mit Verses 24-26-Golden Text, Luke v, 21-Commentary by the Rev. D. M.

"And it came to pass on a certain day
"S He was teaching." Our last lesson, conserising the miraculous draught of fishes, is
recorded only in Loke; then follows the healing of the leper, recorded by Matthew, Mark ing of the leper, recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke, as a result of which there came great multitudes to hear and be healed, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places. Then Luke says that He withdrew Himself into the wilderness and prayed (verse 16). Notice the soven other occasions recorded by Luke on which Jesus prays (vi, 12, 13; ix, 18, 29; xi, 1, 2; xxii, 32, 41, 44), and let us all sincerely ask ourselves how much we know of the power of prayer.

we know of the power of prayer.
"There were Pharisees and doctors of the "There were Pharisees and doctors of the aw sitting by, which were come out of every bown of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem." So that here was gathered a convention of all the leading and influential religious people of the land, and they were being addressed by this humble carpenter of Nazareth upon topics with which they ought to be very familiar, and of which the wonder in their that the should know anything.

familiar, and of which the wonder in their
yes was that He should know anything.

18. "And, behold, men brought in a bed a
man which was taken with a palsy." Mark
says that four men carried him. His trouble
was paralysis; he was utterly helpless, all undone, not a thing could he do for himself.
Other cases of this disease are recorded in
Matt. iv, 24; viii, 6; Acts viii, 7; ix, 33, the last
case being that of a man who had kept his bed
for eight years. This man's physical condition
was an illustration of the condition of all men
piritually, Rom. v, 6, 8, 10, to describe it as
'without strength, ungodly, sinners, enemies,"
and that was just the condition of those Pharisees and doctors of the law who were sitting by, but they knew it not.

ting by, but they knew it not.

19. "They went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling, with his couch, into the midst before Jesus." The discourage into the midst before Jesus." It seemed simple the server in the server simple the server in the server simple the server. ments were many and great. It seemed simply impossible to get their friend to Jesus.

20. "And when He saw their faith, He said for the property of the proper The great people present may have felt like objecting very detidedly to this rude interruption; or some hateful ones may have tion; or some hateful ones may have thed in their hearts at the meeting being laughed in their hearts at the meeting being thus disturbed; but the quiet calmness and dignity of Jesus would overawe them, and as all was still again, the helpless man lying on his couch in their midst, these most unexpected words fell from the preacher's lips: "Man, thy sins are forgiven thee!" As the skillful physician seeks carefully the source of the more manifest symptoms, the seat of the disease, and attends to that, knowing that if disease, and attends to that, knowing that it the cause is removed all will be well, so Jesus goes at once to the cause of all sickness and suffering and death, and in the case of this man grants him first his greatest need, the forgiveness of his sins. At the same time He forgiveness of his suns. At their need. Indicates to the Pharisees their need.

"Who is this which speaketh blasph mies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
Thus these sin sick Scribes and Pharisees began to reason in their hearts, not knowing that God Himself stood in their midst and

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uttered these words.

22. "Jesus perceived their thoughts (R. V., reasonings) said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?" They must have been startled at having the thoughts of their hearts thus told out before all, and one would think that this would convince them that Jesus was more than man. If they were well versed in their own Scriptures, as they should have been, such words as these would have come to mind, "I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them;" "The Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts;"

"The Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts;"
"Thou understandest my thoughts afar off."
23. "Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?" Each was equally easy to God manifest in the flesh, but from their standpoint simply to heal the man of his sickness would be the them to be a compared for days to grant.

fest in the flesh, but from their standpoint simply to heal the man of his sickness would not imply the same power of God as to grant forgiveness of sins, and would not have led them to accuse Him of blasphemy.

