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THE HEN'S WING AS A SYMBOL

Sed's Wing Is a Spiritual Life-Giving Wing and Can Save Even From the Mardness of Commercialism-How the All-Father's Love Can Vivify and Quicken Life If We Place Ourselves in Receptive Meed.

intered according to Act of Parliament of Can ada, in the year 1903, by William Baily, of To-rente, at the Dep't of Agriculture. Ottawa.

Chicago, July 5.—Under the homely and familiar similitude of the barnyard fowl the preacher illustrates the divine love and protecting care that encircle all who give to the Heavenly Father a childlike trust and confidence. The text is Matthew xxiii, 37, "As a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings."

This commercial age is brutally unpoetic. It has even carried its shocking innovations into the barn-

poetic. It has even carried its shocking innovations into the barn-yard. We are now trying to hatch our eggs not into broods, but by the wholesale. We would change a hen's mest into a big, square wooden box and call it an incubator. We would have the oil lamp of the incubator do the work of the feathered breast and the outstretched wing. We would have the wire screen displace the sharp pointed bill of the barnyard sharp pointed bill of the barnyard mistress vehemently plunging right and left in defense of her young. We would do this in spite of the in-alienable rights of the hens. whose maternal affections are being crushmaternal affections are being crushed by this modern custom. The
man, eager above all things to make
money, has not the patience to listen to protests from man or bird
against his methods.
This controversy, however, does
not concern us in dealing with the
simile Christ used in our text. At
the time Christ uttered those words
the barnyard knew nothing of this

the barnyard knew nothing of this modern innovation of the incubator. Chickens still found their natural shelter under the wings of the hen, and our Lord's hearers perfectly un-derstood the meaning of his illustra-tion. So common was the sight of a hen gathering her chickens under her wings that every one would recogmize the truth Christ meant to teach when he used the hen's wing as a symbol of divine love. Thus, as Jesus wept over the sinful inhabitants of Jerusalem, in the words of my text I would try to interpret that divine love in the language of

the barnyard.
God's wing is a spiritual life giv-God's wing is a spiritual life giving wing. The warm feathers of the
mother bird are absolutely essential
for the development of the lives of
her young. If it were not for the
old hen's wing her chickens would
freeze to death during the spring
nights. They would sometimes be
drowned unless her wing, as a waterproof covering, was placed over them. They would die from lack of warmth, even as a little baby would die unless the mother every night tucked him up in his crib or snuggltucked him up in his crib or snuggied him up by her warm side in bed.
Heat is life. Cold is death. The
hen's wing is something more than a
mere poetic figure. It means that its
warmth not only hatches out the
eggs, but also by its heat develops
the little chickens after they are
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God's wing is absolutely essential for the development of a spiritual child. The Bible distinctly says, "Ye must be born again." That means, "Ye must be a God production as well as a man production." I am the physical child of my earthly parents. That does not necessarmply that I am a spiritual child od. But some day out in the damp, destroying storm of sin termine to creep under God's tual, life giving wing. As soon I am under that shelter I feel the divine life begin to creep into my life. I learn to love my Heavenly Father and see him as he is. I head him telling me what I ought to do and say. As a human being by and say. As a human being by placing his hand upon an electric

bactery immediately feels a thrill as the galvanic currents circle through his body the physical bedy and the mind and the dormant spirit all feel the warmth and the glow and the creative and developing power of God's wing as soon as we place ourselves in the receptive mood within the radius of the divine touch.

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Oh, the creative and the creating spiritual power of God's wing! We cannot afford to without it. Sir Henry Havelock, the most famous Christian soldier, at the time of his death, in the British army, so felt his spiritual dependence upon God that he dare not and would not let any day pass without at least two hours spent in closest contact with God's wing. If the army was to march at 6 in the morning then Havelock arose at 4 and apent the intervening time in and spent the intervening time in prayer and Bible reading, in talking with God and in having God talk to him. "I can afford to neglect every pulpit preparation," once wrote the great Robert Hall, "rather than neglect my private devotions and sa-cred solitary communion with Christ." Oh, my brother and sister, Christ." Oh, my brother and sister, are we trying to get divine life by merely coming into touch with men? Are we trying to be gospel evangelists, known and read of all men, without having our penitent hearts beating against the great pardoning, spiritual life giving heart of God? Come under God's wing to-day. Come, that we may have life and have if more abundantly. Listen to have it more abundantly. Listen to the divine call, and come to the di-vine shelter, and as the chickens find under the hen's wing comfort and

rest and peace for your souls.
God's wing is a protecting wing.
There are two kinds of hens. The
one is a chickenless fowl, which is an arrant coward. She will run at every strange sight and known danger. If she could fly, she would. When the little boy throws a stone at her she will run to the opposite side of the yard just as fast as she can go, keeping her wings flapping to help along in the retreat. But how different is the behavior of one who is clusting to her proced. Then who is clucking to her brood. Then there is no coward's heart beating within the mother's breast. Then there is no danger she will not face for her young.

