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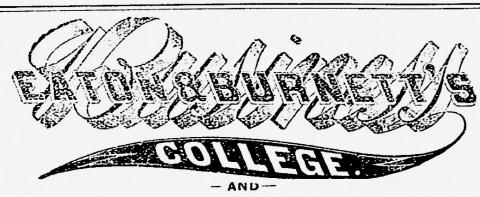
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ers-Home Thoughts.

text, Exodus ii, 4, "And his sister stood must be on the same scale. God would let afar off to wit what would be done to

that precious craft. She was far enough near enough to offer protection. There she

stands on the bank-Miriam the poetess, lungs and they ceased, and his heart and Miriam the quick witted, Miriam the it stopped, and commanded, saying, "To faithful, though very human, for in after the skies, thou immortal spirit!" And time she demonstrated it. her faults, like all the rest of us. How the pulseless broast, and God laid him her brother! A strong wind might upset it. The buffaloes often found there might in a sudden plunge of thirst sink it. Some rushes might crunch the babe. Mirlam watched and watched until Princess Thermutis, a maiden on each side of her holding palm leaves over her head to shelter her from the sun, came down and entered her bathing house. When from the lattice she saw that boat, she ordered it brought, and when the leaves were pulled back from he cried aloud, for he was hungry and frightened and would not even let the princess take him. The infant would rather stay hungry than acknowledge any one of the court as mother. Now Miriam, the lation to the child, leans from the bank and rushes down and offers to get a nurse to pacify the child. Consent is given, and she brings Jochebed, the baby's mother,

incognito, none of the court knowing that the was the mother, and when Jochebed arrived the child stopped crying, for its fright was calmed and its hunger appeased. You may admire Jochebed, the mother, and all the ages may admire Moses, but I clap my hands in applause at the behavior strategio sister. A Nonsuch In History.

to Miriam. "Why risk yourself out there alone on the banks of the Nile, breathing the miasma and in danger of being attacked of wild beast or ruflian? Go home!" No. Miriam, the sister, more lovingly watched and bravely defended Moses, the brother. Is ho worthy her care and cournge? Oh, yes; the 60 centuries of the world's history have never had so much port as in the landing of that papyrus bont calked with bitumen! Its one passenger was to be a nonsuch in historylawyer, statesman, politician, legislator, organizer, conqueror, deliverer. He had such remarkable beauty in childhood that. Josephus says, when he was carried along dreds would testify. God knows how many the road people stopped to gaze at him and of our Greek lexicons and how much of workmen would leave their work to adour schooling were paid for by money that mire him. When the king playfully put | would otherwise have gone for the replenhis crown upon this boy, he threw it off indignantly and put his foot on it. The king, fearing that this might be a the sister watched him from the banks of

sign that the child might yet take down his crown, applied another test. According to the Jewish legend, the king ordered two bowls to be put before the child, one DR. TALMAGE TAKES MOSES' SISTER containing rubies and the other burning coals, and if he took the coals he was to live and if he took the rubies he was to die. For some reason the child took one of the coals and put it in his mouth, so that his life was spared, although it burned the tongue till he was indistinct of utterance ever after. Having come to manhood, he spread open the palms of his hands in prayer, and the Red sea parted to let 2,500,000 people escape. And he put the Dr. Talmage the character of a wise, sym- palms of his hands together in prayer, and the Red sea closed on a strangulated host.

Burial of Moses.

His life so unutterably grand, his burial

neither man nor saint nor archangel have anything to do with weaving for him a Princess Thermutis, daughter of Pha-shroud or digging for him a grave. The rash, looking out through the lattice of omnipotent God left his throne in heaven her bathing house, on the banks of the one day, and if the question was asked, Nile, saw a curious boat on the river. It "Whither is the King of the Universe gohad neither oar nor helm, and they would ing?" the answer was, "I am going down have been useless anyhow. There was only to bury Moses." And the Lord took this one passenger and that a baby boy. But mightiest of men to the top of a hill, and the Mayflower, that brought the pilgrim the day was clear, and Moses ran his eye fathers to America, carried not so preclous over the magnificent range of country. a load. The boat was made of the broad Hero the valley of Esdraelon, where the leaves of papyrus, tightened together by final battle of all nations is to be fought, bitumen. Boats were sometimes made of and yonder the mountains Herison and that material, as we learn from Pliny and Lebanon and Gerizim and the hills of Herodotus and Theophrastus. "Kill all Judaca, and the village of Bethlehem there, the Hebrew children born," had been Pha- and the city of Jericho yonder, and the raph's order. To save her boy, Jochebed, vast stretch of landscape that almost took the mother of little Moses, had put him in the old lawgiver's breath away as he that queer boat and launched him. His looked at it. And then without a pang, sister Miriam stood on the bank watching as I learn from the statement that the eye of Moses was undimmed and his natural off not to draw attention to the boat, but force unabated, God touched the great lawgiver's eyes and they closed, and his then one divine hand was put against the Miriam was a splendid sister, but had back of Moses and the other hand against carefully she watched the boat containing softly down on Mount Nebo, and then the lawgiver, lifted in the Almighty's arms. was carried to the opening of a cave and in a sudden plunge of thirst sink it. Some placed in a crypt, and one stroke of the ravenous waterfowl might swoop and pick divine hand smoothed the features into an his eyes out with iron beak. Some croco- everlasting calm, and a rock was rolled to dile or hippopotamus crawling through the the door, and the only obsequies, at which

