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Rev. E. Payson Hammond's Interesting Sketches in the Christ-

ian's Guide. Please listen to the talk of a young volf with his mother and to the les

son learned from his fable. "How I wish mother, that I could be a dog and then I would not go hungry, as we to sometimes now, for I have heard that dogs get food every day. How can I learn to be a dog? "I will tell you. Go to-night to farmer's house where there are chi dren and do not bark sharply, let the children play with you. You will soon forget that you are a wolf."

When night came the little wolf

crept near to the farmer's door. The farmer picked him up and said, "Here is a little wolf I found on the doorstep."
The children all ran to see him and

The children all ran to see him and treated him as if he was a puppy come to stay with them. The farmer told his neighbors that it was a young wolf. The children said, "It is a beautiful little puppy dog."

One day the farmer brought a weak lamb into the house. The children fed it and it soon was ready to run about and alay with them. The farmer kept

it and it soon was ready to run about and play with them. The farmer kept his eye on the young wolf that was getting pretty large and the children said, "Father, Lupus is almost big enough to take care of the sheep." "Yes," the father said, "he might eat up some of the lambs, instead of taking care of them," and he put the lamb back in the fold. That night the young wolf did not sleep well. He thought of the weakly lamb in the fold, and he found his way to where the sheep and lambs were gathered and the sheep and lambs were gathered and he soon sprang over the fence and caught the lamb, killed the poor thing aught the lamb, killed the poor thing and ate it. He dared not go back to his master and the sweet-faced girl who fondled him when he was so small. Off in the distance he heard the barking of the wolves and away he ran with all his might to join them. He found after all he had a wolf's nature instead of a dog's and would feel more at home with the wolves.

feel more at home with the wolves than with the children. A PIG STORY.

I heard of a lady who thought pigs were very nice, if they were kept clean. One was given to her. She made a little dress for it and taught it some little dress for it and taught it some nice tricks. It used to follow her around and the boys and girls were glad to see this little pig. One day she was going past a deep mud hole and the pig broke away from her and went down into the deep mire. The clean clothes were nearly spoiled. She fished out the pig and had him washed and dressed again, but his nature was and dressed again, but his nature was the same and she got tired of taking care of him in that way. She said, "He is a pig and never will be anything but a pig."

Dear young friends, every child that has ever lived and every man and wo-man has a sinful nature and we need to get a new heart. That pig with his clean clothes on was nothing but a pig and his nature led him to love the mire. Just as surely as that lit-tle wolf had a wolf's heart, and thought it might act like a dog, after all had a fierce nature that led it to wish to destroy that young lamb, surely you have a sinful heart. You need to come to Jesus and ask God for his sake to forgive you your sins and change your heart. In Ezek. xi., 19, his words are, "A new heart also I give you and a new spirit will I put within you. I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and give you a heart of flesh." Jesus had to suffer a dreadful death on the cross that we might have our sins forgiven and our hearts changed.

A BRAVE LITTLE GIRL. I will tell you a story that I have written out in my book "Roger's Tra-vels" that will lead you to think of this. I pray God will touch your heart and lead you to say, I will become a Christian and get rid of that sinful

In the northern part of Russia the winters are very cold. The streams are frozen, and the wolves become very hungry, and press their way in from the wild places toward the homes of men. Sometimes they become very bold, and go from one house to anoth-

ooid, and go from one house to another in search of food.

Away in the country lived a woodman and his daughter, about twelve years of age, and a baby sister. His wife was dead. One morning he said to his child, "I am going into the for-est to-day to cut wood. About four o'clock make up a good fire, and get

dinner for us."

She did not forget what her father had said, so about four o'clock went nad said, so about four of clock went round the corner of the house to get some wood, leaving the door open. Coming back with a large stick on her shoulder, she saw a great hungry wolf, and just as she was coming into the house the wolf was ready to spring upon her. She struck the beast on the upon her. She struck the beast on the head with the heavy stick with all her might. She then managed to get be-hind it, and then blow after blow was

out of the house.

Upon looking round, she saw that a young wolf was sniffing around the cradle where her little baby sister was sleeping. She at once flew at the young wolf to drive it out. This caused its mother to come back much enraged. For a long time this noble sister struggled with the savage beast. sister struggled with the savage beast. She saw she was in danger of being killed, but was determined to save her little baby sister. She watched her chance, and quickly caught her up in her arms and put her upon a shelf in a cupboard and shut the door.

As she was getting down, the mother wolf sprang upon her, and drove its sharp teeth into her neck. The poor thing was soon bleeding to death.

bleeding to death. Just then the father came home, and in stantly flew at the wolves with a heavy club and drove them out of the house and shut the door. There lay his little daughter upon the floor nearly dead; she feebly point ed to the door of the cupboard. He though she wanted water, but when he opened the door he found the little babe safely rolled upon the upper shelf. After taking it down, he put his ear close to her mouth, and in a little while be heard very faintly the story that I have told you. that I have told you.

Now, this brave girl was willing to die to

save her baby sister. Her body was laid away by the side of her mother under the cool snow in the yard near the house. THE MORAL OF IT.

How do you think her little sister will sel as she grows up, and stands by the side

of her sister's grave and thinks of how she loved her, and how she gave herself for her? "My dear sister Loved Me, and Gave Her: self For Me."

self For Me."

Suppose she should say, "Oh, I don't care; I did nor ask her to die for me. I never saw her. Why should I love her? Why should I shed any tears over her?" What would the boys and girls in Russia say to her if she were to talk in that way? Why, they would be ready to throw her

among the wolves, and say she deserved to be torn to pieces by them.

