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Christmas

By Wildie Thayer

Holy stillness, peaceful beauty, golden starlight, clear and bright,
Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er their flocks by night,

When, behold! a shining angel, beautiful beyond compare,
From the heavens swift descending, came upon the shepherds there.

"Fear not!" said the angel, sweetly, "for behold! to you I bring,
Joyful tidings, free salvation, Christ is born, the Lord, the King!"

"Christ is born, Go, worship quickly. Lo! a sign!" The angel said,
"Guided by a star you'll find him with a manger for his bed."

Suddenly an angel chorus did the air with music fill,
Singing, "Glory to the highest, on earth peace to men, good will."

"Christ is born!" the shepherds whispered; "Christ is born, the holy one."
When, behold! the star gleamed brightly with the glory of the sun,

Joy exceeding filled the shepherds as they went with one accord,
To the place the star-guide led them till they found the Christ, the Lord.

There they met the wise men three, opening treasures manifold,
And presenting to the Saviour, myrrh and frankincense and gold.

Hark! and hear the angel's singing, hear the wondrous news again,
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The Christ Child

By W. J. Colville

Written especially for The Magazine of Mysteries

THERE are no more beautiful or expressive words in any language than the glowing prediction of Isaiah: "A little child shall lead them." Animals the most ferocious are mentioned in the eleventh chapter of Isaiah as yielding to the way of the infant Messiah who is to fulfil the sublimest prophecies and usher in a day of universal peace. Not alone of chiefly as an outside teacher and guide is Messiah to appear, according to ancient prophets, but rather as an indwelling presence enlightening and purifying all. The old idea and practice of literal sacrifice of animals upon a dedicated altar must pass into oblivion and its spiritual significance alone be enthroned in human consciousness.



Madonna of the Chair

Truly it may prove literally true that every savage beast shall yield to firm but kindly human rule, for history as well as traditions testifies that every creature below the human level has at some time been made submissive at the command of men. But beautiful and inspiring though this thought must be, it is with a yet higher aspect of the entire question of human supremacy and animal subserviency that illumined seers are especially concerned.

Within the economy of every human entity all animal proclivities abide, and these must be submissive to the sway of pure, indwelling divinity before man's rightful sovereignty over all the kingdoms of nature can be demonstrated. Even warriors are heard to declare that war is permissible only as introductory to more firmly established peace, and surely if battles be fought with the end in view of establishing permanent peace eventually, we need experience no surprise when we read the prophetic testimony of illumined seers to the glorious truth that a child, sweet and innocent, shall reign over all the fierce passions which have for ages convulsed our planet and kept far from us all realization of the fairest dreams of earth's most noble singers.

Poetic language insists upon Messiah riding on an ass instead of on a horse, because the humble beast of burden throughout the Orient has been for millenniums employed by peaceful traders whose advent never awakened the slumbering spirit of warfare among those they visited. The beautiful associations of Christmas-tide encircling the Babe of Bethlehem all cluster around one central title given to the Holy Child—the Prince of Peace.

Mystically viewed, the birth of the Sacred Infant is far more than a wonderful historic event; it signifies nothing less than the awakening of the Higher Self in our humanity, so that we begin a new life devoted to a degree of righteousness of which aforesaid we had not even dreamed. Whatever lack of spirituality may have predominately characterized nominally Christian nations, the Madonna and Child everywhere represented in Europe for many centuries must have exerted a softening and sweetening influence in the midst of brutality and strife. It is not rational in a time of just reaction against unworthy superstitions, and most of all against hypocrisy, to confound flagrant departures from primitive Christian ideals with the ideals themselves.

The human Christ adored in Christendom as incarnate Deity exercised a tender influence over the roughest types of humanity in the earliest Christian centuries, and the celebration of the Christian festival created a truly hallowing effect upon the temper and conduct of barbarians. Voluptuous Rome excelled, under its emperors, in all that contributed to force and valor before an era of decadence had set in; but the institution of slavery, which flourished in the palmiest days of Roman supremacy, received no genuine setback till primitive Christian missionaries enforced the magnificent doctrine of universal brotherhood by preaching the gospel of the Son of God and the Son of Man.

It is impossible to bow in adoration before the Christ Child and drink in the spirit of cosmopolitanism without seeking to improve social and industrial relations, and it has only been to the extent that Christendom has been unfaithful to the adored ideal that it has permitted institutions and practices to continue which are essentially hostile to the spirit of its original inspiring genius.

The Christ Child, according to every

legend, is everybody's friend, making no distinctions between princes and peasants, but blessing all with equal benediction. The highest principle of our humanity is truly the universal Logos, and wheresoever the divine Word is spoken into expression in human life, heaven and earth meet in the embrace of indissoluble concord. The symbol of a little child has always been naturally a favorite one with poets, painters, sculptors and all who seek through art to appeal to popular imagination.

This symbol can only suggest new and fresh experience, readiness to embark on a hitherto untried career, with aspirations and expectations all directed toward the consummation of a life not yet fully realized. The shadow of the cross which is often shown as dimly accompanying the Infant Christ did not originally prefigure advancing sorrow so much as it foretold complete development, that matchless symmetry alike of character and expression, which that most ancient symbol was always intended to suggest.

New birth signifies a new story added to the house the soul is continually erecting; for, be the stories three or more in number, the lower must be finished before the higher can be built.

John, the Baptizer, is a herald of the Christ representing the last stage of an exclusive type of ministry which must give place to a spiritual revelation entirely unrestricted.

The forerunner is confined in certain precincts, adopts a special dress and preaches only the surrender of all that defiles the human temple. The birth of the Christ Child is announced by angels to simple-minded, intuitive shepherds, and, by the gleaming of a long-expected star, to the cultured astrologers of Persia and Chaldea. Each receives the summons to the manger in Bethlehem in his own language, each is directed along the road he needs to traverse to attain his goal. The finding of the Infant and the offering unto Him of gifts, most simple and most regal, is an exquisite portrayal of how different classes of people are led to the same fundamental truth and do equal honor to it when they all have found it. Nothing can be sublimer or more convincing than the utter absence of all pomp surrounding the Child who is born on earth to be the whole world's enlightener. All the sweet associations of childhood cluster around the one word, innocence. Childlikeness always suggests complete freedom from guile. The normal child is inquiring, impulsive, but invariably honest and unsophisticated. The Holy Child is born in human consciousness whenever the intellect is so illumined by the indwelling Spirit that it has become a perfect channel through which divinity can work. The perfect child is completely natural, and therefore entirely free from disease. There is a natural science of anatomy and physiology, but pathology is altogether opposed to nature. Some beautiful stories are told in the Apocryphal New Testament concerning the marvelous healing virtue which emanated from the Infant Jesus, among which are several which declare that the water in which He had been bathed, as well as the clothing he had worn, imparted healing grace to sufferers. In the light of modern knowledge these legends are by no means incredible, for when accepted at their face value they only present the righteous, healthy side of the doctrine of infection. Modern fancy runs riot with disease and proclaims vociferously that danger lurks at every corner, so that, no matter where we may go, we are in close proximity to deadly microbes. Gospel records of spiritual healing through the agency of a perfectly refined and healthy physical organism lead our thoughts to the communicability of health and virtue, a safe and sane topic for contemplating.

As the new-born spiritual consciousness develops within us, it triumphs over all liability to disease and conquers temptation to unrighteousness. The Christ Child, as bestower of wondrous gifts at Christmas-tide, loved and revered by children all over the Christian world, is a fit embodiment in poetic story of the higher self of our common humanity, which delights in blessing, and dispenses with lavish hand choice gifts to all who need. We need not look backward nineteen hundred years to find the Christ Child in humanity. We do far better to look around us and within, and give thanks

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THE greatest necessity of human society is that of making each member of it to be self-supporting and self-reliant. The sentiment, if not the law, should be compulsory in the training of every boy and girl in some special line of work. There is no self-defense like it, for in the effort of study the moral as well as the physical strength is developed, and a courage is born therefrom that will never depart, and the character is fortified for all time to come. Besides this, there is developed the habit of industry, which is perhaps the most valuable power of success, and one that prevents the infirmity of doubts, which so weaken the character and efforts of a man. To be industrious is to be willing, to be persistent in the pursuit of an idea. Industry develops a sense of responsibility, and puts into its work the vim and energy that will not cease with any discouragement; to be upset has no devitalizing terrors for an industrious person; he does not count any effort too much for gaining the victory over a defeat. An industrious man or woman is not easily defeated. If either find they have missed the way, neither feel that they are incapable of developing the work set to do, and, having formed an attachment for it, set about overcoming the difficulty with as much energy as when they first started out upon it.

