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Reading. Sunday

HIS LUCKY BLANK.

Why Tom Amber Made His Resolve that He Would Keep to the Old Way.

There was a look of eiger expectancy on Tom Amber's handsome face as he came into the half filled train that morning. Slipping into an empty seat just behind a quiet looking middle-aged man, he took a letter from his pocket, and in a deliberate way proceeded to open it. As soon as his eyes fell on the printed form he unfolded his face clouded ominously, and crushing the offending messive in his hand he muttered, 'Just my luck! I might have known better than to put confidence in anything Jake Mooney recommended.

·Something gone wrong, young man, asked a voice in front of him, and with a blush Tom glanced up into the kind eyes when he camein.

Tom was not in the habit of making confidants of strangers, but there was something in his neighbor's face that disarmed suspicion, and he answered politely, 'W ll, yes. An acquaintance persuaded me to invest in a little business concern out West, but instead of receising the big cheque I, had been expecting, I have drawn a black.' Tom colored guiltily when he reterred to the business concern, but without appearing to notice his embarrassment, the genlate you on your good luck.'

'Oh' you are mistaken,' exclaimed Tom 'I have nothing left from my last five dollar bill but this bit of worthless paper,' and he held out the printed form for the stranger's inspection.

he took the paper offered.

'I would sell that very cheaply,' remarked Tom. 'Such experience does not count for much, particularly when it leaves you with an empty pocket-book.'

'And yet it may prove the most valuable. er lesson of your life "This is nothing or less "have - ottery ticket, called by another name in order to cheat the government, which has excluded all such fraudulent matter from passing through the mails. In the eyes of the law it is a crime to take such matter from the post-office as well as to put it into the mail.'

transgressor is always hard. There are snares and pitfalls all around him. Even It he chances to escape them, and get money and keep it, do you think he can

have any true satisfaction in its possession 'No, sir, I don't' Tom answered ear-•I believe that you mean to live honestly, C.38.1.1 nestly. now, whatever happens,' said the stranger. Aud though we may never meet again, I wish you every success."

'I will keep to the old way, even if I starve,' exclaimed Tom emphatically. and he has kept his word .- 'Sabbath Read- God ministers through evil things as well

HOW TO KEEP YOUNG. Avoid the Constant Wear and Tear MI nd y Judicious Use of Time.

If the thousands who take their annual hold

that a few weeks every year judicionsly of the unpretending stranger he had noticed used would keep health of mind and vigour of body till a green old age, what needless misery, what unnecessary pain would be saved. Emerson truly said, 'Health is the first wealth,' and yet to see how utterly regardless the majority are one would think that health was of no consiguence whatever. Then, when too late, what valuable time is spent in bemoaning our lot Look, again, at the thousands cut off in he very heyday of existence. A cold and the strongest withers as quickly as Jonah's gourd, Emerson jokingly argued tleman seiz d his hand and shaking it that the fact that the clergy had bronchitis vigorously, said, 'Allow me to congratu- proved that they had not intellectual health and spiritual vigour. Many a jest conveys the soundest lesson and this is one of th m. Health is a question of understanding of laws ot Nature. Transgress those laws one iota and you pay the penalty proportionate to the offence. On the other ,And your experiene,' the man added as hand, Nature holds out to the wise and the prudent and the firm-willed prizes of incalculable value. Descartes thought that life

could be prolonged to several centuries. Without going is to the question of the possible duration of human life on this planet, it can sately be laid down that man, as we

spisable. But you, like mer, be strong, this ethereal inward world to which I beand exercise your strength. Work on- long, will purpose, reason, affection, prinward and work upwards; and may the Most High soothe your cares, clear your vision, and crown your labors with reward.

HUMAN DIFFICULTIES.

