preserving the good could start the race afresh, without its overwhelming punishment, with a past experience of good and evil behind it, and with hope, through a long discipline and many failures, of becoming the kingdom of God to his praise and glory through all ages and all worlds.

III. Building the Ark.—Noah, the great grandson of Enoch, also walked with God. He was a holy, virtuous, pious man, in a world running itself with wickedness. His was not merely a passive goodness. He was a preacher of righteousness. He had a past experience of good and evil behind him, and he was in favor with God. God warned the people 120 years beforehand that a flood would come and destroy them on account of their wickedness. And Noah was commanded to build a great ark for the salvation of himself and family, and doubtless for any others who would believe and repent. The ark was not a ship, meant to sail, but a long, oblong building meant to float with the tides, "a covered ark of floating house." IV. Beacon Lights from the Ark.—I. When men are so bad that all influences to make them better are in vain, then God lets destruction come upon them. 2. God punishes men not because he hates them, but because he loves them. The flood that destroyed most of the people was the real salvation of the human race. God warned and entreated the people to repent, by His Holy Spirit, by the preaching of a good man, and by his example. 3. They can blame themselves for their punishment. Every lost soul is a moral suicide. Itself turned the key that shut it out from paradise. Illustration.—No philosophic historian ignores the function of great crises in fitting the world to new plans and new thought. "The fire in London was a blessing," says Lord Macaulay. "It burned down the city, but it burned out the plague." The eruption of the northern tribes in like manner saved the Roman Empire from stagnation and decay, although "it cost Europe a thousand years of barbarism to escape the fate of China."—Rev. Jesse B. Thomas, D. D.

Illustration.—The modern theory is based upon the true Christian doctrine that a convict is a man and a brother, not a wild beast. "The great mass of men in our prisons are young men—overgrown, stupid, vicious, unbroken colts. They must be led up to harness, and usually this means severe physical compulsion—not a constant nagging, but scientifically administered corporal punishment. The scientific surgeon seems cruel." "Physical compulsion in prisons there must be. I believe in making it short, sharp and effective. With this must be training, discipline, education and hope. Hope is gained by the rewards of good behavior through shortening the sentence, and the possibility of earning a little money by extra or meritorious work. This element in the new prison law of New York has proved of inestimable value, as the prison warden himself testifies."—Prof. Charles A. Collin, before the Massachusetts Prison Association.

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STORY ON STOCKINGS.

Many Women Match Their Gowns with Their Hosiery.

This is the story of the woman and her stockings. It is a story that must be told in whispers, for the world in general is never supposed to think that the woman wears anything more personal than hosiery. But the stockings of the woman this year are something to dream about. The desire for thin footwear has come in with the demand for light and airy fabrics in dress goods, and the stockings are quite the thinnest of them all. There are no particular stockings for any particular purpose. The finest and most beautiful of hosiery is worn for all purposes. Naturally, the more elaborate designs of lace and embroidery are reserved for evening and dress wear, but stockings of the finest quality are worn for all sorts of outing purposes. It is natural that, with short skirts and low shoes there should be a desire for fancy stockings, and they come with pretty clocks, open work, and with embroidered figures in little neat patterns, as well as in more elaborate designs.

The most elaborate silk stockings have medallions of lace running up over the instep, handsome embroidery applied upon net, and vertical lines of lace set in with embroidered edges, and there are alternate lines of lace and open work. There are designs in roses, butterflies, bow knots, cupids, baskets of flowers, and the eagle and violets in the L'Aiglon stocking. Many women like to match their gowns if their stockings, and there are tans and grays and blues. Blues always are in demand, for blue is a popular color; it comes nearly up to the black stocking, which is the most satisfactory in the long run. Red stockings are sold to go with red shoes for house wear, and there are beautiful white stockings, which are sold to the bride and to wear with white shoes.

KEEPS KEYS OF THE JAIL.

Woman Has Charge of the County's Home for Malefactors.

Probably the only woman jailer in the United States is Mrs. Anna McDonald of Marysville, W. Va. She occupies the position of a deputy sheriff and has charge of a jail in which some of the most desperate characters are kept. She is a widow and lives alone with her two children in the jail, in which there are now confined two of the most desperate moonshiners ever captured in the state and one man charged with murder. She was appointed by Sheriff Isaac Lewis over several other applicants because of her great personal bravery and her skill in handling a rifle and a revolver. She does not know what fear is; she is a dead shot with either a rifle or a revolver, and has a killed a good deal of big game especially deer which she is very fond of hunting. She will be 43 years old this month, is descended from one of the original settlers of Grant county and has never been out of the county. Her husband died last year, leaving her dependent upon her own resources. The jail is at Marysville, but the county seat is at Petersburg, and when her prisoners are wanted in court she has to take them ten miles under her own protection, but none has ever yet escaped from her. Sam Self, one of the most notorious moonshiners the state has ever known, is now in her custody. Officers have been trying for many years to arrest him, but he always managed to elude them till a few weeks ago, when they slipped up on him at night at his home at the Smoke Holes. After his arrest he said that he had ten guns on his premises when he was arrested.

Scheme to Annihilate Distances.

A description of the proposed express electric mono-rail line between Manchester and Liverpool was given to a committee of the House of Lords. The railway is constructed on an A-shaped platform, on which is laid the line which bears the carriage. Two sets of rails at the side, against which two sets of wheels operate, keep the car steady when running round a curve at a high speed. It is intended to run these trains at 110 miles an hour, so that if a line were constructed between London and Liverpool the distance would be covered under two hours. There is no risk of collision, as by a system of blocking and signaling the trains are kept fourteen miles apart.—London Daily Mail.

Oranges for Maryland.

There is a prospect, it seems, that Maryland and Virginia may be able to add oranges to their annual crops. The Department of Agriculture is making experiments that promise well for these states. Five years ago the first experiments were begun with the Japanese orange, which is extensively used for hedges. Later the sweet orange was grafted upon this harder stock, and trees representing the cross are growing vigorously in the department grounds in Washington and are now covered with blossoms. Should the yield this year be up to expectations, steps will be taken toward planting the new variety extensively in Virginia and Maryland.

Little Financial Fable.

The new director was positively revolutionary in his devices. "Instead of paying all this money to detectives for catching defaulters," said he, "why not use it to effect such an increase of salaries as would place our help beyond the necessity to default?" The old directors sneered witheringly. "You evidently don't understand bank clerks," said they. "Why, if we were to raise wages that way, probably all most every man in the house would fall dead, and then where should we be?" This made the new director feel very foolish, of course.