

OF REV. DR. TALMAGE'S STERLING DISCOURSES.

Subject: "Rough Sailing."

"And there were also with Him little ships, and there arose a great wind."—Mark iv., 36, 37.

They were through the world in great numbers, and they were in the midst of the storm. The sea was rough, and the wind was high. The disciples were afraid, and they were in the midst of the storm.

There is a young man in a store in New York who has a hard time to maintain his Christian character. All the clerks laugh at him, the employers in that store laugh at him, and when he loses his patience they say, "You are pretty Christian."

Curiosities in divorce are always interesting and sometimes instructive. Illustrating as they do the manners and failings of the times. In ancient Rome, among the not uncommon "reasons" given by the husband for divorce were those of a wife having skeleton keys made to fit his private drawers and drinking his wine—two statements which show that the honesty of a Roman matron was not cultivated to a great extent.

A curious lease is on record in Hebron, Conn. It declares that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts leases thirty acres of land to one S. W. Chase and his heirs for the term of 9,999 years. The tenure is held on condition that the said "Chase, or his heirs shall pay to John Sulton and J. T. Peters, church wardens of said society, or their successors in office, one grain of pure silver or other silver, gold equivalent (as demanded), on St. John's Day of each ensuing year."

FACTS ABOUT OYSTERS.

BIVALVE HAS MANY GREEDY ENEMIES.

The Starfish Sucks Out His Juice, the Winkle Crushes Him and the Drill Bores Holes in Him.

Few living things are considered more uninteresting or more unromantic than this much abused, long suffering shellfish. Yet his history, the happenings of his small life, are far from prosaic.

There are many persons who will envy the privilege which royalty enjoys of never being dunned for tradesmen's bills. The great Parisian dressmakers in particular make a point of never sending in any account to their royal and imperial customers unless specially requested to do so.

Very different from the Princess of Wales is the dowager Queen of Portugal, who is perennially hard up in spite of the large allowances she receives from the Portuguese and Italian civil lists.

The members of the Russian court are very exact and unquestioning in their payments, and so, too, is Queen Marguerite of Italy, her punctiliousness in this respect being due to her husband, King Humbert, who, still suffering from the disastrous effects of the insane extravagance of his father, Victor Emmanuel, is careful to run as few bills as possible, and, so far as he can, to pay as he goes.