If you are an inheritor of poverty beautify it with pleasant ways; prosperity did not spoil you; do not allow this emphasis of adversity to make you less bountiful in your kindly feeling, less grateful, less courteous, less loving. Meet your misfortune with a high good humor, and do not feel that you are the only one who has to walk the silent ways of sorrow; and above all, do not invade the province of your friend with your woes; if you do she will flee you soon or late; she likes your quirks and quirks, but not your sighs. It is best to culture the nerves to the punishment of reverses and uncomfortable condition. Events are apt to run in company; but strive to receive them with the serene composure that you would the influx of inopportune company. Proper courtesy is due one's self-respect.

As the intelligence refines and ripens we will come into finer and more perfect conditions and relationships; our world will change and the aspects of life will present finer views; when the eyes are clear the vision will be ready for the joy of meeting.

The earth is the Garden-spot of manifestation. The Trees of Life and Knowledge are rooted in Matter, but they lift to the eternal heavens their fruitage.

Jesus Christ said, "If I be lifted up I draw all men unto Me." He hints of the necessity for self-possession, for self-expression before we can hope to help others. He knew that to be serviceable to others we must first be serviceable to ourselves. And only through overcoming these things which beset us may we hope to reach the power that frees us from the inharmonious of our ignorance. The preparation is going on all the time; it is the natural destiny of human expression. It is the ultimate good fortune of every soul to gain the sure Knowledge that will lift him into the Father's House.

Even as Nature reaches her goal of growth, so will Humanity, through love, faith and persistent effort and the cheerfully asserted will, reach its ripeness.

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This is the Trinity, Power, Wisdom, Love; but Love is the centre. Even the feeble and unintelligent, if loving, dwell near the heart of things. When the intelligent and strong are loving the heart of things overflows, bursts out in fountains, rolls in rivers, glows in suns. The loveliness of Jesus made Him to be regarded as a divine manifestation; so, too, of Sankia Muni, the Buddha—and until that loveliness be questioned their places in the regard of men will not be taken from them. Love is God. The mightier the love the better; the more enlightened the better; it must be strong or it will effect nothing; it must be enlightened or it will run into sentimentalism, enthusiasm and foolish mistakes. But through all the quality of love must be preserved, else the might will be brutal and the enthusiasm will be fanaticism and bigotry. All faculties may minister to love to make it rich and great; but nothing can be a substitute for love. That alone communicates and reveals Deity. For illustration of the truth that Love is Divine, not Force or Cunning or Diplomacy, we should give thanks.

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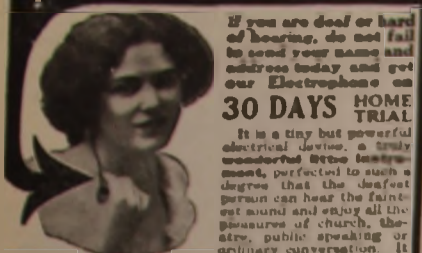
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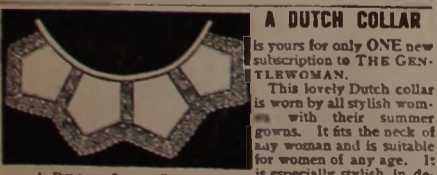
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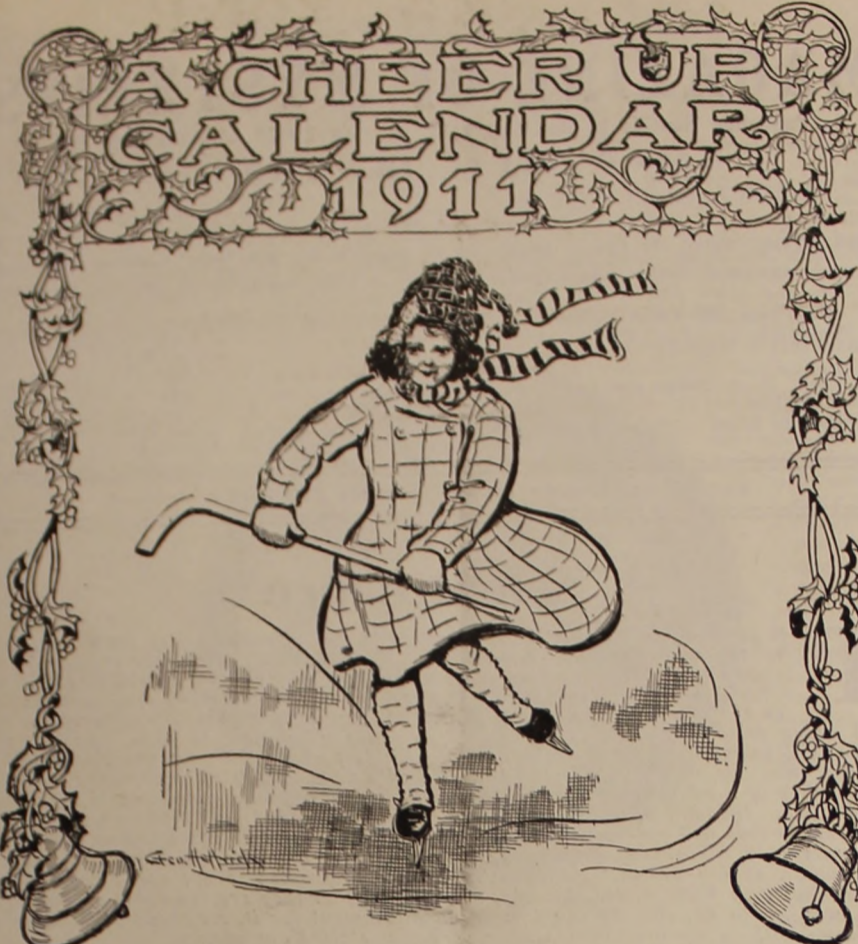
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The Editor.

Life Is Worth Living When Lived Well

Life is worth living, so it's often said. If you bury the past and let it be dead. If you've gone in the wrong path, as men often do, Turn out of that path and begin life anew.

To err is human—that we know well: Sometimes it's far the best, yet who can tell?

Life is too short for men to worry or fret. If you've made a mistake, why, try and forget.

You may not like the "poetry," the lilt of the lines above, yet what's the difference, so long as they bring a message to your heart and life.

Sometimes the poorest of vessels have the choicest of viands, and the most ugly of pots have the sweetest of roses. These lines may not measure up to the beauty of a Longfellow, yet in them there is a truth that is well worth consideration.

Suppose you have made lots and lots of mistakes—now that you know the mistakes have been made, if you are a wise man you will not repeat them, and if you are as wise as you want other folks to think you are you learn the lesson of the mistakes and go ahead to better things.

You can't afford to live in the past, shedding bitter tears over happy or unhappy days that are forever gone by. The time that is yours, the eternal now, is with you. Tears for the past won't make the present any brighter or make it any the less easy to bear.

Life hard? Of course it's hard. It always has been and always will be hard. But the fact that life is hard does not of necessity mean that it shall be bitter and disagreeable.

Life's burdens are heavy? Of course they are heavy. Life wouldn't be life and man wouldn't be man if there were not heavy burdens.

It's not the soft and easy things that make life worth while. It's the stern,

rough, rude things that give grace and strength to character.

