

## THIS CUTE LITTLE STAR BELIEVES IN THE TRUST



EDITH TALIAFERRO.

You can't prove to Edith Taliaferro that the theatre trust is as mean as folks make out; she's for it, strong. Her reasons are pretty good, too, she's so good that it paid the trust to be good to her. Moreover, Frederick Thompson, who married her sister Mabel, is one of the trust managers. Next season Edith Taliaferro (Tolliver you know, is the way to say it), will play Rebecca in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."

## PASSING INTO VAST UNKNOWN

Many People Disappear Annually Without any Assignable Cause or Reason—Some Striking Instances.

Glasgow Weekly Herald

The paragraph which appeared recently recounting the disappearance of a solicitor of such striking personality as not to be easily hidden recalls vividly to memory the astounding fact that people—to a number far beyond ordinary knowledge—disappear yearly and that without assignable cause so far as any matters connected with the positions, financial or otherwise, their domestic lives or relationships, their sanity or capabilities are concerned. Details of a few of these come before the public from time to time, but there are an almost unbelievable number of such disappearances unknown beyond the ken of those intimately concerned, or of which some inkling comes out through the report of a "Presumption of Death" case before the Court.

### Left No Trace.

Under the latter heading may be placed the case of the vanishing into space of a young ship captain—the son of a solicitor of good standing, and having two brothers following the father's profession. This young man had rather exceptional opportunities for making in the career he had chosen for himself. So steady, level-headed, and hard working was he that he not only obtained his "skipper's ticket" with flying colors, but, gaining the confidence of his owners, was entrusted with a command at an age when most only reach the "mate" stage of their career. With the fairest prospects, he married the girl of his heart and established an idyllic home to return to from his voyages.

On returning from his first trip after his marriage he was promoted to command the latest and most important of his owner's vessels, a boat only then being finished and equipped for her maiden voyage. This fact entailed a longer spell ashore than usual, which he accorded fully with the desires of the recently-wedded couple. One morning buoyant with good spirits, and in a condition of greater content with his lot in life than falls to the most of us, this young captain took an affectionate "adieu" of his wife to make one of his periodical visits to the owner's offices, intending to be absent only a few hours.

### No Trace Found.

He never reached his destination, and from that day to this no trace whatever has been found of him. All inquiries and searches were made, and after the lapse of the usual time the Court was applied to, and, being satisfied that there is no reasonable chance of his being in this world, decreed him "legally dead."

Another case, hitherto unknown save to those concerned, was that of a middle-aged gentleman holding an excellent position in the Civil Service, himself of robust, jovial disposition, and something of a "bon vivant," enjoying life and circumstances, who also left his home one morning after the usual salutations with his wife and two grown-up daughters, for the journey to his office which he had regularly taken for so many years, but which destination on this occasion he never reached. All search and inquiry proved fruitless. He passed into the Vast Unknown, and was heard of no more.

It is open to suggestion that in both these cases, as well as the more recent one of the solicitor, are accountable for by some sudden loss of memory on the part of the victims, and that they are alive under other conditions, oblivious of the former and real personalities. There are scattered and isolated instances of these conditions obtaining, but so few that it would be preposterous to suggest that even a fair proportion of these disappearances are ascribable thereto. To those who have a personal knowledge of the two

## PEOPLES' SERMON

SERMON BY CHARLES T. RUSSELL, PASTOR BROOKLYN TABERNACLE.

## PREACHING TO THE DEAD

"For this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but alive according to God in the spirit" (1 Peter iv., 6).

Jamestown, N. Y., August 7.—Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle today addressed a very large meeting of Bible Students in the Coleridge Auditorium. The occasion was a general Convention of Bible Students. The audience was estimated at nearly 5,000. Taking for his text the above words, the speaker said:

The Bible, to be understood, must be viewed from its own standpoint. This, as Bible students, we are learning more and more particularly every day. In the past we have read our Bibles "up-side-down." Many read as if they were coming to a new world, and would place Divine Justice and bring us Divine favor. Now we are learning to read the Bible in a common-sense way, and to use our reasoning faculties in connection with its statements and prophecies. As a consequence, while others are falling from the faith—some into infidelity styled Higher Criticism and Evolution; others into fanciful wrestlings of the Word of God—we are coming to appreciate the Bible as the most safe and sane Book in the world. Correspondingly our faith in God increases—faith in His Wisdom, Justice, Love and Power to accomplish all the good purposes of His will, and to maintain before the creation of our race. Correspondingly, too, we are coming to appreciate more than ever the value of the great Redeemer and of the great sacrifice for sin which He accomplished at Calvary. We are coming to see the truth of what we once considered poetic license when we sang,

"There is a wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea."