The Involutions of Providence all Lead the way to Better things. There are troubles which come to us

through human per. ervity ; there are others which are Divine visitations; they come to us in the order of Divine Providence rather than from any misstep on our part. Persecution may arise from our adherence to the principles of the Diving economy; the prophets and martyrs suffered wrong and died at the hands of an evil gen ration. as good. "Shall evil betall a city and the Lord hath not done it ?" In the in ividual as well as the public life we have to take account of this ministry of evil. In many perfect His people through suffering. He purposely brings them into straight places finger-points; the pillar of fire and clouds of this letter to the Hebrews described a

ciple, reign as supreme all animating powers And I, teing as I am, have no part nor lot in that great and terrible wilderness masked with a shimmering mirage of beauty that rings me round. Nay, I am myselt more real than anything without. That desert world is a dream for aught I know, but as for me, I live-and oh! for a universal life,

being !- J. Allanson Pictou. M. A. FOR A BETTER LAND Our Dreams and Longings 'on Earth Will

that in it I may live and move and have my

Not End in Disappointment. "But now they desire a better country, that is a heavenly,"-Heb. xii., 16. In the language of poetry and rhethoric, man is very frequently described as a wanderer, a stranger without a home, and his life on earth is spoken of as a pilgrimage of but a tew days, and these few days are said passages of their lives it is God's will to to be as sad as they are trief. But these poetic figures, beautiful as they are, do not contain the whole trutb. The children of to test their faith, to their patience or to Israel were wanderers through a desert, demonstrate to men the superiority of His | but they were not marching along the lines grace in the individual soul. Job stands of an aimless pilgrimige. They had not as a model of patience for the men of all set forth at a peradventure. They started generations, as does Abraham for unshaken out with a settled purpose. "They went confidence in the promises of God. How out to the land of Canaan." The pillar of great were these qualities in these instances | fire by night and the tremulous cloud by could be known to us only by the crucible | day led them on through devious paths, but to Providence. The true good remained by a right way to "a city of habitations." unwasted in the fire. That God orders | So if life is a pilgrimage, it is a pilgrimage the test is our comfort and hope. The with a purpose. And fair and beautiful as route of Moses and the hosts of Israel to the pilgrim path maybe, the heart of man the Red Sea was indicated by the Divine yearns for something better. The writer

had let them into the place of greatest group of the men and women of the world's danger. The sea was in front, the armies young morning who became heoric by the of Pharaoh were in the rear. We may mighty power of personal faith. All these not worder that the faith of Moses, for a died in faith, as they had lived by the moment, wavered. If God were on their power of faith. Of them Paul says, "The side, how could they be in so evil a case? | world was not worthy." And another We easily assume that if God be for us, characteristic of the Old World saints was He will clothe us in purple and enable us this, that long before the revelation of imto fare sumptuously every day; but He mortality by that great teacher who makes great use of bitter herbs in the "brought lite and immortality to light," spread of His providential table. A new there buined and flamed in the hearts of zest comes from th ir free use. In this each of these pilgrims a "desire" for "a bitter provision we are not to think some better country, that is h avenly." Far strange thing has happened to us and that | away back, when the world was young, the whole order of life is to be changed. the gleaming hope of a life beyond the bounds of time are found stirring the souls There are times when it is more important of men! We talk in these days about to act than to pray; there must be no de- instincts that it not substantial arguments were at least treighted with great power. Whence came these instincts of eternal hope? Who set aflime most torches of hope that radiate all the life, that no dedeep or so broad God cannot dry it and spair can quench? If, as seems most natural to believe, God has lighted those Listen in silence until you hear the Divine | t uches of hope, we may be sure he will order: "Forward!" The way out of a take no joy but in their blessed tulfillment. human difficulty is to turn square about; To implant such desires only to disappoint the way out of a providential involution is them would be cruel to the utmost bound straight torward. In God's order there is of cruelty. God is not mocked. Much no reversal of the standards; He leads out less will he mock the creatures his hand has made. He who gave us such dreams of a better land will bring us at last to the happy shore.



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'I fail to see why when you have invested your last dollar in it,' returned Tom. 'I think I have paid dearly enough for the privilege of lifting that.'