Suppose by some chance you should find yourself the proud possessor of a million dollars. What would you do? Sit down and fold your hands? Seek to enjoy life! Live for yourself and yourself alone! Get pleasure for the sake of pleasure! You'd find it the hardest proposition that you ever went up against in this world. The man who lives for himself is the most miserable man that life knows. The man who makes pleasure his life's aim finds that he misses the real joys that give life its tang and zest.

Men who are possessed of great amounts of money who live simply for pleasure very frequently wind up their careers in a madhouse, the gallows or the penitentiary. Idleness is a crime, whether lived by a man with plenty of money or a tramp without any, and usually brings the criminal to his just deserts, to the loss of friends and the respect of the world.

Give a man money and let him turn his attention to the betterment of the world, the deliverance of mankind from the terrors of the "white man's plague," the uplift of young men, the education of young women; let him get deeply interested in some project that means a new step forward for the world and that man finds happiness in spite of his money.

Let a man be just an ordinary working man on \$12 a week, let him spend his time in raising his family, being a Mr. Sunshine Man to his neighborhood, doing all in his power to relieve the sorrow-stricken and even without money he will find happiness.

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LIFE'S VIBRATIONS

Let Us Rejoice!

Let us heartily rejoice that through the dark pathways of our life we may be guided by the Over-Ruling Goodness as our Light.

Let us realize the privilege of being emancipated from the bondage of prejudice and mere tradition; of being able to lift up our minds ever so little above the clouds and tumults of the present to the serene and everlasting Light—that is changeless and shadowless, forever in the Holy Silence of Being!

Indeed Thou dost work to prepare conditions that Thou mayest bless unborn generations of men! As the bee makes honey in its season for another race of being to eat, so we, men and women, not with a sour determination, but with a spirit of joy, enter into the high duty of conspiring, as far as we can, with the overwhelming tendency of Thy Perfect attraction, which bears us and all the world onward and upward to Thy Living Light.

Some have money; some have talent; some have grace; some have beauty; some have art; some have genius; whatever the gift, its place and appointment are sacred and benefactions from Thee.

There is no life so aimless, so idle, that may not be worked into the texture of Thy Providence. There is no mind so childish that it may not hold the great invisible hand reaching down to it through the seeming darkness and so be led upward into the Light.

Just to be tender, just to be true;
Just to be glad the whole day through;
Just to be merciful, just to be mild;
Just to be trustful as a child;
Just to be gentle and kind and sweet;
Just to be helpful with willing feet;
Just to be cheery when things go wrong;
Just to drive sadness away with a song.
Whether the hour is dark or bright,
Just to be loyal to God and Right,
Just to believe that God knows best;
Just in His promises ever to rest;
Just to let Love be our daily key—
This is God's will for you and me."
J. P. Cooke.

A quiet voice, courtesy and kind acts are as essential to the part in the world of a gentleman as of a gentlewoman.

A Prayer

God guide you, dear, all through the day;
The Sun of Love shed His sweet light
Around you, making life so bright
That only happiness will stay.

God keep you in His blessed might
When evening shadows fall; and may
He take all gloomy dreams away
And guard you, dear, all through the night.

Blanche Grier Conrad.

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be; now put foundations under them.—*Thoreau.*



The Good Shepherd

Your face is toward the East surely, when you realize so much of the good that is and the good that is to be. God is your strength, your joy and your health. May the new light be with you even as the light of the new heavens and the new earth.

Why not take life with a cheerful trust,
With faith in the strength of weakness?

The slenderest daisy rears its head
With courage and with meekness.
M. M. Dodge.

Seek to do the thing you have to do, that you find yourself compelled to do, better than you ever did anything before, better than you find it done by any other, and see the development it is to you, the glory of a new consciousness arise within you.
—Lida Hood Talbot.

Be joyful, O my heart! Let not one shadow rest on thee.

You are dear to the heart of God, and you are given daily opportunity to prove that God is dear to you.

Mottoes on the Wall

Going into a friend's room the other day I saw neatly lettered on a sheet of paper and pinned to the wall, "Faith is an invisible but invincible magnet and attracts whatever it fervently desires and calmly and persistently expects."

I read the sentence over several times. "That is a wonderful combination of words," I said to my friend. "I think so," she answered, "they have helped me more than I can tell you. They are from Ralph Waldo Trine's 'What All the World's A-Seeking.' Have you read it?" I had read it, not once but many times, I assured her.

There were two more mottoes on the wall in another part of the room. One said, "Every discouraged word or thought of fear and failure helps to tear down and disorganize the currents of constructive thought, which are so potent in the creation of opportunities."

I read this and looked inquiringly at my friend. She blushed but explained: "I get discouraged so easily, you know. If I haven't anything special to trouble me I look ahead and think of what might happen. I am trying to overcome the habit of fear. I found this sentence in one of Leonis's books I am studying, and put it where I can see it often. I am getting so I actually don't dare worry. I feel that I have lost just so much when I do."

The very first instance of "ideal suggestion" that I ever saw was years ago in the chamber of a girl friend, an extremely lovable young woman, whose tongue was always getting her into trouble. There on her dressing-table one day, I saw a large piece of cardboard and written across it in a bold hand, "I will not talk so much." How I laughed at it! I remembered that she defiantly asserted that it had helped her a lot.

There is no doubt that the old domestic mottoes and church texts have proved of more help than has ever been dreamed of. Many a home has been the better for its "God Bless Our Home" wrested motto on the sitting-room wall.

You have seen "Home, Sweet Home" so many times you could not think of home as anything but sweet.

The cherished bits of pasteboard with "Good" printed on them, the children of the "little red schoolhouse" used to carry home to their parents at the close of a well-spent day, contained a deeper significance than teachers or parents discerned.

Words of truth, visible to the eye at all hours, have an intrinsic weight and significance. What we dwell upon we may grow like. Every past mental picture tries to embody itself outwardly, even though years have intervened. How important, then that our mental pictures be pure and uplifting!—*Grace B. Faxon.*

Rule of Three

Three things to govern: Temper, Tongue and Conduct.

Three things to love: Courage, Gentleness and Affection.

Three things to avoid: Cruelty, Arrogance and Ingratitude.

Three things to delight in: Frankness, Freedom and Beauty.

Three things to wish for: Health, Friends and a Cheerful Spirit.

Three things to respect: Honor, Country and Home.

The Mystic Success Club

Join the Mystic Success Club Because

A Christmas Chat

By Brother Theodore

DEAR FRIENDS

Now we observe the birth of the Blessed One of God who came to bring the Christ spirit to our earth. O how His words grip the heart. Even though mis-translation and misunderstanding have obscured them.

They are the Wonderful Word of Life and Glory be to Our Father—God. The world is just about to have a spiritual awakening when the Christ teaching will be really understood. The Dawn is here. It tiptoes on the hills. You are called, my dear Brothers and Sisters.

Enter on the Path. Get the grand and blessed realization. Come, join hands with me and realize the wondrous truth—where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

This is the Law, given to us by the Glorious One. And you have read on Brother Servator's page what the Occult Masters of the Orient think, how they reverently admit the Christ to be the Supreme Initiate.

Now, I want each one of you to come and fellowship with us. I want EVERY Brother and EVERY Sister, for we are all sons and daughters of the One Father—God.

With your First Degree you will receive the Key whereby you can easily read the instructions for daily use that I shall give on this page. Follow these instructions regularly EVERY DAY and when your Fourth Degree is finished, I have prepared for you a set of Occult Sealed Instructions, which you can have sent to you.

Now, dear comrades, here's my right hand of fellowship. Here's for the blessing for the coming year—the motto of our Club, HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

Now is the time to join us. We give you only the good and true. Truths and laws that make for betterment, no matter what is your creed, belief, unbelief or work in life.

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And beloved of our one great family, I know that through lack of means or pressure of work, there are some who cannot give the subscriptions. These may get friends and acquaintances to subscribe, however, and so attain Membership to the Club.

Now, beloved companions, let me welcome you into the Club. From far and near, come prepared to bless and be blessed. Join at once and start the New Year right, for the coming year will be a wonderful year—the threshold of the new and better life.

