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David Becomes King.-2 Sam. 2: 1-10. Commentary.—I. David anointed king at Hcbron (vs. 1-7). 1, After this —Atter the death of Sanl and his sons. Inquired of the Lord—By mean of Abhahar, the priest who was with David during his fugitive life. "At that decisive turning point in his life, David wisned to know the will of the Lord. He saw that the promise of the king.com was now the be fulfilled to him. As he could no longer remain in the land of the Philistines, but must return to his own country, and as the northern part of the land was ball by the Philistines, the return to the territory of his own tribe was bedd by the Philistines, the return to the territory of his own tribe was most natural; for there, where he had a long time found refuge (I. Sam. xxii. 5), ne regight count on a large following, and firm support and pro-tection against the remains of Saul's army under Abner."—Lange. Cities of Judah—It would be useless to think Judah—It would be useless to think
of udnertaking to assume control of
the country in the northern part of
the kingdom, as that was in the
hands of the Philistines, and David
was in no position to drive them out. was in no position to drive them our of our position to drive them our of our position up' meant assuming royal authority. God's answer was immediate and clear. David's decision, guiacd by God, was to establish himself as king at once. Unto Hebron—One of the most ancient cities of the

world.

2. So David went up—It may be well to note some of the leading elements which we discern in David's life and character as he enters upon his new life. "He had, 1. A vivid sense of Golden and and a property of the p



A prominent club woman. Mrs. Danforth, of St. Joseph, Mich., tells how she was cured of falling of the womb and its accompanying pains.

"Life looks dark indeed when a woman feels that her strength is sapping away and she has no hopes of ever being restored. Such was my feeling a few months ago when I was advised that my poor health was caused by prolapsus or falling of the womb. The words sounded like a treat the transfer of the trans Incell to me, I felt that my sun had set; but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vege-table Compound came to me as an elixir of life; it restored the lost es and built me up until my good the returned to me. For four mortes and built me up until my good health returned to me. For four months I took the medicine daily and each dose added health and strength. I am so thankful for the help I obtained through its use."—Mrs. obtained through its use."—Mrs. Florence Danforth, 1007 Miles Ave., St. Joseph, Mich.—\$5000 forfeit if original of those letter proving sequineness cannot be produced.

The record of Lydia E. Pink-ham's Vegetable Compound cannot be equalled by any other medicine in the world.

"FREE MEDICAL ADVICE TO WOMEN." Women would save time and much sickness if they would write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., fer advice as soon as any distressing symptoms appear.

could be made king. Abner would would be almost supreme. Mahanaim—Abner chose this town because it was on the eastern side of the Jordan, and so beyond the range of the Philistines, who never seemed to have crossed the river.

ed to have crossed the river.

9. Made him king—Here was the establishment of a rival kingdom, which probably would have had no existence but for Abner. He was cousin to Saul. Loyalty to the house of his late master was mixed up with opposition to David, and views of personal ambition in his originating this factious movement.—Gilead—The land beyond Jordan. Ashurites—The tribe of Ashur in the extreme north. Jesreel—The extensive valley bordering on the central tribes. Ephraim Benjamin—These tribes, which had not yet been gonquered by the Philistices, holding no doubt to thr house of Saul. Over all Israel—The majority of Israel, not of Judah.

10. Reigned two years—Five years and more had passed since the death of Saul, and Abner now proclaimed Ishbosheth King of Israel and thought himself powerful enough to reduce Judah to obedience. and thought himself powerful en-ough to reduce Judah to obedience. —Deane.

III. David king over all Israel (v. 1-10). After Abner and Ish-bosbeth were assassinated, the tribes of Israel came to David, through their elders, and urged him to become king over all Israel. They have good rea-sons for this: 1. David was one of their race. 2. He had shown him-self worthy. 3, He was divinely ap-pointed. 4. He understood the duties of a king.

PRACTICAL SURVEY.

