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## THE BATTLEFIELD

Once this soft turf this rivulet's sands,  
Were trampled by a leering crowd,  
And fiery hearts and armed hands  
Encountered in the battle cloud.  
Ah! never shall the land forget  
How gushed the life blood of her brave—  
Gushed, warm with hope and courage yet  
Upon the soil they fought to save.  
Now all is calm and fresh and still;  
Alone the chirp of flitting bird,  
And talk of children on the hill,  
And bell of wandering kine, are heard  
No solemn host goes trailing by  
The black mouthed gun and staggering wain;  
Men start not at the battle cry,  
Oh, be it never heard again!  
Soon rested those who fought but thou  
Who mingled in the hader strife  
For truths which men receive not now,  
Thy warfare only ends with life.  
A friendless warfare lingering long  
Through weary day and weary year,  
A wild and many weaponed throng  
Hang on thy front, and flank, and rear.  
Yet nerve thy spirit to the proof,  
And brench not at thy chosen lot.  
The timid good may stand aloof,  
The sage may frown,—yet faint thou not.  
Nor heed the shaft too surely cast,  
The foul and hissing bolt of scorn;  
For with thy side shall at last,  
The victory of endurance born.  
Truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again;  
The eternal years of God are hers;  
But Error, wounded writhes in pain,  
And dies among her worshippers.  
Yea, though thou lie upon the dust,  
When they who helped thee flee in fear,  
Die full of hope and manly trust,  
Like those who fell in battle here.  
Another hand thy sword shall wield,  
Another hand the standard wave,  
Till from the trumpet's mouth is pealed  
The blast of triumph o'er thy grave.  
— Willam Cullen Bryant

## LINCOLN AT GETTYSBURG

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created free and equal.  
Now we are engaged in a great civil war testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure, we are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a last resting place for those who here gave their lives that the nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.  
But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow this ground,  
The brave men, living and dead who fought here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or to detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.  
It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.  
It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from this earth.  
November 19, 1863

## Is Old Theory

As a philosophical theory mechanism is the attempt to regard the entire universe as a closed system of causes and effects in which every change is ultimately reduced to a change of motion. In this sense it is practically synonymous with materialism. The term was first given currency by Herbart.

## Famous Soldier

Jose Dolores Estrada, a Nicaraguan general, was appointed in 1899, at the age of eighty-two, commander in chief against the revolutionists, whom he defeated in several encounters. He died before the campaign ended.



## COLLECTING

A visitor at a country fair noticed a sad-looking man who persisted in remaining on the merry-go-round.  
"Do you like being on there?" asked the visitor.  
"No, I don't," was the reply, "but the man who owns this roundabout owes me money, and the only way I can get even is by taking it out in rides."—Tit-Bits.

## She Was Beautiful

Two young actresses were discussing their respective positions in the profession.  
"In our new play," said one, "I've been given three pages of dialogue to speak. That's more than you have, isn't it?"  
"It is," replied the other, "but the manager says I'm too beautiful for words."

## Doughnut Revealed as Poison Gas Producer

Life seems to be just one menace after another. Here is a man who has died from the fumes of cooking doughnuts. Having reached the saturation point with all the other sorts of major threat, and damage for the time being become measurably adjusted and reconciled to them—bohemianism, communism, anarchy, foreign wars and complications—just when we are all growing a bit easier in mind this most unexpected and unnatural peril arises. The doughnut is a work of peace, our most domestic and tractable contrivance. Heretofore its disposition has been mild and friendly. Nobody ever heard of a doughnut going on strike, exploding with a loud noise, turning to mob law and violence. The only trouble it has ever caused, according to the best authorities, is some controversial friction on the question of resemblance to the cruller. Some have contended that a doughnut is not a doughnut at all, but the true cruller, while the cruller is really the doughnut without the hole. Now it turns out that the doughnut has suddenly committed murder by an unsuspected capacity to produce poison gas. For the sake of the merest fragment of belief that there are still harmless and innocent things in the world, it is to be hoped that this doughnut story may prove to have been exaggerated.  
—Exchange.

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## Bible Thoughts for the Week

**Sunday.**  
Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34.

**Monday.**  
Then Shall Ye Call Upon Me and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you. Jer. 29:12.

**Tuesday.**  
He That Passeth by, and meddeth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.—Prov. 26:17.

**Wednesday.**  
For the Lord God is a Sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.—Ps. 84:11.

**Thursday.**  
Fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things He hath done for you.—1 Sam. 12:24.

**Friday.**  
Thy Sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy noon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.—Isa. 60:20.

**Saturday.**  
The Wolf Also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatted together; and a little child shall lead them.—Isa. 11:6.

## Temptation-Proof Honesty

A man who dropped a one-pound note on the railway platform at Withnell, near Chorley, Lancashire, returned next morning and found it carefully folded and weighted by a small stone.—London Answers.

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