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The Brooklyn Divine Gives Another Evidence of His Genius in the Lessons He Draws from the Book of Ruth-The Sermon in Full.

BROOKLYN, June 22.-Dr. Talmage gives another evidence of his genius in who make a good starting, but after is sermon for today. The Book of Ruth has furnished the subject for many sermons, but they have naturally been concerned with the central character of that beautiful story; it remained for the popular Brooklyn divine to find in the character of the less conspicuous widow material for spiritnal lessons. His text is Ruth i 14: "And they lifted up their voice and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-inlaw; but Ruth clave unto her." Following is the sermon:

Moab was a heathen land. Naomi is about to leave it and go into the land of Bethlehem. She has two daughtersin-law, Ruth and Orpah, who conclude to go with her. Naomi tells them they had better not leave their native land and undertake the hardship of the journey, but they will not be persuaded. They all three start out on their journey. After awhile Naomi, although she highly prized the company of her two daughters-in-law, attempted again to persuade them to go back, because of the hardship and self denial through which they would be obliged to go.

Ruth responds in the words from which I once discoursed to you: "Entreat me not to leave thee, nor to return from following after thee, for where thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God; where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me and more also if aught but death part thee and me." Not so with her sister Orpah. Her determination had already been shaken. The length and peril of the journey began to appall her, and she had wershiped the gods of Moab so long that it was hard to give them up. From that point Orpah turned back, the parting being described in the words of my text: And they lifted up their voice and wept again, and Orpah kissed her mother-inlaw, but Ruth clave unto ber.

LESSONS FROM THE STORY OF ORPAR. Learn from this story of Orpah that some of those who do not leave the Moab of their iniquities are persons of fine susceptibility. It was compassion for Naomi in her widowhood and sorrow that led Orpah to start with her toward Bethlehem. It was not because of any lack of affection for her that she turned back. We know this from the grief exhibited at parting. I do not know but that she had as much warmth and ardor of nature as Ruth, but she lacked the courage and persistence of her sister. That there are many with as fine susceptibility as Orpah who will not take up their cross and follow Christ is a truth which needs but little demonstration. Many of those who have become the followers of Jesus have but very little natural impressibility. Grace often takes hold of the hardest heart and the most unlovely character and transforms it. It is a hammer that breaks rocks.

In this Christ often shows his power. quer a flat country, but might of artillery and heroism to take a fort manned and ready for raking cannonade. The great Captain of our salvation has forced his way into many an armed eastle. I doubt not that Christ could have found many a fisherman naturally more noble hearted than Simon Peter, but there was no one by whose conversion he could more gloriously have magnified his grace. The conversion of a score of Johns would not have illustrated the power of the Holy Ghost as much as the conversion of one Peter. It would have been easier to drive twenty lambs like John into the fold than to tame one lion like Peter. God has often made some of his most efficient servants out of men naturally unimpressionable. As men take stiff and unwieldy timbers, and under huge handed machinery bend them into the hulk of great ships, thus God has often shaped and bent into his service the most unwieldly natures, while those naturally impressionable are still in their unchanged state.

HOW MANY NEVER BECOME CHRISTIANS

Oh, how many like Orpah have warm affections and yet never become Christians! Like Orpah they know how to weep, but they do not know how to pray. Their fineness of feeling leads them into the friendships of the world but not into communion with God. They can love everybody but him, who is altogether levely. All other sorrow rends their heart, but they are untouched by the woes of a dying Christ. Good news fills them with excitement, but the glad tidings of great joy and salvation stir not their soul. Anxious to do what is right, yet they rob God. Grateful for the slightest favors, they make no return to him who wrung out the last drop of blood from his heart to deliver them from going down to the pit. They would weep at the door of a prison at the sight of a wicked captive in chains, but have no compassion for their own souls, over which Satan, like a grim jailer, holds the lock and key. When repulsive, grasping, unsympathetic natures resist the story of a Saviour's love it does not excite our surprise; but it is among the greatest of wonders that so many who exhibit Orpah's susceptibility also exhibit Orpah's impenitency.

