cording to his notion, And bought a circular ticket, in the lands across the ocean; Wrapped some pocket money in it-what we thought would easy do him-And appointed me committee-man to go and take it to him.

I found him in his study, looking rather worse than ever, And told him 'twas decided that his flock and he should sever. Then his eyes grew wide with wonder, and it seemed almost to blind 'em, And some tears looked out o' the window, with some others close behind

Then I handed him 'he ticket, with a little bow of deference, And he studied quite a little ere he got his proper reference; And then the tears that waited, great unmanageable creatures, Let themselves quite out o' the window

I wish you could ha' seen him, coming back all fresh and glowing; His clothes so worn and seedy, and face so fat and knowing; I wish you could have heard him when he prayed for us who sent him, And paid us back twice over all the money we had lent him.

'Twas a feast to all believers, 'twas olight on contradiction, To hear one just from Calvary talk about the crucifixion; 'Twas a damper on those fellows who pretended they could doubt it, have a man who'd been there stand

and tell them all about it. Paul maybe beat our pastor in the Bible knots unravelling, And establishing new churches, but he couldn't touch him travelling, Nor in his journeys pick up half the gen eral information But then he hadn't the railroads, and the

steamboat navigation. And every foot of scripture whose loca tion used to stump us, Was now regularly laid out, with th different points of compass. When he undertook a picture, he quite natural would draw it; He would paint it out so honest that it

seemed as if you saw it. An' the way he chiselled Europe-oh, the way he scampered through it! Not a mountain dodged his climbing, not a city but he knew it: There wasn't any subject to explain in

all creation

So we crowded out to hear him, much instructed and delighted; Twas a picture show, a lecture and sermon all united; And my wife would wipe her glasses, and serenely pat her Test'ment, And whisper, "That 'ere ticket was a

very good investment."

Now after six months' travel we were ost of us all ready To settle down a little, so's to live morstaid and steady: To develope home resources, with foreign cares to fret us, Using home-made faith more frequent

but the parson wouldn't let us. To view the self-same scenery time and time again he'd call us, Over rivers, plains, and mountains he would any minute haul us; He slighted our home sorrows, and our

spirits' aches add ailing, To get the cargoes ready for his reg'lar Sunday sailing. He would take us off a touring in all spiritual weather,

Till at last got homesick like, and sea-And 'I wish to all that's peaceful,' said "That the Lord had made one cont'nent, and then never made another! Sometimes, indeed, he'd take us into

sweet familar places, And pull along quite steady in the good old Gospel traces; But soon my wife would shudder just as If a chill had got her, Whisper, 'Oh, my goodness gracious! he's a-taken to the water!'

And it wasn't the same old comfort when he called around to see us, a branch of foreign travel he wa sure at last to tree us. All unconscious of his error, he would sweetly patronize us, And with oft repeated stories still endeavor to surprise us.

And the sinners got to laughing, and that finally galled and stund us, To ask him. Would he kinely once more settle down am ong us? Didn't be think that more home produce would improve our souls' digestions? They appointed me committee-man to go and ask the questions.

I found him in his garden, trim an buoyant as a father; He pressed my hand, exclaiming, 'This is quite Itialian weather. How it 'minds me of the evenings when your distant hearts caressing. Upon my benefactors I invoked the Heavenly blessing!"

I went and told the brothers, 'No I can not bear to grieve him. He's so happy in his exile, it's the pro per place to leave him.

I took that journey to him, and right bitterly I rue it, But I cannot take it from him; if you want to, go and do it.'

Now a new restraint entirely seemed next Sunday to infold him, And he looked so burt and humbled that I knew some one had told bim. Subdued like was his manner, and some tones were hardly vocal; But every word he uttered was preeminently local.

The sermon sounded awkard, and we awkard felt who heard it, Twas a grief to see him hedge it, 'twas a pain to hear him word it. "When I was in-" was may be half a dozen times repeated, But that sentence seemed to scare him, and was always uncompleted.

As weeks went on his old smile would occasionally brighten. But the voice was growing feeble, and

the face began to whiten; He would look off to the eastward, with a listful, weary, sighing, And 'twas whispered that our paster in a foreign land was dying.

The coffin lay 'mid garlands smiling as if they knew us: The patient face within it preached a final sermon to us;
Our parson had gone touring on a trip
he'd long been earning,
In that Wonder-land whence tickets are not issued for returning.

O tender, good hearted-shepherd! you sweet smiling lips, half parted, Told of scenery that burst on you just the minute that you started! Could you preach once more among us, you might wonder without fearing; You could give us tales of glory we would never tire of hearing.
-Harper's Magazine for February.