We are seeing more clearly as the days go by the meaning of the Scripture which declares that eventually the Redeemer "shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied." We perceive now that the little handful of saints walking in the Master's footsteps from Pentecost to His Second Advent and sharing in the "First Resurrection" is not the end of Divine Love for our race, but merely before the beginning—"A first-fruits unto God of His creatures" (James i., 18). We now see that, according to the Divine purpose, the calling and election of the "church" to the spirit nature, of the captain of the officers, men and passengers and crew of the good ship Marie Celeste. On December 4th, thirty-five years ago, this ship was sighted in mid-Atlantic by the captain of the ship "Despatch," and reported "all well." The two vessels saluted and parted. She was gained sighted two days later by another ship, but this time there was no response. Sails were set, and as everything appeared in order, the captain of the sailing vessel was considerably puzzled.

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But while those who hear are few in comparison to the millions of the world who do not hear, nevertheless they are many in comparison to the still fewer who accept the call under the conditions and limitations of the narrow way of self-sacrifice. "Many are called but few are chosen" to this high calling of joint-heirship with the Redeemer in his Kingdom.

By and by when all eyes and ears of understanding shall be opened and the blessing of the Lord through Messiah shall be world-wide, it will not be merely a calling to righteousness that will be extended. A command will be enforced by disciples, "stripes" "corrections in righteousness," to the intent that the "dead" world in general may be blessed and be resurrected—lifted up, up, up, out of sin and death conditions to the human perfection bestowed upon Adam and his race in creation. Only this unwilling and disobedient will die the Second Death, from which there will be no redemption, no recovery.

### Live in Flesh and in Spirit

Those who hear the Gospel and accept its terms of consecration unto death of the flesh and are begotten of the Holy Spirit as New Creatures, "partakers of the divine nature," have so to speak a dual existence from the time of their begetting at the Spirit. From God's standpoint they are New Creatures, begotten of the divine nature, which, if faithful, they will fully obtain in the "First Resurrection." Yet according to all worldly concepts of the matter they are still human beings, very much the same as they were prior to their consecration and Spirit begetting. The world may indeed see in their conduct and life no radical changes more or less radical than those of the Pharisees. As yet, as not, these will appear to the world merely as fads, fancies, eccentricities. Perhaps, indeed, as in the case of St. Paul, they may be considered as "beside themselves"—mad. Hence, as the Apostle declares, "The world knoweth us not, even as it knew him not" (1 John iii., 1). The world did not know Jesus to be begotten of the Holy Spirit, the Son of the Highest, etc., nor does the world yet know that he is highly exalted at the Father's Right Hand. So also it is with the followers of Jesus. They similarly have received a Spirit begetting and, similarly, in due time, are to experience the glorious change of the "First Resurrection" and be perfected on the new plane of the divine nature.

### Judgment of Men—Judgment of God

Note again the Apostle's words respecting these Spirit-begotten followers of Jesus, the "little flock," who walk in his footsteps of self-sacrifice. He says that these will be judged not according to men, in the flesh, but according to God in the Spirit. Men not knowing us as New Creatures in Christ may think of us and approve or condemn as they would think of or approve or condemn others—according to the flesh. The world will not see that in these New Creatures there is a battle in progress—the New Creature seeking to conquer the flesh and to bring it into subjection to the divine will, but not always able to do so.

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## WOMEN SHOULD LEARN HOW TO STEP INTO AEROPLANE



A woman may step into an automobile gracefully, but she must climb into an aeroplane, and the chances are that she will not be graceful about it. She must sit in a small seat, with her knees drawn up under her chin, and it is impossible for her to move about or change her sitting posture. A two-hour ride in one position would be far from comfortable, no matter how exciting the experience of flying.