David preparation. The stepp from a shepherd's calling to king-ship is by no means a short one, and in the case of David there were selements which we discern in David's life and character as he enters upon his new life. "He had, 1. A vivid sense of Go'i's presence. 2. Personal prowess. 3. Promptitude in all his movements. 4. A patience that was sublime. 5. An affectionate heart. 6. A cool head and a steady nerve. 7. Wide experience. 3. A heart loyal to God. Thither—We are to think of this journey as a march of an army, or rather, the migration of a large company of guerillas. There were few household effects and—lew women and children in the company; it was made up of bronzed youths inured to hardship, among whom rank and fame were secured by daring deeds rather than by anything comparable to modern military skill.

3, 4. His men—The six hundred men of his chosen band. With his household. There was to be no more roaming in exile, but each one was to settle down to the duties of a peaceful and quiet life. Cities of Hebron—The small towns which surrounded Hebron. Men of Judah—The elders of Judah, the official representatives of the kingdom, were, as yet, attached to the family of Saul."

5. David sent messengers—This was David's first act as king, and it was worthy of him. He had been informed of the manner in which the Philistines had carried away the bodles of Saul and his sons after the battle. He had also been told that the inhabitants of Jabesh-glead had accord forth a partity by night and disapporatement before the crown was reached. Carling for the case of David there were years of preparation and disappointment before heared of partity to God. He had been informed of the manner in which the case of David there were years of preparation of a large comparation for the sheep was his occupation when same readed carling for the sheep was his occupation when same leave women. It is a sheep was his occupation when sheep was his occupation when same readed and surfact was subject to god paraged for the herds in the case of David there were years of preparation of a large comparior, rather was reached. Carling for the herds in the case of Dav

Less to the control of the control of the control of a factor of the control of t ment, which had been at Hebron for seven and one-half years, was re-moved to Jernsalem. At last the purpose made known fifteen years previous was accomplished and David was Israel's king. The testing times had been severe, the losses had been great, the burdens had been heavy, but he had endered and was accompany. but he had endured and was crowned There are in this lessons of patience reverence, submission and trust. Weak souls faint, strong souls endure and win the God-ordained prize.

> Her Responsibilities. S. E. Kiser.

-David S. Warner.

For her he fails, for her succeeds, For her he sins or does his best; the gives him the sweet praise

needs, blights the hope within his breast. For her he looms before mankind, For her he makes himself sublime or plunges, brutalized and blind, Down to the oozing depths of crime

For her he holds his head erect, For her he slinks in hidden ways For her he slinks in hidden ways, For her his speech is circumspect, For her he's loyal, or betrays; Behold in errors brushed away, And in the things that make for

good, Which multiply day after day, The triumph of her womanhood

Pretty Fair Evidence. Kansas City Star.

Tom Delehay, who lives near Craig, saw a magician perform the other night, and is convinced that he used duplicates in his sleight-of-hand work. The reason Delehay knows is because he gave the magician a lead dollar to palm and was given a good one in return.

FOR THE SAKE OF GOOD HEALTH

shead of Japan tea as "BALADA" Black is ahead of all other black lead packets only. 25c and 40c per lb. By all grocers.

A NARROW ESGAPE

"My dearest Gladys,
"I was coming to-day to tell you,
what I am sure you must already
know, that I love you—I cannot
live without you—to ask you to be
my dear and cherished wife; but I
have just received an urgent wire
asking me to go up to town immediately on some important business, I can only scribble a hasty
note to ask you, if you love me,
to write a few lines to the C——
Club, and say if I may come on
Thursday morning to hear from
your own dear lips that you are
mine—mine to love, honor and mine—mine to love, honor and protect, till death do us part." Gladys Merton paused and looked thoughtfully into the fire.

