SPEAKING A WORD FOR JESUS.

Precious Reaping of a Simple Little Service For the Master.

Some years ago an earnest Christian man in San Franscisco, while on his way home from an errand of mercy, passed an old ragpicker poking over an ash-barrel. Something impeled him to stop and speak to him.

"Do you love Jesus?" he asked him, gently.

The old man started, and lifting his wrinkled, dirt-begrimmed face, looked at the gentleman a moment, and exclaimed:

"O California, California! I used to know Jesus before I came here, but I've lost Him now. I came to get gold, gold of California. I forgot my Jesus for gold; I lost Him these many years."

Upon conversing with him more the gentleman learned that his was a strange, romantic history. He was a native of the Sandwich Islands; had been converted soon after the first missionaries went there, and sent to his country to be educated. He afterwards returned to the Sandwich Islands, and was for a time teacher to the reigning king.

Becoming infected with the gold-fever, which reached even those "Isles of the Sea," this old man again came to this country, this time to its western coast. He was successful for a time, but in his quest for gold forgot, as he said, his Saviour, fell into bad habits, lost even his gold, and at last was reduced to the miserable wretch the gentleman addressed. But a single question, "Do you love Jesus?" had roused his conscience, and like a shock had opened his eyes and showed him his condition. He besought the christian to help him and not leave him to ruin.

He did help him. He and other Christian friends cared for him, fed and clothed him, and brought him, by earnest prayer and loving teaching, back to his forgotten Saviour. His penitence and child-like trust, when at last he dared call himself the "prodigal son," were touching.

He expressed an earnest wish to return again to his island home to labor there for Jesus. So the means were raised and he was sent back, but he barely lived to reach the island. He died in a few minutes after landing, but died in the faith of Jesus.

Was not this precious reaping for that Christian's sowing a word for Jesus?

And who can tell how many opportunities we lose, which, if improved, would yield a like precious reward!—Advocate and Guardian.

Rare Coin.

X., a poor Parisian Bohemian who lives from hand to mouth, but manages to keep up a somewhat distinguished appearance, was looking earnestly in a public place at 5 franc piece of which by some extraordinary piece of luck, he had become possessed.

A gentleman at once stepped up to him and addressed him politely.

"Pardon me, sir," said the stranger, "but I am a collector of coins, and your movement suggests that possibly you have a rare one."

"I have, sir," said X.

"Will you let me look at it?"

"With pleasure."

The stranger inspected with astonishment X.'s 5 franc piece.

"But pray, sir," he asked, "do you consider this a rare coin?"

"Certainly," answered X. "With me all coins are rare."

How 16 Girls Went on a Vacation.

Boston Traveler: Sixteen young lady employees of the Gossamer Rubber Company start on a vacation trip to Booth bay. The idea, as it originated in the brain of one of the young ladies, is a novel one. The tourists, to be, all belong to a relief society which was started about five years ago, and it now numbers about 40 members. The payment is five cents a week. Over $1,000 has been paid out in sick benefits, $4 a week for thirteen weeks, being the limit allowed. During the winter the society has run parties and the return has been very great. The surplus fund having reached the amount of $400, it was decided to divide that amount proportionately among the members. As a result some of them received about $4 while others received over 16. A vacation party was at once formed, and for the next two weeks the shores of Maine will be inhabited by a lively crowd of Boston girls.

To even those who think they know nearly everything about the industries of this country, it may be news to hear that the small sum of $75,000,000 is invested in ducks and geese, and $175,000,000 in turkeys.

Is there something in the thirteen superstition after all, muses the New York Tribune. On the 13th of this month an Ohio man left home with only thirteen cents in his pocket. Exactly thirteen minutes afterward he was informed that an uncle who recently died left him $13,000.

Ink stains on anything white can be removed by washing first in strong salt water and then in lemon juice. This does not rot the fibres like salts of lemon.

Senator Harris and the School Fund.