We are not surprised that there is

barreness in a desert, but a strange thing is it that sometimes the Rose of Sharon will not grow in a garden. On a summer morning we are not surprised to find a rock without any dew on it, but if going among a flock of lilies we saw in them no glittering drops we would say, "What foul sprite has been robbing these vases?" We are not surprised that Herod did not become a Christian, but how strange that the young man Jesus loved for his sweetless of temper should not have loved

trembled, proud Nebuchadnezzar repented and cruel Manasseh turned unto tionate and gentle, has fought successfully against divine influences. Many a dove has refused to come in the window of the a 't, although finding no rest for the sole of her foot. MANY START BUT TURN BACK.

Again, the history of Orpah impresses upon me the truth that there are many THE SINNER'S BURDEN HEAVIER THAN THE CROSS. awhile change their minds and turn back. When these three mourners and following Jesus, but that cross is ple refuse the kingdom of Christ. There start from their home in Moab there is not half so heavy as the burden which as much probability that Orpah will the sinner carries. It is a very solemn Orpah left her sister and mother-in-law reach Bethlehem as that her sister Ruth thing to be a Christian, but it is a more and her mother-in-law Naomi will ar solemn thing not to be a Christian. rive there. But while these continue There are multitudes who, afraid of in the journey they commenced Orpah the self denials of the Christian, rush after awhile gets discouraged and turns into the harder self denials of the unback. This is the history of many a believer. No yoke but Christ's, howsoul. Perhaps it was during a revival ever tight and galling! Orpah goes of religion they resolved upon a Chris- back to her idolatries, but she retian life and made preparations to leave turns weeping; and all who follow her Moab. Before that they were indiffer- will find the same sorrows. Just in ent to the sanctuary; churches were proportion as gospel advantages have necessary evils. The minister almost been numerous will be the disturbance new religion had been brought to her always preached poor sermons, because of the heart that will not come to they had not the heart to hear them. Christ, They thought the bread was not good, because their appetite was poor. Re- where Christ was buried: "In the midst ligion did very well for invalids and the of the garden there was a sepulcher;" aged, but they had no desire for it.

soul. They found that something must a chilliness of death. Although they be done. Every night there was a may pull out the arrows that strike thorn in their pillow. There was gall their soul from the Almighty's quiver, in their wine. They found that their there remain a sting and a smarting. pleasures were only false lights of a If men wrench themselves away from swamp that rise out of decay and death. Christ they will bear the mark of his Losing their self control they were hand by which he would have rescued startled by their own prayer, "God be them. The pleasures of the world merciful to me, a sinner." They did may give temporary relief from the up they say their morning and evening not suspect it, but the Holy Ghost was braidings of conscience, but are like in their soul. Without thinking what stupefying drugs that dull the pain only they were doing they brushed the dust temporarily. off the family Bible. The ground did not feel as firm under them, nor did the would think he ought to be happy with air seem as bright. They tried to dam his courtiers and chariots and palaces, back the flood of their emotions, but yet he goes to bed sick because Naboth altar. Home duties, health of body, the attempt failed, and they confessed will not sell him his vineyard. Haman their anguish of soul before they meant is prime minister of the greatest nation to. The secret was out! They wanted in the world, and yet one poor man to know what they must do to be saved. who will not bow the head makes him THE START FOR BETHLEHEM.

the minister must have heard of their case and was preaching right at them. their pew with their eyes shut and head averted with an air of unmoved dignity. They began to pray with an carnestness that astonished themselves and astonished others. Shoving the plane, or writing up accounts, or walking the street when you might have thought their mind entirely upon the world, they were saying within themselves, "Oh, that I were a Christian!" Orpah is fully started on the road to Bethlehem. Christian friends observing the religious anxiety of the awakened soul say, "He must certainly be a Christian. There is another soldier in Christ's ranks; another sick one has been cured of the leprosy." The observers turn their attention another way. They say, "Orpah is safe enough; she has gone to Bethlehem."

