as he panders to the sin and shame.

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SICIAN." k-bed vows are, proverbially, unenduring. deed, they are, in common with all other ousness of the flesh. But the gospel is the of God unto salvation, alike in sickness and ealth; and where it is fully and freely hed it will meet with success. The expeof the writer in personal effort to win souls nection with the discharge of professional may encourage others to make like at-

me years ago he had under his care a young who had been living in thoughtlessness, til was struck down by consumption. She was prostrated mentally by the attendant fever, at for long she took little interest in any-At each visit the writer was wont to read posterity. gospel; and the remaining weeks of her life

passed in triumphant joy. er, and mentioned that she had had an attack emorrhage from the lungs, and wished advice. ter a careful examination had been made, she her, and that in point of fact there was evince of very serious disease in her lungs, and at her recovery was very doubtful. It was then

"Now don't begin trying to be religious on acount of what you have heard," She looked surprised, and said, "That is just

that I have trying to be.' "Tell me, do you think God loves you?" "Not unless I am good."

"If God loved only the good, He would not ind an object for his love among the whole race f man; but the good news I have for you is, that

The gospel was then opened to her. Next day he came again, apparently to hear more; and in day or two after, she wrote a note to say that for months she had been seeking to commend herself to God, but that now she had found peace in

It is some years since the writer became the atsceptical. He had suffered for many years from are in the same line of business with the Birming- my darling mother I thank her for that love which pointedly if he were saved or not. He seemed a as the custom of the country, and never think value a mother's prayer? And who would comlittle annoyed at the time, but it opened the way to there is any harm in it. But the prevalence or plain of the faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God, closer intercourse. This went on for some years, universality of idolatry does not make it right. if they would give him to rest as did this mother and his mind appeared by degrees to open up to Fashion is no law of morals. Mammon is as cruel -my dear, dear mother. Farewell."-Five the reception of the truth. During the first part of his last illness he was very much prostrated, and could only speak a few words at a time. He then rallied, and said one day-

"I have been face to face with death, and I have been considering how I can meet it. I see

to be a fact, that is believing. If you have any doubts, they will be removed not by looking into your own heart, but by looking at the testimony dise into the interior. We saw the freight put are removed. The deserted and cobwebbed

He expressed great satisfaction from having this view of the truth presented to him, and said it removed his remaining difficulties. In a few days Rum !-N. Y. Observer. after he died in peace.

A sergeant in the neighbouring barracks came under the writer's care. His disease, which was obscure, caused him much suffering. Again and again a free and present salvation was put before him. It was evidently new to him, and it seemed at first as if he were going to believe it. After a while, however, he began to cavil. The last time the writer saw bim he said that if ever he was lead a different life. It was pressed upon him that thus he was only going about to establish his mind, and strength? a Christian woman, living near him, visited him, in the tribulation he has appointed. to whom he said it was all very fine that easy

In conclusion, in order that this work may be done wisely and well, wait on the Lord for direction when he has exhausted language in proving how apartment of a converted heart doth Jesus love all fill our kegs and kettles with the water." a drawing-room before going up to a patient, are precious time for asking counsel and guidance. Be courteous; the truest faithfulness to souls does not require the violation of any rule of true politeness. Bring the same tact and delicacy into operation here that you would in the discharge of difficult professional duty. Be short, plain, and pointed, and, above all, preach a full gospel.

CHRISTIAN MANUFACTURE OF IDOLS. We see it stated that an establishment at Birmingham, England, which manufactures gods

for the Orientals, thus advertises its wares in 'a

"Yamen, the god of the dead, in fine copper, and observation :embossed, very tastefully wrought. Rirondi, the As he had a large circle of friends and acquaintprince of demons, splendidly designed; the giant ances at the East, and as it was known that he on which he rides is of a perfect model, and his was travelling to a great extent over California, sword is of a modern pattern. Varoni, the god of he received many letters from anxious friends, the sun-a brilliant piece of art; his crocodile is begging him to hunt up a brother, or a son, and of copper, and has a silver tail. Bouberin, the endeavour to bring them to Christ. Many an god of wealth; this god is of superior workman- earnest letter of this kind he had received. ship—the manufacturers have expended their best Among the rest was one from a mother, so urgent, skill upon it. Also, other small demi-gods and so full of entreaty, that it took a deep hold upon inferior divinities, a very large assortment. Credit his heart. The letter told him how she had agonipayment."

tempted to believe that this is a fictitious story him. earth where a market for their ware may be possible. At last I found him in a gambling saloon, seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." On children of men." (Ps. cvii.)