The hen's wings in times of dan-

safety and peace, so shall you find

ger are always protecting wings. The other day I was walking about a farm and examining the horses in the stalls and the cattle in the fields, while a pet dog was running at my heels. During my explorations I heard an excited clucking, but thought nothing of it. As I stepped into the barnyard proper I saw a hen lying under a board. I called to her, but she moved not. I called to her, but she moved not. I called again and again, and then tried to shoo her off what I thought to be a stolen nest. Then I took a stick and gave her a poke. Instead of a frightened hen flying away for her life I found a vindictive and out-raged mother flying at me and my raged mother flying at me and my dog. The dog ran in one direction, I in the other. Then the hen called again to her young and gathered her chickens under her wing while she still eyed my four-legged companion as she would eye the would be murderer of her children. Oh, my friends, in the beautiful symbol of my text, did you eyer stop to think my text, did you ever stop to think that God's care could be a protect-

ing wing?
God protects us in a physical God protects us in a physical sense. Some time ago a gentleman, with his family, wished to make a journey to Boston. He hurried through his work that his vacation might be one of complete rest; but, try as hard as he could, he lost the desired train. A short time after the gentleman read the telegraphic reports that the train upon which he botted to travel was wrecked in a hoped to travel was wrecked in a collision and scores of people were killed. He immediately gathered his family together and returned thanks to God because he and his loved ones had been saved from this calamity. But why ought that man especially to have thanked God that day? Ought he not rather to be grateful to his Heavenly Father for caring for him and his loved ones every for him and his loved ones every day? I never take a trip in my life, and I have traveled thousands and tens of thousands of miles, but I realize the innumerable dangers which everywhere beset me. One intoxicated engineer, one drunken switchman, one failure of the signal

ights to work, and Death is ready to reach out her bony arms and hug the breath out of me. If you do not believe what I say, some night when traveling lie awake in your berth.
Then listen to the rumbling in the
distance coming nearer and nearer
until, with one wild shrick, the limuntil, with one wild shrick, the limited shoots past and then realize the prevalent dangers. Then thank God that he cared for and protected you in a physical sense. The breaking of one wheel, the twisting of one rail, the sagging of one bridge girder, and your train would be derailed and all its occupants would be hurled into eternity. God's wing in a physical sense is over us. It is a a physical sense is over us. It is a a physical sense is over us. It is a some or the ting wing. It covers us as a hen shields her chickens from the threatening hawk.

God protects us in a spiritual sense.

The Bible says, "God is faithful, who

The Bible says, "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted be-yond that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." What does that statement mean? escape, that ye may be able to bear it." What does that statement mean? Simply this: Here is a man whose whole nature is gnarled and twisted by sin. He is by a corrupt past a drunkard, a libertine, a thief. He wants to get under the protecting shadow of God's wing. When he arises in the morning he kneels by his bed and says: "O God, I am awfully weak. I know not which way to turn unless I look to thee. Save me this day from the wine cup. awfully weak. I know not which way to turn unless I look to thee. Save me this day from the wine cup. Save me from the fatal pitfalls which are yawning at my feet. Save me, O God, save me, save me!" Will God answer such a pleading prayer as that? Ch, yes God says to this moral cripple: "Come, my child, come under my wing, my protecting wing. I will surround thee with holy companionship. I will shut out from companionship. I will shut out from companionship. I will shut out from they sight the buzzards and the hawks and the serpents and the rats of sin which would destroy your of sin which would destroy your life! Come, my child, come. Come under the shadow of my spiritually protecting wing." My friends, some of us have been trying to resist temptation in our own strength. temptation in our own strength. Will you not depend upon the strength of God? Will you to-day, as a Christian, accept God's protecting wing against your besetting sin? That wing is a pledge that God will

not allow your temptation to be stronger than you shall have power given to resist. God's protecting wing is one of God's protecting wing is one of Christian fellowship. An old homely proverb says, "A hen will make just as much noise and scratch just as hard for one chicken as she will for ten." That may be true. Such actions upon the part of the feathered bird might be very exemplary. But one of the most ridiculous sights to me is a great, big fat hen strutting through the barnyard followed by one wee, little chirping chicken. Betone wee, little chirping chicken. Bet-ter for that little chicken to be kill-ed and the hen go about her legiti-mate business of laying eggs for the breakfast than for the mother bird to continue to waste her energies up-on the one offspring. The natura brood for a hen is not one or two chickens, but eight, nine or ten of even thirteen chickens. Every would be sitting hen if left alone nearly al-ways lays thirteen eggs for her nest. She wants a large family. A large family is good for the hen. It is good for the chickens.