24. "The Son of Man hath power upon earth to forgive sins." And He will have them to know it. But who is this Son of Man? This is the first time we find the title in this Gospel, but we shall find it about twenty-five times as we go on. It is at least thirty times in Matthew, fourteen times in Mark and ten times in John. It seems to be our Lord's favorite title of Himself, and is found outside of the Gospels only in Acts vii, 56; Heb. ii, 6; Rev. i, 13; xiv, 14. Of the eighty times He uses it in the four Gospels, He uses it in reference to His resurrection and future glory about thirty times, and that reminds us of Ps. viii, 4; lxxx, 17; Dan. vii, 13, where the Son of Man is the one to whom dominion on earth is given. He has power to remove sin and sickness, and does it even now in the case of individuals. He removes sin as to its conand sickness, and does it even now in the case of individuals. He removes sin as to its consequences and power from every one who truly seeks Him. He removes sickness and suffering whenever it is for our good and His glory, but not until the resurrection will He give His people bodies forever free from all infirmity. The time will come when He shall have removed from the earth forever all traces of sin and the curse; and He shall do it as Son of Man, David's Son, Abraham's Son, in association with redeemed Israel and the glorified church.

25. "And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and

glorified church.

25. "And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God." The Word of the Son of Man, God manifest in the flesh, did it. He forgave his sins, He healed his body. We would, as a rule, have healthier bodies if we had healthier souls, purer hearts, hearts in which the Word of God dwelt richly. If our bodies were temples filled with the Holy Spirat, who can tell what He, the Quickener, Teacher, Comforter, would do for us, in us, through us, to the glory of God. By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth (Ps. xxxiii, 6), and that Word in which the Spirit dwells (John vi, 63) has lost none of its power. Turn a moment to the man and his friends as they return home in triumph, glorifying God. What a praise meeting it was; a true Hallelujah chorus. And all because of faith in the Son of Man.

26. "Amazed—plorified God—filled with

Son of Man. "Amazed-glorified God-filled with Son of Man.

26. "Amazed—glorified God—filled with fear—We have seen strange things to-day."

Jesus is the Lord (iod of the holy prophets (Rev. xxii, 6, 16), and if our hearts looking up to Him in childlike faith should say, "Ah, Lord God! behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee" (Jer. xxxii, 17), we too would be amazed at the results of faith, and should be compelled to glorify God every day because of the strange things we would see. The empty would be filled, but the rich and self satisfied would still go empty away. The Lord gives us to see our paralysis, that we may in our helpfulness come and cling to the

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE. Unfavorable Effect of Electricity on the

Electricity on the Fine Facial Nerves.

Electricity is now much employed in the removal of wens, warts, moles and superfluous hair upon the face, and in general with refets.

Yet, according to a writer on the subject, Yet, according to a writer of a transport there is a risk of injury to the nerves or other parts of the face if these operations are not very delicately and intelligently done. A case is mentioned of a lady who had a delicase is mentioned of a lady who had a delicate shading of hair on her upper lip removed by the usual electric process of piercing the root of each hair with a very fine needle through which the current was given, killing the bulb in the skin. The operation was painful, so that it could only be completed in several sittings. It removed the hair perfectly, but the effect on the fine facial nerves nearly cost the lady her eyes, and she lost the use of them for over a year. Always avoid painful processes if possible. Pain means in jury to the nerves, and directly or indirectly to the whole system, and is far from being the insignificant or necessary factor in our lives that amazonian souls make it.

Physical Freedom for Children.

It is as natural to a child to be happy as it is to a fish to swim. But for this they need a certain amount of "letting alone." It is a great mistake for parents to hamper their children with foolish restrictions. Our next door neighbor's children are not allowed to go near the picket fence in front of the house lest they should climb and hurt themselves. They cannot climb a tree for the same reacon. They may not skate or swim, or have a

They cannot climb a tree for the same reason. They may not skate or swim, or have a gun. The consequence of this training is that their parents have made cowards of them all, with the exception of one little girl. She is not only a daring little mischief, but has learned to be deceifful as well, and plays all her mad pranks (such as walking the railing of a bridge that crossed a railroad track while the train was passing under) well out of sight of her parents.