Brother Theodore

Free from Worry

Now, dear friends, a remarkable benefit so often mentioned by our members is that they are freed from worry through the Club's Degrees. Isn't it perfectly reasonable to say that once you are freed from worry and its depression of body and mind, that you are more able to accomplish. Just as you can walk better if you get rid of a heavy load, and besides the walk becoming easier it becomes more enjoyable? The doubter, the

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You will add to the pleasures of life IMMEDIATELY.

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The Christian says, "You have made me a better Christian."

The Agnostic says: "You have showed me that God and Love rule the world."

All say they are better, healthier and happier.

You attain good and soon you find you want to DO GOOD.

You realize what the Christ spirit means—good will to all. Blessings spread. The exalted, peaceful, blissful state glorifies everything. It is truly wonderful and wonderfully true.

From all ranks and conditions they have come. Their grateful tributes bless the Club just as the Club has brightened their lives.

Loneliness gone; friction and worry banished; fear and doubt and sickly conditions cast away. In their place have come mental calm, sunshiny disposition, the ability to see and OBTAIN cheer and joy and health and happiness.

The four degrees of our delightful Club help each and all. The unlearned or the greatest scholar alike will find their needs supplied, their minds and bodies refreshed. Each Degree takes a month to work through. A few minutes faithful effort each day.

The First Degree is the HEALTH DEGREE. You will rejoice in actual, personal discovery of true health laws you never realized before.

The next Degree makes you Receptive; open to receive—magnetic tranquil.

The Third Degree is the Degree of PERSONAL ATTRACTIVENESS. The beginning of the success you are to win. A healthy body, a happy mind. How they will attract friends, favors, opportunities. "Unto him that hath shall be given."

The grand and glorious Fourth Degree is REALIZATION.

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And don't forget, we are making a SPECIAL OFFER for a time. For each dollar received the Magazine will be sent for FIVE YEARS. So your four friends will each get the Magazine for five years. Wonderful value, and you will be a Life Member of the Club, entitled to the Four Degrees and other benefits. You will be as surprised and delighted as have thousands of dear Sisters and Brothers who have become happy, joyous members from all parts of the earth.

Don't put it off. Turn over your new leaf NOW. Join our Club and later, pass on of YOUR abundance. A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO YOU.

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SPECIAL DIRECTIONS FOR THIS MONTH

from Brother Theodore

Easily read with Member's Key

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scoffer, the worrier is so burdened and occupied with the wrong normal physical condition that he just stays lying under his self-imposed burden. Here a letter from Sister M. G. Notice her life has changed for her. Everyone to hear these good testimonies. There is a tonic in joy and success. Even a tonic is better when the heart is glad.

Sister G. says in part: In an off-hand way I heard of the Magazine of MYSTERIES. I wrote you and you sent me a magazine. I read it thoroughly and found it just the book for me. As soon as I finished reading it I understood your Mystic Success Club. The reading of the first magazine you sent me brightened me up and I feel happier than I had felt for a long time. I was dressed to go out when I received the First Degree. I looked through it and that night I was, oh, such a happy woman. I am happier now, happier than I ever expected to be in this life. This Degree has taught me to be happier, calmer and able to bear the things that must come in our lives daily. My worries are gone. The Degree has taught me and helped me not to let anything worry me. Oh, what a blessed mood to get into. I am happy and I rejoice in the many blessings I received. My health is better than it has been in ten years. I have worked the Degree faithfully and I am repaid. I can hardly wait for the Second.

Just Beginning to Live

Brother E. S. Somers writes to the comrades of the Club, and practically says that once I was blind, but now I can see. The yoke of doubt and pessimism is lifted from his shoulders. He realizes that the world is a blessed, beautiful world, and its blessings can be ours.

Brother Somers says: I have been wonderfully helped by the Degrees. Feel better and stronger in every way since joining the Mystic Success Club. I am seeing and understanding now as I never before. Think I am just beginning to live. My heart is filled with a wonderful love and a great desire to be a help to others.

Good Tidings

Let skeptics sneer and scoff. Because they cannot handle or feel universal invisible forces, they deny their existence. We are sorry for them, because they miss the glorious privileges of the higher faculties. We know better; continually letters of wondrous testimony come in—letters that prove what is and what can be. Here is a glad message in thanksgiving from Brother Albert B. Flaig, who has been rid of some errors and undesirable habits. Read what this freed brother says, and consider how he rejoices in his new state of being.

Brother Flaig says: I have just finished my Fourth Degree of the Mystic Success Club, and it has proved a great help to me. Before I joined the Club, I used to chew and smoke tobacco something awfully bad and never could do without it. At least that is the way I felt, and I used to drink beer and sometimes whiskey. But after I got my First Degree I lost all desire for tobacco and drink, and it is five months now since I stopped using it, and I never think of those things anymore. My head is clear, and I see life in a better way. I am very glad I joined the Mystic Success Club, and I will try and get everybody interested, as I know everybody should be a member for their own good. I am progressing in business, also. Everything has improved with me, and the Mystic Success Club is the cause of it all.

With love, peace and good will to all, and with the best of wishes for your continued success.

A New Woman

Here's another glorious proof of health restored, nerves made tranquil, happiness found. If this was a rare instance, consider might be able to ignore it, but thousands of letters have come from members everywhere saying rejoice with me. And we do rejoice. We are interested and delighted. The work is good, it is real, it is spreading love and harmony and happiness and health. God bless our members and also those who are not members. For we are all sons and daughters of the Father-Mother-God. So, we are one great family, each with a spark, a Divine Spark from the one Great Source of Light and Life and Love. In this letter of Sister Alice Rowland's, you will see the great improvement she has made and rejoices with her.

Dear Friends:—I have just worked through the first degree for the second time. I have received so much benefit, so much pleasure and happiness in it I feel so thankful that I joined the Club. I am a new woman. I now bear anything the Blessed One sends me. My health is so much better that I can eat anything I want. I have not taken a dose of medicine since I commenced to work the First Degree. My mind is so calm, so quiet and I sleep so well at night. I am thankful to the Success Club.

The Story of Hilda and Cadmon

A Christmas Story of the Olden Times
Written Especially for Magazine of Mysteries

SIX centuries had passed since the Child had been born in the manger, and by devoted monks the teachings of the Christ had taken root in the far-off isles of the sea.

When England was not yet known as England, remote from the culture of Rome and the cities of the East, there dwelt on the cliffs of Whitby a woman who had the gift of prophecy and was called the Deborah of her day. She came of royal blood and religious ancestry, and when she heard the story of the Cross she retired from the world, and, with her wealth, built a monastery that was the Westminster of her time. She had great wealth and spared none of it in the work she had undertaken for her beloved Master.

The abbey of Stronshalh, built on the topmost cliff overhanging the North Sea, was sought by bishops and kings desiring knowledge and counsel of the holy woman, who could give them wisdom such as no other in all the land could bestow. This abbey became a seminary of great learning, and, as one after another departed from its cloisters to do his work in the great world, he took the fame of Hilda with him, and yet all left a part of themselves with her, in whose heart they were never forgotten. Strange as it may seem, there is no name so famous to-day, of all those who went out of this abbey, of all the bishops and learned men, as that of Cadmon, the cowherd, who had spent his life caring for the cattle in the stalls. Among all the tombs of the noted place, where lie Eadwine and Oswi, who ruled the people at that time, none even knew who they were, while the name of Cadmon is known wherever the history of the church or even of Britain is heard of.

Cadmon had reached middle life and knew nothing of books, but to his cattle he had whispered how he should love to sing of God and His works, and how he mourned that he must always be a simple cowherd in the abbey. Hilda knew this, and her heart ached for his longing to be a singer for his Lord. Many a time had she comforted him with words of wisdom, that to love was better than all, but still she knew the fire was not quenched, but smoldering, ready to break out in discontent. She was now well stricken in years; her hair was as white as the snows that rested on the cliffs in winter, and her eyes were as dark and deep as the sea that dashed against the rocks below. As her years increased the gift of prophecy increased also, and in a vision she had seen Cadmon holding a harp and singing before a crowd of people, and that day he had come to her to tell her that he had dreamed of the Lord and had been promised by Him that the gift of song should be his.

