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# Beligious Doubts and Difficulties

**Belgions Doubts and Difficulties.** The disignors faith has its difficulties, but for properly speaking, its doubts. Alt be-is we have word of God, and that word is bieve the word of God, and that word is get, who, though failible, naturally is pre-are doubtingly. But have I no difficulties is the doubtingly is the doubt about this com-have the doubt that he vas required to heart- 'Take thine only son, Issac, 'How heart and offer him up as a holocaust on --every word a dare to his paternal heart and the has he no doubt about this com-heart and that he no doubt about this com-heart and the ne doubt about this com-the a mountain which I was a holocaust in the father of future generations in the has promised, if now my right hand in the prophecy. I will give you, perhaps, being the prophecy. I will give you, perhaps, the has promised of how my right hand the prophecy. I will give you here as a ful-tion contast and difficulty. If, as a student in from the ashes of the holocaust and ful-tion excenting of its wore as easily the prophecy. I will give you here have not the blackboard by some are to the blackboard by some have the difference bar to a examine it, and you have no doubt that the Professor could explain it. You the therefore a difficulty, but have the doubt the therefore and this carpenter suitable the blackboard by some stars with the black here the selects with the black here the selects and the shout deify that poverty. And the haven itself? What differenc

since the Lord God had donned the vest-ments of poverty in order to exalt it.' Be-ing absolutely certain, then, of the great primary truth, we can reason away our dif-ficulties or seek their solution from author-ity which proposed the primary truth itself, as we consult the professor about the sum on the blackboard, of which we had no doubt, and much difficulty. It is important to keep in mind this distinction between doubt and difficulty."

## The Music of the Reel. BY CHARLES WESLEY KYLE.

BY CHARLES WESLEY KYLE. There is music in the woodland When the matin breezes blow Through the forest trees that shadow The fresh river's rippling flow. Where the golden sunbeams softly Through the leafy branches steal, And the angler's car is gladdened By the whirring of the reel.

Do yon love the mountain valleys? Do yon love after to roam Where, on rocks, the mountain river Beats its wavelets into foam? Then come with me in the morning, With your rod and boots and creel, And we'll angle for the artists That make music on the reel.

Up amid the peaks that glisten With eternal robes of snow Which, kissed by the warm sun, furnish Life to shrub and flower below. Where its waters laugh and gambol, Shouting loud, peal after peal, We will wait and watch and listen For the music of the reol.

There are players skilled and finished In the art of music's school, But none can play the instrument Of the tribe within the pool. Cast your files upon the waters, If the pleasur you would feel Which is wakened by the music, Flowing from the spinning reel.

Now the winds, low through the branches With slow wingings, softly steal; And the striking of the soft steal; Now within the pole soft feel. Gently wakens now, is chose, The soft touches of the breeze; And the artist in the river Strikes upon the piercing keys.

Now the music hums and quavers, Oh the joyous thrill your coel Sings with glee the whiring reelt Joys there may be that will equal Those, which thus, we all may feel, But to me there show that sibe 11tr Than the music of the reel.

## Storm and Calm.

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manners, and asked many singular questions, touching whatever struck him as peculiar touching whatever struck him as peculiar touching whatever struck him as peculiar in the conduct of his fellow diners. Mr. George is nearly as unconventional in his queries of strangers or acquaintances. The King of Slam recently cut the first turf for the new railroad at Bangkok. The Minister of Public Works read a short address, to which the King replied, and then the King, taking an ivory-handled spade, thrust the silver blade into the turf, which he transferred to an ebony wheelbarrow. The Crown Prince trundled the wheelbarrow along a carpeted track about thirty yards in length, followed by the King, the royal family, and the assembled guests. The turf, when removed from the ebony wheelbarrow, was sprinkled with consecrated water from a golden ewer by four priests. The national anthem was played, and that ended the ceremony. It is now six years since Alphonso XII., King of Spain, died. It is generally supposed that he is buried, but he is said not to be. Carefully wrapped up in fine linen, his body still lies upon a slab close to a stream that flows through the Pudrido, the name of the cavern on the side of the mountain upon which the Escurial stands. It will be left there until it has all the peculiarities that belong to a mamy. Then it will be placed in the niche prepared for it in the wonderful jasper valut under the great cupola of the Escurial, where the remains of all the Kingsof Spain are deposited. Some royal bodies and particularly that of the father of Queen Isabella remained for the gread valut. The of last for removal to the grand vauit.

The old British line-of-battle ship Bel-lerophon, historic as the the vessel on board of which the Emperor Napoleon surrender-ed to Captain Maitland after the defeat at Waterloo, has been bought by a firm of ship-builders to be broken up for junk. Of late years the famous vessel, long since aervice-able only as a hulk, has been moored in the harbor of Portsmouth, England. Her name does not appear on the British Naval List, the Bellerophon which has for some time been the flag-ship of the Queen's North American Squadron, and which was seen in Newport Harbor a few years ago, being a modern namesake of the battered craft.

