b silk flounces around the gunwale.

Texas Siftings: Why don't some of you ng folks get married? We could write the affair in fine style, and then we ild tell you how we enjoyed the nice co of cake you sent us.

Among the crowds going to Kingston, t. lately, to attend the circus were ir couples who entered a Methodist ronage and got married. Two of the ides had no idea of the wedding until sy reached the city.

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a Doston woman wants to found a cor-yon an island in the Pacific Ocean nposed only of women. She has had o applications already. They are from o widows who have passed the age of renty and gives up all hopes.

GATHERED GEMS.

He is truly great that is little in himight of honor.

Afflicted one, you cannot believe it now. It you will come out from that furnace ven times purified in the refining fires God.—J. R. Macdaff, D.D. God.—J. R. Macdaff, D.D.
Faith and works are as necessary to our
iritual life as Christians, as soul and
dy are to our life as men; for faith is
e soul of religion, and works, the body. Do to-day's duty, fight to-day's tempta-

no to-day's delivered to things which on cannot see, and could not understand you saw them.—Charles Kingsley.

The timid and trembling Christian can ever be delivered from his doubts and prehensions till he is brought to live on od alone, and finds in Him the secret of s unfailing peace, and the basis of his erlasting happiness.

The rainbow that plays in the adverse

The rainbow that plays in the adverse mlight seems for a moment a vast and sable arch that spans the earth and saches to the clouds. We look again and is gone; not a vestige remains. Thus it with all earthly things.—Dr. Spring. Sometimes a fog will settle over a vesel's deck, yet leave the topmast clear. Then a sailor goes up aloft and gets a bokout which the helmsman on the deck annot get. So prayer sends the soul loft, lifts it above the clouds in which ur selfishness and egotism befog us, and

r selfishness and egotism befog us, and res us a chance to see which way to f its pleasant things. Bear its unpleasant things patiently. Remember that the aercies of life greatly exceed its ills, and

nercies of life greatly exceed its ills, and hat often these ills are mercies in discusse. Keep a good conscience toward lod and man. Be willing to be governed by God's laws and to be saved by His grace. These maxims, if practical, rill best solve the problem of happiness or this world, and they surely will for he next world.

If we pray for an earthly blessing we must pray for it solely "if it be God's vill, if it be for our highest god." but for all the best things we may pray without misgiving, without reservation, certain that if we ask, God will grant them, for what we desire we ask, and what we ask we aim at, and what we aim at we shall strain. No man ever yet asked to be, as that an an what we aim at we share that in. No man ever yet asked to be, as he days pass by, more and more noble, and weet, and pure, and heavenly-minded, no man ever yet prayed that the evil pirits of hatred, and pride, and passion, and worldiness might be east out of his country with the event with the partition heirs country. oul, without his petition being granted and granted to the letter.—F. W. Farrar.

CABLE NEWS. Social War in Ireland—Lots of Pota-toes but no Money—Local Govern-

AMERICAN NEWS.

OUR CABLE LETTER.

A Generous Act.—Five Hundred Dollars for the Widows and Orphans of the Anarchists Victims.

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been incurred by a fire which burned down a carriage factory, a blacksmith shop and a paint shop in Hackensack, N. J.