Alas! Alas! Starting out for heaven is a very different thing from arriving there. Remember Lot's wife. She from which she came and was destroyed. Half way between Sodom and the city of Refuge that strange storm comes upon her, and its salt and brimstone gather on her garments until they are so stiffened she cannot proeeed, nor can she lie down because of this dreadful wrapping around her garments and limbs; and long after her life has gone she still stands there so covered up by the strange storm that she is called a pillar of salt, as some sailor on ship's deck in the wintry tem-

pest stands covered with a mail of ice. Ten thousand times ten thousand men have been destroyed half way between Sodom and the city of Refuge. Orpah might as well never have started as afterward to turn back. Yet multitudes have walked in her footsteps. Go among those the least interested in sacred things and you will find that they were once out of the land of Moab. Every one of them prayed right heartily and studied their Bibles and frequented the sanctuary, but Lot's wife looked back wistfully to Sodom and Orpah retreated from the company of Ruth and Naomi. It is an impressive thought that after Orpah had gone so far as actually to look over into the land of Bethlehem she turned back and

died in Moab. TO TURN BACK MEANS TO STRUGGLE. Again, let our subject impress upon us the truth that those who have once felt it their duty to leave their natural state cannot give up their duty and go back to hardness of heart without a struggle. After Orpah had thoroughly made up her mind to go back to the place from which she started she went through the sad scene of parting with Ruth and Naomi. My text says: "They lifted up their voice and wept." Ah my hearer, it requires more decision and perseverance to stay away from

the kingdom of God than to enter it. Although she did not know it Orpah try. She must go into Bethlehem, that passed through a greater struggle in there among the pious she may worship turning back into the land of Moab the true God. Ruth makes a similar than would have been necessary to choice, but Orpah rebels. "And they take her clear through to Bethlehem. lifted up their voice and wept again, Suppose you that those persons who and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, have remained in their evil ways have but Ruth clave unto her." The history had no struggle? Why, they have of this family of Elimelech is the his been obliged to fight every inch of their tory of many families of this day. WLY. The road to death is not such easy traveling as some ministers have atives, while they look alike, and walk

been accustomed to describe it. against the sharp sword of the Spirit. in the affectional relations of this life. It is climbing over the cross. It is wad- they are separated in the most iming through the deep blood of the Son portant respects. Some now are the privilege. It is wading through lakes of the front is continuous and baptismal fonts and baptismal fonts and bulpits and Bibles. It is in Mosb. Of the same family are David wedging one's self through between and pulpits and Bridge one's self through between and press us back and hold on to and press us back and hold on to us by their prayers even after we have us by their prayers even after we have reased them in our headlong downward.

It is no control the same and the same are dead in sin, have been appalled and driven back by turned on the flat face of the iron is turned on the flat face of th of God. It is scaling mountains of children of light and others the chilsed them in our headlong downward family was the holy and devout Eil cost; and because a Christian life de-

the Redeemer. Hard hearted Felix career. No man ought to think of undertaking to go back into Moab after having come within sight or Bethlehem, unless he have a heart that cannot be made to quake, and a sure foot that will not slip among infinite perils, and an arm that can drive back the Son of God, who stands in the center of the broad road spreading out his arms and shouting into the ear of the thoughtless pilgrim, "Stop! stop!"

We talk about taking up the cross The Bible says in regard to the place

and in the midst of the most flowery Suddenly a change came upon their enjoyments of the unpardoned there is

Ahab has a great kingdom and you utterly miserable. Herod monopolizes With Ruth and Naomi weeping Or- the most of the world's honor, and yet pah started for the land of Bethlehem. is thrown into a rage because they say They longed for the Sabbath to come. a little child is born in Bethlehem who Straight as an arrow to the mark the may after a while dispute his authority. sermon struck them. They thought Byron conquered the world with his pen and yet said that he felt more un-happiness from the criticism of the They thought the sermon was very short, most illiterate reader than he experi of the day book, what will become of nor did they once coil themselves up in enced pleasure from the praise of all the talented