## Woman's Weakness.

Woman's Weakness. One of the most painful and at the same time absurd exhibitions of false economy may be seen in the crowds at the bargain counters at the ordinary shops. There seems to be an incradicable idea in the minds of some women, that at certain times and seasons of the year merchants are will-

d all his property into cash and turn if over to the general treasury of the House of Is-rael at Chatham, where he and his wife went to live. The deluded man never saw a dollar of it again. As he grew old and infirm he asked for some of it, but was re-fused, and was forthwith turned gut of the temple. A wretched home in the outskirts of the town was assigned to him for an abode, and bread and potatoes were sent to him daily, and thus they lived until 1890, when he died. The Jez-reelites refused to bury him and his wife had to apply to the authorities for a pauper's funeral. Some benevolent people raised a fund and sent her back to her friends near Detroit. This affair created a great indignation but public wrath soon sub-sided and the event was dismissed from mind.

mind. It is said that Jezreel used to appear at the community's private services in a red cap and a massive such or amented with golden keys, swords and stars. In one hand he held St. Peter's keys and in the other a rod of iron.

## Our Daily Bread.

Day by day the manna fell Oh, to learn the lesson well Still by constant mercy fed, Give us Lord our daily bread.

Day by day, the promise reads; Daily strength for daily needs; Cast foreboding-cares away; Take the manna of to-day.

Lord. our times are in Thy hand; All our sanguine hopes have planned To thy windom we resign, And wourd mold our wills to Thine,

Thou our daily task shalt give, Day by day to Thee we live; So shall added years fulli Notour own-o ur Father's will.

As riches and honor forsake a man, wee discover him to be a fool, but nobody could find it out in his prosperity.—[La Bruyer. Snakes appeared through the broken plas-tering in the school of Chestnut Hill, Mont-ville, Conn., and the pupils fied in terror.

The turnoils and the storms of life That toss us where and whither Are not the gails that blanch our checks Or make our spirits wither. They clear the mists that veil the peaks; We see beyond the mountains; The barren casert now appears A vale of crystal fountains.

Our restless spirit, caged within, With trantic, wild endeavor Cried out for some caim, lovely spot Where it could rest forever: No caim retreat our soul could find Amid the dust and raitle Of clashing swords and blazing guns-Life's never ending battle.

We pined for some familiar friend, To whom we could unravel The tangled skein of life's wild dream As through the maze we travel. No kindred spirit answered back; The spell was only broken By echoes of the feeble voice By which our words were spoken.

Just then we heard a still small voice, As of an an angel bending Above our heads to each the That were to heaven astonding The surging billows ceased to roll-A flood of joy supernal And peace possessed our wondering soul-It was the caim Eternal.

An historical house in Panyer Alley, London, running from Paternoster-row to Newgate-street, s., adds said, about to be demolished. In the wall of this house is the well-known sign of a pannier with a maked boy sitting on it, inscribed :---"When you have sought the City round, Yet still this is the highest ground." This alley was originally a standing place for bakers with their bread panniers, and the sign has been in existence over 200 years.

THOMAS BAIRD.

In the adversity of our best friends we always find something which is not wholly displeasing to us.—[La Rochefoucauld.

Self-love is a principle of action; but among no class of human beings has nature so profusely distributed this principle of life and action as through the whole sensitive family of genius.—[Disraeli,

seems to be an intradicable idea in the seems to be an intradicable idea in the and seasons of the year merchants are will-ing to give away their goods with practical-ly no proft. It is a common trick in the inferior shops to smoke up and soil a few goods, advertise a" burnt goods sale," mark the goods at the regular price, and thus they often at-tract a large crowd of buyers. who remain perfectly oblivious to the fact that the goods are being sold to them at the regular mar-ket price without the slightest reduction because it is a burnt goods sale. Almost every shop, nowadays, cuts off goods as remnants and marks them at the inevitable remnant hunter. The success of the various ninety-nine cent stores is but another illustration of the failty of woman nature in this matter. It is no exaggera-tion to say that many a good woman has spent five cents in caf are in order to save this one cent on the dollar. Forty-nine cents seems so much less than at flyr, ninety-nine cents infinitely less than a dollar, and small merchants have readily taken advan-tage of this curious weakness. The glit-packages which come with tea and coffee are another illustration of this universal desire of the slopper to get some-thing for nothing. No sensible woman who reflects over the great amount of money made by such concerns can believe that any-thing is given away. An inferior quality of tea is palmed off at the regular price of the good quality, and thus the purchaser is made to pay for the gift.

A collection of butterflies long owned by Baron von Felder, of Vienna, has been sold ot Lord Rothschild, of London, for \$25,000.

ot Lord Rothschild, of London, for \$25,000. Cumso-" What are you going to do with that mouse, Johnny !" Johnny Cumso-" Use it for bait." Camso (astonished)-" For bait?" Johnny-" Yee; I'm going to try and catch some catfish." Girl Friend-" Do you feel the same for your husband as you did when he was courting you?" Newly.married Lady-" Well, not exactly. Then most of the time I was mad for him; now most of 'ho time I am mad with him."