The Bitter Attile."

There fell a great star from heaven, is it were a lamb, und it fell upon part of the rivers, and upon the of water, and the name of the ed Wormwood."—Revelation viii.

amentators, like Patrick and mas Scott, Matthew Henry and as agree in saying that the star mentioned in Revelation, was of the Huns. He was so called as brilliant as a star, and, like he embittered everything he we have studied the Star of and the Morning Star of the and the Star of Peace, but my et calls us to gaze at the star and my theme might be called erness.

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of must immediately callet under bebutchered; the second class, the women, who were made captives to the third class, the aged men and ho were robbed of everything and to the city to pay heavy tax. a common saying that the grass wagain where the hoof of Attila's irod. His armies reddened the he sene, and the Moselle, and the hearnage and fought on the Catalias the fiercest battle since the deadle, and the hearnage and fought on the field I until those who could not oppose arms lay prostrate on their faces in d, a cloud of dust seen in the dissipported, "It is the aid of God!" people took up the cry, "It is the loud or uses cried, "It is the aid of Gour-ple took up the cry, "It is the sthe cloud of dust was blown are of re-enforcing armies the ners of re-enforcing armies on help against Attila, the h. The most unimportant co-er three menths of failure to yof Aquiles, and his army be siege the flight of a stork from the tower of the city in a second to the city i rom the tower of the c m as a sign that he was and his army, inspired ince, resumed the siege s rence, resumed the slege and at a point from which the regued. So brilliant was the attire that his enemies could m, but shaded their eyes or

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at he evening of his marriage by his oathe evening of his marriage by his oathe evening of his marriage by his oathe evening the him, not as, but with blood, cutting themils knies and lances. He was puried and the third of gold, He was burled and into his grave were poured the haable coin and precious stones, as to the wealth of a kingdom. The green and all those who assisted at layere massacred, so that it would known where so much wealth was all were massacred, so that it would known where so much wealth was d. The Roman empire conquered d. but attills conquered the Roman He was right in calling himself a back of the state of the commentation of the control of the state of the control of the contro

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so it you are evening stars, and you see it is and you see the last days of old people, and a count of the last days of old people, and a cloud sometimes counse over you see the last days of old people you old father and midther it is only ones, and the star somes out san and it seen from all the halocytes of the heighterhood. The old people are your occasional shortdoming, I temselves several times lost the your occasional shortdoming. Themselves several times lost the your occasional shortdoming, and the several times lost the property of the people of t

ternal or national? Are your children or halfight peaked at? Are you always my "that to the thomy retire and suff of that their lengths, which consider suppressed by them until they can had a no longer, and all the barriers burns into undition to longer, and all the barriers burns into undition of the street has trikled through a slight opening in the milldam, but afterward makes wider and wider breach until it carries ill before it with irresistible freshet? Do not be too much offended at the noise your children now make. It will be still enough when one of them is dead. Then you would give your right hand to hear one shout from their silent voices or one step from the still foot. You will not any of you have to wait very long before your hones is stiller than you want it. Alas, that there are so many homes not known to Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, where children are put on the limits and whacked and cuffed and ear pulled and senselessly called to order and answer sharp and surpressed until it is a wonder that under such processes they do not all turn out Modocs and Nana Sahibs.

What is your influence upon the neighborhood, the town or the city of your residence? I will suppose that you are a star of wit, What kind of rays do you shoot forth? Do you use that splendid faculty to irradiate the world or to rankle it? I bless all the apostolic college of humorists. The man that makes me laugh is my benefactor. I do not thank anybody to make me cry? I can do that without any assistance. We all cry enough, and have enough to cry about. God bless all skillful punsters, all reparteefsts, all propounders of ingenious commundrums, all those who mirthfully surprise us with unusual juxtaposition of words. Thomas Hood not chank anybody to make me cry? I can do that without any assistance. We all cry enough, and have enough to cry about. God bless all skillful punsters, all reparteefsts, all propounders of ingenious commundrums, all those who mirthfully surprise us with unusual juxtaposition of words. They make the support of the same and the surprise and the surpris

an put a missionary of Christ on that foreign shore. You can help ransom a world a rich man with his heart right—can you tell me how much zood a James Lenox or a George Feabody or a Peter Cooper or a William E. Dodge did while living, or is Joing now that he is dead? There is not a sity, town or neighborhood that has not plorious specimens of consecrated wealth. But suppose you grind the face of the poor. Suppose when a man's wages are due you make him wait for them bocause he cannot help himself. Suppose that, because his samily is sick and he has had extra expenses, he should politicly ask you to raise his wages for this year and you routghy tell him if he wants a botter place to go and get it. Suppose by your manner you act as though he were a shing and you were everything. Suppose by your get his name ought to be Attiliand, your last rame Attila, because you are the star Wormwood, and you have imbuttered one-third if not three-thirds of the waters hat roil past your employes and operatives and dependents and associates, and the long line of carriages which the undertaker orders for your funeral, in order to make the occasion respectable, will be filled with twice as many dry, tearless eyes as there are persons ecupying them.