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1864.

found. It seems incredible that men who know at the card table, deeply engaged in play. In the the walls are records and inscriptions written in the worship of idols is offensive to God, are yet midst of his game I approached him, and told him moments of favoured intercourse with God, when willing to make "graven images" for the heathen I wished to speak with him. We descended into the mediations of him were sweet, and his promises to bow down unto and worship. It is certainly as the street together. I told him how long I had were like the droppings of the honeycomb. Some wicked as paganism itself. In the sight of God, been on the hunt for him, and it was all about the of these inscriptions are written with trembling the maker of an idol for another to worship is no salvation of his soul. He laughed me to scorn. hand in season of dark calamities; occasionally, as

Yet this traffic is only one of many forms in would be superfluous. He said much that in-which men make money out of others, and profess dicated that he looked upon my efforts with a frame, that, my brother, is thy closet of prayer to to be conscientious in their business. The hard- haughty disdain and contempt. But I had a thy heart mausion. Death there is death every ware men of Birmingham are not sinners above all commission to fulfil. So I requested him to go where. Silence in that room bespeaks a paralysis others in that they sell idols of silver and brass with me to the temperance room and there sign of spiritual life. That is faith's stronghold; the and iron to the East Indians. It is within the the temperance pledge; and then I wished him birth-place of all the graces. Leave not that door memory of some of us when Christians of England to go to the prayer meeting with me. He flatly to rust on its hinges, or the dust of neglect to and America pursued the slave trade with uncon- refused to do either. Stepping up close beside settle on that mercy-seat. For when that chamber sciousness of wrong doing, and even the Govern- him, I placed my hand upon his shoulder and is deserted, the heart-house is soon surrendered to ment would not shield us from the curse in its said, "Charlie, I believe you have a pious, praying Satan. But while the inner life is "hid with beginning, but fastened it on our fathers and their, mother. I am here at the request of that mother. Christ" in constant communion, thou art the The opium trade in China, and the war that to place, in obedience to a request of that mother.

lenly, her mind opened up to the reception of just as wicked in their object and their effect, as would you like to see it?" The young man was the traffic in graven images. Worse, in some struck dumb for a moment with astonishment. I respects, is opium than idols. The idol is a dead ran my hand in my pocket for the purpose of thing that cannot hurt or save. The opium is an showing him the letter. "O," said he, "don't active agent of the devil, destroying both soul and show it to me; don't produce the letter. I can-And how many thousands of our fellow men, in of gratitude to a mother, none more than I." I every city and village, are engaged in the manu- asked him again to go with me. He answered, d she believed physicians never told the truth to gir patients, and therefore she would send her to learn the result of the examination. She is assured that no deception would be practised is assured that no deception would be practised.

> ended if drunkenness ceased in the land. But we confession before many witnesses. He was a wonder at the awful wickedness of Birmingham liberally-educated young man. He was, in process manufacturers, while greater sinners are our of time, chosen to be a judge of the court of the neighbors and members of our churches. The men who make and sell bad books, and judge. One day he was trying a man who was who advertise wares that are intended to facilitate indicted for gambling and similar offences-just vice, are all getting their money by the ruin of such as he had before been guilty of. The man their fellow men, and are far more worthy of being at the bar was a desperado, and shot the judge condemned by an enlightened moral people, than | upon the bench. He was mortally wounded, and the idol makers of England. For moral desolation life was fast ebbing away. "He sent immediately like that which is wrought by the circulation of for me," continued the speaker; "I had just time infidel and licentious books is more hopeless than to reach him and receive his last words. O, what the ruins of the pagan mind.

customs or the consequences of idolatry involve. | the temperance rooms, and he signed the pledge.

