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Bible Thoughts for This Week

July 1

SEEK YE THE LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return uato the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will him: and to our God, for he will him: and to our God, for he mill him: him is worst rages.

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Thus each day the peasant-woman took deeper root in the heart of the him: him is worst rages. him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.—Isaiah 55:6, 7. July 2 BE CAREFUL FOR NOTHING; but

in every thing by prayer and suppli-cation with thanksgiving let your re-quests be made known unto God.

July 4
RIGHTEOUSNESS exalteth a nation. but sin is a reproach to any people.
—Proverbs 14:34.

July 5
THE WOLF ALSO shall dwell with
the lamb, and the leopard shall lie
down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling to-gether: and a little child shall lead them.—Isaiah 11:16.

July 6
WHOSOEVER WILL COME AFTER
ME, let him deny himself, and take
up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's the same shall save it.—Mark 8.34, 35.

July 7
THESE SIX THINGS doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination to him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief. A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

-Proverbs 6:16-19. July 8

PLESS THE LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction. -Psalm 103: 2-4.

MARK THE PEFECT MAN, and be-

mark the Perect Man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.—Psalm 37:37.

July 10

IS IT NOT to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him: and that thou kide not threat him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?—Isaiah 58:7.

MARRIED

A PLAIN GIRL WHO CAPTIVATED AN EMPEROR.

Peter I. of Russia Married Maid Because She Worked Hard to Keep Her Master's House Clean-Died Holding Her Hand.

Europe has probably never had a sovereign more complex than Peter I. of Russia, one of the greatest soldiers of his day, whose destructive sword swept Europe from Sweden to the Dardanelles.

Statesman and semi-savage, king and buffoon-one hour, the emperor, the incarnation of dignity; the next, carousing with common soldiers, or gloating over the sufferings of the victims of knout and strappado, he was the strangest jumble of contradictions who has ever worn the Imperial purple.

"He chose his friends." we are told, "among the common herd; looked after his household like any shop-keeper; and sought his pleasure where the lower populace generally finds it."

It was thus fitting that he should make an empress of a laundry-maid who had no beauty to commend her to his favor, and whose chief attraction in his eyes was that she had a coarse and clever tongue, and was an excellent comrade in his carousals.

One day in 1702, so the story is told, the czar, when calling on his favorite, Menshikoff, was astonished to see the cleanliness of his surroundings and his person.
"How do you contrive," he asked,

"to have your house so well-kept, and to wear such fresh and dainty linen?" Menshikoff's answer was "to open a door, through which the sovereign sponge in hand, bustling from chair to chair, and going from window to window serubling the window-panes" —a vision of industry which made such a powerful appeal to his ma-

jesty that he begged an introduction en the spot to the lady of the sponge. Whatever the attraction, says a writer in John o' London's Weekly, we know that, after his first sight of the laundry-maid, Peter's visits to Menshikoff became more and more frequent, and culminated one day in the transporting of her to the Im perial Palace—soon followed by a secret marriage.

But if Catharine lacked physical graces, she had a rare gift of diplomacy. She had, moreover, an unfailing cheerfulnes and goodness of heart which quickly endeared her to the capricious Peter. In his frequent fits of nervous irritability, which verged en madness, she alone had the power to soothe him and restore him to

able to him. Wherever he went she was his constant companion—in camp or on visits to foreign Courts, when she was received with the honors due to a queen.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 4:6, 7.

Live 3 Jesus. —Philippians 4:6, 7. have no boudoir graces; but at least July 3 he THAT PASSETH BY, AND MEDDLETH WITH STRIFE BELONGING NOT TO HEM, IS LIKE ONE THAT TAKETH A DOG BY THE EARS.—Proverbs 26:17. dangers of campaigns with a smile on her lips, sleeping on the hard ground and standing in the trenches, with the bullets whistling about her ears and men dropping to right and

left of her.
To Peter his scullery-queen was To Peter his sculley-queen was "Friend of my heart," "Dearest heart," and "Dear little mother." He complains pathetically, when away with his army, "I am dull without you—and there is nobody to take eare of my shirts."

When Catharine once left him on a round of visits, he grew so imyacht to bring her back, and with it a note: "When I go into my rooms and find them deserted. I feel as it I must rush away at once. It is all so empty without thee."