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What is the practical application of this simile? Why God's wing is a place under which not only one Christian can find rest, but many Christian Christians. God's children are going to find safety and protection under God's wing because they will work together and live together and have their hearts beating together and, as it were, snuggle up together and keep each other spiritually warm They will be together as close in fellowship as the chickens are close together under their mother's wing If you lift up a hen who is covering her little ones at night you will be surprised how many chickens her small area is able to shelter. The reason—each chicken is pressing close against the other chickens as well as against its mother's be-

close against the other chickens as well as against its mother's breast. God's wing often protects his children best when they themselves are enveloped by total darkness. The little chickens, running to the warning call of the clucking hen, answer for the most part to the blind obedience of faith and love. When they crawl under the overshadowing and enveloping covering of that wing they can see nothing. Under that wing is total darkness. When the chickens are truly under that wing they leave

is total darkness. When the chickens are truly under that wing they leave all and trust all to their mother's care. It is because those chickens stay in total darkness under that wing that they often escape the searching eye of an advancing foe.

My dear hearer, are you ready to trust God in darkness as well as in the light? You came to me the other day and said, "I cannot understand why this trouble was laid at my door." Neither can I, my brother. I door." Neither can I, my brother. I do not understand why God should have taken away from your side that young man just five months afthat young man just five months after he was graduated for the bar. He was a bright fellow. He was a pure hoy. He was the child upon whom you set your heart to take your own place. You are in total darkness about this matter. So am I. But I do know God is good. I do know that God loved your boy. I do know that God loves you. Though under God's wing it may be darkdark at times as a dungeon—yet I do know that above God's wing is God's all seeing eye. What God he did for a good purpose. Trust him, then, my brother. Trust him and have faith as a chicken under the darkness of the hen's wing trusts a niother's love.

I do not know why in your old age you should have lost your money,

I do not know why in your old age you should have lost your money, and now in your physical weakness you must work or be dependent upon others. From my standpoint you always seem to have been a faithful and conscientious Christian. I do not know why Ira D. Saakey, who has sung thousands upon thousands into the light of the kingdom of God, should in the evening time of his life sit in total darkness and as a blind man have to be led around, helpless as a little child. But I do know that "all things work together for good to them that love God." I do know his care will give us a peace that passeth all understanding



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darkness of the shadows of God's encircling but loving wing.
But though God's wing is a spiritual developing and protecting wing it only spiritually develops and protects his own children. A hen knows her own brood. She will do everything in her power to care for and protect them. If a farmer takes some ducks' eyes and places them in the protect them. It a larmer takes some ducks' eggs and places them in the nest of a sitting hen she cares for those ducks after they are hatched. If there be a pond near and the lit-tle ducks enter the water the old hen upon the shore will be frantic. She will run round and round, trying to call them out. But a hen, as a rule —sometimes there are exceptions— will only care for her own brood. The average hen will not allow her brood to be mixed up with broods. She will drive the st chickens away from her young. tries to keep the family intact. other

The hen's chickens know their mo-ther's voice. At her call they leave whatever they are doing and go to her. My brother, have you heard God's voice calling you? Have you responded or have you stayed in your sin, heedless of his call? Remember, the protection of the divine wings is over none but those who seek it. God's wing is big enough to sees it. God's wing is big enough to cover all who repent of their sins and come to him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. But though God's wing is big enough to shelter the Mary Magdalenes and the poor publi-cans and the Peters and the Johns, cans and the Peters and the Johns, though they may come by the millions, there are some who miss its protection. What is the reason? Jesus tells us in this very passagn: "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" That is the reason. God forces no man to come. He invites, he pleads with them, but if they will not come, even he can do no more. The awful storms of the godless eternity beat upon them, and they have no shelter. What the terrors and the misery of that them, and they have no shelter. What the terrors and the misery of that time will be we cannot conceive. They are but dimly outlined in the Bible, but the images used are terrifying enough to blanch the bravest cheek, and through it all memory and conscience will reproach the sinner with those sad words, "Ye would not." Shelter was offered to all who would come, but "Ye would not." Self excluded, self destroyed; that will be the most terrible part of

Self excluded, self destroyed; that will be the most terrible part of that awful fate.

Obedience and disobedience to God are the two great teachings of my text. It was said that during a famous naval battle the sailors of an famous naval battle the sailors of an American ship were almost ready to surrender when suddenly a fowl escaped from the hencoop and perched herself in the rigging. There she defed the shot and shell and inspired the sailors to fight on to victory. May this sermon, founded upon the barnyard symbol, inspire some sinner to seek his safety for time and eternity under the shadow of God's loving and protecting wing.

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Taffeta tags and bobs are also much sed in close proximity to the old



fashioned silken chenille fringe. fact, trimmings alone offer a fair field to the amateur

There is a distinct fancy for hems of embroidery on frocks—that is to say, embroidery bought by the yard or woven into the material.

Hats with cherries are very smart when the straw is of a light cream Many hats are trimmed only on the

The flat sailor trimmed with wings laid on flat or loops of ribbon brought up from under the brim is always smart and in good taste. Such hats are prettiest in pure white, with an edge of color in velvet.

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