He knelt at her feet and bent his head to receive her blessing, while he begged of her to tell him what the Lord had said to her.

"I, too, have had a vision, Cadmon, and thy patience and thy love are to be rewarded, for thou shalt sing on the Christmas Eve such songs as the world has never heard. There are acts for thee to do first before the gift of song can come to thee, and when thou leavest me, take my words to thy heart and follow all I tell thee."

"But I am very ignorant, O holy lady! How can I sing if I do not understand?"

"The Spirit of God knows all things, Cadmon, and the voice that shall sing will not be the voice of Cadmon, but of the Blessed One who shall come to him."

"I know Him now, for He comes to me when the cattle are asleep and tells me all beautiful things. I do not wish to know what the great men know who come to you for knowledge but I want to know about the angels and the world of light that I see in my dreams."

"Shall I tell you of the Christ in the manger, or the Christ on the cross? Shall I tell you of what He was before He came down or after He went back to His Father? Be still and listen."

Her eyes closed. She did not move for some minutes, and then she spoke in a tone that was far off and weird. Her words were lofty and filled with deep feeling and intense emotion. She pictured to him the future of his life as she saw it, of the power of the songs he should sing, of the long years he had been tested to see if his love would grow less, and of the great reward that would be his because he was patient and had faith. And as she spoke she opened her eyes and saw, not the Cadmon who had come to her, but a new man with a face illumined by the inner light and glowing with the spirit of God. She looked out to the sea and, crooning in a musical way, she began to sing:

"From thy knees, O child of the Lord!
O man whom the angels love!
Go down to the sea and bathe in its waves,
then rise and come back to me.
The fire must consume and the water make pure;
then go to the topmost crag,
which will bring to thy soul the baptism rite
of the spirit that dwells in the air.
When the meteor bright o'er the heavens shall
pass thou must call to the stars on high,
and the angels shall come to answer thy call,
for the day of thy birth draweth nigh.
Go, then, to thy knee at the midnight hour
and the vision shall come and make plain;
but never a day shall the dumb cattle know
the care of their Cadmon again."
Her voice grew less musical, and,

rising to her feet, she almost screamed:
"The powers from on high are encompassing
the earth to make come to pass
that which long ago was written. Thou
shalt never be called Cadmon the cow-
herd, but through the ages of time thou
shalt be called Cadmon the bard of
heaven."

"Mock me not, O holy woman! Well
thou knowest that I cannot sing, and why
sayest thou I shall? What would I give
to sing one song of the cattle in their stalls,
and the fish in the sea, and the birds on
the wing?"

He looked into her face and saw she
heard him not, and, knowing her ways,
he went softly from her and down the cliffs
and threw himself into the sea.

He had done all she had said. From the
sea he had gone to the heights and then
to his cattle in the stable, and, putting his
arms around the neck of the one he loved
best, he fell into a sound sleep. When
the morning came a voice said to him:
"Eat no food till the day has passed,
and then thou shalt sing."

And that night would be Christmas Eve
and the great feast of the Thane of
Whitby.

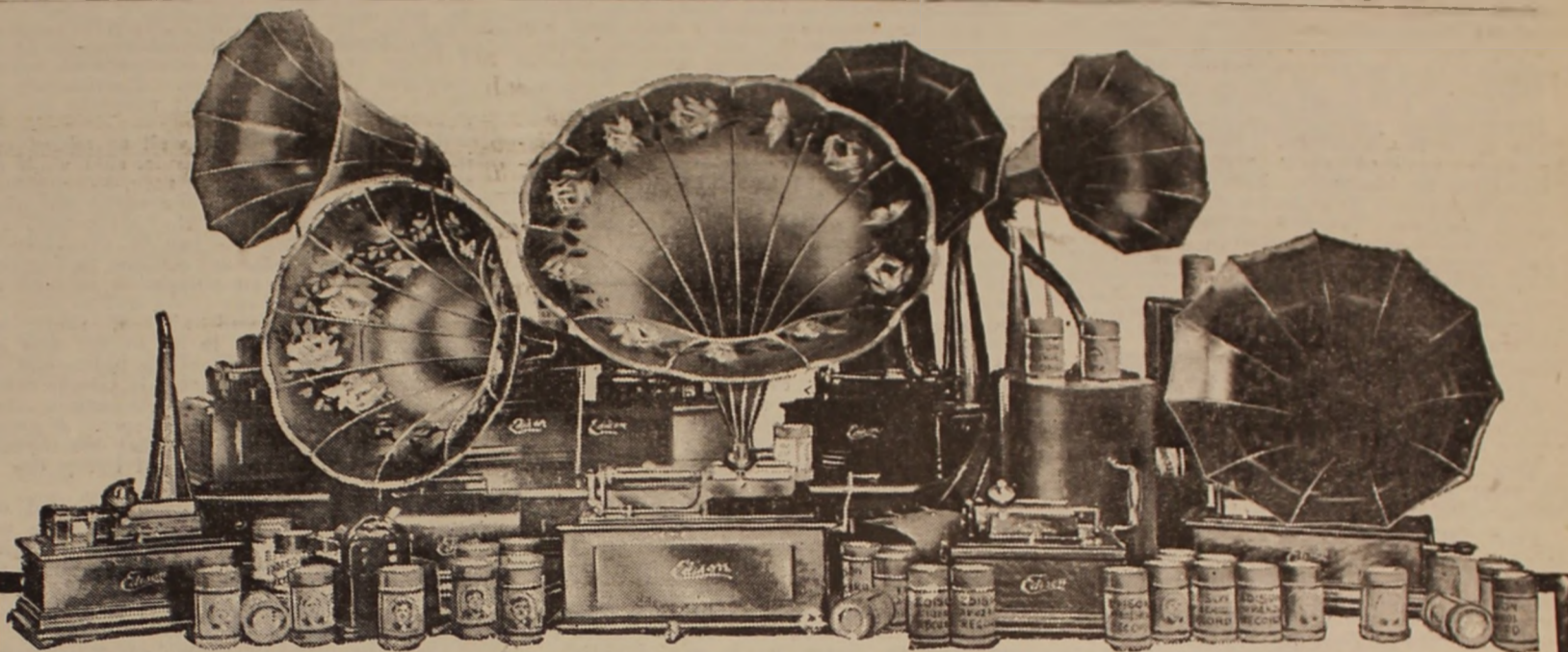
"Ho, there, Cedric the Red and Oswald
the Strong! Take Wamba and Osgi, on
the right and the left to head the proces-
sion, and go from house to house, from

the manor to the sea, and from the cliff
to the uttermost boundary of the land, and
bring hither all who can come to the feast
of the Yule-tide, such a one as has never
been seen in the land of Britain till now.
Leave not the weak, nor the old, but bring
them on your shoulders, if need be, and the
poor and the stranger, for this shall be
the greatest feast ever known, and it shall
be known to far-off time as the Yule-tide
of the Thane of Whitby when he had
heard of the Christ-child of Bethlehem!"

He was interrupted by the cheering of
the men who had come at his call. "Hush,
men! Do not cheer for mortal man or
ought he can do" (when he heard his name
on their lips). "Think only of the day we
celebrate and the story the monk Augus-
tine has told us of the miracles and won-
ders. Man goes to dust and is soon forgot-
ten, but the Christ will never die and His
name will grow greater as the years pass.
Go now! Off with you, and climb yonder
cliff to the abbey of Stronshalh and tell
the holy woman Hilda for once she must
come to the feast that has been prepared
for this night. The moon will be at its
full, and the spirit of prophecy will come
upon her till the heavens shall open be-
fore her eyes. Bring every bookworm
and priest, every server, and above all,
bring Cadmon the cowherd, and we shall
make him sing us a song with lips that
have never sung a note. Now off, and be

back at set of sun to see the yule-lights
set blazing and the birds and beasts wait-
ing to be eaten by good Christians."

