

## FINE POINTS IN ENGLISH.

The man had just informed the Pullman agent that he wanted a Pullman berth.

"Upper or lower?" asked the agent.

"What's the difference?" asked the man.

"A difference of fifty cents in this case," replied the agent. "The lower is higher than the upper. The higher price is for the lower. If you want it lower you'll have to go higher. We sell the upper lower than the lower. In other words, the higher the lower. Most people don't like the upper, although it is lower on account of its being higher. When you occupy an upper you have to get up to go to bed and get down when you get up. You can have the lower if you pay higher. The upper is lower than the lower because it is higher. If you are willing to go higher it will be lower." But the poor man had fainted.—Richmond Christian Advocate.

"Infidels are opposed to the Bible, because the Bible is opposed to them."

Some people are always finding fault with Nature for putting thorns on roses: always thank God for putting roses on thorns.—Karr.

"I would rather go to the kingdom of heaven through the poor house than to go down to hell in a golden chariot."—Selected.

## THE DEADLY SHOW.

The following news item from the Wall Street Journal reaches us through an exchange. Many of our readers are rural folks and have little idea of the fearful havoc of the Moving Picture evil, but one and all should lift voice and pen against it at every opportunity. The following fact will be a revelation to some of us.

The leading picture corporation now has a gross income of one million dollars a week.

It employs three hundred thousand people permanently.

America sends an average of fifty million of its people to pay for the admittance to the picture shows each week.

The total annual paid admission to the pictures in this country is five hundred million.

There are about fifteen thousand picture theatres in this country.

This gigantic industry and item in our national life is of such influence and power as to demand that the church take account of it and the nature of its influence.—Geo. H. Smith.

Someone has suggested that Satan's hate is primarily against God, and that he seeks the ruin of men because this offers an opportunity for him to strike at the heart of God who loves the children of men and would bring them into eternal glory. Herald of Holiness.

The church carries on the biggest business in the world—the Master's business.

## THE UNWISDOM OF THE WISE.

"Astronomy has mapped the heaven and numbered the stars, but on its sky charts we find no Star of Bethlehem, and in its sky no Sun of Righteousness. Geology has combed the stratified layers of the earth's foundations, but it has found no Rock of Ages. Physics, with its electric light, has illuminated cities until the night is banished, but it knows not, heeds not the Light of the World. Mineralogy has sifted the stones of the earth, and sounded the depth of the seas, but it has found no Jewels of the King, nor a Pearl of Great Price. Oh, the unwisdom of this age of the wise! Men now, as never before, by wisdom, know not God."—Good Tidings.

"Faith does not first ask what the bread is made of, but eats it. It does not analyze the components of the living stream, but with joy draws water from the 'wells of salvation.'"—J. R. MacDuff.

## STORM AND SUNSHINE MINGLE IN OUR EXPERIENCES.

In the physical world there is a constant mingling of light and shadow. We cannot have the beauty of the rainbow without the gloom of the stormcloud. We cannot gaze upon the brightness of the full moon without knowing that the dark shadow of the earth is about to invade its radiant disk and again effect the gradual extinction of its soothing light. So great prosperity has its attendant adversity, and joy is tempered by sorrow.—Wilkinson.

Don't become angry and act childishly and remain away from the house of God because you have had your feelings hurt. Be a real Christian, do your part and don't grunt.

Holiness is the keeping grace, and, therefore, holiness must be the dominant note in the revival which is now so much needed. Only foolish vanity can make one think that he is safe with less than the best that the grace of God can do for him.—Sel.

Faith and religion can accomplish more than any physician in keeping you well bodily, mentally and spiritually.

I am so needy, Lord, and yet I know

All fullness dwells in Thee:  
Supplies and fills in overflowing measure  
And, hour by hour, that never-failing  
treasure

My last and greatest need, and so  
Thy grace is enough for me.

"Sin is the only cloud without a silver lining."

Morning is at hand. The Day Star is near the rising. We are not many miles from home, what matter then the ill entertainment in the smoky inns of this worthless world.—Samuel Rutherford.

A string of opinions is no more Christian faith than a string of beads is Christian practice.—John Wesley.

## THE "FOREIGN FIELD" IN OUR MIDST

Is it not possible that some missionary or raising money for "Foreign Fields" as societies are so much occupied in sewing to lose sight of the fact that the "Foreign Field" is frequently right in our midst? That just around the corner is a Christian Church, the members of which are citizens of the very land for which they are working, that is struggling against obstacles, and is in need of their help right here? Are we helping the missionaries sent abroad if we neglect the natives of the lands they are sent to, who are here amongst us? Do not many people lose sight of the fact that today there are, living next door to them, people who fifty or even twenty-five years ago were separated from them by continents and oceans?

Valuable missionary work may be done in one's own home by opening the door and giving friendship to the woman from distant lands who are eager to learn the best of the strange new country to which they have come, and to whom friendship is both a pleasure and a privilege.—The Missionary Review of the World.

## A UNIQUE BEATITUDE.

The Bible pronounces blessing on the most singular conditions of heart and life. It blesses the poor in spirit; those that mourn. These are the very last conditions that carnal human nature consider blessed or happy. James makes the astonishing statement, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation. Temptation becomes then a channel of blessing. He says they are the road to "the crown of life."

Temptations are compliments from Satan. He knows the tempted man has the pearl of great price, and he seeks to steal it from him.

Temptations, therefore are not sins, as we are not in Divine order, or else we some suppose. Nor are they proofs that should have to condemn Jesus, "The Captain of our salvation," who Himself was tempted. We may overcome every temptation. No man was ever compelled to yield to temptation for the Apostle says, "There hath no temptation taken you, but such as is common to man, but God is faithful who will with the temptation make a way to escape."

We believe when we get to glory and look back over the race we have run, we shall see how temptations have been the means of great spiritual enrichment, and we shall feel like saying, "Blessed temptations."—Way of Holiness.

While a Christian man in Connecticut was dying, he groaned out, "Lost, lost!" The pastor, who was at his bedside said in surprise, "I thought you were saved." "Yes," he replied, "My soul is saved, but fifty years of my life are lost." He might have been useful during that time, but now the opportunity is lost forever.—A. C. Dickson.

"It is not the fact that a man has riches that keeps him from the kingdom of heaven, but the fact that riches have him."—J. Caird.