Subject: "Children's Rights."

Text "My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth." —Judges xi., 36.

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Juphthah was a freebooter. Early turned out from a home where he ought to have been cared for, he consorted with rough men and went forth to earn his living as best he could. In those three it was considered right for a man to go out on independent military expeditions. Jephthah was a good man according to the light of his dark age, but through a wandering and predictor. The grave of fod changes a man's heart, but never reverses his natural temperament. The Israelites wanted the Ammonites driven out of their country, so they sent a delegation to Jephthah, asking him to become commander-in-chief of all the forces. He might have said, "You drove me out when you had no use for me, and now you are in trouble you want me back." but he did not say that. He takes command of the army, sends messengers to the Ammonites to tell them to vacate the country, and getting no favorable fesponse marshals his troops for battle.

Before going out to the war Jephthah makes a very solemn two that if the Lori will give him the victory then on his return home whatsoever first comes out of his doorway he will offer in sarrifice as a burnt of fering. The hydle opens. It was no skirmlening on fise edges of danger, no unlimbering of batteries two miles away, but the before of the stem of the stem

berance which is necessary for the duties of coming life?

No one can feel more thankful than I do for the advancement of common school education. The printing of books appropriate for schools, the mitiplication of philosophical apparatus, the establishment of normal schools, which provide for our childrent seachers of largest caliber, are themes on which every philanthropist ought to be constructed. But this herding of great multitude very philanthropist ought to be constructed. But this herding of great multitude depoleration in ill ventilated school-rooms and poorly equipped halls of instruction is matching many of the places of knowledge in this country huge holocausts.

Politics in many of the cities gets into educational affairs, and while the two political parties are scrabbling for the honor Jephahase sampler perishes. It is so much so that there are many schools in the country to

order that may may gener that and you does not be may lumb for the wrecked. It is push and crowd and cram and stuff and jam until the child's intellect is bewildered, and the memory is wrecked, and the health is gone. There are children turned out from the schools who once were full of romping and laughter and had cheeks crimson with health, who are now turned out in the afternoon pale faced, irritated, asthmatic, old before their time. It is one of the saddest sights on earth, an old-mannish boy or an old-womanish girl.

Girls 10, years of age tudying algebra: Boys 12 years of age tudying algebra: Latin, French and German lessons! All the vivacity of their nature beaten out of them by the heavy beetle of a Greek lexicon! And you doctor them for this, and you give them a little, medicine-for-thet, and you wonder what is the matter with them; if they are finishing their education.

In my parish in Philadelphia a child was so pushed at school that she was thrown into a fever, and in her dying delirium, all night long, she was trying to recite the multiplication they may be a surprise to the product of the were fast in our arithmetic, he extricated us. When we stood up for the spelling class, he was almost always brought in as a prodigy. At 18 years of age he was an idiot. He lived 10 years an idiot and died an idiot, not knowing his right hand from his left, or day from night. The parents and the teachers made him an idiot.

You may flatter your pride by forcing your children to know more than all go away from sucn maltreatment with no exuberance to fight the batter of life. Such children may get along very well while you take care of that child is head ache or its heart flutter.

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Again, there are many parents who are sacrificing their children with wrong syssacrificing their children with wrong sys-tems of discipline—too great rigor or too great lenlency. There are children in fam-ilies who rule the household. They come to the authority. The high chair in which the infant sits is the throne, and the rattle is the scepter, and the other children make up the parliament where father and mother have no otoe! Such children come up to be mis-creants.

scepter, and the other childen make up the parliament where father and mother have no vota! Such children come up to be miscreants.

There is no chance in this world for a child that has never learned to mind. Such people of the come the botheration of the church of t

How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is To have a thankless child:

But, on the other hand, too great rigor must be avoided. It is a sad thing when do-mestic government becomes cold military must be avoided. It is a sad thing when domestic government becomes cold military despotism. Trappèrs on the prairie fight frewith fire, but you cannot successfully fight your child's bad temper with your own bad temper. We must not be too minute in our hispection. We cannot expect our children to be perfect. We must not see everything. Since we have two or three faulte your own, we ought not to be too rough when we discover that our children have as many. If tradition be true, when we were children we were not fearful lest they could not raise us because of our premature goodness.

