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Scriptural Reading.

I will arise and go unto my father, and say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee. And he arose and came to his father.-Luke 15:18 and part of 20th vs.

We would not pretend to make any comment upon the prodigal son, anymore than to say that in the parable, he is supposed by a great many divines and commentators to represent one who had not only professed Christianity, but really had experienced the grace of God in his heart and soul, but through his own weakness in a dark and cloudy day, through the evil influences of all good, he fell from grace. From the words of his father who says, he was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found. It may be that when he wandered away, or left his home he was as dead and as lost to

But we leave this to the wiser and more prudent, whether he fell from grace or fell for the want of it. But this we do know that this parable will apply to many a poor sinner away from his heavenly Father, and from Jesus his loving Saviour.

Now our object is more especially to lcok at the good resolution of the prodigal, not only made but carried out. We have all formed many good resolutions, but fail to put them in force. The way to perdition is supposed to be paved with good resolutions. We often promise because we want to, and the "do not want to" being the strongest often gets the victory over us. This young man got tried of his good home, his kind father and friends, demanded his position and received it. Now he turns his back on his father and home, and made his way to a far country, and soon wasted his means in bad company, perhaps gambling and drinking, until he had spent all and was obliged to come down to the lowest occupation a man could have, feeding swine and eating of the same as they did eat. And it is said when he came to himself and had a realizing sense of his sad state and condition he remembered his home and plenty of his father's house. Then he formed this good resolution "I will arise and go unto my father, and I will say unto him, Father I have sinned against heaven and before thee," and he arose and came to his father. Now, here is a good resolution carried out. He started dirty and ragged, hardly fit to be seen on the road. His father had never lost his affection for his wayward son. He saw him coming and because of the great compassion of his father he ran and met him and embraced him as one that too pantingly eager and ready to oblige you, and in the "phrenological examiation" of these I trust you may discover was dead and is alive again, as one who wide and ever-increasing interest. May was lost and is found. How happily disappointed that son must have been to receive such a loving reception which far exceeded his expectation. He took him home, clothed him, and put a ring on his finger in token of his endless love for his child. And now poor sinner this parable represents you as being away from God by sin and wicked works and that he is anxious about your soul and saying "why do you spend your money for that which bread and that satisfieth not."

Fellow sinner have you not like many others in want formed many good resolutions which proved worthless not being carried out? If we were as anxious about the welfare of our souls as the Great God was and is, who gave the darling of his bosom to suffer the most ignominious death upon the cross, for our sins and our souls eternal welfare, we would not only delay to put them in force, to the honor and glory of God, as well as the saving of

We are told there is joy in the presence

of the angels of God over one sinner that dering boy. The loving kindness of the father should lead us all to think more of the great God who has made us for his praise, and his service. If many to-day had a realizing sense of their spiritual is not just sure that he is out of danger fect on rheumatism and neuralgia. The need there would be a great coming home where there is bread enough and to spare. They would not stay away and perish with hunger. But man's extremity is God's opportunity. When that poor thief or evil doer was suffering beside our suffering and loving Saviour, he had a sense of his evil deeds and said to the other man who was suffering the same fate, this is pain at the time was not great, they kept just upon us, but this man Jesus has at work until all the cacti had been done nothing amiss. And he said, Lord remember me when Thou comest into thy | ungainly proportions, as the poison of the kingdom. We cannot imagine the peace of his mind when Jesus said, This day a week has elapsed, have to use their shalt thou be with Me in paradise. This soul must have been filled with love to his Lord as his life here passed away. Now the prodigal did not anticipate such a welcome or reception, from his father, for he was willing to become one of his hired servants.

ing for Jesus, when the great sacrifice nothing to give but a load of sin and guilt, which we can well afford to dispense with for what we receive in exchange. A heart of love for a heart of hatred. A robe of righteousness for a strangers for a home where our best friends and kindred dwell.

T. E. BABBIT. Gibson, Jan. 24, 1898.

Every man who eats too much (and nearly every man does) is looking for something to "give him an appetite."-Atchison Globe.

WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE.

He locked at my tongue, and he shook his This was Doctor Smart-

He thumped on my chest, and then he said: "Ah, there it is! Your heart! You mustn't run- you mustn't hurry! You mustn't work-you mustn't worry! Just sit down and take it cool,
You may live for a year, I cannot say;
But in the meantime make it a rule To take this medicine twice a day!"

He looked at my tongue and he shook his head-This was Doctor Wise—
"Your liver's a total wreck," he said,
"You must take more exercise!

You mustn't eat sweets, You mustn't eat meats,
You must waik and leap, you must also run;
You musn't sit down in the dull old way;
Get out with the boys and have some fun—

And take three doses of this a day!" He looked at my tongue and he shook his

"I'm afraid your lungs are gone," he said,
"And your kidney isn't right,
A change of scene is what you need, Your case is desperate, indeed,
And bread is a thing you mustn't cat—
Too much starch—but, by the way,
You must henceforth live on only meat— And take six doses of this a day.

