RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

Jesus Knocks.

Dost thou not hear that sound? Must it be always drowned By clamorous voices of the world replying It is the voice of One that standeth crying; Of one that standeth at a fast closed door Patiently knocking-knocking evermore.

Dost thou not hear that sound? The snow is on the ground To-night; the cold north wind is blowing

chill: But surely must that heart be colder still-

Frozen with cold, and fettered hard with air,

spoliation by Jack Frost.

need to be sent to the cooper.

for a given meal, and not keeping

TEN YEARS AFTER

A True Story.

AUNT GERTRUDE.

Fannie said she should marry a

Belle said she would like to be a

Alice, who chose to be a " mission-

life to an invalid mother. She has

never worked in foreign fields, and

Amy, who hoped for a brilliant

Lillie, who would never marry,

That cannot take this Blessed Stranger in,

Thou dost not ask what door Is that He knocks before, Nor who it is ; for thou art well aware It is none less than Jesus standing there ! He waits, He pleads, as only He knows how Thou hast not always listened-listen now!

I think I hear Him say, "Thou wilt not turn away Thy truest Friend ?" I shed My blood long years Ago for thee. To-night I shed My tears If still I find no entrance to thy heart, Is it some sin from which thou canst not part?

AL WIL

"Is it the love of gain That makes My pleading vain? Didst thou but know what treasures I have always entertain. brought, What peace ! What pardon!-thou would'st

count as naught All else beside. Right dearly were they won, For I have died for thee, My son ! My son!

"The thorns have pierced My brow ; The nail-prints even now

Are in My hands-these hands, that bring comfort and more to spare for charity with the larger one. to thee Such gifts; O, say at last thou lovest Me

For I have waited many a weary year. He that hath ears to hear, now let him hear.'

> Thus Jesus knocks, O, might There only be to-night

Ten years ago to-day I was at One door by eager, trembling hand unbarred Shirley, and Amy was celebrating To let Him in ; one heart, however hard, her twelfth birthday. She had Touched by the greatness of this Loveleven little friends to tea; and divine ! Whose shall it be? O brother, why no thine ?

of danger to the health of the house- month after this was said, her wish face of each, and they saw each hold, the vitiated air of cellar and was accomplished; for her mother other no more. Not strange that a storeroom reaching the living apart- spent her only daughter's whole for- thrill of Christian sympathy took ments through floors, registers, and tune in endowing an orphan asylum possession of my brother's heart, as apertures for pipes. Diphtheria, and hospital, and keeps "Dell's he at once took a seat by the side typhoid fever, and impaired vitality purse" always filled to help the many of William, who had hitherto been may come from no more mysterious poor families to whom she is a con- a stranger, but now was a Chrissource than this. In extreme cold stant visitor and friend.

weather the habitual oversight of Bessie would be an "authoress." mother or mistress the last thing at | and is one, though at that time she night has saved many a plumber's little guessed her gift would be needbill, and outlay from breakages and ed to earn for her her daily bread. the faith ?" What stronger evi-

Matron or maid who uses the best the world, and see everything." and brightest of tin-ware for coarse Alas, and alas! In the past ten and answer which came from these purposes, where the older ones will years she has not been fifty miles two travelers to eternity ?--- Selectdo, will probably be careless about from home, and she is blind.

putting any of them away thorough-Ada, who "couldn't guess and ly dried ; and she who makes no dis- didn't care" what might be in store tinctions between the common and for her, has started out in life with the best tureens and table ware, ex flattering prospects as the wife of a posing them recklessly to the hot young lawyer.

Helen sits at my side, and I find replied oven or to risk of breakage, will always be in need of new crockery. her weeping quietly as I finish read-Tubs and pails exposed to a day ing this story which brings back to is my Father's house; thou canst atmosphere or left to dry in the her the many changes since that not banish me." wind will soon drop their hoops and bright May-day Tea-party, ten years ago. She says the only thing I can Flour and meal or sugar left un- say of her is that she is strong and for my life is hid with Christ in covered, and crumbs not brushed well, and, being older than Alice, is God." from table and shelves, are cards of entitled to the position of "old invitation to mice, ants, and flies, maid" of the crowd.-The Christian

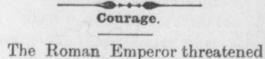
which the careless housekeeper must Advocate. Preparing a great excess of food

Inferior Aims.