esus. She lived but a few months, and died in the shrine of Mammon: the idolaters of this false dying in the assured hope of a glorious immorgod! How many minister to his temple service. tality beyond the grave. Send to her a thousand This is the idolatry of Christendom. And on this | thanks that she sent you that letter, and O, a thoutendant of a gentleman farmer. He had been altar thousands of bodies and souls are annually sand thanks to you, that you so faithfully followed religiously brought up, but had become rather sacrificed. They who minister to this worship, me up, and hunted that whole year for me. Tell disease of the heart. When visiting him during ham manufactures. We do not call it by the same never tired, and for the prayers which were never name, and we have been so long accustomed to omitted for her far-off son. I am going-going to with him. On one occasion he was asked very the worship and the ministry, that we regard it heaven. I shall meet her there. O, who can and false as Juggernaut. Mammon has its victims | Years of Prayers and Answers. here and hereafter. We live in the midst of a generation that serves him, and no man can serve

Let us be very charitable to these Birmingham Rum." Birmingham and Boston, England and truth, and thrown open to the daylight. America, Christian nations sending Bibles and Memory is another apartment of the mind missionaries into Asia, and with them Idols and which the Holy Spirit renews for a higher and

RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST.

raised from that bed of sickness he was resolved to will you not say it too, and with all your soul, and

Next morning the aneurism from which he was God to guide you and make your way perfect? How the apostles, too, exhort to "good remem- Oh, how good it tasted. How must our Father's love be grieved away, if brance" of God's Word; and to "stir up their Then did they lie down to sleep?

> Why not receive him into your heart, dear child | memory. of God? You keep him out, even when you are most in earnest to overcome sin, if you go about it sadly, doubtingly, and alone. And you who long for closer union with Christ, continue your prayer and painstaking. Study still the Bible, and strive to do good; but take

effectual measures to make your labour successful,

"Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

PRAYING MOTHERS.

A clergyman from California related the following incident, in connection with his own experience

better than the worshipper, and, in this respect he He assured me I used my time and money to very on the stone wall of the martyr's cell in the old worse, because the pagan worships in his poor advantage in looking for him, and as he Lollards' Tower, the agonizing cry has been etched ignorance, while the manufacturer despises idolatry would take good care of himself, he did with point of iron, "Quosque, Momine?"-"O not know but thanks for all my painstaking Lord, how long?" All this long year have I sought you, from place "habitation of God through his Spirit." The opium trade in China, and the first and ask blessing in a sentence Christian statesmen waged in its support, were I have the letter in my pocket asking this of me; net bear to see it. If any young man owes a debt

> There are many who call themselves Christian, Then he went to the prayer meeting. The man whose whole income is derived from the manu- | was soon in great agony of spirit. facture and sale of liquor designed primarily as an To make a long story short, that young man intoxicating beverage, and their business would be | became hopefully converted, and witnessed a good | county in which he resided. He was a conscientious precious words they were. 'Tell my dear And what shall be said of the worshippers at mother, said the dying young man, 'that I am

> > THE HEART-HOUSE.

That is a lively scriptural figure which represents I am a lost sinner. I see plainly the nature of the people. Some ten years ago we were on the the soul of a believer as a DWELLING inhabited by work of Christ, but here is the hitch—Do I coast of Asia Minor. The vessel that landed us, the Lord Jesus, who "dwells in" it "by faith." also landed there a part of her cargo on the shore, When Christ first enters the heart-house, he finds where there was no dock, no warehouse, no city. it fearfully filthy and out of order. It needeth The reply was, "If you see the work of Christ A number of camels, the ships of the desert, were cleansing, and he cleanses it. Pride's stately it was. lying on the ground waiting for their burdens; chamber is purified. The foul pictures that disand these animals were to convey the merchan- grace the walls of Sensuality's room of wantonness of God in his Word. Assure yourself thus of the ashore, and read on the barrels "Pure Boston | chamber of Conscience is entered by the key of

holier use. Ranged on its shelves he finds the

We cannot go through all the interior of the of Taste, from whose window the love of beauty looks out on magnificent landscapes; and after

" Burning like cressets in the blue depths."

There is a watch-tower, also, where Vigilance to take the boat and start off again. keeps guard to espy the coming of spiritual foes. to this turret, the Holy Spirit has written, "Watch and honour him." unto prayer." "Blessed is he whom the Lord of the heavenly inheritance, incorruptible and fading not away.