## CECIL RHODES AND HIS WORK --A ROMANCE OF THE EMPIRE

Nine and thirty years ago there stepped ashore at Capetown a big, loose-limbed young man, a stranger in the land, who for his health's sake had been sent out from England to farm in the purer, dryer air of South Africa. And while he gathered his first impressions of the Cape of Good Hope there played upon a farm in the far distance north a sturdy little lad, just eight years old.

The young stranger entered upon the race for gold, yet he was not as the other seekers after wealth. Though with them, he was not of them. He was a dreamer of strange dreams, he carried an empire in his mind. Slowly his visions took shape. And from the south he began to build, to push forward a great enterprise, scheming and fighting against the power in the north where another man, also a dreamer of dreams, planned a similar empire of dreams, and yet iron-willed, the Victory fell to him of the south, and when the empire-builder went to his long last rest he left a beautiful and historic house as a dwelling-place for the first leader of a United South Africa.

The house stands today on the shores of South Africa. And its first occupant will be the little lad who played upon a farm in the north, in the land which allied itself with the rival empire-builder.

For the young man was Cecil Rhodes. The little boy was Louis Botha.

A Touch of Romance. There is much that is romantic in the history of the British Empire, but nothing more romantic than this. One may be stirred by the thought without sentimentality, and yet iron-willed, something in it so typically English—so impossible, almost. It is at once a tribute to the big-mindedness of the British people and a testimony to the confidence inspired by the Dutch. The lad who grew up on an Orange Free State farm, and became a member of President Kruger's Legislature, and led the forces of the north against the might of the nation which came to support the work of the empire-builder and the dreamer of the south, is now the prime minister of the Union of South Africa under the British flag, and is entitled to occupy the beautiful house Rhodes bequeathed to the land he loved so well.

Less than nine years ago he was defying our armies. Today he governs a dominion of our empire. Surely the English must be mad—or inspired! There is something thrilling, soul-stirring—and yet iron-willed and almost—in the working of fate in this land of the unexpected. For, consider the history and associations of this house, Groote Schuur. Far back in the story of South Africa

short runs to lick his legs and wings with his tongue. The cockroach is also a great help in devouring crumbs and waste about the kitchen and the dining-room. "In the tenements of New York's East Side the cockroach bugs do the work that the housewives leave undone. The insects clean from the cracks and crevices of ill-kept kitchens the food and refuse that would otherwise decay and cause evil results. Besides, the cockroaches, if the food supply runs short, will make inroads into the bedrooms and hunt and devour other insects, such as bedbugs, that make life miserable. If food is kept out of the house for a week or so and there are any bedbugs to be found, the cockroaches will eat them and their eggs. Taken altogether, in unclean houses the cockroach is a blessing. The best exterminator I know of is pyrethrum powder. The best way to rid a kitchen of cockroaches is to take out all articles that might be dirtied by the powder and then to throw handfuls of it into the cracks and crannies where the roaches hide. "In a minute or so the roaches will be seen stumbling out of their retreats. They will tumble about and fall drunkenly. As a matter of fact, they are suffocating. Since they breathe through spiracles or holes along their sides and not through their mouths, the powder enters into these spiracles when they try to run through it. After the kitchen has

been well powdered the floors and windows should be closed overnight. In the morning the dead roaches will be found lying scattered everywhere. "I do not know of any way to prevent them from invading a house, or more especially an apartment. They are migratory in their habits, and if you succeed in killing all you have today you have no assurance that a wandering band of roaches may not discover your kitchen in a week or so and invade it. Therefore, the housewife will find that she must repeat the treatment occasionally, say every month. In that way she may be sure of keeping her house clear of them."

### DEATH IN WAKE OF FROZEN EGGS.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 11.—As the result of an experiment upon a guinea pig, that died after being inoculated with frozen eggs, J. Buschel, a large dealer of this city, is under arrest on a warrant obtained by the state dairy and food department on a charge of selling eggs unfit for food purposes. Harry Cassidy, special agent of the dairy and food department, alleges that Buschel sells frozen eggs that have been removed from the shells and in a solid body are disposed of to bakeries, which thaw out the product. The samples seized were examined by bacteriologists. They inoculated the guinea pig with the frozen eggs and it died within twelve hours. Two other dealers were also held for a hearing, for selling eggs unfit for food.