Ah, how much more Jesus suffered for us when he shed those great drops of blood in the garden of Gethsemane; when in Pilate's hall he was buffeted, and scourged, and were a crown of thorns, and was nailed on the cross, there to "bear our sime in his own body on the tree."

And yet, have not some of you said. "I have never seen Jesus; I never asked him to die for me. It was so long ago. Why should I love him for it?"

Ah! my dear children, it is wrong of you to talk in this way You should be very sorry for not loving Him long ago. He has been calling you to look unto him and be saved; but instead of looking unto Him you have rejected him.

Will you not make this your own prayer? Dear Jesus, we came to thee with our sins. We have not loved the Bible. But, worst of all, we have not loved thee; we have often rejected thee. Our sins helped to crucify thee and yet thou wert willing to die for us. O God, we humbly confess our sins. We repent of them; we wish to for-sake them all. Dear Jesus, show us thy love, so that we cannot help loving thee. Thy blood cleanseth from all sin. Lord; we believe; help thou our unbelief.

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and spiritual ecstasy. Emeralds, friendship and constancy. Garnets preserve health and joy.

The onyx is apt to cause terror to the wearer, as well as ugfy dreams. Opals are fatal to love and bring discord to giver and receiver. Sapphires impel the wearer to all

good work. The topaz is said to be a preventive of lung trouble, to impart strength and promote digestion

SIDE VIEWS OF LIFE.

The man who makes a fool of him self usually turns out a good job. The average wife knows the prick of conscience is productive of pinmoney.

A woman who suffers untold agony is an exception to the rule. As an aid to cutting one's eye-teeth a gold brick is more effective than a rub-

ber ring. It sometimes happens that a man of resources is one who has ingenious methods of contracting liabilities. A man learns a good many things

enough to know as little as he does. GEMS,

The native music of aboriginal tribe is regarded as of great importance in anthropology, and the recent Britisn expedition to the Torres straits and New Guinea have taken steps to preserve some of them. Some of the songs heard on Murray island are already obsolete, and will, it is believed, die out with the old men of the tribes. "In savage life," says one of the mem-bers of the expedition, "the songs of a tribe are its chief heritage."

Brimingham, England, is the only place in which manufacturing crowns is an industry that may be said to flourish. The trade is principally with Africa, where the numerous kings have come to regard a crown as a far more elegant emblem of royalty than the stovepipe hat which they formerly at fected. A servicable crown, gaudily decorated with imitation precious stones, may be purchased for quite a

small sum. The Japanese apply one of their many pretty ways to the launching of ships. They use no wine but hang over the ship's prow a large pasteboard cage full of birds. The moment the ship is afloat a man pulls a string, when the cage opens, and the birds fly away, making the air alive with music and the whirr of wings. The idea is that the birds thus welcome the ship as she begins her career as a thing of

The monster telescope at the Paris Exposition which will, it is said, bring the moon within thirty-six miles, is three times the length of the largest of its predecessors, the Yerkes tele-scope at Chicago. It is 197 feet long. 5 feet in diameter and weighs twenty-one tons. The lenses, the largest in existence, measure over 49 inches in diameter and weigh 1,320 pounds.

The English people think that the proposed new nine-penny coin will en-able them to get the better of the French, who, it is assumed, will accept the coin as the equivalent of a franc. At present, when John Bull visits Paris, he frequently has to surrender a shilling in exchange for an article the value of which is a franc.

Lord Methuen, at his own expense has erected a monument over the grave of Count de Villebois Mareuil, bearing the following inscription: "To the Memory of Count de Villebois Mareuil, Colonel of the Foreign Legation of France and General of the Transvaal, who died on the field of honor, near Boshof April, R. I. P."

It is calculated that 200,000 women are employed as dressmakers in Paris.

The English speaking people number at the present time 116,000,000, while those speaking French number 58,-

The Barnum-Bailey circus paid the street car companies of Hamburg \$5,000 to stop their cars during \$5,000 to stop the circus parade.

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The cost of St. Peters' Rome, was more than \$70,000,000. Glasgow has about 80,000 more in-

habitants than Liverpool. The seventeen wealthiest persons in Prussia own together \$250,000,000. The first day's attendance at the Paris Exposition was not so large as

was expected. The fastest flowing river in the world is the Sutlej, in India. Its descent is 12,000 feet in 180 miles.

The great popular maladies, throat, nasal and bronchial catarrh, are quite unknown in Spitzbergen. Over 40,000 trees, representing 100 different varieties are to be set out in

Riverside Park, New York. A candidate for the school board in Kansas City was defeated at the polls because he smoked cigarettes.

The British exchequer's balance at the Bank of England on April 1 was \$26,000,000 greater than a year ago. The Farmers' International Union has decided to sell milk in Syracuse

from his children until they get old at four cents a quart the year round. The police board of Chicago has issued an order prohibiting smoking policemen in uniform, whether on or off duty.

South Africa is of volcanic origin, and the land in the vicinity of Kimberley is so sulphurous that even ants

cannot exist upon it. Railroads of East and West Java have recently been united, so that one can now travel from one end of the island to the other in two days.

Some one has calculated that the postmen of London walk, together, omething like 48,360 miles a day-a distance equal to twice the circumference of the globe.

The old home of Chief Justice Marshall of Richmond, Va., is to be preserved as a memorial by an association ncorporated recently by the Legislature of Virginia for that purpose.

Mississippi expects its new Capitol so long desired, to be ready for occu-pancy when the State Legislature pancy meets in January, 1902. One million dollars has been appropriated for its erection

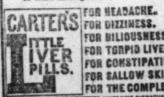
Adelbert S. Hay, the American consul at Pretoria, has received from England and Cape Colony six and one-half fons of gifts, for British prisoners. The Transvaal authorities admitted the articles free of duty.

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