Don't fancy your boy is made of glass. Grant a reasonable request, and let him feel that when you refuse it is for his own good. The youngest child needs some sort of agreeable occupation and a certain amount of physical freedom.

physical freedom.

Unwholesome Floors.

Medical investigators in England have been medical investigators in England have been nouncing the results of experiments as to be effect of floor deafening on the sanitary the effect of floor deafening on the sandary condition of dwelling houses. Commenting on these, The Analyst says it is shown that this is a frequent source of pollution and vitiation of the air of dwelling houses. The conclusion verifies the statement made some time ago by a German chemist, namely, that there exists nowhere in nature, not even in the original properties of the properties there exists nowhere in nature, not even in the neighborhood of human dwellings, a nat-ural soil so highly contaminated with nitro-genous organic substances and their decom-position products as the deafening material under the floor of dwelling rooms. It ap-pears that in Dundee the investigators exam-ined various samples of the floor deafening from several houses, and in their chemical and bacteriological examination of the speci-mens collected. It is shown that floor deatenmens collected, it is shown that floor deaten-ing furnishes just the medium for the growth of micro-organisms, and gives off gases from putrefaction, provided the necessary factors -moisture, warmth and nitrogenous matter

Nutritive Value of Boiled Milk. The sterilization of milk, which has been attracting attention of late, appears to be a process not without its disadvantages. From a course of very carefully conducted experiments, Dr. E. V. Vasilieff, of St. Petersburg, deduces the conclusion that as records to deduces the conclusion that as regards its nutritiousness, boiled milk represents a de-cidedly inferior dietetic article compared with raw milk.

One Thing and Another. A Swedish cure for insomnia is a napkin, wet in ice water and slightly wrung, laid over the eyes.

Sufferers from neuralgia are warned by a medical writer not to drink tea; but to drink freely of coffee into which the juice of a lemon has been squeezed.

For ingrowing toe nails use equal parts of mutton tallow, castile soap and white sugar made into a salve. Apply until the swelling is down, then trim the nail in the center. Bathe a sprain with arnica diluted with

water, and bandage with soft flannel moist-ened with the same. A simple way to disinfect a room is to heat

A simple way to disinfect a room is to heat an iron shovel very hot and then pour vine-gar upon it, drop by drop. The steam aris-ing from this is a disinfactant. A mixture of equal parts sweet oil and tincture of iodine is said to relieve corns and bunions.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE.

Styles of Stationery in Favor with Fashionable Women.

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No one uses correspondence cards any more.
One of the most fashionable of New York
women employs for informal notes a kind of
compromise between the old fashioned correspondence card and the tiny note paper
which is the prevailing form. This little
sheet is in French gray or a pale grayish blue
color, with the address stamped in white.
Some ladies have a fad for writing on colored
papers with white ink, but as the ink generally rubs off badly the practice is not particularly agreeable to the recipients of such
favors. An extreme instance is a paper of
veritable pea green hue, stamped in white
and covered with chirography in white ink.
Pink paper of a peculiarly vivid and striking
tint represents the fancy of a well known literary woman; this, too, is stamped in white,
but btack ink is used.

White wax for sealing the envelope is particularly elegant, and to be able to accomplish the feat without smoking the least particle of the wax affords peculiar satisfaction
and pride in one's definess.

A real blue grooth finished paper, with the

ticle of the wax another sections and pride in one's deftness.

A pale blue smooth finished paper, with the address in plain dark blue lettering, is pretty and in good taste, and the same may be said of silver lettering on a white sheet, which is

a popular style.
Coats of arms and crests, while gorgeously Coats of arms and crests, while gorgeously displayed on the stationery of many fashionable people, are conspicuous by their absence on that of many others whose right to use them is undoubted.

Monograms are not greatly used; still they cannot be pronounced out of vogue, for they are frequently employed in large size and of rainbow tints.

rainbow tints.