A LESSON FROM SHENSTONE'S LIFE. In the last century in England lived the immortal Shenstone. Portions of his life were given to the writing of poetry, but this was not evidently the field for which nature had equipped neglect of our deathless spirit. Lydia him. His name will never be forgotten, because of the home which he adorned and beautified until there probably never has been so bright a spot since the Garden of Eden as what he loved to call "The Leasowes." In addition to yet three times a day he found time to the marvels which nature had wrought he added the perfection of art. Arbor and terrace and slope and rustic temple and reservoir and urn and fountain here had their crowning. Oak and yew and hazel put on their glory of verdure. What the greenness of deep grass and the foam of cascade and the of Shenstone, and all that genius and diligence were directed to the adornment of that treasured spot. What more could one want to make home happyT

Yet there is one man who sits sighing in those bowers, and casting gloomy looks upon those parks, and the mirth of leaping waterfalls makes no melody in his ear. It is Shenstone, the owner of the Leasowes. "I have lost my road to happiness," says the despondent man. "I am angry and envious and dejected and frantic, and disregard all present things, just as it becomes a madman to do." My friends, there is no solid happiness in anything but religion. I care not how bright a home Orpah has in Moab, when she turns away from duty she turns away from peace. Amid the bacchanalia of Belhazzar's feast and the glitter of chalices there always will come out a hand writing on the wall fearfully ominous. "Tekel"-weighed in the balances and lound wanting. When you can reap harvests off bare rocks, and gather balm out of nightshade, and make sunlight sleep in the heart of sepulchers, and build a firm house on a rocking billow, then can an unpardoned soul find firm enjoyment amid its trans ssions. Then can Orpah go back to Moab without weeping.

PAMILIES DIVIDED BY RELIGION. Again, this subject teaches that a religious choice and the want of it frequently divide families. Ruth and Orpah and Naomi were tenderly attached. They were all widows, and their life had been consecrated by a baptism of tears. In the fire of trial their affections had been forged. Together they were so pleasantly united you can hardly imagine them separated. Yet a fatal line is drawn dividing them from each other, perhaps forever. Naomi cannot live in a heathen coun-

How often it is that in a circle of relalike and talk alike there is a tre-From beginning to end it is fighting mendous difference. Outwardly united

and the reckless Phiness and Hophni. mands so much courage and faith they Jonathan Edwards, the good, and dare not begin to build. Perhaps they Pierrepont Edwards, the bad, belong are courageous in every other respect. to the same family. Aaron Burr, the dissolute, had a most excellent father. They are not timid in presence of any danger except that of trusting in the infinite mercy of Christ. Dying yet immortal hearer, by the solemnity of the parental and filial

and conjugal relation, by the sacred-

ness of the family hearth, by the honor

of the family name, by the memory of

departed kindred, I point out this part-

WHY PROPLE REFUSE CHRIST.

and went back home, but there were

two reasons which I think were more

prominent than the rest. She had been

brought up in idolatries. She loved the

heathen gods which her ancestors had

worshiped, and though these blocks of

wood and stone could not hear she

thought they could hear, and though

they could not see, she thought they

attention. She had married a godly

man. She must often have heard her

mother-in-law talk of the God of Israel.

She was so much shaken in her original

belief that she concluded to leave her

idolatries, but coming to the margin of

the land of Bethlehem her determina-

tion failed her and speedily she returned

This is the very reason why multi-

tudes of persons never become Chris-

tians. They cannot bear to give up

their gods. Business is the American

Juggernaut that crushes more men than

the great car of the Hindoos. To it

prayers. A little of Christ's religion

day, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday are the days de-

hour there is a sacrifice on the

trowels and axes and day books with

There are many who have no unholy

no goods to sell, and no bargains to

make? It is possible to devote one's self

comes sinful. There is no excuse on

the earth or under the earth for the

THE WORSHIP OF MAMMON.

gling with the song of the waters.

one hand.

them into the kingdom of heaven.

to her gods.