"Speaking of Harris," said an old Washington man, formerly of Tennessee, "it chanced that I was in Parson Brownlow's office—Brownlow was then Governor of Tennessee—when Harris came in to give himself up. This was just after the war. Harris was Governor of Tennessee when the war broke out, and he was a man of vigorous, active, honesty. There was a large fund of gold belonging to the school fund, I believe, as I now recall, amounting to some $90,000.

"The Confeds wanted it, but Harris wouldn't give it up. He guarded it with the single-hearted probity of a bulldog.

"Time came when the Yankees crowded nearer and more threateningly. Then Harris gathered up the $90,000 and beat a retreat. No one knew where it went to, save that Harris had taken it. When Brownlow was made Governor he offered a reward of $10,000 for Harris. It read something like this:

"'Isham G. Harris; $10,000 reward for his capture. Is 5 feet 10 inches tall; has gray eyes; likes whiskey; chews tobacco rapidly, and is dictatorial in manner.'

"No one, however, gained the reward. As soon as the war was over and peace restored, this honest old Harris returned with every dollar of the gold, which from first to last he had protected from all mischance. If it hadn't been for Harris every dollar would have been lost.

"As Harris walked into Brownlow's office the latter was lying on the sofa. He was a palsied old man at the time, and as he saw Harris a gleam of humor lit up his eyes. He arose to greet him, his hands shaking like twin aspen leaves.

"'While the lamp holds out to burn,
The vilest sinner may return,'

said Brownlow as he seized Harris by the hand. That was all there was to it. The gold came back; Harris came back. The first was disbursed; the second was elected to the Senate, where he still prevails, the most interesting character who holds a seat in that sage body."

The Sleeve Growing Smaller.

Gowns seen at midsummer social functions indicate a coming change in sleeves, yet it is by no means prophesied that the large sleeve will be entirely displaced. There are, however, always a few women who desire to be unlike the multitude, and who are eager for novelty, and nothing could attract all eyes now more than to see a woman in tightly fitting sleeves; those worn are relieved by ruffles falling from the shoulders and by puffs and ruffles at the elbows. This may be looked upon as the first breath of a change which will bring about a pleasant modification in the size of sleeves; this is all we want, for the large sleeves are universally becoming and extremely picturesque, and it is only their vulgar aggrandizement which people of taste condemn.

Two Crops from One Seeding.

Captain N. J. Corkran, of Dorchester county, Md., has just harvested a crop of winteroats from a five-acre field. A month or so ago the Captain became discouraged at the prospect of a crop of oats, so thickly set had the ground become with darnel, and had the field mowed, after reaching the conclusion that the hay was all he would get. In a short time after the darnel had been cut the oats put up and began to head and in time were harvested, making a reaping of two separate crops from one sowing in a very short period of time. The Captain and his neighbors regard this as something remarkable and unheard of before in that section.

Value of Elephants.

An ordinary elephant is worth $3,000 or $4,000, but those that have received special training are much more valuable. John L., the boxing elephant, for instance, would bring $5,000, and Dick or Fritz at least $6,000. A high price would be demanded for Columbia, the one elephant born in this country that is now living. Columbia was born fifteen years ago in Philadelphia. There was another elephant born in this country at Bridgeport, Conn., and named after that city, but it died several years ago of water on the brain The body is in the Bridgeport Museum.—New York Sun.

"You look pale," said the sharpnosed girl.

"I feel pale," sighed the fluffy girl. "But I am happy anyway. You know that stingy little Chollie Tapetie? Well, he did open his heart enough to take me to the food show, and of course I sampled the samples. What are samples for? And after I had eaten this and drank that and the other till I thought I just couldn't stand any more, we started home. Then Chollie thought he saw his chance. So he asked me to have some ice cream."

"And did you accept?" asked the sharp-nosed girl.

"Accept! I ate three plates with cake and lemonade. They had to call the doctor for me, and papa scolded, oh, awfully; but I made that little wretch spend his money, anyway."

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"Jack proposed last night and said my answer made him the happiest man in the world."

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