

SUNDAY'S SERMON.

ONE OF DR. T. DEWITT WALSHAGEN'S WEEKLY DISCOURSES.

Subject: "Laughter"

Text: "Then was our mouth filled with laughter."—Psalm xxxvi. 2.

Thirty-eight times does the Bible make reference to this configuration of the features and quick expulsion of breath which we call laughter.

Scene, an oriental tent. The occupants, old Abraham and Sarah, perhaps wrinkled and decrepit.

Scene, a field of corn. The occupants, a young man and woman, perhaps a farmer and his wife.

Scene, a palace. The occupants, a man and a woman, perhaps a king and queen.

The meanest laughter ever uttered is the laugh of the skeptic.

The next laughter mentioned in the Bible is David's laughter, or the expression of spiritual exultation.

Scene, a city. The occupants, a man and a woman, perhaps a merchant and his wife.

Scene, a field. The occupants, a man and a woman, perhaps a laborer and his wife.

Scene, a city. The occupants, a man and a woman, perhaps a scholar and his wife.

back and again responded to jail. Why? "He that sitteth in the heavens laugheth."

Rome was a great empire. She had her senators and her poets, she had her philosophers and her historians.

Scene, a city. The occupants, a man and a woman, perhaps a noble and his wife.

Scene, a city. The occupants, a man and a woman, perhaps a merchant and his wife.

Scene, a city. The occupants, a man and a woman, perhaps a scholar and his wife.

What a merry thing is to laugh! What a happy thing is to smile!

Open work embroidered serape batiste, lined with white or colored silks, is used for full vests in black silk gowns.

Cotton grenadines are exceedingly dressey. Like the silk and wool fabrics, they are lined, and with charming effect.

Hair cloth and alpaca skirts made with three ruffles up the back and a steel in the bottom are prophetic of the crinoline soars.

Yachting dresses are made of cream white or blue serge, with red sailor collar, cuffs and panel trimmed with gilt braid and buttons.

What a merry thing is to laugh!

The health of Miss Florence Nightingale has been steadily failing since the death of her brother-in-law, Sir Harry Verney, with whom she made her home.

Long jackets fall at the bottom prevail. They have applique embroideries of braid and cloth and are trimmed with enormous buttons.

It has been decided that the deaconesses of the Methodist Church shall wear black gowns, with gathered or plaited skirts, bishop sleeves, round waists, turn down collars and white cuffs.

A new dress material is called "Venetian" and is to take the place of cashmere and a silk check called "Scotch lina".

What a merry thing is to laugh!

Notwithstanding Col. Bangs is on a militia furlough, and never had title in his life until a year ago, does not like to air his Colonelcy on all occasions, and for some time has looked with disfavor upon the cards of his wife, which read, "Col. Bangs."

Married women are being deposed from service in the public schools of the Australian colony of Victoria.

Six weeks ago a young girl, who lives in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., applied a bleaching preparation to her hair, and since then she has been confined to her bed with threatened congestion of the brain.

Black stockings, either in silk, lisle thread or bobbriggan, remain in favor. Tan colored are the only rivals, which are often chosen to go with tan suede slippers.

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