Perhaps they were right, and perhaps they

It isn't for me to say;

Mayhap I erred when I madly threw

Their bitter stuff away;

But I'm living yet, and I'm on my feet,

And grass isn't all that I dare to eat,

And I walk and I run, and I worry, too,

But to saye my life I cannot see But to save my life I cannot see What some of the able doctors would do If there were no fools like you and me.

BUMPS AND BRAINS.

A Famous Novelist Who, Like "Bobs," Will Not Advertise.

The president of the British Phrenological Institution has asked Miss Marie Corelli whether she will allow her head to be "phrenologically examined" by an "expert" in such matters, and the result published in the institute's current yearbook. The novelist has answered the application in the following lively

Dear Sir,-I have always been under the impression that my head is, to all intents and purposes, my own, and that the secrets of its working power are, so to speak, a strictly personal matter between it and myself, in which outsiders have no right whatever to share. Er ronous as that impression may be, I still retain it, and if the old customs of Tower Hill were yet in force I should think it consistant with dignity rather to lay down that head on the block for a "cause" than submit it to the prying ob-servation of a "phrenological expert." in order that his opinion there a should be published in a year book of egregious modern "celebrities." Permit me to add that I do not consider myself a "celebrity," and have no wish to "pose" as such. Examine the head of Mr. Pears, whose soap is of "world-wide" renown, or make a "subject" of Dr. Tibbles of "Vi-Cocoa" immortality, but leave a mere writer like myself to the satisfaction of that close and kindly relationship with my own head and which has so far enabled me to make my own way without picking (after the fashion of certain modern "dramatists") the brains from the heads of other people. There are legions of "celebrities" nowadays, from the dazzling sauce manufacturer down to the latest "star" of the footlights, many, or, perhaps, any, of whom will be only all their bumps never grow less! And yeu may succeed in finding among them profound scientific information which shall speaks, "There's no offense in 't."

Faithfully yours,
MARIE CORELLI.

Raising the Wind in France. The French Government, finding itself

unable to increase the taxation, which is heavier per capita in France than in any other country in the world, has decided to resort to the convertion of its treasury bonds or rentes from 3 per cent. to 2 1-2 as the easiest, and, indeed, the only available means of increasing the revenues of the state. The ground is taken that as the national credit is such that the government has recently been able to secure temporary loans at 1-4 per cent., the interest charge on treasury bonds is far too high, and that a convertion scheme would respond to the present state of France's national credit. form good resolutions but would make no | That the latter should stand so high is surprising, when it is remembered that, although in the last twenty-six years France's population has only increased by 298,000 inhabitants, or at the rate of about 11,500 a year (England having doubled hers in the last forty years), the consolidated national debt of France has grown from \$3,000,000,000 to \$7,000,000,of that father who had received his wan- indirect, has more than doubled .- New York Tribune.

Stung by Cactus Plants. Several men employed about Horticultural Hall, in Fairmount Park, are nursing very sore hands, and one of them | electric arc light has an astonishing effrom blood poisoning from stings received in handling prickly cactus plants. | powerful light, the rays of which are All summer the tail, slender cacti have screened by cardboard from all parts stood with soldierly erectness in a bed at of the body except the affected region. Corner Main and Bridge Streets, the east end of the hall. When frost threatened the head gardener gave orders for their removal into winter quarters, and the men having the job went about it without the usual precaution of wearing buckskin gloves. They were stung in many places by the needles that bristled from the stocks, but as the housed. A few hours later their hands began to puff up, and soon swelled to stings took effect. They suffered intensely for several days, and even now, after hands in a very gingerly manner indeed. -Philadelphia Record.

A Valuable Cat.

Howard Reed of Milford, Pa., started out hunting for partridge and woodcock, and was followed by the house cat. All efforts on the part of the young hunter to drive the cat back home were futile; it was bound to go with him, and it il-We often hear people speak of sacrific- lustrated its ability as a hunter by its 'pointing" a woodcock, which young Reed shot. Then it "flushed" a parthas been made on the cross. We have ridge, which was also bagged by the hunter. Reed says he would not part with the cat for the best bird dog in the

The World's Telegraph Lines.

The actual length of the telegraph lines of the world is 7,900,000 kilometers robe of filthy rags. The bread of life for | -not including nearly 300,000 kilometers of submarine cable. This total is divided such as the swine did eat. A home among as follows: America, 4,050,000 kilometers: Europe. 2,840,000; Asia. 500,000; Australia, 350,000; Africa, 160,000. The entire length of all these wires joined together would permit of the establishment of twenty lines of telegraph between the earth and the moon.

> "There's fun coasting down hill," says the precocious Southwark boy; "but then it has its drawbacks."-Philadelphia Re-



SOAP BUBBLES.

Their Color and Their Wonderful Thinness Determined.

The extreme thinness of the bubble is

indeed wonderful. It is estimated that

the film in some places is only one three-

millionths of an inch in thickness. Probably few of us can conceive of such thinness. Let us express it in another way. The Old and New Testament contain some three million letters. Now one three-millionth is such a part of an inch as the first letter of the Bible is a part of the sum of all its letters.