And each letter is accompanied by a present—now a watch, now some costly lace, and again a lock of his hair or a simple bunch of dried flow-ers, while she returns some such homely gift as a little fruit or a fur

When the czar's quarrel with his eldest son, Alexis, came to its tragic denouement in Alexis' death, Catharine's son became heir to the throne of Russia

Wonderful tales are told of the splendors of Catharine's coronation of the crown, a miracle of diamonds and pearls and crowned by a monster ruby, made at a cost of a million and a half roubles; the coronation gown, which cost 4.000 roubles; and the gorgeous coach, with its blaze of gold and heraldry, in which the czarina made her trimphal progress

through the streets of the capital.

The culminating point of this i markable ceremony came when, after Peter had placed the crown on his

"fe's head, she sank weeping at me feet and embraced his knees.
For a few more years the laundry-maid shared the splendors of one of

world's greatest thrones; and when, one day in 1725, Peter died, his hand clasped in hers, and whispering her name with his last breath, she was heart-broken.

She shut herself up with her sorters the was heart broken. row for weeks, weeping in her apartments and refusing to see anyone. And it was a happy day, two years later, that brought her release from the sceptre she had neither the heart

nor the will to wield alone, and re-union with the man who was more to her than all the world's crowns.

FUNNY PUNS IN POETRY. A Few Laughable Lines on Unusual

Names. Even the greatest of our wits have

not always been proof against the temptation to pun on names. A century or more ago there lived an eminent physician, Dr. Lettsom, who signed his prescriptions, "I Lett-This practice suggested the following lines:-

When any patients call in haste, I physics, bleeds, and sweats 'em; If after that they choose to die, Why, what cares I? I Let's 'em.

Even Lord Lyttelton, usually very staid, perpetrated poetic puns, of which the following tribute to the beautiful Lady Browne is a fair example:-

When I was young and debonair The brownest nymph to me was fair: But now I'm old and wiser grown, The fairest nymph to me is Browne

When one of Charles Lamb's condition, he retorted:-If e'er I ask a maiden's hand-

as three scruples make drachmtremble lest she'd sweetly say, "Yes, thanks, I'll take a little

Lamb." Few men were more skilled in this orm of wit than the late Sir Frank Lockwood. Once, when he was prose-cuting two burglars who bore the poetic names of Flowers and Leaves, the former prisoner was convicted, while the latter, against whom the evidence was equally strong, was acquitted. When the verdict was announced the famous counsel scribbled the following lines and sent them up to the judge:—

'Justice is blind," the maxim says, And this is why my spirit grieves—
She's plucked the Flower beyond a

Alas! she's overtooked the Leaves. There was a Dissenting minister, the Rev. John Onion, whose power of pathos was such that his eloquence was often almost drowned in floods of tears. This gift of compelling tears inspired a wit to write these

For pathos that can move to tears One man I'd lay my money on— For surely he's no tears to shed

Who weeps not at an Onion. The failure of two Irish bankers whose names were Going and Gonne suggested the following lines:-

Going and Gonne are now both one For Gonne is Going and Going is

The wedding of a Mr. Lyte, whose swarthy complexion belied his name, to a Miss Fowle, a pretty blonde, gave rise to this humorous verse:-While some assert that black is white And others swear that wrong is right. A bolder statement still I dare, That Lyte is dark and Fowle is faire

A slip containing the following lines is said to have been thrown through the window of a prison-van at Liverpool, where Mr. Hopwood Recorder, was as distinguished by is lenient sentences on criminals as Mr. Justice Day was by his severitya Oh! Mr. Hopwood, what shall I do?

They've sent me to the Assizes And I wanted to come to you; They tell me I shall only have The sentence of a Day, But oh! Mr. Hopwood, I'm afraid I've come to stay!

Some years ago a children's ball was given at the house of a Canon, who wrote to an old friend, a Col. Noys, to invite him to be present. To this invitation the colonel sent this

You ask me if I'll join your throng Of gay, light-footed girls and boys-How can a Canon-ball go off, I'd like to know, without a Noys?

"Say '99." Why does a doctor always demand why does a doctor always demand:
of a patient, as he applies his ear to
the stethoscope: "Say 'ninety-nine' "?
Why is that particular number
chosen? Why not "Say 'one hun-

dred"??
Sir Wiliam Hale-White, president
of the Royal Society of Medicine, has
let the secret out. He explained in
an address on "Auscultation" (listenan address on Auscultation (listen-ing) that a physician can often obtain evidence of the condition of his pa-tient's chest by noting how the spoken voice is carried through it. The trained ear can quickly discern whe-ther the chest contains air, solid of

Since the words "ninety-nine" are produced in the larynx, they are the most suitable for this test.