The useless man is worthless what is left in good condition to use nentally, and the worthless man is again, is a common source of waste. morally useless. A life addicted to All these things mentioned are triffes worthless pursuits begets the rein detail, but the aggregate makes morse and self-upbraidings which, the difference between thrift and however angry and stinging they destitution with a small income, and may be, seldom lead to amendment. A life addicted to useless pursuit so weakens the mind as to make it incapable of vigorous, much less of sustained effort.

Bishop Heber, the author of the famous missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," had a brother, whose learning and talents would have secured him fame and influence, but for his persistence in tian brother.

Not, "Have you made money ?" "Have you made a great name for yourself?" but, "Have you kept Lizzie wanted to travel "all over dence of conversion could have been given, than in the question



Chrysostom with banishment if he remained a Christian; but

"Thou canst not, for the world

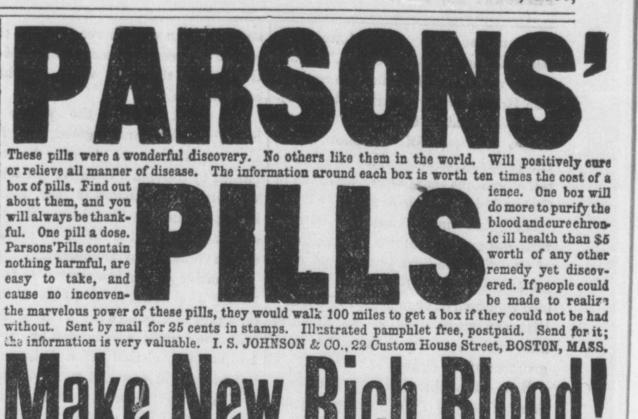
"I will slay thee," rejoined the emperor. "Nay, thou canst nct,

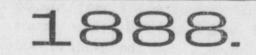
"I will take away thy treasures." "Nay, that thou canst not, for, in the first place, I have none that thou knowest of. My treasure is in heaven, and my heart is there." "But I will drive thee away from man, and thou shalt have no friend left.

"Nay," said Chrysostom, "and that thou canst not, for I have a Friend in heaven from whom thou taking. canst not separate me. I defy thee; there is nothing thou canst do to hurt me."-The Worker.

Aphorisms.

Do not seem what you are not. An ounce of conviction is worth 8 EDGE pound of coercion. The true way to be happy is to make others happy. We can do more good by being ood than in any other way. One day is worth three to him who does everything in order. If you are not wiser at the end good than in any other way. who does everything in order. of the day, that day is lost. The credit gained by a lie lasts only until the truth comes out. Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving It is something to be good; but his libraries, except to place newly- it is far finer to be good for some-The rapid progress made by this Company may be seen from the following Statement If you cannot speak well of your neighbors do not speak of them at There is a sufficient recompense in the very consciousness of a noble





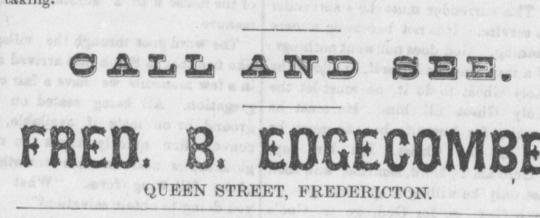
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Where the Money Goes.

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It has often caused wonder why amily lives in respectable and that comfort, while another, with equal health and income at the start, instead of improving in circumstances from year to year, seems never to make the financial the thought of the party turned to ends meet. With disregard of vig- the future. Alice began teasing ilance, painstaking, and frugality, Fannie to know which she would poverty is an easy achievement.