Cheer upon cheer rang out on the air
as the sturdy men started forth on their
glad mission. After watching them for
a moment the thane turned toward the
great hall where the preparations for the
feast were in full progress. It was an
immense room, utterly devoid of furniture,
but filled with long tables made of hewn
logs placed side by side with the flat sur-
faces upward, and by the side of the tables
were rough benches. The upper end of
the room was raised from the other by
several steps, and here a table went across
the entire end of it, at which the master
and his wife Elinor were to sit overlook-
ing the entire room. All the invited guests
were to sit here also, and the proprietors
would have the seat of highest honor.
The thane walked up and down between
the tables looking at the holly that hung
from the walls and ceiling and the great
logs that he had himself cut down with
the help of his sturdy men. He was no
common man that had planned this feast,
and, though he had worshipped in the
woods, under the oaks of the Druids,
and had brought many a sacrifice to be
slain for Woden and Frea, yet, when the
monk Augustine came to the island and
told him of the new religion, he had been
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Talks with Brother Servator

Peace be to this house



This page contains special answers to letters requesting my counsel and advice. As my correspondents come to me in confidence, no names are published.

While all are welcome to read the instruction and information given in this department, only letters from members of The Mystic Success Club can be considered for reply.

Learn to Forget.—Elmer G. Remembering is an art, but so is forgetting. Don't brood over disagreeable incidents, dismiss unpleasant thoughts. Practice this and in a while you can get your mind free and cheerful. The things that irritate, that make us feel bitter and unkind, learn to forget them. The health of body as well as mind depends largely upon forgetting. Allowing disturbing, rankling thoughts to dwell with you, checks mental health and disturbs digestion and sleep.

For the Little Ones.—S. T. H. There is no earthly joy so deep and stirring as the love for children. Would that all parents realized their responsibility to these human blossoms. The child's future is largely what you make it. Especially do I advocate proper nourishment for children. A good constitution means success, happiness and justice for the little one's future. I have studied foods and nourishment and health culture in Asia, Europe and the United States and from natural love of the subject, I have been requested to become Editor of a little magazine called "Perfection," a guide to health and beauty. Any of my readers may have it free, if they will send me their names and addresses.

The Law of Attraction.—Frances B. All want to be loved but few live so as to attract love.

Two Wrongs Don't Make One Right.—Ella F. Of course unpleasant things will happen. But if you allow an unpleasant occurrence to make you unpleasant, you simply DOUBLE the wrong. Neutralize the unpleasantness by putting something pleasant in its place.

How to Win Promotion.—A. N. R. If you cultivate contentment, use your present opportunities, make what you have perfect, then you will develop and blend into things greater and more satisfying. That's the law, the mode of growth and increase of understanding and capacity. Wrong ideas and delusions seize men and women who shirk or slight their daily duties and brood and dream and grumble. That way lies despondency and stagnation. Work well done brings satisfaction to the soul and promotion for you.

Do Spirits See Us?—O. S. N. After the change we call death, the real self continues. The physical body is laid aside—a garment that is done with. The rate of vibration on the spirit plane is so much higher than that of our material plane, that most physical eyes cannot see. As an example, a fly can vibrate its wings so rapidly that the eye fails to catch any wing manifestation. Also, you in an express train speeding past a station can see the people on the station platform. They cannot see you. Practically the same law of physics operates in these instances. Our spirit friends can and do see us. We can love them better, please them more—aye, and serve them truly by pure, clean, prayerful lives. Far better this than crepe or expensive tombstones and memorial

HEALTH AND INCOME

Both Kept Up on Scientific Food.

Good sturdy health helps one a lot to make money.

With the loss of health one's income is liable to shrink, if not entirely dwindle away.

When a young lady has to make her own living, good health is her best asset.

"I am alone in the world," writes a Chicago girl, "dependent on my own efforts for my living. I am a clerk, and about two years ago through close application to work and a boarding-house diet, I became a nervous invalid, and got so bad off it was almost impossible for me to stay in the office a half day at a time.

"A friend suggested to me the idea of trying Grape-Nuts food which I did, making it a large part of at least two meals a day.

"To-day, I am free from brain-tire, dyspepsia, and all the ills of an over-worked and improperly nourished brain and body. To Grape-Nuts I owe the recovery of my health, and the ability to retain my position and income."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

windows. Tennyson, that great psychic said:

Do we indeed desire the dead
Should still be near us at our side?
Is there no baseness we would hide,
No loathsome stench that we dread?

Shall he whose applause I strove,
I had such reverence for his blame,
See with clear eyes some hidden shame,
And I be lessened in his love?

I wrong the grave with fears untrue,
Shall love be blamed for want of faith?
Thou must be wisdom with great Death;
The dead shall look me through and through.

Be near us when we climb or fall;
Ye watch like God's the rolling hours
With larger, other eyes than ours,
To make allowance for us all.

Cultivate Individual Thinking.—E. D. T. Use your brains. Think and reason. God gave you faculties for exercise and development. Do let us stop talking creed and religion "pre-digested" and ready-made. One man in a million thinks the thoughts of his own soul and realizes his "spirit that maketh alive." The rest pin their faith on what they read in books, and regard what other men say they should think; consequently, they are stuffed full of the "letter that killeth."

If I object to being disciplined, or to discipline my mind and spirit through observing the precepts of the wise, Nature will sooner or later discipline me through my physical body, whose harmonious action I have impeded and destroyed by my wilfulness and ignorance. Order in my being will give me freedom; disorder will continue to lessen what freedom I possess, and finally, imprison me in a self-evolved prison of pain and misery.

Order in spirit, mind and body, assiduously cultivated, is the only way to come in touch with the joy of living.

Disorder in the being puts one in touch with the torments of life.

No God brings the disorderly being into order, in any state of existence, but through the step-by-step process of living orderly thoughts, feelings and actions, for whatever help any man gets from the Universal cannot be otherwise than in harmony with his thoughts, feelings and actions. The Wisdom in the universe responds to the Wisdom in man; the ignorance, to his ignorance.

As man improves, his idea of God improves.

Clifford Park.—I have been obliged to return the donations for Clifford Park to the various senders. Only \$300 was subscribed, and that sum could serve no practical purpose, so it was best to return it in order to save complications. One dear sister wrote as follows: "I regret very much that you decided to return the small amount contributed toward Clifford Park. I am sure we would rather have you keep it. I cannot understand why you did not receive more money. Anyway you may depend upon me to send a much larger sum when you call again. I am very much interested in your confidential talks. My life has been rough and rocky and helpful words have cheered me very much."

When I asked for 10 cents from each reader to help the grand, good work for humanity that will spread from Clifford Park, I "sensed" the small response there would be. Yet it was my duty to give all the privilege of helping me establish a centre for the promoting of moral and civic righteousness and love, kindness and good will. As there are more than 300,000 readers, had each but sent the ten cents I requested, that would have provided a sum sufficient to purchase the beautiful tract of land I had so carefully selected. The buildings and other expenses I could then have arranged for.

Most of my readers got the mistaken idea that their particular ten cents was such a trifle that it did not matter, therefore the sum was not sent. For this I was exceedingly sorry. Certain others, who are skeptical and suspicious, thought that it was possibly some scheme for profit. This class of omission gave me not the slightest concern, for I did not want contributions with such thoughts clogging the good influences.

However, this subscription matter is virtually a closed incident for the present, although I shall labor on alone for the establishment of Clifford Park, what it represents and what it will accomplish. Some day I may be required to give you all another opportunity at the blessed privilege of helping, but just now I must labor single-handed.

The moneys have all been returned, excepting in some instances where donations were sent anonymously. Will these dear senders please supply me with their names, and addresses so that I may clear up this matter?

And my heartfelt appreciation has gone forth to the comrades who showed the desire and willingness to help.

Since announcing that I would return the donations, many of the senders of various sums have written telling me to keep their money and do what I pleased with it. This is impossible, for I asked for donations for a specific object and as that is out of the question just

now, I certainly cannot keep any of the money.