The letter was from Capt. Tre-vor, her near neighbor and friend, with whom she had played and flirted as long as she could remem-ber. He was an only son and heir to a beautiful estate, and such a dear fellow, too, so gay and good natured, a favorite with old and young alike. It would be very pleasant to live at the Hall so near to her father, and she would be Lady Trevor some day if she married him. She sighed, then took up the sec-ond letter. This was from the

ond letter. This was from the Rev. Franklin Brown, her father's curate, now away on his holidays. "My Dear Miss Merton:

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"I am vory pleased to tell you that I have unexpectedly received the offer of the living of B—, in Somersetshire, where I am now staying, with a stipend of \$400 a year. At last I am at liberty to tell you, what I am sure you must have felt, that I love you dearly. I have loved you for three long, weary years; but poverty forbade me to ask the question that has so often been trembling on my lips. Dear Gladys, will you be my wife? I think it would almost break my heart to go away and leave you. Will you come to be the light and joy of one who has labored so long in undesired loneliness? I expect to be at home again to-morrow

When she had finished it, she sat in a dreamy reverle, trying to picture the pretty rectory at B.—, with the beautiful garden, and herself its mistress, and the rector's wife.

"Oh, if you please, miss, the coachman's just come from Woodborough. He says Mrs. Wilson has been taken very ill, and wants you to go back with him at once."

It was Mary, the housemaid. Gladys had been so absorbed that she had not heard the rap.

"Aunt Bertha very ill!" she exclaimed. And in her surprise and excitement, she ran quickly down stairs to obtain further enlightenment, quite forgetting the letters that lay in their envelopes on her writing table,

Mrs. Wilson was her father's only sister, we lived alone in a village about three miles away. She had al-

sister, who lived alone in a village about three miles away. She had al-ways been a very good friend to the family at the rectory, and the girls ways been a very good friend to the family at the rectory, and the girls looked upon her almost as a mother after the death of their own.
Yes, the man said, in answer to her inquiry. His mistress had taken a sudden chill, and was laid up with pneumonia. She was continually ask-

ing for ner nices.

Gladys flew back to put on her hat and, leaving a message that she expected to be back before dinner, mounted into the dog cart, and drove

away at once.
The doctor was there when she ar-The doctor was the wine and arrived. Mrs. Wilson was very ill, it was true, but he did not despair of her recovery. It was necessary that she should be kept as quiet as possible. He had sent in the village nurse until another could be pro-

She seemed easier when Gladys was She seemed easier when Gladys was in the room, though quite unable to talk. All day long she sat by her side, giving her medicine and nourishment with her own hands. At nine o'clock, when the doctor paid his last visit, he offered to drive Gladys back to the rectory, and as he assured her there was no immediate danger, she accepted.

In the middle of the night she woke and her thoughts recurred to the

Might's post. Good-bye. I must be off."

What chould she do?
She felt quite stunned by the awful prospect before her. She dared not tell her father—he would think her so childishly careless and absurd.
There was but one course open to her—flight.
She would pack up a few things immediately, and set off to spend a few days with her aunt; at any rate, it would defer the evil hour, and perhaps some way out of the difficulty might occur to her.
At this very moment the door opened wide, and Mary, the housemaid announced "Captain Trevor, please miss."
She looked wildly around the room

the right one only had reached his destination.

"I have only one request to make," he said, "that you will eith-er destroy my letter or return it-to me, and promise me that you will never mention the matter to any one."

"I will promise on one condition." asid Gladys, laughing-that is that you will give me your word to put the letter from me that you will find on your return straight into the fire without ever opening it. Tell me you will do so."

A knock at the door stopped the

Mr. Franklin Brown," announced

"Good-bye, I promise faithfully," said the captain, shaking her warmly by the hand.

The curate was quite pale with emotion as he entered the room and found them shaking hands.

"Gladys, darling," he said, drawing her towards him as soon as Hugh

"Gladys, darling, he said, trawing her towards him as soon as Hugh had gore, "your letter has made me the hepplest man living,"

She laid her head on his shoulder with a little sob off mingled relief and joy. How came she to be so foolish as to dream she ever could have anyone but him? ove anyone but him? "May the wedding be soon, dear?" he said, as he kissed her sweet, up-

turned lips, rassionately.
Gladys whispered her answer, for she felt too radiantly happy to speak. This was the mar who loved her, and whom she loved better than all the world beside.