You cannot soold or pound your children min onbility of tharaxier. The bloom of a child's heart can never be seen under a cold driszle. Above all, avoid fretting, and soolding in the household. Better than 10 reas of fretting at your children is one

good, round, old fashioned application of the slipper! That minister of the Gosnel of

good, round, old fashioned application of the slipper! That minister of the Giospel of whom we read in the newspapers that he whipped his child to death because he would not say his prayers will nover come to canconisation. The arithmetics cannot calculate how many thousands of children have been ruined forever either through too great rigor or too great ientency. The heavens and the earth are illied with the groan of the searched. In this important matter seek-divine direction, O father, O mother. Some one asked the mother of Lord Chief Justice Mansfield if she was not proud to have three such eminent sons and all of them so good, "No," she said, "it is nothing to be proud of, but something for which to be very grateful."

Again, there are many who are sacrificing their children to a spirit of worldliness. Some one asked a mother whose children had turned out very well what was the secret by which she prepared them for usofulness and for the Christian life, and she said. "This was the secret. When in the morning I washed my children, I prayed that they might be washed in the fountain of a Saviour's mercy. When I put on their garments, I prayed that they might be fairly in the robe of a Saviour's inflictonanes. When I gave them food. I prayed that they might be fed with manns from heaven. When I started them on the road to school, I prayed that they might be endoded in the Saviour's arms." "Oh," you say, "that was very old fashioned." It was quite old fashioned. But do not the child made such in and some secret with the saviour's arms." "Oh," you say, "that was very old fashioned." It was quite old fashioned. But

fect day. When I put them to sleep, I prayed that they might be enfolded in the Naviour's arms." "Oh." you say, "that was very old fashloned." It was quite old fashloned. But do you suppose that a child under such nurture as the ver turned out bad? In our day most boys start out with no idea higher than at hoys start out with no idea higher than at hoys start out with no idea higher than a may whigh boasts it can scratch the Lord's Prayer on a 10 cent piece, and the fep Compandments on a 10 cent piece. Children are taught to reduce morals and religion, time and straitly to vulgar fractions. It seems to be their chief attainment that 10 cents make adme, and 10 dimey make a dollar. How to get monny is only equaled by the other art, how to keep it. Tell me, ye who know, what chance there is for those who start out in life with such perverted sentiments? The money market resounds again and again with the downfall of such people. If I had a drop of blood on the tip of a pen, I would tell you by what awful tragedy many of the youth of this country are ruined.

Further on thousands—and tens—of thousands of the daughters of America are sacrificed in the sympathy with all the artificialities of society.

sands of the daughters of America are sacrificed to wordliness. They are taught to be in sympathy with all the artificialities of society. They are induced into all the hollowness of what is called fashionable life. They are taught to believe that history is dry, but that 50-cent stories of adventurous love are delicious. With eapacity that might have rivaled a Florence Nightingale in heavetly ministries, or made the father's house glad with filial and sisterly demeanor, their life is a waste, their beauty a curse, their eleminated demolition.

In the slege of Charleston, during the Civil War, a lieutenant of the army stood on the floor beside the daughter of the ex-Governor of the State of South Carolina. They were taking the vows of merriare.

were taking the vows of marriage. A bombwere taking the vows of marriage. A bombshell struck the roof, dropped into the group
and nine were wounded and slain; among
the wounded to death, the bride. While the
bridegroom knelt on the carpet trying to
stanch the wounds the bride demanded that
the caremony be completed, that she
might take the vows before her departure, and when the minister said, Wilt
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that the said, "I will," and in two hours she
had departed. That was the accidental
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this wholes head and expend of children inwashed, uncombet uncorrisitanized. Who
cares for them? Who prays for them? Who
tuters to them one kind word?
When the city missionary passing along
the park in New York saw a ragged lad and
heard him swearing. he said to him: "My
son, stop swearing he said to him: "My

so long postponed his coming. Come at last!

I congratulate all those who are toiling for the outcast and wandering. Your work will soon be over, but the indiance, you work will soon be over, but the indiance, you frest esting in motion will never after the skies your prayers, your teachings and the your christain influence will go on and help to people heaven with bright inhabitant.

Which would you rather see—which scene would you rather mingle in in the last great day—being able to say. "I added house to house and land to land and manufactory to manufactory; I owned half he cit; whatever my eyes saw I had, whatever I wanted I got," or on that day to havever I wanted I got, or on that day to havever I wanted I got, or on that day to have I was ungry, and ye fed Me; I was naked, and ye clothed Me; I was alck and in prison, and ye visited Me; in mamuch as ye did it to the least of My brechren, ye did it to Me?"

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TERROR AND TENDERFOOT.

Cold Nerve Developed Under Stress of Circumstances.

Circumstances.