'You forget that you have only yourself to blame for the risk you took,' replied the gentleman gravely. You knew that yon were running a risk when you invested the five dollars' and you had chanced to draw what you call a lucky number, you would have become a party in defrauding others, who, like yourself, have drawn blanks. You know that it is only one in many hundreds who chance upon figures that count. The great army of investers must necessarily be dissappointed. People do not run such schemes for the benefit of the many, but of the tew, and their purpose always is to fill their own coffers.

"Had you been able to-day to have pu a large sum of money in your pocket. you would have become so infatuated with your success that all honorable means of earning a livelihood would have been abandoned. If the lesson you have had teaches you to keep clear of all such swindling concerns in the future, you have received the worth of your money, not withstanding the blank you have drawn. It is possible that this very bit of worthless paper may stand between you and the S ate prison. Success under such circumstances as you voluntarily placed yoursolf in would naturally have opened up to you the highway to crime, and a conscience lulled to sleep in one so young would not be apt to rouse itself in such a way as to assert its claims when greater temptations should be thrust in your path. It is always safe to do right, my boy, always; and God helps every one who helps way in which you cannot take God's blessing with you. I acknowledge that this firm has cheated you out of your money, but you have no reason to complain as you became an accomplice in the disreputable business the moment you joined in the scheme of trying to defraud others by en-riching yourself.' 'Perhaps you are right,' admitted Tom,

looking contused. 'But I never looked upon things in that light.' 'I thought not; I thought not,' said the

whose arms "are made strong by the hand of the mighty God of Jacob."-Matheson. This World a Beginning. musical so soon as they are touched by a stranger. 'It was the first departure from Chousands Suffer Because the Liver is De-St. Martin's. at Ludgate, one of Lonhand that knows how to stir them into All things around us and in us are telt the line of right, but if you had been sucranged-South American Nervine is the oldest churches, is to be opened don's cessful, it would not have been the last. If | resonance. It is a good while before the to be beginnings; and the curtains of the Great Fanacea of the Day for a Diseased again, after being closed for six years. Living is a Reality. you had found out that you could increase child and the earth come very close to one Liver and All Stomach Troubles, Indigesunseen world, as it lifted by the wind, The earliest mention of the church is in Opinions change, but human nature suryour earnings a hundred fold by chancing another, but on the contrary "Heaven lies vives; and no decrees of scientific hierarchy wave ever and anon into our face, and tion, Dyspepsia, Nervousness and General 1257, but the present building was erected on a lucky number, you would never have about us in our infancy?" by Sir Christopher Wren at the end of the can long hush the questions, What is force cling to it like a mak we see through, or Debility. been content to go back to the slow, old Gladstone's Message to Young When a well-known author wrote his seventeenth century. think we see. Neither can we resist the fashioned but honest way of earning your or how is it gathered into centres, and why book entitled "Is Life Worth Living ?" Be sure that every one of you has his bread in the sweat of your face. conviction that this world is for us only the Mr. Punch with shrewd, practical common-Famous Cedars. do they forever vibrate, and what is the place and vocation on this earth, and 'I am atraid I should not,' Tom admitsense, replied to the query, "That depends on the liver." And undoubtedly it is the porch of another and more magnificent stupendous movement working out? It The famous cedars of Lebanon bear litthat it rests with himself to find it. Do temple of the Creator's majesty, wherein we shall enter still further into the Creator's ted, and then as it to partially excuse the tle resemblance to our cedars. These there is a balance of the forces in the unimistake he had made, he added, 'I am case that when the liver is diseased unnot believe those who too lightly say nothonly an errand boy in a firm that does not pay big wages and is slow in advancing its ing succeed like success. Effort, honest, famous old monarchs of the forest at verse, why do they not neutralise one power, and learn that to be in the Creator's told troubles follow. Dyspepsia, indigestion-Teniet-el-Ahd-are zelously guarded by the power is the creature's happiness .- F. W. sick headache, nervousness and general de, another? If there is not, how are we held Algerian government, and their wood is manful, humble effort, succeed by its reemployees, and as I want to make somebility are all species of stomach trouble that come from this source. The practical thing of myself, I thought I might get a flected action, especially in youth, better off from chaos? And there is no meaning Faber. prized for cabinet work. than success, which, indeed, too easity and in it all, no purpose accordant with mind, Hints of Heaven. lift in this affair as did my friend who adquestion is, "What are you going to do about it ?" That great discovery of the Hugo's Isolated Verses, vised me to take the risk. He drew a and heart, and purpose of man? Is the unifive hundred dollar prize on the first dollar too early gained, not seldom serves, like That is not an enviable nature that hears winning the first throw of the dice, to verse but a stupendous kaleidoscope, in no strange melodies hinting of heaven century, Scuth American Nervine, with ten After Victor Hugo died, more than 10 000 isolated verses ware found scattered athousand voices says, "I will cure." We he invested. 'So much the worse for him, poor fel- blnd and stupefy. Get knowledge-all which forms of beauty tumble together, through the mystic marches of the year; bout his room, written on little slips of low,' returned the kind-faced man, shaking his head gravely. 'There is nothing that pays so badly in the long run as dishon-esty. Remember that. The way of the may be innocent, pretension is always de might easily quote the words of well-known earth and sky of an infinite love that is Let one or two suffice. Mr. John Boyer, while he was dressing himself in the mornnever forgetful and never unkind ; that paus- | banker, of Kincardine, says, "I was very ing.