Again, this subject suggests to me

ing of Ruth and Orpah.

herd than of the wolves. They shrink several western men were comparing away from the presence of Christ as notes on their different kinds of work. though he were a tyrant rather than a It soon came out that nearly every one friend who sticketh closer than a broth-er. They feel more safe in the ranks Vermont and "raised" on a farm. But for fifteen years. He was so given up of the enemy, where they must suffer after going west they had all engaged infinite defeat, than in the army of in a variety of occupations. Christ, which shall be more than con- One man said: "I went into real all that is worth keeping.

What has God ever done that his the livery business." What has God ever done that his mercy should be doubted? Was there ever a sorrow of his frailest child that he did not pity? Was there ever a sould be doubted. That's nothing, said another. "I've agrocery store. He was detected and arrested. He got word down to be did not pity? Was there ever a sould be a backsmith, a preacher, a lawyer, a blacksmith, a preacher, a lawyer, a blacksmith, and begging for God's sake that somenot strengthen in the flames? Was cigar manufacturer and a farmer." there ever a dying man to whose relief There was silence till another man soul, what has God done that so basely pations at home, because it was too thou hast doubted him? Did he make bulky to carry around, but if he rethe whole earth a desert? Are all the membered right the list began with a though somebody was driving spikes skies dark and storm swept? Is life all college president and ended with mem- into your flesh, was racking sickness? Is the air all plague? Are ber of the legislature. Lord God, I have no pleasure in the said:

may creep into the Sabbath, but Mondeath of him that dieth." day the battle rages. Thou art armed I went to school, clerked it in a drug away in a tooth. I gave him the pills with thy sine, thy increditude thy neg store worked on a farm, had my arm. I had brought. He seized them like a voted to this American idol. Every with thy sins, thy ingratitude, thy neg-lects and Christ is armed against thee, broken in two places in a saw mill, but his weapons are tears, are dying taught the district school one term and agonies, are calls to mercy, and the battle cry which he this day sends over
thy soul as he rushes toward thee is,

tice to a tailor in Boston, but at the

mouth and rolled them around until
they had dissolved, and then washed
them down with a mouthful of water.
In a few minutes he was lying on his manly strength and immortal affections must all burn in this holocaust. Men act as though they could take their bonds and mortgages and saws and Save thee from going down to the pit, end of six months I ran away to sea, for I have found a ransom." I would and went around the world three times. not envy thy victory. O hearer, if thou At the end of my last voyage I bought dost conquer, for what wilt thou do a ticket for Texas, and went onto a thirst for gold, yet who are devoting with the weapons thou hast snatched ranch where I stayed two years. I then themselves to their worldly occupations from the armed Redeemer, what with had an offer to edit The Weekly Bliz with a ruinous intensity. Men of the the tears, what with his dying agonies. and, and held the position just one Broadway, several years later, a stal-what with his calls to mercy? Would week, when the government offered me wart, rosy cheeked fellow slapped me stock exchange, men of the vardstick, men of the saw, men of the trowel, men God that Orpah would get tired of a place as Indian agent.

Moab! Would God that Orpah would "After serving a year s you, if unforgiven, in the great day go to Bethlehem! when there are no houses to build, and

ABOUT CUT FLOWERS.