The man who dies the richest is and takes the most with him.

EAFLETS FROM A SOUTHERN HOME

The City of Washington - The City of Magnificent Distances -- Work on the Capitel Unfinished.

As there seems to be little of interest occurring within the State of Virginia to chronicle at the present time, at least from our part of it, I | and extend your business as experithought I would send you a few | ence shall teach you is advantageous. notes concerning the city of Washington, where it has been my privilege to spend a few days within the ing and just where you stand. past week.

This may indeed be styled the beautiful city! The city commis- ent to live on comfortably. sioners seem not to be in want of funds with which to carry out their ideas of taste and adornment. There are many lovely and extensive parks in different parts of the city, but the and came climbing down his features. grounds immediately around the capitol surpass all in beauty; grassy lawns, close cut, which in this climate are never brown, but always green, shady trees, winding carriagenot a particle of dirt is allowed to accumulate; men are employed to has a certain beat, and he sweeps it over and over all day long. Here roll the carriages of senators and governors drawn by splendid horses with silver-mounted harness,-for this is the gay season and it is very

inspiring to drive on Pennsylvania Avenue and around the grand treaswhirling sea of life.

Most people think that the United States Capitol is finished, even to the great dome, tho' it was but a was still there,-but we were inwhich adorns the interior is not quite finished. This magnificent nterior, from the floor of the rotun da, is 180 feet, and the interior diameter is 97 feet; 291 feet in circumference, and, above a certain dis- gal and content. tance, the whole interior is covered with the most beautiful fresco; a gentleman in our presence speaking your dealings, and cultivate a good of this fresco, dropped the remark, reputation for paying promptly. "I suppose that old man will work until he drops." "What old man?" we enquired, and then he told us that seven or eight years ago this frescoing was given in charge of an eminent artist by the name of Ber-

muda, and he feeling that this was the grand and glorious opportunity of his life, that his work would be spread before the delighted and wondering gaze of this and of other generations, would delegate none of this great work to others, but with serverance. his own hands he has adorned the whole interior, day after day for do not injure it by a bad spirit; if it seven years, collecting all his material into a kind of basket he has a dizzy height, by ropes, and there suspended above the hum of the throng below, being such a speck

allowed himself to be drawn up to there, high in the fresco as to be you lose by it, and see that you canunnoticed by most visitors, he has not improve it. "Go not in the way worked on with untiring devotion of evil men." and enthusiasm.

In the line of amusements, an attraction of a couple of little people | think of you; you will find it hard in a large hall daily drew large to believe this; vain men would fain crowds. They are called Midgets, be wise. and Tom Thumb, Commodore Nutt, or Minnie Warren have been eclipsed entirely by these diminutive wonders. The young man, termed fore God who is unjust in his deal-"General Mite," weighs nine pounds. The young lady, Laura Ozerate, less than five; the General is much the be a little sin; it will harden the very smart and talkative. They sail immediately on one of the

best looking of the two, and he is heart, and lead to greater. white star steamers for Europe. What has come to our race that in these latter years it should produce such Lilliputians? We stepped into the Smithsonian | you are also to live the Gospel; you

Institute, which is the great natural | should be a living epistle of Christ, museum, so full of wonders. Here "known and read of all men." are stuffed buffalo, with large, liquid eyes; deer, antelope, and all kinds with God has little to fear or long of animals and birds. In one de- for. partment there are hundreds of about as big as peas, to those as hands, eternal in the heavens. large as a small pumpkin. One entire department is now filled with and you will never go far astray .contributions from the late centen- Young Christian's Pocket-Book. nial. Here is the beautiful pulpit of Lambath Battery, splendid in debas relief. Here, too, is an immense like patting him on the back. colossal groupe representing America; also in pottery. Think of an oven in which to bake images twenty feet in hight! In short, wonders abound on every hand until we

turned away with an aching head, and thought that Solomon must have been mistaken when he said information, or a favor of any kind that the eye was not satisfied with MRS. E. B. DAVIS. FALLS CHURCH, Va.

The field of literature is conquered for women. There are no longer against what we have to gain. bars or obstructions of any sort in the way. A woman who has anything to say is privileged to say it; and if it is worth hearing the world will lend an attentive ear.

A bachelor asks: What shall we do with our girls?" Marry one and shake the rest of them, young man; the one who leaves the least here you'll find it cheaper in the long while he himself is driven by duns.

Receipt of Prosperity.