know him pow, ought in the majority of cases to reach a hundred years. Mr Glad- to the people that they go forward." stone ought to at least look forward to another fifteen or twenty years of thorough enjoyment of life and health. It is a com- the order comes for the mov. m nt of the mon mistake to suppose that the bible has fixed the duration of life at three score years and ten. Even Schopenhauer has allen into this vulgar error. writer

of the verse referred to bewails in a pessimistic mood the shortness of human life, brought on by transgression of the laws ot Nature. The various biblical writers em-

phatically promise long life to the min who keeps the law. The proverbs of Solomon are full of excellent advice on health. 'Happy is the min that findeth wisdom. Length of days is in her right hand.' Living iu health is an art that must be learned and practised. It is the art of arts, for what is the use of idly contemplating beautiful statuary unless we strive continually to elevate ourselves to the ideal. Perpatual youth may be an empty aream, but constant health is within reach-nay more, ought to be attained by all-Arthur Lovell.

RELIGION IN THE FAMILY.

No Time is too Early to Approach Children With Religious Saggestions.

tle people that it is almost never too early to over persecuted virtue, and never to break approach them with religious suggestion, writes Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst. D. D., in the October Ladies Home Journal. It is not what we say to them that makes them religious it is the religious instinct already ate and heart-searching love of truth, lest, in them that makes intelligible to them whatever of a religious kind we say to them. The best that a child can become in this, as in every other respect, accrues from wise ly handling and fostering some impulse already contained in the childs original dowry If the beginings of individual religion were not an implant no method of treatment, no ingenuity of culture could suffice to establish such a beginning. Religion can be immanent in the child, and even be a part himself, but nothing but danger lies in the ot his experience, without his being able to comprehend the allusions made to it by his elders.* * * It holds in the twilight of life what is true in its dawning, that it begins to begins to be morning a good while before there is sunshine enough in the air for the sun-dial to be able to tell us what o'clock it is. * * * The infant's eyes are full of light waiting to be greeted by the light of the sun as soon as its lids are lifted. The heart of the child is tuned to the things of God, and its strings are ready to become

The order of God came to Moses : "Speak lay even for the most sacred duties when column. But how can we move in the tace of the deep sea? There is no sea so make a way through it for his people. of any trouble by an advance through.

What should a Preacher Be ?