"For glimpses such as these My willing soul will bear, All that in darkest hour it sees Of toil, and pain, and care."

had lost all traces of him, and begged of him that, doors, Faith holds sweet fellowship with God. It need of.

THE LITTLE POND IN THE ROCK.

The cool drops of a summer shower fell copi-

no wild beast slaked its thirst there; perhaps a sion of a foreign foe. we think and say so, we leave out God. God saw his first battle. the litle pond. He formed it; he delighted in it; No wonder, then, that the unwonted sights and

a few weeks of San Francisco.

"Is it not stinging hot on shipboard?" said the second mate one morning.

"Hot weather, sir," answered a sailor.

An examination was instantly made. The coal had ignited, and sure enough the ship was on fire from stem to stern.

hissing in the water.

of the boats capsized. The poor sailors were picked up by the other boat, in which twentyfour men now found shelter, and close quarters

For fourteen days and ten hours they were gone, all but a little salk junk.

On the fifteenth day a small island hove in sight. They made for it, and drifting into a cove, general stores which were brought in through the wet, so weak were they, they could scarcely drag five doorways of the senses. Many of these accu- themselves up its craggy sides. When at last they mulations are worse than rubbish. Christ does did, what sight rewarded their exertions? Water. Many will remember how the dying sergeant, in not destroy the faculty; he simply appropriates water, pure water, fresh water, sparkling water, that affecting narrative, The Victory Won, charged it to himself, and makes it a granary of truth. A It was the little pond in a hollow of the rocks. his wife to pray daily, "Oh God, fill me with the sanctified memory is the soul's storeroom, even as They ran to it; they rolled themselves to it, and a sanctified conscience is its armoury. Happy falling down, plunged in their parched lips and "It is a short prayer," he added, "but it will the man whose memory is piled full, tier upon tier, drank. They blessed it, they wept over it, they of the soldier's life, thought only of his red coat will you not say it too, and with all your soul, and good men, with carefully treasured recollections of it. Some of the sailors picked the green leaves duties and the many hardships which lay before God's special mercies, and his own special weak- of a tropical plant which grew in the crevices of him. 'Ah, laddie,' he said 'you will find out one the demand for it was yearly increasing. Molasthat thus he was only going about to establish his own righteousness, and he was urged to accept of Christ. He said that would be an easy way of Christ. He said that would be an easy way of Christ. To make a fire with, found on the beach an old that glitters."

You are suffering; you are weary; you are of a tropical plant which grew in the crevices of the country is an empty garret, or a confused lumber to make a fire with, found on the beach an old that glitters."

You are suffering; you are weary; you are suffering; you are weary; you are suffering; you are suffering you will find out one the country in the crevices of failure!

You are suffering; you are suffering; you are suffering you will find out one the country in the crevices of failure!

You are suffering; you are suffering you will find out one the country in the case of failure in the crevices of failure!

You are suffering you will find out one the said 'you will find out one the country in the case of failure!

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You are suffering you are suffering you will find out one the case of failure!

You are suffering you are sufferi never be satisfied until you can cheerfully choose room heaped to the ceiling with accumulated good boat bottom up. Turning it over, what should only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country that we have been able to only the honour of being a defender of his country th being saved if it were true. During the evening God's will rather than your own, and even rejoice and evil things, so hopelessly entertangled that they see but two skeletons of some poor shipits owner can never lay hands on what he needs wrecked sailors like themselves cast on its desolate try, willing to lay down his life, as so many of his Why should you toil painfully up this hill at the moment. What a memory David had! It shores. Filling a kettle, they boiled the salt junk lat you go in those days when Popich Consignator

Why not put it off till to-morrow? But it was mpressed upon the captain's mind to do it then heart-house in one briefarticle. There is a chamber | The tired men then threw themselves on the rocks and everything that could hold water was filled. and went to sleep, nor did they wake till the sun nightfall points its telescope up into the heavens, up, they found the water in the hollow of the was high up in the sky the next morning. Waking rock gone. The little pond had vanished.

