## SHE OF DE. TALMAGES STEE LING DISCOURAGE.

There "And Rispah, the daughter of Afah, took sackcloth and spread it for he upon the rock, from the beginning of haves until water dropped upon them out o haven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them they day nor the beasts of the field by night."—It Samuel xxi., 10.

Tragely that beats anything Shake speares or Victor Huxoisn. After returning from the Hoty Land I briefs touched upon it, but I must have a whole sermon for that zene. The explosion and flash of gunpowder have driven nearly all the beasts and birds of prey from these regions and of the serious and hirds of prey from these regions and birds of prey from these regions with or many miles around clear Falestine of cruei claw and beak. But in the time of the text those regions were populous with multitudes of jackale and lions. Seven sons of Saul had been crueified on a hill. Rispah was mother to two and a relative to five of the boys. What had these boys done that they should be crueified? Nothing except to have a bad father and grandfather. But now that the boys were dead, why not take them down from the gibbets? No. They are sectioned to hang there.

Bo Rispah takes the sackcloth—a rough shawl with which in mourning for her dead she had wrapped herself—and apreads that sackcloth upon the rocks near the gibbets, and acts the part of a sentinel, watching and defending the dead. Yet every other sentinel is relieved, and after being on guard for a few hours some one else fakes his place. But Rispah is on guard both day and night and for half a year. One hundred and elgiby days and nights of obsequies. What nerve she must have had to stand that! Ah, do you not know that a saother can stand anything?

Oh, if she might be allowed his part the bodies of her other the mille that and hay the bodies of her other and the first as poiltured. If in some covers of the time such that a matcher away from the haunts of men, and then lie beside them in the last long sleep! Khausted nature ever and annot talls into slumber, but in a moment she breaks the narre and childs berself as though abe had been cruei, and lieps up on the rock shouling at wild beast granifather? Yes, but it is always so. Let every one who does wrong know that he was not have the down. All the seven are buried, and the story ends:

But it hardly ends before you

suggested in the Ten Commanuseus, which say, "Visiting the iniquities of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation."

Mind you, it says nothing about the second-generation, but mentions the third and the fourth, That, accounts for what you account the consequences of the account for what you had children. That, accounts for what you had children, the consequence of the source of all the third and fourth spon the children unto the third and fourth him it would not have been so sad.—Alsa, no! Look on that hill a few railes out from Jerusalem and see the phastiy burdens of those seven gibbets and the wan and wasted Rispah watching them.

Go to-day through the wards and alms-nouses and the reformatory institutions where unfortunate children are kept and you will find that nineout of tun had drunken or vicious parents. Yee, day by day on the street of our cities you find men and women wrecked of evil parentage. They are moral sorpees. Like the seven sons of Saul, though feat, unburied! Alsa for Rispah, who, no for six months, but for years and years, has watched them! She cannot keep the vultures and the jacksis off.— inclient in the Shibs story shows that attractiveness of

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Furthermore, this strange incident in the Sible story shows that attractiveness of serson and elevation of position are no senerity againt trouble.

Who is this Rispah sitting in 'lesolation' Theof Saul's favorites. Her personal attractions had won his heart. She had been arressed of fortune. With a mother's pride the looked on her princely children. But the scene changes. Behold her in banishest and bereavement—Rizpah on the rock! Some of the worst distresses have come to come of rorgally and wealth. What porce at the mansion's gate has not let in thausping and isthered steed bringing evil liepatch? On what tessellated hall has there not stood the solemn bier? Uniter what exquisite freezo has thors oot been enacted a tragedy of disser? What curtained couch nath heard so ory of pain! What harp high never thrilled with sorrow? What lordly nature hald rever lessed against carved pilar and made atterance of wor? Unit is not less bitten when quaffed from a golden chalce than when takenfed by running footmen and need lackeys mounted behind. Queen Ause Soleyn is decolate in the palace of Honry VIII.

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Adolphus wept in German castles over the hypocrity of rriends. Pedro I, among Spanilam disasonds-shvered with fear of massiere, Stephen of England sat on a rocking throne. And every mast of pride has seen bent in the storm, and the highest membraies of henor and fame are covered with perpetual snow. Sickness will frost the rosies thesky, wrinkle the amoothest brow and stiffen the sprightfiest step. Rispangits the courly drive and storm to rock.

Perhaps you look back upon schaes different destroys the control of the contro iay you miagia. You have exchanged the sheavy and luxuriance of your father's house for privation and trial known tofood and your swith promise. Troops of calamities since the have made desperate charge upon you. Dariness this come. Sorrows have swooped the searier birds from the sky and berned the scales from the theires. You stan I saidly your skills anything and wo atruck. Riscold on the root.