He should st. n !, as it were, on the watch tower, like the Hebrew prophets, exhorting and reproving, breaking down and building up, boldly rebuking vi e and patiently suffering for the truth's s.ke, helping to sway the destinies of the nation by upliftthe banner of righteousness. He should be like a heavenly archangel, hurling arrows of light into dark and guilty hearts. He should be the enemy of the oppressor and the champion of the oppressed. Sometimes his words should descend softly as dew upon the sun-scorched wilderness, and sometimes they should be a hammer, Never should he spare to smite the hoary head of inverterate abuse, but always be It is a remarkable thing in regard to lit- ready to throw the shield of his sympathy the bruised reed or quench the smoking flax. What largeness of sympathy, what tenderness of compassion, what keeness of insight, what dauntlessness of courage does the true preacher require ! What passionafter all, he should but be daubing tottering walls with untempered mortar! All this should be, and, alas ! what is he ? Too often a burdened, weary, timid and conventional man, atraid of what people say and think, and suffering opportunism, policy and slothfulness to dominate his words .- Dean F. W. Farrar.

Made Strong by the Lord.

Often hast Thou sent to me a peace that assed understanding. It came where it had no right to come-on the steps of poverty, down the ladder of humiliations. It cane when life was low, when fortune was low, when hope was low , . . Thou hast followed me with inaudible steps. Thou hast brightened me with invisible sunbeams. Thou hast nourished me with intangible food. Thon hast strengthened me with unaccountable comfort. I have soared without wings; I have sailed without ship; I have climbed, though shrunk in sinew. The man is perfected in weakness

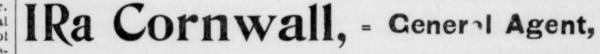
Youthful Piety.

Some tell us that child-piety is not reliable ; that churches make a great mistake in receiving children an early age into full communion ; and that we must wait until there is a more mature judgement and assured Christian life. However plausible this position may seem, facts are on the side of youthful piety. A more careful, intelligent and observant witness on this point cannot be found than the late Charles Spurgeon, and he gives this remarkable testimony: 'Out of a church of 2,700 members, I have never had to exclude a single one who was received while yet a child.' He who comes at the earliest period of intelligent comprehension to Jesus, and then grows up in the church, rarely backslides. Jesus has his eye upon the children, and if, during the formative period, they are under the right influence and training, the sooner they claim their covenant rights and enjoy the churche's fostering care, the better and truer Christians are they likely to become .- 'Presbyterian Observer.'

Habit of Morning Player.

The habit of morning prayer is a most important one. The sense of helplessness with which we lie down at night makes us find comfort in whispering our childhood's prayer. 'Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep ;' but does not the soul need that loving guarding and keeping amid the temptations and perplexities of the day, even more than amid the dangers of the darkness? Let the first thought is rendered back to us by the morning nap be given up, if necessary, or trumpets of the last judgement. Familiar the reading of the morning paper curtailed, but don't start out to the life of the day merit we ascribe to Moses, Plato, and without a look forward to its probable needs, and a 'little talk with Jesus' that shall at least invite him to go with you through all its hours.

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Our Own Thoughts.

To believe your own thought, to believe that what is true for you in your private heart is true for all men-that is genius. Speak your latent conviction, and it shall be the universal sense; for the inmost in due time becomes the outmost-and our Milton is that they set at naught books and traditions, and spoke not what men said but what they thought .--- R. W. Emerson.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A LIVER.

much troubled with indigestion, giving rise lesson that is told in grass and tree and to those distressing teelings that can hardly be described in any language, but that are so common to the dyspeptic. I tried South American Nervine, and it cured me. I have no hesitation in recommending it to any person affected with stomach trouble.' Mr. J. W. Dinwoodie, of Campbellford. Ont., the large railroad contractor, says: "I keep South American Nervine always in the house, and I do not hesitate to say that it is the very best medicine I have ever taken, and most confidently recommend it to any one troubled with nervousness of whatever form and the attendant diseases of the liver and stomach that follow this weakness." Mrs. A.V. Galbraith, of Shelburne, Ont.,

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