1. Let every youth be taught some seful art and be trained to industry and thrift.

2. Let every young man lay aside proportion of his earnings.

3. Let every youth set out in life with a fixed determination to engage in business for himself, and let him put his determination into prac- busy, he took his tools with him and tice as early in life as possible.

4. Begin life in a small safe way

know constantly what you are earn-6. Do not marry until in receipt of a tolerably certain income-suffici-

7. Never get into debt. A man who owes nothing can never fail. buy a farm upon which to bring up on the head with his hammer as he CORN MEAL his sons, do so. It is on the farm that the best men morally and intel. | should not speak." lectually, are turned out.

9. Bear in mind that your business cannot be permanently prosperous unless you share its advantages drives of the smoothest asphalt, and | equally with your customers. An all-turkey, all-buzzard system of sweep drives continually; each man long run. Both parties to a transif the trade is kept up.

10. Experience has shown that not the most profitable for the em-

partnership at all, never let it be forced upon you.

12. If you find yourself incompe. little while ago that the scaffolding fully, settle down contentedly to in their own chambers almost bework for wages, do your best for formed the other day that the fresco | your employer, make his interest your interest and shape your expenditures so as to live within your indome cost one million one hundred | come. Every one is not qualified thousand dollars; the height of the by nature to manage successfully, coin. They were not quite equal to but as much real happiness is enjoy- the occasion. ed in a salaried position as any other, if the individual be only fru-

> 13. Don't seek political office. 14. Aim to be just and fair in all

> > Choice Selections.

If you would live above the world, endeavor to realize eternal pros-

Never dare go where you have reason to question whether God will go with you; a Christian should never willingly be where there is not room for his Saviour. Seeming difficulties generally vanish before faith, prayer and per-

If your cause is good, be sure you is bad, give it up at once.

Dare to change your mind, confess your error and alter your conduct when you are convinced you are wrong; it is manly, it is scriptural. Leave company when you find

The more you think of yourself the less will wise and holy men

Towering expectations generally Julius A Reed.

lead to disappointments. That man cannot be upright be-

Never indulge in what appears to

Real holiness has love for its es-

sence, humility for its clothing, the good of others as its employment, and the honor of God as its end. If you think you are only to believe the Gospel, you are mistaken

He who lives in daily fellowship

When the earthly tabernacle bird's nests, all with eggs in them, shakes, it reminds us of the mercy varying in size, from little specks of having a house not made with

Aim at pleasing God in all things,

Perhaps you loathe the spider, but, sign, in coloring, and in execution, when he gets a mosquito in the the panels adorned with figures in meshes of his web don't you feel

> He who thinks he can do without others is mistaken; he who thinks others can do without him is still mere mistaken. Never write to another asking for

without inclosing a postage stamp for the reply. How rarely do we accurately weigh what we have to sacrifice

Bodily enjoyment depends upon health, and health depends upon temperance.

Account him thy friend who desires thy good rather than thy good

Often a man drives a pair of grays,

Equal to the Occasion.

Braggarts are generally easy to be scared. A French shoe-maker fond of boasting that nothing could frighten him, proved an exception and sacredly keep intact a certain to the rule. Two young fellows re- SACKET & CROUCH, solved to put him to the test, so one shammed dead, and the other prevailed upon the shoe-maker to watch the body through the night. Being worked beside the corpse. About midnight a cup of black coffee was brought to him to keep him awake, and he was so exhilirated by the 5. Keep your own books and draught that he struck up a merry kinds of song, still plying his hammer vigorously. Suddenly the would-becorpse arose and said, in sepulchral tones, "When a man is in the pres-

ence of death he should not sing." The shoe-maker was startled, but recovering his self-possession in a moment, he dealt the corpse a blow uttered: "When a man is dead he There was a real dead man at a

Paris boarding-house, and after he had been taken to his last lodging it got about that he was in the unseemly habit of paying nightly visits to the room in which he died, and BION MILLS business can never succeed in the for a long time the room remained tenantless in consequence. At last action must be mutually benefitted it was taken by a student, who laughed at the idea of the place being haunted. Annoyed at his increscrimping policy with emyloyees is dulity, two of the lodgers arrayed themselves in sheets, and glided inployer. Live and let live is the bet- to the room one night at that witching hour when graveyards are sup-11. Never let your business get so posed to yawn. With solemn step ury building, past the White House, extended that you are driven to and slow they stalked around the on to the war department, amid this take a partner. If you engage in bed, until, happening to glance behind, they beheld a sheeted figure watching their movements. This was more than they bargained for, tent to manage a business success- and they were out of the room and fore they knew it. Next morning they settled with the landlord and departed, never dreaming their intended victim had divined their intentions and paid them in their own

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