There is an erroneous idea abroad that there are only a few geniuses. There are millions of them—that is, men and women who have especial adaptation and quickness for some one thing. It may be great; it heay be small. The order heay be like the circumference of the earth or no larger than a thinder a fart are you? You will be in this world but a few minutes. As compared with stornity the stay of the longest life on earth is not more than a minute. What are we doing with that minute? Are we militering the iomestic or social or political fountains, or are we like Mosse, who, when the Israelites in the wilderness complained that the waters of Lake Marsh wear higher and the wild have and the wild have a minute and the wild have and the brackish fountains that we can touch?

Dear Lord, send

bittered by pan, why not go form and sweeten them by smie, by inspiring words, by benefactions, by hearty counsel, by prayer, by gospelized behavior? Let us remember that if we are wormwood to others we are wormwood to others we are wormwood to others we are for Jesus Ohrist is the only sweetening power that is sufficient. It sweetens the disposition. It sweetens the manners. It sweetens iffe. It aweetens mysterious providences, it sweetens everything. There were benefit to make the company. "If you could have three where gratified what would your three where be?" If I gould have three where belt in could be a sufficient the word of the grace of God. Is the dooryand of my had been a feet the dooryand of my had been and the most of the grace of God. Is the dooryand of my y would be 1, More of the grace of crown little of the grace of God. 3. More of the grace of God. 3. More of the see of God. In the dooryand of my the chart of which are that it administrative of which are that it almost on higher than its surrounding that its leaves take the form of a wife. It the emperor tree by pleased

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THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

JESTS AND YARNS OF THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Not His Fault---The Other Was O. K .-His Speciality---What He Admired--His Turn Now.

NOT HIS FAULT.

"Yes. He cannot better his gestures, however. His fingers were shot off in the war, you know."

THE OTHER WAS O. Backim-Was your interview with her father entirely bootless? Askim—Oh, no. Only one of his legs is a wooden one.

HIS SPECIALTY.

Tramp—Please, mom, gimme sumthin' ter cat? I've been starved till I'm ez thin ez a razor au ——

Lady of the House-Well, then, cut!

WHAT HE ADMIRED.

"What do you admire most about Snobbe's literary work?"

'The compensation he manages to get for it." replied the person who is chronically envious.

Hoax—What, you buying a bicycle? I though: you detested them. Joax—So I do, but I've been run over long enough. Now I'm going to have my revenge.

EVIDENTLY AWAY.

Tom Toppuot-Hullo, Jack! how do

Jack Plunger—I (hic) do as I (hic) blame please, thank you. Tom Toppnot—I see—when does your wife get back?

SHE HAD ONE. She—This road is very steep Can't I get a donkey to take me up?

He—Lean on me, my da: ling!

NOT WORTH THE TROUBLE.

"You do not go out often to dinner, Mrs. Waddington?"

"No. I don't think the best dinner on earth is sufficient compensation for making oneself agreeable for three hours at a stretch."

CLOTHES AND THE MEN. Van Arndt-I bought a golf cap yester-

day.
Fenilworth—What links are you going

to play on?
"None. I'm going bicycling. What are you doing with that cycling sweater?"
"Going out fishing."

HER PLEA FOR THE CASHIER

Anna—Don't prosecute him, papa. Let him go, and cover the matter up.
Papa—But, Anna, he has embezzled two thousand dollars, and I trusted him

Anna—Yes: think of it—only two thou-sand dollars! Why, people will never be-lieve we have money if it is known that a man in his position took so little.

SOUR GRAPES.

The fox had jumped, and jumped, and jumped. He sat down with his tongue hanging out and eyed the unattainable grates with a well-assumed air of in-

difference.
Dear me!" he remarked, airily.
How careless of me not to notice that they were not eaible grapes, but good only to make into table d'hote wine!"

BY THE BOARDERS.

'Oh, dear!" grouned the hired girl, as she washed off the boarding house stairs,

"I'm awfully tired."
"Yes," sympathized the stairs, in a creaky voice, "i.'s a hard spring. I'm a good deal run down myself."

BUT IT WILL COME BACK "Do you suppose this joke of mine will go?"
"I guess it will if you prepay the postage."

Stranger (to Johnnie Chaffie)—Is your neighbor, Jones at home?"
Johnnie — "No, sir, he went to the cemetery this morning."
Stranger— "When will he return?"
Johnnie— "He's gone to stay."

HOW LOTTIE LOST.