Judge Not That Ye be Not Judged.—M. S. W. I wish that everyone understood the awful significance of this advice given by the blessed One of God. We who have studied the laws of heredity, of astral influence and other impelling directives, become tolerant, charitable and sympathetic. You see where the sister or brother has yielded; you do not see what they have resisted. God forgive us all for our hasty judgments, our criticisms founded on incomplete and imperfect knowledge of influences, causes and directions. Let us learn to pity instead of to blame, to help instead of to censure. As Bobbie Burns sang:

"Then gently scan our brother man,
Still gentler sister woman;
Though they may gang a kennin wrang,
To err aside is human."

And when the Great Master was asked to judge the weak, mistaken woman, He said: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

To Protect My Readers.—J. D. L. I have studied and investigated mystic subjects in many lands. Particularly in India where these occult subjects are far developed.

There are dangers as well as advantages in these matters, my friends, so I want the study of them kept on a safe, sane, wholesome plane. I have given many warnings in this department of the Magazine, and it is difficult not to repeat occasionally. But new subscribers are coming in by thousands, so I have an obligation toward my new friends.

Now, brothers and sisters, there are faculties and powers in all of us, that are actually forcing themselves upon our attention. The spiritual age is commencing, the wondrous, blessed Aquarian Age, prophesied by Seers and Adepts. A grand, world-wide spiritual awakening commences. You are feeling it, each and every one of you.

In looking backward into time on our earth, we know that the human race was very crude. People wore leaves or skins, when they wore anything. They could not read, nor write, had no idea of art or music, and were little above animals. In fact that WAS the Animal Plane.

Then the mind developed, literature, art, music, ethics came gradually into life. Then commenced the second period—The Mental Plane.

Now dawns the third period—The SPIRITUAL PLANE. The real self, the soul, will develop its faculties and what are sneered at now will become everyday commonplaces. Clairvoyance, telepathy, the ability to travel in astral form while the body is asleep, all these and other faculties will awaken and progress.

I know that individual existence continues after the death of the body. The body is not the real YOU but just a temporary habitation—a garment of flesh.

I know that under certain conditions spirits can communicate with those of us still in the flesh. I know that the lower spirit planes swarm with evil spirits, earth-bound entities and elementals. These are mischievous and continually ready to cause trouble. Therefore it is necessary to be cautious and conservative. That is why I advise my readers so often not to become "mediums," that is, not to allow spirit strangers to take even temporary possession of their bodies.

We must keep the body machine healthy and harmonious and under our own control. Then we will observe and study and learn. And there is a vast amount to be learned.

City Life Slowly Destructive.—M. L. T. I earnestly advise all who can to live outside of town. City life is so artificial, such a nerve inflammation and irritation that it unconsciously but surely demoralizes the nervous system. Besides the incessant noises there are dust, smoke, microbes and filth, all absorbed into the system, through the lungs. For children, the association and pernicious influences of the streets (their only playgrounds) are particularly bad. To be herded and crowded among bricks and pavements, seeing nothing but swarming, hurrying, worrying, anxious faces is stifling and depressing.

There is health and inspiration from Mother Earth, and all should have the fresh earth magnetism as well as the benefits from sky, pure air, grass, trees and flowers. They are more necessary to life than most people realize. The city is an abscess—essential in its way, but all who possibly can should live out of town, that is, sleep where quiet and wholesome nights prevail, where Sundays and holidays are positive tonics and where men, women and children can flourish. All who can do their business out of town should certainly avail themselves of the privilege—mail order business and so on. Personally, I am arranging to live just a little way from New York City, convenient of access every day if need be, where harmony can be maintained between body and brain. A little gardening may be indulged in each day, where there are delightful suburban walks and drives and the other pleasures which make one healthier, happier and more kindly. I expect to have

the community gradually build homes of nice people—the kind we like for neighbors, and need. I have selected a most healthful site. This is an important point, and consider it before going any further. Select a place where the soil is where there is good natural drainage, absolutely pure water and over health district.

While It Is Yet Day.—E. F. L. I am glad that you appreciate what your ones do for you. Let them know appreciation; tell them of your love. seem blinded as to the greatness of debt to the rare souls who have been to them. Many wait for death to them how dear and precious were who have passed on.

In the Silence.—B. F. V. In silence, in solitude is where we find ourselves and get the true perspective many avoid solitude. What a refreshment, and are closed to the source of knowledge. The Valley of silence should be entered frequently sooths and comforts and blessings. We can open ourselves to Infinite Wisdom. We can become receptive.

And I have heard songs in the valley
That never shall float into speech
And I have had dreams in the valley
Too lofty for language to reach.

And I have seen thoughts in the valley
Ah, me! how my spirit was stirred
And they wear holy veils on their faces
Their footsteps can scarcely be heard
They pass through the valley like spirits
Too pure for the touch of a word.

Friends.—Josie L. Glad you liked little article on Friendship. How true and tried friends are. The steadfast friend is one of life's real joys. Fortunate indeed are they who have three or four such comrades. Of my friends, another wrote, "she is one of those friends for whom one always has an underlying sense of gratitude to God. Isn't that a beautiful tribute? But I deserve a friend, be one. People usually take a too one-sided view of friendship; they expect friendship, but don't give it."

An Invitation.—Frederick K. A letter from a little boy came to me, saying he reads and likes my talks and wants me to come and visit him and his family in Baltimore, where we will "sure have a lot of fun." Well, Freddie, old chap, it's the way. Lots of people are sick and in trouble and I have to help them all I can. Fact is, Freddie, I am too busy to have fun just now, though I enjoy it as much as you do. Next year I can come, mark my calendar.

Science.—B. T. B. Yes, I believe in science, certainly I do. It is making us broader, kinder humanity. It teaches us to make allowances. For instance, a friend of mine is perfecting an apparatus for photographing the brain in action by means of an X-Ray device. Moving pictures will be taken of the brain in action. It is the next step in scientific development, and it will mean mercy and better treatment for so-called criminals, justice for self-willed criminals.

By such pictures, taken at certain intervals, we shall be able to know definitely whether or not the child is fit for the studies he is taking. But more important than this, we shall know the capacity of the brain and thereby determine whether or not the individual may profit appreciably by a college training.

At present a person may simulate sanity so well that the keenest observer may be deceived. But the rush of blood to the brain in real excesses of insanity is altogether different in quantity from the rush of blood occasioned by the normal physical strain of acting the part of sanity. Thus with these magnificent X-ray moving pictures the man or woman who enters a defense of insanity for a crime will be subjected to a test that cannot be questioned.

The Good Around You.—R. B. How curious the world would be if we did the same work only and strove for but one phase of good. You have your niche to fill; so have I. What we do comes to us.

We cannot all be preachers and swear our voice and pen
As strong winds sway the forest, the
and hearts of men,
But we can be evangelists to souls within
reach;
There's always love's own gospel for
hearts to preach.

Troubles.—Bessie D. I have written several times regarding the reasons for troubles and disappointments. So I prevent my repeating. But, there is need to be discouraged. The brighter will come and you will understand a brave heart, for hope is energy, energy is life. Life is happiness if used. We would the bosom of the earth to produce fruits and flowers, and sometimes furrows the heart with to produce a rich crop of joys here.

Service is Prayer.—N. W. S. You do of good or ill counts for future. And this life is but a span, a link in a chain and eternity Service is the life most acceptable. Remember there is hand prayer as heart prayer.

Personal Psychic Experiences

Conducted by Servator

The following are accounts of visions, travel in the spirit, etc., sent in by readers of our Magazine.

I would like to have more of these personal accounts and I ask my readers who have had any occult experiences or happenings, to send me a short description. During the coming months a special instruction folio will be given on clairvoyance, visions, true dreams, and the like to Members of the Mystic Success Club. This will be very valuable and it will be a great privilege to get this counsel and instruction. The Club is so cordial and welcomes all so freely, that every reader should join it.