even to a lawful calling until it be Ho- to Pr k Them For Transmission

was a seller of purple, yet she did not but, to judge by the appearance of some road. allow her extensive occupation to keep of the packages of flowers which one reher from becoming a Christian. Daniel was secretary of state and attorney general in the empire of Babylon, and pray with his face toward Jerusalem. The man who has no time to attend to religion will have no time to enter But there are others who, while their worldly occupation has no particular fascination over them, are entirely abglitter of still lake could give of beauty were added. No life was more diligent were added. No life was more diligent and my friend are slightly heavier, but the extra postcents is the only litany they ever utter. age is well laid out in the certainty that Though in the last day the earth itself the parcel will not be crushed in transit, will not be worth a farthing, a heap of as so often happens to card board boxes. The boxes should not be more than five ashes scattered in the whirlwind, they inches in depth, except in the case of are now giving their time and eternity those employed for larger flowers, such as arums, when they may be a trifle deeper. From two and one-half to four for the acquisition of so much of it as you might at last hold in the hollow of inches is the most useful depth. Shal-The American Indian who gave low boxes su table for this purpose can nough land to make a state out of for usually be obtained from any grocer for a trifling sum. The box, before the flowers are put in, should be lined with a string of beads made a princely bargain compared with the speculation of a sheet of cotton wool and a sheet of that man who gains the whole world tissue paper above, taking care that it fits nicely into the corners and loses his own soul. How much comfort do the men take who died unand the sides. Then the box is ready forgiven ten years ago, leaving large for the flowers, which should be placed fortunes to their heirs? Do they ever row after row until there is a layer of come up to count the gold they hoardflowers, fitting one into the other all ed or walk through the mansions they over the bottom of the box. A great mistake is commonly made in putting the chair at a slow pace. built? Though they could have bought an empire, they have not now as much more than one layer in a box, and in crowding the flowers one on the top of money as you have this moment in the other. This is quite fatal, and if your pocket. Solomon looked upon his packed in this manner they can never palace and the grounds surrounding it, travel well. The rows must be as close pools rimmed with gold and circling together as possible, the flower heads of roads along which at times rushed his each row should lie on the stems of the fourteen hundred chariots, while under row immediately preceding it, so that when the box is finished only flowers the outbranching sycamores and cedars walked the apes and peacocks which are to be seen, and none of the stems by the navy of Hiram had been are visible. Tight packing is much to brought from Tarshish, and from the be recommended; the parcels are roughwindow curtains with embroidered gold ly handled, and unless they are closely and purple through which came out packed the flowers will shift to one end of the box. The flowers having been the thrill of harps and psalteries mincarefully arranged, another sheet of tissue paper should be placed over them, When Solomon saw that all these and enough cotton wool to fill up any luxuries of sight and sound had been space that may be left. One layer of purchased by his wealth he broke forth in the exclamation, "Money answereth all things." But we cannot receive it as literal. It cannot still the voice of 11d from slipping in on the flowers and man some time to understand the cause crushing them. There is one point to of the chair's pranks.-New York Tribconscience. It cannot drown the sorbe particularly observed. No flowers une. rows of the soul. It cannot put a bribe ought to be packed immediately after in the hand of death. It cannot unlock they are gathered, but they should be placed in water some hours beforehand. The reason of this is that the flowers the gate of heaven. The tower of Siloars fell and killed eighteen of its admirers, but this idol, to whose worship may have time to suck up sufficient the exchanges and banks and custom

houses of the world have been dedithey may not flag so quickly.-Queen. cated, will fall and crush to death its thousands. But I cannot enumerate The whole secret of the Keely motor the idolatries to which men give themhas been explained by the inventor himself. What can be more hield than selves. They are kept by them from a the following: "There is a triple symreligious life. "Ye cannot serve God pathetic order of vibration diverting and Mammon," and the first thing that the positive and negative currents to Christ does when he comes into the temple of the soul is to drive out the one general polarized center; this rotary action is continuous when sympathetically associated with the polar BO NOT TURN BACK BECAUSE OF DREAD. But it was not only the gods of Moab stream."-New York Sun.

that made Orpah leave her sister and The uses of electricity extend. An mother-in-law. She doubtless had a dread of the hardship to which they electric flatiron is one of the new things would be exposed on the journey to under the sun. The iron is hollow, and Bethlehem, and Orpah was not alone the wire passes into the center and is so sold that need inspection.

NUMEROUS OCCUPATIONS.

