

close to a pine tree and almost hidden under its low-growing branches, was a little, sunken, neglected grave.

"This is it, sir; this is it," said the woman, dropping upon her knees upon the grave, with streaming eyes.

"It's the grave of my little boy, sir; the only child I ever had. I buried him there nineteen years ago. He was only four months and three days old, but he was a dear little fellow, sir, and it almost killed me to give him up."

Wiping her eyes on a corner of her shawl she added:

"I've never been here since the day we buried him, but I knew I could come right to the spot. I've seen it in my mind every day for nineteen years. We lived close to the graveyard, and in the evening of the day he was buried I slipped over here and set out this little pine at the head of the grave, for I'd no money to buy a stone."

"We moved west soon afterward and we've been kept poor all the time, but I've saved, little by little, all these years, and now I want to have his grave fixed up and a little stone put to it—the dear little fellow!"

She laid her wet cheeks down in the rank and tangled grass, and tenderly stroked the sunken clay, and the sexton quietly withdrew, leaving her alone with her dead.—*Youth's Companion*.

Things Worth Knowing.

A tickling in the throat can be cured by placing a pinch of dry, pulverized borax on the tongue and allowing it to slowly dissolve.

Rub your lamp chimneys after washing with dry salt and you will be delighted with the new brilliancy of your lights.

Oil cloth will last twice as long if a layer or two of wadded carpet lining are placed under them.

Branches of Norway spruce broken off and placed in a large vase of water will soon send out feathery pale-green shooots, which give a delightful fragrance to the room.

Kerosene, liberally applied, will soften boots and shoes that have been hardened by water.

To keep a closet or pantry dry and sweet, place a small box of lime upon one of the shelves. It will absorb all dampness.

The devil doesn't care how solemn a man looks if he forgets to be religious while he is trading horses.—*Ram's Horn*.

The Russian Jews.

The condition of the long persecuted Jewish people, the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, the remnant, of God's chosen people Isreal, is attracting a good deal of attention at present from those who believe that the time has arrived in God's "plan of the ages" for them to return to their own land. Their condition at present somewhat resembles that of their forefathers, immediately before their leaving Egypt. For a long time they were wronged and oppressed and their masters wanted to keep them in servitude and would not let them go, but when God's time came for their deliverance, He caused the Egyptians to change their minds and they began urging them to go.

Nearly one-half of the Jews in the world at present, are in Russia, and after enduring persecution in many forms for centuries, the Czar has suddenly changed his mind towards them, and has now issued positive orders that they have to leave his dominions, and that with very short notice; although only a few months ago, when parties of them attempted to leave the country, they were, Pharaoh-like, driven back from the frontier at the point of the bayonet, but when they leave Russia they are not wanted either in Europe or America, principally on account of their poverty, as every country feels that they have enough poor of their own to care for.

A knowledge of these facts has led to a movement in the direction of securing for them their own land for their own use. A memorial was presented on March 5th to the president of the United States, urging him as the head of the nation, to use his influence with the great powers of Europe, to have an international conference called at as early a date as possible, for the purpose of securing for them the possession of Palestine, as was done in the case of Servia and Bulgaria at the treaty of Berlin in 1878. These provinces as well as others were wrested from the Turks and given to their natural owners. The memorial, which is the outcome of a conference, held in Chicago, of Jews and Christians, and is largely signed by influential men in all the principal cities in the United States, urges that Palestine belongs to the Jews, and shews that the conditions of their doing well there now, should they be permitted to return, are very favorable, as the soil is known to be as prolific as any in the world, and of late years, the rains, which have been withheld for centuries, are returning in abundance. It is proposed to indemnify the Sultan

of Turkey for any vested rights that he may have in the country, by funding a portion of the Turkish debt through Jewish capitalists, and it is thought that the well known poverty of the Sultan will dispose him to look favorably on the proposition. The memorial also states that should their country be given to them on some such terms, that the wealthy Jews would see to getting their poorer brethren settled there. A railroad is under construction from Joppa to Jerusalem, and it is in contemplation to extend it to Damascus and the valley of the Euphrates, when it is claimed that it will be an important international route.

Onward and Sunward.

Others shall sing the song,
Others shall right the wrong,
Finish what I begin,
And all I fail to win.

What matter I or they!
Mine or another's day,
So the right word is said,
And life the sweeter made?

Hail, to the coming singers!
Hail, to the brave light-bringers!
Forward I reach and share
All that they sing and dare.

I feel the earth move sunward,
I join the great march onward,
And take by faith, while living,
My freehold of thanksgiving.

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Good Thoughts.

Troubles always look big at a distance.

No man lives who does not need a Saviour.

Christ is always close to those who need Him.

Whiskey is not the only thing that intoxicates.

Before you can do much good, you must be good.

There is no heaven except for those who overcome.

Many a man signs his death warrant with his teeth.

The way to love God more, is to trust Him more.

Whatever brings us nearer to God is a blessing to us.

In nothing else can there be such a change as in man.

"Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

The devil agrees with the man who don't believe in revivals.

The devil gets uneasy the moment a man finds out he is a sinner.—*Ram's Horn*.

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