

thing as being "driven into sin." No man begins to sin without consent of his will. He goes voluntarily into sin. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He himself tempted no man; but each man is tempted when he is drawn away by his own lust and enticed.

There is the Scripture, and the Scripture gives abundant assurance that no man who puts his trust in God is abandoned. God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation. For in that He himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.

The Lord does not promise, it will be noticed, to deliver the ungodly in temptation. We are expressly told that He will keep him under punishment. All sin has its penalties; and those who surrender to it must bear those penalties. The way of the transgressor is hard. If it is hard to overcome temptation, it is harder to be overcome by it. It is one or the other, inevitably; overcome, or be overcome. The man who chooses to give full play to his wicked desires abandons control at the outset, and allows his bark to be driven hither and thither with the certainty of shipwreck as the final outcome. He does not have to do so; there are sails and rudder and chart. He can keep off the rocks and out of the maelstroms, if he will. The secret is in loving Christ so that we shall wish to do as He desires. All must watch and pray lest they enter into temptation. That we must do. There is no other must. There is no Scripture which says some must obey and some must yield. Nobody has to yield.

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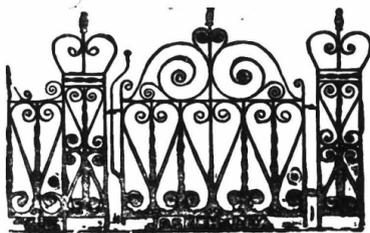
afraid of him; a troubled expression came into her blue eyes, her lips began to quiver, and the next moment tears began to chase each other down her cheeks.

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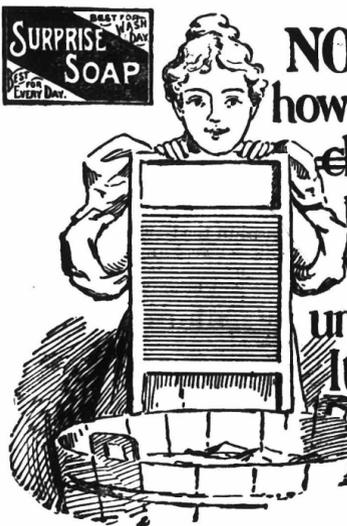
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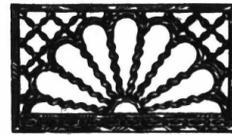
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