REGARD ERYSIPELAS as a dangerous disease, Anoint the swollen itching skin with Weaver's Cerate, reduced with lard or aweet oil if it smarts sharply. Take Weaver's

The Markets.

London, Sept. 5.—Live cattle eas-ter at 11 1-ic to 12 3-ic per lb. for American steers, dressed weight: Canadian steers, 10%: to 11c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 9 1-ic per lb. Sheer, 11% to 12%c.

Toronto Fruit Markets.

The receipts were larger to-day and prices ruled steady. Plums, 15 to 30c; pears, 20 to 30c; peaches, white, 20 to 30c; do., yellow, 35 to 60c; huckleberries, basket, \$1; grapes, small, basket, 20 to 30c; do., large, 35 to 50c; Lawton barries, 4 to 5c; apples, basket, 10 to 20c.

Oranges—California, late Valencias, extra, \$4.50 to \$5. Lemons, case, \$3.50 to \$3.75; watermelons, each, 25 to 30c; bahanas, bunch, \$1.40 to \$2; canteloupes, basket, 25 to 30c.

Vegetables—Potatocs, 40 to 450 per bushel; tomatoes, 15 to 20c per basket; cucumbers, 121-2 to 15c; green corn, 7 to 8c per dozen; celery, 35 to 40c; egg plant, 30 to 40c per basket.

Following are the closing quota-tions at important wheat centres to-

day:

August insolvences in the household of Canada were slightly nore numerous than last year and the amount of relaulted indebtedness was very much heavier, but, on the other hand, the exhibit is very much other hand, the exhibit 19 very much better in both respects than in August. 1901. All commercial failures in August. 1903, were 90 in number and \$846.620 in amount, against 83 last year, involving \$169,349, and 182 in 1901, with lab! I les of \$1015,514. In ganulacturing. They there were 20 year, into the groups of \$1 015,511. In manufacturing lines there were 23 suspensions, for \$518 432, compared with only 14 last year, when the Is-olvent debts aggregated. \$31,670 This year there were reveral individual failures for about that amount; one in iron, one in machinery, one in ciothing, one in paper and a contractor. Trading bankruptcles numbered 65 and involved \$319,195 against 68 last year, for \$386.499. There were two other failures not properly included in the principal classes, with I ablittles of \$8 992. As usual, the Canadian returns include no banking defaults for the month.—Dun's Review. -Dun's Review.

But Her Foot Looks Pretty.

Chiropodists say that the high heeled shoes now worn by many many many have caused a great increase in deformities of the feet, and are productive of even more serious injuries. By throwing the body forward and placing it in an unnatural position for walking all ease of movement is destroyed and a strain is thrown on the spine that is apt to result in permanent injury. It is not the first time, however, that fashion has presscribed practices injurious to health.

—Indianapolis Journal,

WHALES DIVE DEEP.

thing About the Habits of the

Both whalers and naturalists have usually held that when whales s'ound' they descend to great depths. One writer on the subject estimates that the larger members of the group

that the larger members of the group dive fully a thousand yards. In a memoir published in Belgium Dr. Racovitza challenges this bellef, and states, in his opinion, 100 yards is the manimum depth to which any whale can dive, and that many species cannot reach anything like that limit. Says the writer:

Why should whales want to go to such depths? All whales sound for the purpose of obtainings food, and in the profound darkness of 1,000 yards what food could they get?

Those species which feed on admalcules might, perhaps, obtain what they want. But how about the species which feed on fish and cattles? At a depth of a thousand yards they certainly could not use their eyes to detect non-luminous species, and we have no evidence we letters. She knew now which whele tomatones, 15 to 20c per backet; cucumbers, 12 1-2 to 150; to 16 mms.

Tim sure I locked them up in my drawer, she nurmered drowelly, and turning over on her pillow was soon fast asleep again.

She was late down for breakfast the next morning; the rector had up in the form which the sand with a tutor at a neighboring town, and the next entire tysererday. I thought—"

Gladys stared at him with amazement then sank white and trembling life them had been as the sand the next woy ou left yesterday. I thought—"

"What letters do you mean? she gaped.