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Again, the tragedy of the fext displays the courage of woman amid great emergencies. What mother or sister or daughter would dare to go out to fight the cormorant and seckal? Rispah did it. And so would you if an emergency demanded. Woman is naturally timid and shrinks from exposure and depends on stronger arms for theachieve-meat of great enlayinges. And she is '00cm' troubled lest there' might be occasions dimanding fortitude when she would fail. Not so. Some of those who are afraid to look out of the door after night-fail, and whe quate in the darkness at the least uncertain sound, and who start at the slam of the door and turn pale in a thunderstorm, if the day of trial came, would be heroic and invulnerable.

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God has arranged it so that that woman needs the trumpet of some great contest of principle or affection to rouse up her slumbering courage. Then the will stand under the crossine of opposing hosts at Chalons to give wine to the wounded. Then the will carry into prison and dark lame the message of salvation. Then the will brave the peatlence. Deborah goes out to sound ierror into the hearts of God's enemies. Abigail throws herself between a raiding party of infuriated men and her husband's vineyards. Rispah fights back the vultures from the rock.

Among the Ockney Vilent.

Among the Orkney Islands an eagle swooped and lifted a child to its eyrie far up on the mountains. With the spring of a penther the mother mounts hill after hill, crag above crag, height above height, the fire of her own eye outflashing the glare of the eagle's, and with unmailed hand stronger than the from beak and the terrible claw she marks the wild bird down the rocks. In the French revolution Casatte was brought out to see executed. When the father and said: "The crowd the executed was the father and said with the but through my heart?" The crowd hard her father and said was the but through my heart?" The crowd hard her father and said was the but through my heart?" The crowd hard her father and daughter walked out free;

During the siege of Saragossa, Angustina carried refreshments to the gates. Arriving at the battery of Portillo she found that all the garison had been killed. She snatoned a match from the hand of a dead artilleryman and fired off a twenty-six pounder, then is performed in the same of the same it is a strength of the same it is a said with the same in the same it is a said with the same it is said with the same it is a said with the same it is sa

manifed that was skillified by Lady Jane Grey or Mary, Queen of Scota.

Row I ask, it mere natural courage can do so much, what may we not expect of women who have gazed on the great sacrifice, and who are urged for ward by all the voice of grace that sound from the Bible and all the notes of victory that speak from thesely linny years ago the Fortershire steamer started from Hull bound for Dundee. At the vessels had been out a little white the winds began to rave and billows rise until a tempest was upon them. The vessel leaked,

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out to-day from the lighthouser shall have been reat, and the last Longstone hasoon shall have been thundered down in the hurricane, and the last tempest shall have folded tha wings, and the sea itself shall have been licked up by the tongue of all consuming fire, the crowns of eternal roward shall be kindling into brighter glory on the brow of the faithful. And Carusa, pointing to the imperiate that you reformed, and the dying sinner whom you taught to pray, and the outcast whom wen pointed to God for shelter, will say: "You did it to them! You did it to them! You did it to the!"

idinter whom you buisted to Gray, and the outcast whom you buisted to Gray for shelter, will say: "You did it to them! You did it to watch the corpses of unsheltered and it watch the corpses of unsheltered children, was a work that nothing but the maternal heart could have accomplished. It needed more strength than to stand before opened batterlies or to walk in calmness the deci of a foundering steamer.

There is no emotion so completely unsolf has an attenal affection. Conjural love expects the return of many kinduceses and attentions. Fillal love expects and the legislation of the past and the final state of the past of the past of the past and the first and is, of all emotions, the purest. The child has done nothing in the past to earn kindness, and in the future it may grow in to maitreat its parent, but still from the mother's heart there goes forth inconsumable affection.

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The their children.

Oh, despise not a mother's love! If heretofore you have been negligent of such a
one, and you have still conportunity for
research you have been a first to her, you
would rouse up in the aged one a whole
world of blissful memories. What if she
does sto without talking much: She
watched you for many months when you
know the still shout! I wond
watch you have you ran to her with every little-earcht and bruise, and she doctored
your-little finger as carefully as a surgeon
would bind the worst fracture.

You say she is childish now; I wonder if
she ever saw you when you were childish.
You have no patience to wait with her on
the street, she moves so slowly; I wonder if
she ever saw you when you ware gind
enough to go slowly. You complain at the
expense of providing for her now; I wonder
what your financial income was from one
year to tan years of age. Do not begrudge
what you do for the old folks. I care not
how much you did for them; they have done
more for you.