It was the Sabbath. Some of the crew wanted "No," said the captain, "God is here. The Woe unto the Christian when the sentinel falls God who gave us water out of the rock is God of asleep on his tower! Over the door that leads up the Sabbath. We will rest on this island to-day,

So they did, and the next day, on the strength when he cometh shall find watching." From this of what God had done for them, they pushed off

Before two days another island hove in sight. It proved to be Juan Fernandez, where Robinson many of my comrades have done, where would even now, can doubt that they have grossly devi-Crusoe was once cast away. But they found my soul have been now?' At the thought his ated from the first design of this institution, and things in a better condition for them than in Cru- cheek grew pale, paler than it had ever done that intoxicating liquors were the cause of that soe's day. The British government now keeps a amidst the din and horrors of his first battle, for prostitution? The greatest number of the traveldepot of supplies there for shipwrecked mariners, Henry Drummond was not wanting in bravery; ers which have been accommodated by our modern We must not overlook one room in a renewed and the poor sailors on landing found a hearty heart, though it be so small or so secluded. It is welcome-food, clothing, shelter, and a doctor, how unprepared he was to stand before his God. many of them traveling forty rods; others, one, will not be given, but a discount made for cash zed and prayed for a son in California, until she doors Faith holds are at fellows by this time were in sore

such a traffic is too wicked for the people of any lost boy, who she feared was in the broad road to mercy-seat stands within the hallowed spot. To Then they cried unto the Lord in their distress. Christian country to be engaged in. We are ruin, and, as he loved souls, do all he could to save inscribed. Prove swithout respired to the people of any lost boy, who she that the waves inscribed Prove swithout respired to the Lord in their distress. inscribed, Pray without ceasing. Over the door thereof are still. Then they are glad because invented to defame the manufacturers of Birming- Then the speaker went on to say, "I hunted she readeth the inviting words, "Enter into thy they be quiet; so he brought them into a desired invented to defame the manufacturers of Birmingham, whose enterprise doubtless urges them to desired the manufacturers of Birmingham, whose enterprise doubtless urges them to defame the manufacturers of Birmingham, whose enterprise doubtless urges them to defame the manufacturers of Birmingham, whose enterprise doubtless urges them to desired the forth to live to God. But how could he be justified of the parson also, gave a seeming air of respecta-

'ALL IS NOT GOLD THAT GLITTERS.' It was night, dark heavy clouds drifted across the heavens, obscuring every now and then the light of the moon, as it shone in the midnight

Strange indeed are the scenes looked down upon by the pale moon,-strange and sad. Sad and solemn was the scene which its beams lighted up on that dark night, in a foreign land; for they shone on what a few hours before had been a field of battle. The wounded and dying had been re- hear a hundred voices cry, 'Oh, laddie, don't fornoved, but the dead lay thick on the ground, though the work of burying them had been carried for some time. No shroud enveloped their forms, no coffin received them, they were buried as they lay, their resting-place the cold earth, high lad, but as a good soldier of the Lord Jesus and low, side by side, all equal in the grave. Christ. The mere show and tinsel of his profes-Loved friends were far away; mother, sister, wife, sion he no longer cared for; he had seen how deo'er those lowly graves; but their ashes were safe in the keeping of the great God, and on the resurrection morning, from yonder field of battle, shall arise a great army, and, their souls reunited to their bodies, some shall awake to everlasting life, house in behalf of their soldier son, had been and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Ere long the burial work was done; hot tears sing they sought, even the salvation of his never ously on a small rocky island in the Pacific Ocean. fell, sacred to the memory of loved comrades, and dying soul. There were no corn-fields on it to water, no pas- the soldiers were called off; but still the moon tures to keep green for cattle, no fruits to nomish, kept mournful watch over the 'silent dead,' all of of being led astray by mere outward glitter. The no roots to feed for man or beast, and yet the whom, only a few short hours before, were in the pleasures of sin, the love of the world, and the shower fell as abundantly, and the rain-drops pat- active bustle of a soldier's life, with hearts full of pride of life, seem very bright and alluring to the

