selected raisins on the stem and simmer for an selected raisins on the stem and simmer for an hour, or let them stand until the second day, then reheat the syrup, put in the raisins, and let them stand where they will keep just below boiling point until the raisins are plump and tender, then seal up in glass jars. Omit the spices if you prefer a more delicate pickle. Prunes make a good pickle if soaked as for

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Religious Notes.

The Bible Society's agent at Bagdad reports that in the last consignment of English Bibles which he received there, all the maps had been torn out which referred in any way to Armenia. The dragoman of the Brutish Consulate at Bagdad explained that the name of Armenia on a map is forbidden in Turkey.

One of the leaders in the great reaction toward Western education and Western institutions in 'the new China' is Chang Chih-hung, who has ordered that the New Testament be introduced into all the schools of the Hupoh and Hunan Provinces, over which he rules. The decree states that the permanence and high quality of Chinese civilization are due to the fact that the Confucian classics have been taught in China for over 2,000 years. The Viceroy admits, however, that Western nations have some power which the Chinese do not possess. He is sure that this is not due to any superiority of the Westerners over the Chinese, but to the fact that the Western nations have in their possession certain teachings which the Chinese have not yet mastered. He thinks this superiority is due to the Bible, and in order to make the Chinese not only equal but superior to their Western competitors he orders the New Testament taught, alongside the Confucian classics, among the 58,000,000 people over whom he rules.

The relation of pauperism to intemperance seems very plain to the people of Japan. In Great Britain there are 1,100,000 paupers, and Japan has only 25,000. When someone expressed surprise at the great disparity and wondered why in Japan there is so small an element of pauperism in prepartion to popular element of pauperism in proportion to population, the reply of a Japanese statesman was: 'That is because while the Japanese drink tea the British people drink alcohol.'

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