But from the weird text of the moraing
comes the rushing in upon my soul a thought
that overpowers me. This watching by
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"Speaking of strange bets on an election," said Col. Joe Rucker of Colorsdo,
"the one that takes the ribbon over any
I have ever seen mentioned was bet, lost,
and paid by an enthusiastic Greenbacker
many years ago. One of these enthusinsts at that time, whose view of the
political situation was seen through the
rosente-bued spectacles of a reform roseate bued spectacles of a reform organ, was certain that a man by the name of Brown would be elected Govorgan, was certain that a man by the name of Brown would be elected Governor of Missouris, and best ercryshing he had except the clothing on his back and a young wife. Either his affection for his wife or his knowledge of law prevented his making a wager of her, so as a last bethe wagered his services for a year against \$500. "Of course he lost, and, borrowing a few dollars from a friend, he sent his, wife back to her folks' in Missouri, while he presented himself to the saloon keeper in Deuver with whom he had made the bet. The latter, more as a joke than anything else, grubstaked him and sent him out to prospect. The first month a small find rewarded his labors, and cupidity then caused the saloon keeper to insist on the payment of the wager in full. To curtail the narrative, he carried out his wager of a year's service scrupulously, and located two more mines, from which the winner, though now wealthy, is still drawing dividends. Upon the fulfilment of his obligation he sent for his wife, and is now employed by one of the street car companies of Denver at about \$50 a month, and will probably never get above that figure."

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Ar the head of the extensive widening of the St. John's River, in Volusia township. Florida, that is known as Lake George, lie two or three swampy islands. One of these has a few acres of ground that stand high enough out of the water to encourage orange trees and other remucerative growths, and also to afford room for a cabin. The cabin is occupied and the trees are cultivated by a queer old fellow who has built a long ramshackle bridge from dry land to a little dock that stands in the sedge close to the main channel. Here the steamer stops on his signal to take oranges and letters, or to deliver flour and other groceries. He is a hermit who seldom ventures to the mainland. Passengers on the river steamers occasionally see him busied about the little shed on his wharf, an extraordinary figure in a homespun suit of brown, with a patch of startling white on the seat of his trousers and an indescribable hat that may once have been a "plug," but that has been chopped and banged and battered and unroofed until it resembles the wreck of a Napoleonic chapeau more than anything else. He is indifferent to criticism, however, for he lives apart from men. His nearest neighbor is a lighthouse keeper, who would have to hunt for him with a telescope. Some affect to believe that in his younger days he was a pirate.

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A VERY strange freak of nature is reported—from Roseburg, S. C. It is a baby, whose right hand bears the imprint of a human face. The face occupies the entire palm, and is as clearly outlined as though painted on porcelain. It is the countenance of a little child about three years old lying asleep, with the eyclashes drawn in fine dark lines on the full checks. The mouth seems to be slightly parted, and the lips are delicately tinted. The baby whose hand contains this singular portraiture is the clild of Clarke Osborne, a merchant of Roseburg, and Mrs. Osborne declares that the face in the infant's palm is that of a little girl she lost about three months ago. Relatives and intimate friends profess to be able to see a strong resemblance to the dead child. When the baby was first put into its mother's arms she looked at the hands, and with a loud cry fainted away, but on coming to herself exhibited the little creature's hands to the attendants, who saw at once the strange likeness to the dead and gone sister. Mrs. Osborne was at first much frightened over the singular circumstance, but at last became convinced that the strange A very strange freak of nature is re-Mrs. Osborne was at first much frightened over the singular circumstance, but at last became convinced that the strange portrait was sent to comfort her. The image on the palm was clearer the first few days of the baby's life than now, and its thought to be gradually fading away.

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THERE is a big hotel in San Francisc that pays delicate attention to its guest and also gets some valuable advertish for itself, by the liberal use of formong the guests. There, when a man wife arrives, and are ushered in the most cheerless of habitatiofs, a box bedroom, the desolation is soon reliere. the most cheeress of habitans relieve bedroom, the desolation is soon relieve by a bell-boy coming with a baskt o flowers, which he says "Mr. —, the manager of the house, sends to Ma Blank, with his compliments." The little attention has made the hote

THE great attraction at the Londo Aquarium continues to be the "slugging matones between Professor Laudeman and an Australian kangaroo. The kas garoo is seven feet in height, and scording to all reports he is no mean "slugger. Several men who faced him for a ferounds are now in the hospital. Sar Bernhardt offered the Professor \$3,00 for the kangaroo, but he is considered worth many times that sum.

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WILLIAM SPOONER, about sevent years of age, died suddenly at hilm years of age, died suddenly at hilm Tenn., recently. He had gone to neighbor's house and eaten break when he dropped dead. He was singular character. For eight years has refused to live in a house, and for number-of years lived in a hollow transport of years lived in a hollow transport of several thousand dollars and this loss probably unbalanch is mind and caused him to live a be mit's life.

redy the case and the continually attraction is not known or et attraction is not known or et attraction in attraction of the article of the attraction of the article of the moon going further is way than is sold otherwise do. Suppose, for insuce, that the attraction of the rich were suveneded, the moon ould no longer follow its orbit, but could start off in a straight line in animation of the direction in plicit its moving at the moment ben the earth's action was inversibled. According to Good Words that Newton did was to show, from the circumstances of moon's distance of movement, that it was attracted where earth with a force of the same could be attracted the apple, the ference being that the intensity of the force becomes weaker the greater be distance of the attracted body got the earth. In fact, the attraction of the earth on a ton of matter on the earth. In fact, the attrac-on of the earth on a ton of matter the distance of the moon would be



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