

## SONNET.

When Love dies, and the funeral plumes are set,  
 And mourners come to take you by the hand,  
 Regard them not; they do not understand  
 Who bid you bless your sorrow and forget.  
 When Love has died (if Love should die!),  
 regret  
 Will bind you broken in the former land,  
 And warp your life with one supreme command  
 To tend the dead in love's dark oubliette.  
 For you have loved, and all your life is altered,  
 And you have lost, and appetite unfed  
 Will drive you seeking solace with the dead.  
 Be there your life; and know that, having faltered,  
 You seek among the living folk in vain,  
 For Love is dead. You shall not meet again.  
 PHILIP H. SAVAGE.

## THE BETTER WAY.

Referring to the little discussion between Mrs. Evans and Mr. Johnson, I think the better way is to regard Jesus as a character; whether it be of history or fiction, it matters not. The vital question is: Do the teachings of Jesus contribute to the betterment of man? If taken rightly, I think they do.

In the eleventh and twelfth verses of the seventh chapter of Matthew, he is represented as saying:

## Good Gifts.

"If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good gifts to them that ask him?"

## Golden Rule.

"Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."

## Complete.

Jesus, so it is written, once accused the Jews of making void the law by their traditions. If you will read the Bible thoughtfully, you can easily separate the truth from the traditions. There is neither tradition nor superstition in the above quotation. It needs no proof to convince us that they cover the whole duty of man.

What difference, whether he was only a character, or the real "son of man," as he is represented as calling himself? What difference, whether God is a real being, or only a personification of good? We are all seeking the Good because it lessens our pain and sorrow, and increases our happiness. Why not occupy the whole time accumulating the good regardless of how it comes to us.

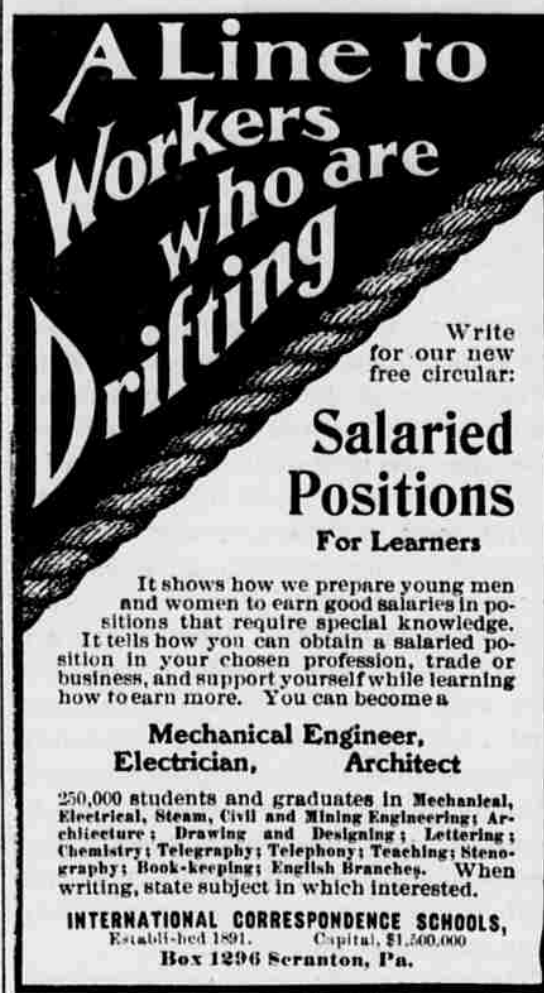
## Starch.

It seems that everything we get in this world, like maize, has more stalk, blades, husks, cob and bran, than real starch. The Bible is no exception to this rule. A beast can masticate and assimilate all of the maize, but man uses only the finer portion of the grain.

A person of refined character cannot accept the husky traditions and superstitions; still, the Bible contains real

spiritual food which, husked, shelled ground and bolted, becomes very palatable. "The greatest commandment," thus treated, is reduced to two words, "Love God."

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