A Western Wag Outdid All Competitors and Then Didn't Get Through the List. A Kansas gentlemas sends to The Companion a report of a conversation The sheep are more afraid of the shep recently overheard in a shop where

querors through him that hath loved estate; then sold out and tried clerking m. Men shiver and tremble before it on a Mississippi steamboat; then went religion as though they were command- into the cattle business, and tired of it; day, and I have frequently met min ed to throw their life away, as though packed up my goods and settled on a Chinamen in Marion street, offering to it were a surrender of honor and man-claim in Nebraska; quit that, and went liness, and reason and self respect, and to Texas to do business in a feed store; opium. One day he had been withfrom there I went on the road for a out a smoke for about seven hours,

he did not come at the cry of "Lord remarked that he had left the printed Jesus, receive my spirit?" Aye, my list of his accomplishments and occu-

there nothing but rods and scorpions At this point two or three men reand furnaces? God knew how many marked that it was getting rather close limbs were decaying and would soon suspicions and unbeliefs men would in the store; they guessed they would drop off. He had been without opium suspicions and unbeliefs men would in the store; they guessed they would so long that he was fairly famishing, entertain in regard to him, and there go home, and they went out. Another so long that he was fairly famishing, and the small quantity of the drug I fore, after making a multitude of plain man edged up to the door and said in and precious promises, he places his a lazy tone that he thought his expehand on his own heart and swears by rience would beat the lot for variety. his own existence: "As I live, saith the Some one asked him to tell it, and he

"I began life as a baby. From that Why, then, fight against God? This I grew into a boy. While I was a boy

and made two hundred thousand dollars in six months. I went to San Francisco and invested my fortune in Francisco and invested my fortune in on him very strong. The pills real estate. The investment was un-

"I worked up from brakeman to enceives, it would seem that, even in this gineer, and then in a collision I broke simple matter, it is possible to make mis-takes. Of the numberless parcels of While there I studied medicine, and day, few arrive at their destination in even fairly good condition, and who has not experienced the disappointment of finding into what a collapsed state some delightful present of flowers has fallen during its not ever-gentle journey by the pay was not every months. But flowers which go through the post every when I got out I took to practicing, day, few arrive at their destination in even fairly good condition, and who has not experienced the disappointment of a smallpox patient for crysipelas. Then during its not over-gentle journey by post or rail? A case has been known of quittogo into a dentist's office and"—

did not know it; but his story was a good comment on the number of occupations that some western men try.— Youth's Companion.

The Chair Took a Notion to Stroll. The action of a chair which formed part of a display of furniture on a corone windy afternoon not long ago. The pavement in front of the store is smooth, and slopes to the gutter at a considerable angle. This chair, which had a solid back, stood right on the corner, and the wind, blowing squarely

not imagine what had come over the chair, that it should thus gravely and

sedately leave its fellows. Even those who were on the sidewalk, for the most part, never thought that the wind could be the cause of the phenomenon. A policeman across the way made up his mind that some thief had tied a thin wire to the chair, and was dragging it where he could put it into a wagon and drive off with it. The officer started toward the chair, and just then a clerk who had happened to see the runaway dashed out of the furniture wool is generally enough. If the box has a loose cover a nail should be put at each end to prevent the corner of the tied it to a big sofa. It took the police-

A boy at Niagara Falls learned to hoot like an owl, so as to give signals when he got out to the Indian country. water to last during the journey, that He hooted in the back yard of a citizen to see if his intonation was a go, and the man came out and fired a shot which peppered him all over and almost caused his death. - Detroit Free Press.

> Country Swain (timidly)-Would you be mad if I asked you to be my wife? City Girl (briskly)—Not at all; but I'd be mad if I said "yes."—Puck.

A New England journal thinks that if milk must be sold under regulations for quality the rule should apply to other products as well. There are hundreds of tons of inferior fruit and vegetables

ONE OPIUM EATER CURED.

But it Took a Term in Sing Sing and Endless Acony to Do It.