God's blessing has so often been the case) by said to grow by the side of the Dead Sea, outward-And as the rain fell, it trickled down to a low | Britain's noble sons; many had fallen; but their place among the rocks, and made a rude pond cause was a just one, and their memories would ashes. there, clear, pure, beautiful, and sparkling. No be held sacred, as those who had died in the delittle dog lapped it, no cows came to drink there, fence of their homes and country from the inva-

wing, leaving the little pond all by itself alone. diers soon fell asleep, to fight the battle over again also I had great possessions of great and small And could we have seen it we might have said, in dreams; but one among them slept not. cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me; "Ah, useless little pond, why are you here?" and Wearied in body he was, but the scenes he had I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar thinking a moment longer, have added, "Well, witnessed were too vividly before his eyes to treasures of kings and of the provinces; I gat me you will soon dry up. No matter; nobody sees admit of slumber; for Henry Drummond was men-singers and women-singers, and the delights you; nothing is the better for you." But when little more than a boy, and this was the night after of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and

he had a purpose in it. It was as much a part sounds of the day, ever recurring, drove sleep far also my wisdom remained with me. And whatof his great plan in making the universe as you away; but gradually busy memory began to work, soever mine eyes desired I kept not from them; and the lad's thoughts turned from battle-fields to I withheld not my heart from any joy : for my The Townsend a brave ship, is ploughing its the quiet scenes of his young life, to the rural vil- heart rejoiced in all my labour; and this was my watery way to California. It is loaded with coal. lage and the neat schoolhouse where his parents portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all Her long voyage is almost over. They are within dwelt, far, far away amidst the heather-covered the works that my hands had wronght, and on hills of Scotland.

master of the village of W-, and Henry was no profit under the sun. was an only son. From his earliest years, the boy These decks have an unnatural heat, thought | showed a love for a wandering life; and, dearly the joy in God through the Lord Jesus Christ. the second mate. He ran to the ventilators, as he loved his parents, the quiet monotony of his The only gold which will endure forever is that which let in air to the hold of the ship, and a village home became at times unbearable. He laid up in heaven, where thieves break not through stream of hot air nearly suffocated him. Hurry- was a quick scholar, and his father's ambition was nor steal. Seek ye, through the merits of Jesus, ing to the captain, "Sir," said he, "the ship's on to give him an education as such, that he might to be the inhabitants of that city whose streets are succeed him as master of the school.

What! be condemned all his life to live in one with golden harps. May each one of us be enabled spot, and day after day to go through the dull in truth to say :-The horrors of such a situation on mid-ocean | routine of hearing the same lessons, and instructwho can describe? Two boats, manned and pro- ing a set of oftentimes unruly children! No! no. visioned to put to sea with the crew, escaping for he would be no schoolmaster: a life of adventures their lives. The ship was soon one mass of flame, and change was the thing for him. With grieved and at last nothing was seen but her smoking hulk | hearts the parents heard his declaration, and his father, forbidding him to speak in such a foolish The sea was rough, and on the second day one | way, assured him that he had determined to make him a schoolmaster, and such he must be.

But strict disciplinarian as Mr. Drummond was, in his school and with the other members of his family, every one knew, and even the old man himself acknowledged it, that he loved not to tossed on the wild ocean; water gone, provisions | thwart his only laddie; whom he held dear as the | tured until after molasses and treacle became very apple of his eye; and so it came to pass, that abundant, which was not until the middle of the "Water, water," was the agonizing when Henry, at a time he was visiting some friends, in a neighbouring town, attracted by the cultivation of sugar cane became extensively esmere outward show and parade of a soldier's life, had enlisted as a private in a famous foot regiment, the old man, though sorely disappointed at this and sugar and molasses became important articles overthrowing of all his plans, and not deeming his of commerce. During the first half of the eighson in any way suited for the life, withheld not teenth century, West India Rum became quite his blessing, and with an almost breaking heart plentiful in the American Colonies. From 1700 saw his son set forth, his only hope left being to 1750 there was a gradually increasing trade

feared that Henry looked only to the bright side | produce. way of being saved, but he did not believe in it. Difficulty, when you may have the strength of and greens together, and made a soup for supper. let you go in those days, when Popish foreigners are threatening to invade the country, and it be- business spread more extensively in New England; he sees you striving to fight your battles alone, when he has exhausted language in proving how apartment of a converted heart doth Jesus love to death; but oh! laddie, what I fear is, you're Such was the origin of that great popular instituduties o' the sodger's life.'