"It was too bad the way Lottle Leap-year lost a good chance to marry!"
"How did it happen?"
"Through the new custom of saying
'Y-e-s!' through the telephone instead of
'Hello.' She asked Will Sands if he was

Helto. She asked Will Sands II. Ie was engaged, and he didn't understand and said Y.e.s?'"
"But didn't he explain?"
"She rung off and proposed to Harry Wilson, and he accepted."

A REMARKABLE CASE.

"Here's a sensational elopement story that is rather remarkable," he said, looking up from his newspaper.
"Does it fail to say that the girl is beau-

tiful?" she asked. "No. It says that she is 'entrancingly rely,'" he replied. lovely.

"It fails to say that she moved in either 'an exclusive set' or 'the highest circles

of society." A COMPLIMENTARY ROSS

Boss-"You are he laziest clerk in the flee. I am afraid the rest of the clerks

will become contaminated. (lerk—"I have been writing steadily the last three hours." Boss—"I've no doubt of it. You were

... TWO OF A KIND. -"Do you see that dog of mine

Behults—' Yes, I see him. Right a boking dog."

simply too lazy to stop.'

Schults—"You bet he is. That dog; has got more sense than I have."
Miller—"Is that so? Well, some years ago I had a dog just like that one of yours, still he hadn't sense enough to go in out of the rain."

. All About Flies.

Enter now the fly season. What a lot of human misery these insects are accountable for. If all the flies in the world could be exterminated it would be a great blessing to mankind. They do some good as scavengers, but that is far overbalanced by the harm they do, apart from the discomfort they occasion. There is no doubt that they carry diseases from one person to another, and so help to spread epidemics.

Eye complaints are propagated by a certain small species of files. A fly of this sort will alight on an individual with an eye trouble and take some of the germs off with him and deposit them on the next unfortunate p

them on the next unfortunate person he settles upon. Files also convey infection from sogs.

Mrs. Fly lays her eggs in warm refuse or in decaying regetable matter. The heat hatches these eggs and a lot of maggots are brought into the world. After a few days they recede After a few days they reach world. the pupa stage, and from the pupa-emerge shortly afterwards the perfect winged flies. Thus these pests are gen-erally bred in stables, which accounts for most people's great objection to living near them. When the young flies are full fledged they fly off and enter any doors and windows which are left ineautiously open, and worry the

innates.

Files ordinarily live about three weeks. The first ofld weather kills most of them, just enough living through the winter to propagate their species. A few of the most sturdy of the females live-through each winter and in the spring lay eggs before dying and so continue their kind. They re-main torpid during the cold weather innooks and crannies, which accounts for the fact that they do not bother the human race except in summer.

There are giants and pigmies among flies, just as there are in the human race. Everybody has noticed how much smaller some flies are than others. It is commonly supposed that these little ones are the young, but such is not the case. A fly does not grow at all after t has reached the winged state. Lattains its full growth in the larvae stage, as do all other in-

There is a popular notion that flies have suckers on their feet which en-able them to walk on the walls and ceilings. This, like many other generally accepted theories, is not the case. They have no suckers on their feet at all, but have a pair of little cushions and two hooks on the bottom of each foot. The cushions are covered with lots of knobbed hairs and kept moist by an exuding fluid, thus enabling the fly to walk on the ceiling or window pane, the moist, hairy pads adhering to the smooth surface

They have six legs, which gives them a large surface for sticking on to things. The twelve hooks on their feet they use when they are obliged to travel over rough surfaces such as whitewashed walls or cloths, the hooks enabling them to hold on to the little irregularities.

In Vanderbilt's Pig Traps.

"Young Mr. Vanderbilt is very much averse to having his big estate near Asheville invaded by the swine of his country neighbors," said J. B. Powell, of North Carolina, at the Hotel Page. "Until recently, however, he was at a loss to hit upon a plan to keep the 'ra-zor-backs' from intruding on his premises. He didn't want to kill them outright for fear of incurring lawsuits and maybe the vendetta, which, in the long run, is more troublesome than trial by

"But there are plenty of wildcats and catamounts on the Vanderbilt tract, 90,000 acres of which is almost in a virgin ... state of forest and mountain, and there was no reason wby traps should not be set to catch these wild members of the feline tribe. That the traps were made big enough and strong enough to im-prison a wandering hog that was out of his proper territory, was no ground for complaint. When the traps were first put in operation they caught a few wildcats, but a great many more porkers. Then it dawned upon the owners that it would be better to pen up their swine than to imperil their existence, and so they no longer roam at will over the Vanderbilt demense.'

A Mayor Without a Salary.

The mayor of Flint, Mich., performs the duties of his office without compensation other than the satisfying souse of having done his duty But the who retired two weeks ago di rected the affairs of the town so well during the year of office that thee Com mon Council unanimously voted to make an appropriation for him as an especial mark of satisfaction. The sum was \$1.

The longest Egyptian railroad no extends to Girgeh, 326 miles from Cai- .

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The average man consumes pounds of sugar every year.