The single initial represents an elegant fash-

In a single initial representation of the single initial representation, employed by as notable a personage as Mrs. William C. Whitney. The initials of the full name in fac-simile of the handwriting are quite in favor, but seem more especially suitable for informal notes to inti-

In general, it may be said that rough finished white Irish linen, with the address stamped at the top of the sheet in silver, gold or one plain color, is accepted good form for

Shyness and Its Cure. Shyness cramps every motion, clogs every word. The only way to overcome the fault is to mix constantly in society and habitual intercourse with others will give you that uses of manner that shyness destroys.

The Great Cathedral of Nicaragua.

The great cathedral of San Pedro of Leon is probably the finest religious edifice south of the City of Mexico. It was finished in 1743 at a cost of \$5,000,000, occupying thirty-seven years in construction. It is of cut stone and is one firm mass of masonry, covers an entire square, and its front extends across one side of the Grand Plaza. Like similar buildings, whose ruined arches and walls may be seen in Antigua de Guatemala, this church has walls at least fifteen feet in thickness, and has the solidity of a rock. Numerous earthquakes have produced no impression, and the storms of a century and a half have in no way injured its fine quality of stone.

While inspecting its interior I met the cure, an old gentleman of perhaps 65 years of age, who, though a well traveled European, had never visited the United States. He told me that in the numerous disputes between Leon The Great Cathedral of Nicaragua.

never visited the United States. He told me that in the numerous disputes between Leon and Grenada the church had often been converted into a fortress, and sustained a few bombardments from besieging forces. Thirty pieces of artillery are said to have been planted on its rood at one time, and on its eastern side there are many indentations made by shot.

This cathedral was once possessed of great wealth, the chancel was surrounded with a

This cathedral was once possessed of great wealth, the chancel was surrounded with a railing of solid silver, while all the altar ornaments were of gold. With the exception of the cup and plate used at mass the church has no engagents of the response weekly now. of the cup and plate used at mass the enurch has no ornaments of precious metals now. Much was shipped to Spain, and what re-mained did not escape the rapacity of the soldiers, who have many times advanced and retreated through Leon.—Nicaragua Letter.

Why Thread Is Numbered.

Every seamstress, whether she wants No. 30 or 00 or 120 thread, knows from the number just what size the thread will be and what kind of sewing it can be used for; but how the numbers came to be just what they are and just what they mean not one person in 1,000 knows, yet it is a very simple matter to explain, providing you only know the points and how to elucidate them. When \$40 yards of yarn weigh 7,000 grains, a pound of cotton, the thread makers mark it No. I. If 1,680 yards weigh a pound, it is marked as No. 2. For No. 50 yarn it would take 50 multiplied by \$40 to weigh a pound. This is the whole explanation of the yard measurement as used by the spool cotton manufactured. the whole explanation of the yard measurement as used by the spool cotton manufacturers. The early manufactured thread was of three instead of six cord, the number being derived from the number of yards to the yound, just as it is today. No. 60 yarn made No. 60 thread, though in point of fact the setual caliber of No. 60 thread would equal No. 20 yarn, being made of three No. 20 thrands twisted together.—St. Louis Republic.

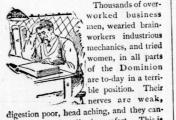
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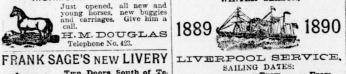
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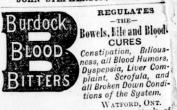
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TOPICS OF TO-DA

The London Polytechnic is about t for the benefit of clerks and other ployed in offices, classes beginning o'clock in the morning. The cou-cludes a breakfast, so that the stude go directly from the classes to their without loss of time.