And the old man's fears were not without foundation. The boy had been indeed attracted by the outward glitter; when the novelty of that wore off, and the real life was disclosed to him, he shrunk back appalled; and as he sat that night and thought of the bloody battle-field, and of the comrades he had seen cut down by his side, the that glitters.'

Yes, he had fully realized that now; but along with these words came others, the oft repeated words of Christian advice addressed to him as he sat by the home fireside. The still small voice of conscience was speaking loud that night, asking tion, and, as such, it was recognized and protected earnestly how these counsels had been obeyed, by law. None but the best men, men of means tower Faith often looks out through the spy-glass from that rocky island to pursue their lonely and how these words had been remembered. and good character, were licensed to keep these Ever and again there arose in the mind of the houses. But who that knows anything of the lad the question: 'Had I fallen this day, as so country in former times, and in many localities

At first, it strikes every Christian mind that on her behalf, he would endeavour to look up the on her behalf, he would endeavour to look up the dormant, it was ready to spring up and bring haunts of loose, disorderly people, of the same forth fruit. Bible words known from early child- town, rendering them very offensive, and utterly ham, whose enterprise doubtless urges them to drive their business into the remotest parts of the him everywhere. I determined to find him, if thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father, who goodness, and for his wounderful works to the in the sight of a righteous God? A question out bility to the place. In these places young men of the Scottish Shorter Catechism, so often said in were tempted to waste their time, money and

the village school, rose to his memory-What is ustification? 'Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.' The words flashed on his mind with a new memory, and comforted him; the words of earnest prayer rose to his lips, and the young soldier at last fell asleep, battle-fields, the village school, and the Shorter Catechism mingling strangely in his dreams, whilst he ever seemed to get, "All is not gold that glitters."

Time passed on. Through many other scenes and dangers did Henry Drummond pass, but it was no longer as the thoughtless, God-forgetting could not come to deck with flowers and weep ceptive they were; but now he loved the duties and feared not the hardships of the life, for he had learnt, that in the right performance of these he might glorify his God. The many believing prayers, offered up in the quiet Scottish schoolheard, and the answer descended in the very bles-

Readers 'All is not gold that glitters.' Beware ly they may allure, inwardly they are full of

Listen to what a great king, who lived and stray sea-bird dipped in its bill, and then took | Wearied with the fatigue of the day, the sol- maidens, and had servants born in my house; that of all sorts. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: Henry's father was the much respected school- all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there the labour that I had laboured to do; and behold,

> The only joy which will not prove deceptive is of gold, whose redeemed ones wear crowns of pure But the very idea was distasteful to the boy. gold, and who sing the praises of their Triune God

> > 'Lord I believe Thou hast prepared, For me a blood bought free reward, A golden harp for me.

THE ORIGIN OF RUM IN AMERICA

This "hydra monster," one of the most terrible scourges of modern society when compared with other stimulating beverages, is yet in his youth, being not much more than two hundred years old. Rum could not have been manufacseventeenth century. During that century the tablished in the West India Islands, Central America, and the northern part of South America. commit him to the keeping of his God and Saviour. with the West Indies, and large quantities of rum Many were his parting counsels; much he were received in exchange for fish, lumber and

In process of time the colonists began to entertain the thought of manufacturing their own rum. It had become an important article of trade, and distilling spirits began in the Province of New York. In 1746 there were three distilleries, and in 1749 the number had increased to six. This tion of modern times, viz., " New England rum at three cents per glass." New England rum has since obtained a world-wide reputation.

So extensive was its manufacture in this country during the last century, that in Newport alone there were, at one time, thirty distilleries of this article. It became a prominent article of traffic, first, with Nova Scotiz and Canada, then with France, Africa, Turkey, etc. It was the staple words that rang in his ears were, 'All is not gold article in the African Slave Trade, being chiefly used in payment for slaves. A fit conjunction of two great evils, culminating in a most diabolical degradation of the image of God in humanity!

THE DEMORALIZATION OF THE TAVERN. The tavern was originally a beneficent institubut eternity had been very near, and he felt now taverns, have been people of the same town, His upbringing had been a godly one; the seed two or three miles perhaps, and traveling many hood, but little thought of, little acted on, were unfit for the entertainment of strangers of the least remembered now. Two things were felt necessary | delicacy. The occasional presence of the village

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