A confirmed opium smoker was re cently asked whether he ever knew a person who had been cured of the

"Only once," he replied, " and then

it wasn't a voluntary cure by any means. He was a man about 35 years to it that his business went to smash, and he used to resort to all manner of things in order to get money to pur-chase a 'shell.' He used to crave eight shells or \$2 worth of opium a roll for smokers in order to share their WHY SHOULD GOD'S MERCY BE DOUBTED! boot and shoe firm, and just now I'm in he became so desperate that What has God ever done that his the livery business." that he left unhelped in the darkness! notary public, a store keeper, a sheriff, body would send him some opium. I Was there ever a martyr that he did a county superintendent of schools, a bought some dry opium pills and got them in to him after a deal of trouble. The next day I colled on him and a more miserable wretch I never saw. He was suffering the tortures of hell. He was doubled up with cramps in his stomach, and the inevitable pain between the shoulders, which feels as These tortures were joined to severe pains in all the joints, as though the had been able to send was disposed of in short order. velled to me as I entered his cell in the Tombs. Then he rolled his tongue

around as though searching for any small particles that might be hidden starving man would seize a crust of He placed two of them in his mouth and rolled them around until cot as placid and happy as a healthy baby. I kept him supplied with opium until he was tried and sentenced. I managed to slip a few of them into his hand as he was on his way to Sing Sing. I heard no more of him and forgot all about him until one day, on on the shoulder and heartily "After serving a year at that I went me by the hand. I was nearly sur-into the mining business in Colorado, prised into a fit when he explained Through the Mails.

The proking of flowers is one of those fortunate, for in less than a month I lost every cent of it, and was obliged to trivial concerns of every-day life which most people consider a very easy matter; most people consider for the drug. The keepers found him, and the prison physician, who was called, fortunately diagnosed the case correctly. It wasn't much credit to him, however, for every feature of the during its not over-gentle journey by post or rail? A case has been known of specimen flowers sent to a show piled one upon another in an ordinary band the man who had had such a varied exother. Of course this treatment crekind, and is a prosperous, happy man today. If he had not been arrested he would certainly have gone the way of all the fiends, and have ended his life himself, or died miserably in some hole. He tried to reason the case with me in hopes that I would surrender the drug and endure the agonies that part of a display of furniture on a corner in one of the important cross town atreets caused no little wonderment one windy afternoon not long ago. The sand times, and frequently I have lain in a joint with another smoker, and we have both sworn off, and the very next day we would both be in the same place again. I am getting worse every year. The habit is growing against it, caused it to slide gently toward the gutter. The wind blew steadily, with just sufficient strength to move the chair at a slow pace.

The persons who happened to be looking out of neighboring windows or of passing street cars or carriages, and therefore did not feel the wind, could severy year. The habit is growing more expensive, and the longer I am at it the less disposed do I feel for work of any kind. My memory is failing me now, and I am already pretty well along on the downward road. I'll go a little further down, and then good-by to everything."—New York Sun.

A Baby Born with Teeth.

George Baker, a restaurant keepe living at 168 Park avenue and doing business at 38 Madison street, is the proud possessor of a baby girl who was born with a set of teeth. When little Julia Orine Baker arrived in town a day or two ago, very red, very bald and weighing six and a quarter pounds, she horrified the nurse and astounded Dr. Phillips, the family physician, by exhibiting an upper rov of six white front teeth and four per fect ones on her lower gums. They were almost fully developed and were hard enough to use on the toughest beefsteak in existence. It might be thought that the little stranger would develop a recognition and the stranger would be stranger when the stranger would be stranger develop accomplishments in keeping with the early growth of teeth and start out, walk, talk, sit up at the table, and perform ever so many clever acts and her fond father doubtless gleefully imagined that she would do something of the kind to sort of keep up the record, but she did none of record, but she did none of these. She can bite, though, and that, too, good and hard, as her father can testify, she having got his little finger in her mouth and made him dance. However, the little one shows remarkable signs of physical vigor, and at present she cats bread sopped in milk and little particles of tenderly cooked chicken, a feat which is said to be unprecedented in the annals of medical science.—Chicago Special.

Do not plant corn on the same lands that ou grew a crop upon last year. A rota-ion of crops is best. When the location for or crops is best. When the location for corn is changed every year there is less liability of attack from rust, and the soil is not compelled to perform the same duty twice in succession.