God did all the offices of priest and undertaker and gravedigger and mourner, were ended. Miriam the Faithful. Oh, was not Miriam, the sister of Moses, doing a good thing, an important thing, a glorious thing when she watched the boat woven of river plants and made water the face of the child and the boy looked up tight with asphaltum, carrying its one passenger? Did she not put all the ages of time and of a coming eternity under obligation when she defended her helpless brother from the perils aquatic, reptilian and ravenous? She it was that brought sister, incognito, no one suspecting her re- { that wonderful babe and his mother together, so that he was reared to be the deliverer of his nation, when otherwise, if saved at all from the rushes of the Nile, he would have been only one more of the God defying pharaohs; for Princess Thermutis of the bathing house would have inherited the crown of Egypt, and as she had no child of her own this adopted child would have come to coronation. Had there been no Miriam there would have been no Moses. What a garland for faithful sisterhood! For how many a lawgiver and how many a hero and how many a deliverer and how many a saint are the world and "Go home," some one might have said the church indebted to a watchful, loving, faithful, godly sister? Come up out of the farmhouses, come up out of the inconspicuous homes, come up from the banks of the Hudson and Penobscot and the Savannah and the Mobile and the Mississippi and all the other Niles of America, and let us see you, the Miriams who watched and protected the leaders in law and medicine and merchandise and art and agriculture involved in the arrival of any ship at any and mechanics and religion! If I should ask all physicians and attorneys and merchants and ministers of religion and successful men of all professions and trades who are indebted to an elder sister for good influences and perhaps for an education or

n prosperous start to let it be known, hun-

ishing of a sister's wardrobe. While the

brother sailed off for a resounding sphere,

The Elder Sister's Guiding Hand. Miriam was the eldest of the family Moses and Aaron, her brothers, we younger. Oh, the power of the elder sit ter to help decide the brother's character for usefulness and for heaven! The car keep off from her brother more evils tha Miriam could have driven back waterfor or crocodile from the ark of bulrusles The older sister decides the direction i which the cradle boat shall sail. By gen tleness, by good sense, by Christian prin ciple she can turn it toward the palace, Lo of a wicked Pharach, but of a holy God and a brighter princess than Thormutis should lift him out of peril, even religion whose ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace. The older sister how much the world owes her! Born while yet the family was in limited circum stances, she had to hold and take care o her yourger brothers. And if there is any thing that excites my sympathy it is a li tle girl lugging round a great fat child and getting her ears boxed because she cannot keep him quiet By the time she gets to young womanhood she is pale and

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worn out and her attractiveness has been sacrificed on the altar of sisterly fidelity, and she is consigned to celibacy, and so ciety calls her by an unfair name, but in heaven they call her Miriam. In most families the two most undesirable places in the record of births are the first and the last-the first because she is worn out with the cares of a home that cannot afford to hire help, and the last because she i spoiled as a pet. Among the grandest equipages that sweep through the streets of heaven will be those occupied by sisters who sacrificed themselves for brothers They will have the finest of the Apocalyptic white horses, and many who or earth looked down upon them will have to turn out to let them pass, the chariotee: crying: "Clear the way! A queen Blessing or Curse. Let sisters not begrudge the time and care bestowed on a brother. It is hard to

believe that any boy that you know so

well as your brother can ever turn out

anything very useful. Well, he may not

be a Moses. There is only one of that kind

needed for 6,600 years. But I tell you what your brother will be-either a blessing or a curse to society and a candidate for happiness or wretchedness. He will, like Moses, have the choice between rubies and living coals, and your influence will have much to do with his decision. He may not, like Moses, be the deliverer of a nation, but he may, after your father and LIVERY TEAMS FOR HIRE, with or without driver mother are gone, be the deliverer of a household. What thousands of homes today are piloted by brothers! There are properties now well invested and yielding ncome for the support of sisters and younger brother because the older brother rose to the leadership from the day the father lay down to die. Whatever you do for your brothers will come back to you again. If you set him an ill natured, censorious, unaccommodating example, it will recoil upon you from his own irritated and dehis infirmities and by nobility of character, dwell with him in the few years of your companionship, you will have your counsels reflected back upon you some day by his splendor of behavior in some crisis where he would have failed but for you. Don't snub him. Don't depreciate his ability. Don't talk discouragingly about his future. Don't let Miriam get down off the bank of the Nile and wade out and upset the ark of bulrushes. Don't tease him. Brothers and sisters do not consider it any harm to tease. That spirit abroad in the family is one of the meanest and most devilish. There is a tensing that is pleasurable and is only another form of nnocent raillery, but that which provokes and irritates and makes the eye flash with anger is to be reprehended. It would be less blameworthy to take a bunch of thorns and draw them across your sister's cheek or to take a knife and draw its sharp edge across your brother's hand till the blood spurts, for that would damage only the body, but teasing is the thorn and the knife scratching and lacerating the disposition and the soul. It is the curse of innumerable households that the brothers tease the sisters and the sisters the broth ers. Sometimes it is the color of the hair or the shape of the features or an affair of Continued on fourthpape.

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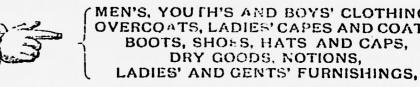
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