There is a Home of Rest for Ho London, regularly incorporated and Lord for its president. It is said t been very successful in a small wanow is trying to get \$25,000 endowith which to buy and maintain a fathe benefit of aged and decrepit horse At a convention of the Conservat

East York held on Saturday afternominate a candidate for the Do Parliament the meeting adjourner could not agree on a choice. Afte some of those who had attended the ing nominated Ald. A. E. Macdon Toronto, as a candidate. onto, as a candidate It is a curious fact that the Curi e, which is a common just out the village, is the only piece of real in Ireland for which no rent is paid.

the present time scarcely a blade of can be found on the Curragh. The and cattle eat it as fast as it grows. The British and Foreign Bible S which has spent \$50,000,000 in the ination of the Scriptures, recently brated its 86th birthday by a great tainment in London for its juvenile a who are chiefly young girls, and for it had made as one of the features

occasion a cake that weighed 86 pour

used by all the residents of the locali

It is asserted that recent boris Dover, England, have developed t istence there of a vein of coal eig thick, and at a depth which ma possible for it to be easily worked. discovery is confirmed it will lead building up of a great manufacturi trict in that part of England, and wi greatly cheapen coal for London. A poll taken at the Government we

Woolwich recently upon the question establishment of a pension system by

money for a beneficial fund should money for a beneficial tund should ducted from the wages of the worki resulted in 2,983 votes yes, 4,983 vot 396 blank votes, and 4,593 refusals t at all. The total number of employe 16 years old in the works is 12,955. English saddle makers report no d habit makers declare that the only they know of who rides man fashion in ordinary male attire. There is style of habit, though, the skirt of w

divided at the back and the loose formed into a sort of leglet. Its adv

n the saddle in case of a fall. A practical joker with ability as nist recently blocked traffic in street by standing beside an open dr street by standing beside an open dricalling "Help!" in a voice that sidown in the drain. The police sure overs, who made a thorough explication without discovering the che cries, and the excitement because the state ordon of police had formed to keep people away from the The ventriloquist being forced back the rest of the crowd, the cries cease the greatenest was over.

The recent marriage of "Tottie Queenstown barmaid, to Mr. Dupo Maryland millionaire, has turned the Maryland millionaire, has turned the of all the barmaids in the Emera Every American tourist who visits is now taken for a probable milliona these pretty and interesting girls, looked upon as a possible husband. It is anything in the world that an Iris maid desires it is that she may be for enough to capture an American hu And they are not bashful about telli American men so, either. Traveler And they are not bashful about tein marrican men so, either. Travelet ke warning from this state of thin eel their hearts against the blace of these witching maidens, for the fascinating.

Suicide of a Police Commission MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 24.— ommissioner George L. Baker com-licide yesterday by shooting. Th suicide yesterday esterday by shooting. The accounted for. Mr. Bake worth \$400,000. A Southern Cyclone.

CHESTER, S. C., March 24.—A destreyclone passed over the village of moor Saunday afternoon Fourteen were by down. James Mille

were and down. James Mille killed, and several persons were ser injured. The roof of the Georgia, Ca and North depot was blown half a way. Robinson & Brox.' establis and Dickey's drug store were total molished. Edgemoor's new church widestroved. destroyed.
Suicide Day in Chicago. Suicide Day in Chicago.
CHICAGO, March 24.—The Corone
four inquests on Saturday. The
were: Wm. Misner, laborer, 69 Sh
street, who took poison; Wm. A. Ba
express messenger, who shot himself
head while despondent over the loss
express package; Patrick McNich
borseshoer, who shot himself, and
Gotham, at 89 West Indiana street
shot herself in the head while despo
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Niagara Falls, Ont., March 24.—
E Clarke, manager of Ellis' Whotel, or this town, has left for par known. Upon inquiry it was found counts were all right, and he left the in a flourishing condition. Last Fall married a Miss Mary Morrison, of ter, N. Y. The union was not a one, the husband and wife only livy gether a day or two. The advice of it was resorted to last week, and it was that Clarke and his wife would I gether, and he take a partner and a the proprietorship of the hotel. Befing and his wife were to go and his wife were to go and Mr. Cla. Se relatives in Rochester, a twain left to the American side of the take the train for Rochester. About the control of the hotel is would return shortly, that he was go be shaved. From the time he left the he has not been heard from, It has A Niagara Hotel Keeper Missir he has not been heard from. It has come to light that Clarke sold his inte the hotel, and it is said he has left for