These are some of the ways of lawyer, merchant, or prince, and throwing away money without any from this it came about that they return in convenience and comfort : Keeping stoves, grates, and furnaces one told what she would choose her crowded with fuel without refer- future life to be if she could have ence to the temperature out-of-doors, her choice, and I became their or the amount or kind of work to be historian. Uninvited and unobservaccomplished within. The kitchen ed I noted down at the time what stove or range is greatly injured by each said, and have followed them being kept red-hot. The cook and all along the way. laundry help, and the house, are needlessly over-heated ; food is burnbanker, and have a fine house and ed, or cooked at too high a temperhorses and carriages. She did inature; garments are scorched in deed have all these things, and did the ironing; the tea-kettle, granite marry a banker; but to day she is and iron ware boil dry; and utenagain under her father's roof with sils of every kind need often to be her only child, while her husband is repaired or replaced; water in the in prison serving a term for emreservoir is allowed to get low, or bezzlement. boils, sending its steam through the house-all the fuel used in excess hospital nurse, and devote her life to of what is necessary being an agent the afflicted. But loving friends of destruction in addition to its first have to do for her what she had

hoped to do for others, and for eight Another waste is in lighting years have seen her suffering wearily more lamps and burners than is with spine disease. This is not the necessary for the cheerful illumina- life she planned, and yet she is so tion of the house, and neglecting to patient and cheerful an invalid that turn them down when not in use, it may be she does more good by and delay in substituting daylight her beautiful example than she could do in any other way.

A great deal more soap than is necessary for cleanliness is allowed ary," is still single, and devoting her to dissolve in dish-water, to the injury of silver, china, and the hands; and pieces find their way into the yet she is a "missionary" indeed to slop-drain that should be saved for many an humble home, whose inthe boiling suds in the weekly wash.

mates are the recipients of her Printed fabrics and colored stockmother's bounty. ings are injured in color by soap, freezing, and sunshine. Flannels and useful life, is in a private insane shrink and lose their soft texture asylum, surrounded by every luxury, by being subjected to the same probut hopelessly insane. cesses used in cleansing cotton goods.

but would be a teacher, and some Perishable articles of food are day have "a big seminary like Miss

misusing them. He was a bibliomerry party they were. Amy manuac, and spent one-half his life. thirty years, in travelling over poured the tea, enjoying the honor Europe to collect rare books. His of sitting in mamma's place behind earning and fortune enabled him to the tea-service, and urged the girls make such an immense collection of to drink a great many cups so that rare and valuable works, that when she might have the fun of pouring them. Lillie served the strawhe died he owned four large libraries in England, and seven or eight on berries and Sue the ice-cream and the continent. He cared little to them. much chattering and little eating read his books, and seldom visited was the order of the day. Fannie got the piece of cake that acquired volumes on their shelves. thing. had the ring in, whereupon-as it had been agreed that one would be At his death there were found in the first to wear a wedding-ringwarehouses scores of boxes filled with books, which he had not found all. time to unpack. His life was useless, except in saving other bibliochoose for her husband, "doctor, began to talk seriously, and each

maniacs labor and expense. After dead. his death, at the sale of his libraries in London, which occupied several weeks, rival book-collectors bought what they wanted without the trouble of travelling over Europe to find them.

Charles Greville tells of a Mr Gregory, who early in life determined to make a fortune, in order that he might build a magnificent house. He lived, worked and travelled for no other object. Wherever he went he sought out useful and ornamental objects for his projected palace. When he had accumulated the fortune which gave him an income of £12,000 (\$60,000) a year, he began to build. He built so slowly and with such magnificence that his friends suggested that the completion of the palace and his own death might be about the same time. . His answer was: "It is my amusement, as hunting or shooting or feasting is the amusement of other people. In pursuing it, I am led into all parts of Europe and mix with all sorts of people, that I may obtain articles to adorn my house or to make it more comfortable. If I never live in it, I don't care. I am carrying out the object of my life."

A man living solely to build a palace for the purpose of his own gratification !