The bubble, however, is not of equal thickness at all points, and it is for this reason that it has the various colors. For instance, wherever the film is orange-red it measures about three one-millionths of an inch; where it is blue, eighty one-millionths of an inch; and at a point where lemon-yellow is prominent, about twenty one-millionths of an inch. Perhaps you wonder why the colors change from one part of the soap bubble to another. This is because the film of the soap-bubble evaporates and grows thinner, but unequally so at different thinner, but unequally so at different portions. A greenish blue with a pale rose-red spot near it indicates an extreme thinness, and at such a point the film is ready to give way at the least jar.

You will be glad to know the source of the beautiful colors. Everyone is delighted with them, even if not interested by the explanation of their origin

ed by the explanation of their origin. We may say that they come from the light. Light gives color to all objects, but not exactly as it does to the soap-bubble. White light from the sun can be broken into the seven colors which we have seen in the rainbow. In that instance the raindrops separate it into its parts. A glass prism will do the same, as you may prove by looking through a glass pendant from a hanging lamp. When the light reaches the surface of the soap-bubble a part is reflected from it and we see images and the ed from it ,and we see images on its surface as if it were a curved mirror. Another portion of the light, however, enters the film and is separated so that a part of the seven colors are thrown into the bubble, and we can see them at various portions of the opposite surface. Another part of the light, after being broken by the film, is reflected by its inner surface back to our eyes, so that we see colors at the point where the light enters.—Jacob F. Butcher, in St. Nicholas

Electricity made at Home. It has been discovered that if a steel knife and a silver fork are inserted in a large orange an electric current will be generated. If the end of the fork and the end of the knife sticking from the orange are connected with an electric measuring instrument, quite a perceptible current will be seen to pass. The same kind of a battery can be made by substituting a cucumber in place of the orange, in fact, any acid fruit can

In order to make a voltaic pile it is only necessary to procure ten or more pieces of zinc about one inch square, the same number of pieces of copper, and a like number of pieces of paper. The paper should be thoroughly soaked in

First, take a piece of zinc; on it place a piece of vinegar-soaked paper, then put on a piece of copper, then a piece of paper, then another zinc and then paper, and so on until all the pieces of zinc, copper and paper are used up. It prove of vital value and assistance to an is important that a piece of zinc should unlessoned world! Pray take this letter be on one end and a piece of copper in the friendly spirit with which it is indited, and understand that, like the "play" of which Mr. Forbes Robert on in his unrivaled impersonation of Hamlet

The on the other. After the pile is completed, again soak the whole slightly in vinegar, then clean it off on the outside.

If the forefinger of one hand is held the forefinger of against one end and the forefinger of the other hand is held on the other end of the pile, quite a perceptible current will be felt. If several persons clasp hands and the persons on each end of the line touch the voltaic pile, the current will flow through the bodies of all those in position.

Artificial Diamonds. About a century ago the great French chemist, Lavoisier, learned that the wonderful gem known as the diamond is really composed of the same material as charcoal, namely carbon. At once it was suggested that it might be possible to make diamonds out of coal. But most chemists scouted the idea—the diamond was a natural mineral and nature's processes could not be duplicated in the laboratory. Recently, however, M. Motsson has taken up the subject, and has actually succeeded in making true diamonds in his forge. The gems thus manufactured are very small, it is true, but the principle has been found, and who can doubt that its application will be extended until gems of any desired size are made at will? It would be nothing surprising if within the next generation or two diamonds equal to the finest jewels were to be turned out from factories by the ton and sold at so many cents an ounce, instead of so

The Arc Light in Rheumatism, If the results claimed by Klezlovski. a Russian physician, are commimen, the patient sits about five feet from the In three months 38 patients were treated, and recovery was reported in eight cases of sciatica, in two cases out of four of neuritis, in fourteen cases out of eighteen of chronic rheumatism, and in three cases of lumbago. The exposure lasts from three-fourth of a minute to two minutes, not more than a dozen applications-at intervals of three

many dollars a carat.

To Find Out if a Room is Damp. To ascertain whether or not a room is damp, a kilogramme of fresh lime should be placed therein, after hermetically closing doors and windows. In twenty-four hours it should be weighed, and if the kilogramme (2.204 lbs.) has absorbed more than ten grammes of water (that is, more than one per cent.), the room should be considered damp and classed as unhealthy. The question of the dampness of dwellings is a frequent cause of dispute between landlord and tenant, and is naturally solved in the negative by the former. The question can be settled in the future by the test of the hydration of lime, which will give irrefutable proof of the validity of such complaint.

or four days-bein; necessary in any case.

Building Submarine Walls. A revolution in the building of submerged walls and piers is promised from an invention on exhibition in New York. The present method is to dump stones into the water until a sufficient pile is made on which to build the masonry. This new scheme arranges for the building of a solid wall from the river's bottom. A raft is placed between two seews and supported by ropes. A solid wall is then built on the raft, which sinks gradually as the weight increases. In this way the inventor claims that he can build a stone wall weighing three thousand tons and float it to any part of the bay or beach, and lower it in place wherever directed.

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