"What letters do you mean? she gaped.

"The start was addressed to the two you left on your writing table. One was addressed to 55 capies, per bushel, 30 cs 750; peas, per set as 12 cs; pate, and the start white and trembling the first them in the start box in time for the eleven-timity post. I guessed how, you done? "Cried Gladys, covering ner face with her hands.

"What platefall about them in your hurry to be off to durn Bernia."

"Oh, what have you done? "Cried Gladys, covering ner face with her hands.

"Will, you can't get 'em back now. They'll both have got them by last and the start of the leven-timity post. I guessed to the first of the leven-timity to the leven-timity to the first of the leven-timity to the leven-time to the leven-time to the leven-timity to the leven-timity to the leven-time tof their eyes to detect non-luminous species, and we have no evidence whatever that they feed on the self-iuminous deep-sea fish and cuttles; if, indeed, there are any of the latter. On the contrary, the available evidence indicates that they feed on ordinary light-dwelling fishes and cuttles which live in much shallower zones. But this is not all, it is known that the effects of a pressure of more than three atmospheres prove

versity, is of the opinion that paints are possessed of intelligence that sorves the purpose of self-protection and self-gratification to a very considerable degree. Recently after discussing the automata observed in growing things, he said; "We may accept the statement that our higher intelligence is but the illuminated summit of man's nature as true, and extend it by the observation that intelligence is normally unconscious, and appears as observation that intelligence is normally unconscious, and appears as conscious only after infancy, in our waking hours, and not always then." In summing up the professor uses the following sentences; "Looking toward the organic world in the manner above suggested, seeing that an unprejudiced view of life affords no warrant for the notion that automata anywhere exist, tracing as no warrant for the notion that au-temata anywhere exist, tracing as we may down to the lowest grade of the naimal series what is fair cridence of actions which we have to believe to be guided by some form of intelligence seeing that there is reason to conclude that plants are reason to conclude that plants are derived from the same primitive stock as animals, where in no condition to say that intelligence cannot exist among them. In fact, all that we can discern supports the view that throughout the organic realments intelligence that finds its fullest expression in man is every-where at work."

MANICURES NOT NEEDED.

Advice From Expert Concerning the Care of the Nails.

The manicure has become nearly as important in every barber shop as the brush boy. The habit of being manicured is more general than ever

At the same time among men who

At the same time among men who have long been accustomed to the services of manicures, there has for the past few years been a reaction against them. Manicures are no longer careful, these men say; most of them have had inadequate preparation and in the so-called manicure parlors they try to attend to too many customers.

The practice of having regularly the services of a manicure injures the nails eventually unless the operators are skillful and careful. If they try to produce with strong acids the effects that should be obtained by slow and deliberate work, the nails will ultimately be spolled.

"Any man can keep his nails looking as well as he could want them," said a chiropodist who looks upon a manicure ns an entirely unnecessary evil. "By owning a few pieces of emery paper, an ivory nail cleaner, a piece of pumice stone, and above all else a stiff nail brush he can do without the services of a manicurer.

"The nail brush is the most im-

The nail brush is the most important implement. Hard rubbing of the nails with a stiff brush will do more for them than anything else in the world.

"It keeps the nails naturally white, and gives the effect that manicures try to produce with acids. The stiff brush also tends to prevent hang the brush class to prevent the stiff of fleet that cause.

brush also tends to prevent hang nails, as the bits of flesh that cause these are removed when they are very small and before they develop into a serious abrasion.

"The small emery papers that are to be had for less than a cent aplece them the noils short and enable any.

to be had for less than a cent apleos keep the nails short and enable anybody who uses them to shape the nail. The flesh about the nail and at the base, which to this day most manicures cut, although the practice is very injurious, and they know it, can be kept from growing over the nail by pushing it gently backward when the hands are damp after washing and the flesh pliable.

"All these things can be done for any man who will give half an hour a week to the task. That will be less than the manicure would require,