These incidents represent inferior aims in life. It is every man's duty to do the best work of which he is capable, and to exert his best inluence. His spiritual interests are his higher interests, and the only ones that will last; if he cares for his soul, his conscience will care for direction and the projectile force. his intellect and body. Seek first and his righteousness." A true life get quit of his wickedness first by

Tongues. "I wish I had not said that." "I always do speak before hink.'

"I didn't mean it."

"A fellow can't say a thing bu say in an irresponsible fashion,

without much thought or intent. Is it their own say? Yes; but they are only repeating what the heart told them, as little children express their opinions gathered at the breakfast-table. Watch yourselves Watch your tongues. - Baptist

(Dodde RANDOM READINGS.

Weekly.

Nobody ever outgrows the Scriptures; the book widens and deepens with our years .- Spurgeon.

It is in men, as in soils, where sometimes there is a vein of gold which the owner knows not of .-Swift.

The three essentials of human happiness are something to love, something to do, and something to hope for.

Character in a preacher is the very force in the bow that launches the arrow. It is the latent heart behind the words that gives them

You turn the gospel upside down

Before I commit a sin it seems

to me so shallow that I may wade



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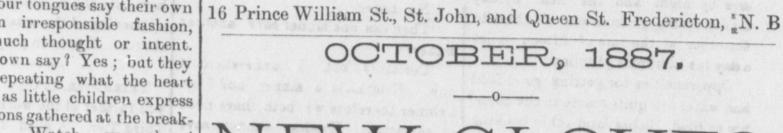
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what she flies out about it." These are every-day words, yes, a nundred-times-a-day words. What do they mean? Simply that one of the temptations against which we guard ourselves least is the temptation to let our tongues say their own



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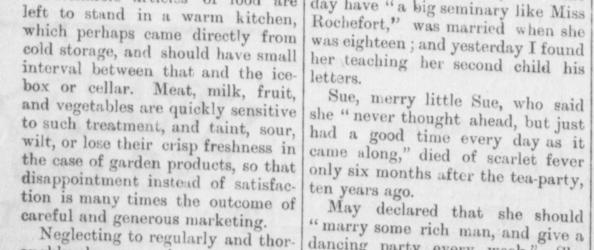
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oughly cleanse crocks, jars, cans, or did not marry the rich man, but has other receptacles in which butter, become the mistress of a quiet and opened the window, and hurriedly bread, or any food is kept is the happy home in the country, where, cailed, "John!" A man at an origin of stale odors and flavors, and instead of the "dancing party every open window in the other train germs of mold that hasten decay, week," she devotes herself to the instantly recognized his friend, and and render what is in contact with mission boys and the sewing-classes, quickly responded, "William !" A them unfit for use. Omitting to and is altogether "the best, most hearty grasp of hands, and the so much theory as practice; not so burn, bury, or remove spoiled fruit, useful, active little body in the short, solemn inquiry came ringing much tears as dollars; not so much

Sue, merry little Sue, who said

'marry some rich man, and give a Neglecting to regularly and thor- dancing party every week." She

lives in the happiness it creates, his own effort, in order that thereby and derives its joy from the service he may obtain the favor of God .of God and of others .- Youth's Com- Henry G. Comingo, D. D. panion.

The All-Important Question.

through it dry-shod from any gui ti-A dear brother of the writer, ness; but when I have committed living in New York. was recently it, it often seems so deep that I can on a train which was just leaving not escape without drowning .-the station. By the side of it, on Fuller. May declared that she should the next track, was another train, which was about starting in the What the world calls virtue is a

name and a dream without Christ. opposite direction. A man near my The foundation of all human excellence must be laid deep in the blood of the Redeemer's cross and in the power of his resurrection .- F. W. Robertson.

decomposition, is not only a source Dell intended to "devote her life the faith?" "Aye, by the help of so much smiles as shoes; not so of wasteful injury to other things in and money to the poor and suffer- God, I have." The cars moved much "God bless yous !" as jackets their vicinity, but is also an element ling," and, though she died one away, a smile of pleasure on the and frocks.-Talmage.

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