"As a general thing," said an old '49er, "the tenderfoot waan't in it with the bad man of the mining camp, and it waan't natural to expect that he would be, but occasionally there did appear one who could more than hold his own. I recall a man named Caleb Finby who came to Dream Gulch in its earlier days when that region was full of bad men. He was a tall, spare young man, with a head full of brains, and he was quick and business-like in everything that he did, but still he was not a man that the generality of men would have picked out as the possessor of nerve.

"Mr. Finby set outlone day to go to the neighboring camp of Devil's Claw tanon. As he was phoceeding along the road he suddenly cyme upon him, a man who saked him the trans un his hands.

had he suddenly came upon, or, rather, there suddenly came upon him, a man who asked him to throw up his hands. It was Big Kill Belter, the terror of Devil's Chaw(Canon.

"I throw 'em up,' said Mr. Finby, cheerfully, as he raised them, because you ask me to, and I don't want to seem impolite. But at the same time I must inform you that you are taking an entirely unnecessary precaulion: my run entirely unnecessary precaulion: my run

must inform you that you are taking an entirely unnecessary precaution; my gun isn't loaded.'

'Mr. Better was himself a man of fine gall, and his recognition of that quality in another awakened in him a certain degree of admiration. Quick to perceive the change in Mr. Better's manner, faint and anadelined as it was, Mr. Finby went on:

degree of admiration. Quies to perceive the change in Mr. Belter's manner, faint and undefined as it was, Mr. Finby went on:

"But I realize now, as I have not done before, the carelessness of going about in this way practically unarmed; and if you'll permit me, I'll load now as a guard against future contingencies.

"Mr. Finby's hands came down as he uttered the concluding words, for he had seen the hand that had held the pistol levelled against him fall slowly, as the Terror listened with a sort of astonished amusement.

"Mr. Finby had in his hip pocket a post of and in his waistcoast pocket a box of cartridges, which he had bought in deference te the advice of friends, but which he had never brought together into useful conjunction, partly because he was not personally bloodthirsty, and partly because of overconfidence in the luman race. But he proceeded now to load, with perfect edminess, but in his heart amazed at the utter lack of precaution now displayed by Mr. Belter, who stood leaning against a tree and laughing, apparently quite overcome by the broad humor of the situation. Suddenly it was discovered that Mr. Finby's gun was being held in such a position that Mr. Belter could, without increavenience, look aquare into the more left, and Mr. Belter could, without increavenience, look aquare into the more left, and Mr. Belter was a man with a vast appreciation of the humorous, but not even his sense of humor could discover the faintest gleam of fun in the vast appreciation of the humorous, but not even his sense of humor could dis-cover the faintest gleam of fun in the situation as at present developed, and he suffered the tender-foot to proceed with-out further molestation."—New York Sun.

Black Pearls Valuable.

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Black pearls used to be held as of small value, comparatively speaking. They were first mate fushionable by the Empress Eugenie, wife of Napoleon III., who possessed a famous neck lace of them which fetched \$20,000 at auction after the overthrow of the Imperial dynasty. This did not include the single great pearl forming the snap, which was purchased by the Marquis of Bath for \$5,000. Mexico, Tahiti and Fiji supply the markets of the world with black pearls.

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The most extraordinary pearl in the world is known as the "Southern Cross." It is probably the most remarkable thing of its kind that nature has ever produced. So far as is known it occupies an absolutely unique position in the history, of pearls. It consists of a group of nine pearls naturally grown together in so regular a ma naner as to form an almost perfect Latin cross. Seven of them compose the shaft, which measures an inch and a half in length, while the two arms of the cross are formed by one pearl on each side. All the pearls are of fine luster.

This astonishing freak was discovered by a man named Clark while pearl fishing in western Australia. He regarded it as a miracle and, entertaining a superstitious dread of it, he burled it. In 1874 it was dug up again, and since then it has changed hands many times. Its value is set at \$50,000.

How it came about that these pearls were grouped together in such a manner no one has as yet been able to explain satisfactorily. It has been suggested that a fragment of serrated seaweed may have got into the shell of the oyster, and that-the succession of teeth along the margin of the frond may have caused the deposition of nacro at regular intervals, so as to form a string of pearls in a straight line. The cross was found in the shell of the mollusk, just as it was taken from its native element, without any possibility of its having been subjected to human manipulation.—[New York Advertiser.

National Debts.

The debt carried by Queensland amounts to \$333 per capita. The smallest debts are those carried by some of the little German principalities, though the Island of Madagascar carries one aimost as small; it is eighty-one cents. Among real nations France carries the biggest debt, \$118 per capits, and Germany the smallest, only \$1.57.—[Detroit Free Press.]

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