SERVATOR.

Spirit Dangers

Once again I refer to the dangers of meddling with the Astral Plane, without competent instruction and guides. People seem to think that in so-called automatic writing only the hand of the writer is controlled. A large part of the brain is also controlled and the vaso-motor system, and this is a serious break in the wall of any person's individuality.

I have personally known of many cases of automatic writing going wrong. In some instances I warned the experimenters, but to no purpose, as my warnings were unheeded.

After a time the spirit is able to control more easily and it is very common for automatic writers to be possessed and obsessed, when it is most inconvenient for them and at all times and places.

One reason that people will not heed advice on this subject is that the spirits pretend to be the spirits of dear ones who have passed over, or spirits of famous people. Good-spirits do not trespass upon the individuality of anyone, they know they have no right to do so and that it is wrong. But bad spirits are always waiting for a chance to come right back into the material plane and after a while they reveal their true characters and their language becomes coarse and rude and frequently obscene.

I shall not refer again to this phase of mediumship for some time to come, perhaps, and I am only doing it now because of an experience sent in by a reader of our Magazine, which well illustrates what I have been warning you against for so long.

I loved one person better than life—more than myself. My worst trouble came when that one "passed out" in June.

Six weeks ago I rejoiced at finding a way to communicate with my loved one, when he took my hand and wrote a message on paper. Since then, until a week ago, our messages were constant, the power being exceedingly strong and constantly being added to.

Any time, day or night, I could ask mentally if there and got my "yes" with pencil or just my finger. Our conversations were hours long in the evenings after work. At work I was neglectful for I wrote so constantly, even on street or street cars, etc. He got so strong that one night recently I asked him to raise my hands off the table. He did it, and when I came to, the words on paper before me were rising and falling. He was writing that he "had fainted and that he had found he could get into my body through my head and was going to do it again to see how it felt to be in the flesh once more." I felt very bad physically and besides had been worried for two weeks over the character of his messages. Indeed, from the very first I regretted the state of mind he seemed to be in of downright open rebellion over having "passed out" and lost pleasures of earth, so I refused permission. He got very angry and

seemed to assault my whole body with electric charge where before he simply touched my head to let me know what to write. Some then it has been a battle for supremacy. For quite a while I prayed, sang, talked about bowing to the will of God and showing him how he could progress. Many times he told me, also to others, that he did not want nor intend to progress until I came to him. Once he wrote for me to bleed myself to death and come to him. At other times he told me not to commit suicide for I could not reach him. After the first few weeks of writing he seemed to develop a mania for telling me things that happened in the last five years of his life, that he knew would well nigh kill me to believe. After I would spend hours crying and maybe he would not write him for a day after, he would tell me he had.

Then a few days after he would again tell me it was truth and added something worse. At last I told him nothing like that would hurt me any more, as I forgave him everything he ever did on earth and I meant it. He said, "Now he was content and had only tried me that way to see if I would forgive him such things and there would be no more stories of that kind. But he still told them up to when I quit writing a week ago."

When I first refused him control of my body I told him he might kill me and then he would go farther into the darkness in which he claimed he was.

A Vision

Here is an account of a vision sent by a subscriber in England. There is much truth and significance in this vision.

The roar of the great city grew hushed and dumb, and I knew that God had called my spirit to dwell for a while in the heavenly places. And God's voice fell upon my soul like the freshening dew, and his presence was as a glistening jewel, iridescent, luminant in that starry space of ether. For a while purity and peace enwrapped my heart. Then God came unto me and lightly touching my eyes, gave unto me a vision of the earthly world, which lay far below me at my feet.

And looking, I beheld the great city, and saw what looked like a huge ant-heap, but I knew it to be the humans, employed in various and multifarious occupations. And they were all busy in carrying on the work of the world. Men and women, little children, some keen and eager, others listless and wearied in their life labors.

But over all these seemed to hang a cloud. Then I knew this cloud to be the fear of death. And in every man's heart was this unspoken, craven fear.

The terrible pathos of death was there—everywhere, brooding, sullen, immutable in its finality. It looked forth from men's eyes, mute, dumb, beseeching.

And the fiery rays of it scorched men's souls with a physical horror. But beyond that fiery crucible lay the green and cool pastures.

Next I beheld a vision of the social seekers, those who had, and were lifting the cup of life's pleasures to satiated lips, drinking with furtive glance the dregs of sin. And these last I beheld in Purgatory—with smooth and smiling faces set to the world, and within a purgatory of unceasing wherein the soul sought in vain for the vivifying touch of the profound waters of peace.

Not thus might those erring souls be bathed in those sunlike pools of peace! In anguish must they dwell in that dark underworld, where sombre shadows grew apace and the torch of memory was lit with burning fires. Presently my spirit began to grow faint and sinking within me.

Then God's voice came, as it were, from afar off, and in spirit I knew that the vitality of life had hid its legitimate claim upon me. My body grew denser and heavier, and I knew I was descending nearer the earthly realm.

A great wonder at this vitality which could crush the spirit's flight, which could drag it from the mental and astral planes, enwrap the soul once more in its coarse, physical envelope, assailed my mind.

As I reached the earth, I began to feel the incoming vibrations of the physical plane. Once more I trod with man the ways of life.

I. M. S.

Mother Sees Son

Mrs. I. B. sends in an account of how her son, a minister, came to her about the time he passed over into the higher plane. She says:

One remarkable circumstance happened to me two years ago this sixteenth day of September. I am a widow, sixty years old, and was living in Indiana. My eldest son was a Methodist minister. I had not looked in his dear face for over two years. That September the Methodist State Conference was held in the city in which I lived, and of course, he was booked to stay with me, his mother, during the time of the meeting. He had written to me, he was coming on Tuesday. I was living in the house with another lady. I had a remarkable dream, a very sad one. I felt some great trouble was close at hand. On Wednesday morning, about seven o'clock, I went into the sitting-room, and there sat my son in a chair. "David, I am so glad you have come," I said, and started towards him, but he only smiled and vanished away. He had a stroke of apoplexy at ten o'clock the night before and passed away to the spirit land at five o'clock in the morning and at seven o'clock his spiritual body was in my room with me. Twice again he came to visit me. Besides him, others have visited me. I praise God for that sweet assurance that after death we shall see our loved ones and know them face to face.

I. B.

Travels on Astral Plane

"I won't have to write; it's coming by this morning's mail," I answered, feeling perfect confidence in what I said, not really knowing why, but somehow I felt it. The book did come that morning and it had been away up in Canada.

Often when I am out with a crowd of my friends, I say, "Wouldn't it be lovely if such and such a thing should happen," or "wouldn't

it be horrid if such and such a thing should happen." Usually they are things that one would not expect to happen and my friends laugh at me for my foolish imaginations; but, strange to say, those things usually do happen.

I have a cousin living in Europe and I haven't seen her for eight years. I was scarcely eight years old when she left here and as she was then seventeen, we did not correspond, as naturally the same things did not interest both of us. Four years ago she was married in Europe and she wrote telling my father about it, but still we two did not correspond. About a year ago I said to father one noon, "I can scarcely wait until this afternoon's mail comes, because I am simply crazy to see the photograph of Genevieve and her little three-months' old Gladys." My father looked worried and said, "Why, child, what on earth is the matter with you? Genevieve hasn't a baby."

"Yes, father, she has, and she is going to send me a photograph of herself with the baby in her arms, and it will get here this afternoon if nothing happens. She has kept it a secret from us until she could send its picture to us."

"When did she write telling you all this? I didn't know you two corresponded."

"We don't, but we're going to and I am positively certain about the photograph, because I can simply feel it coming."

Of course father laughed, but everything was as I had said.

Many, many things seem to force themselves upon me as these things did. Some of a very trivial nature, but I always feel so positive of things when they impress themselves upon my mind, that it seems awfully strange to me.

MARION.

I have always been a firm believer in dreams and I have had a great deal of experience in them. I will relate a few instances which might be of interest to you or your readers.

Five years ago, the twenty-first of last July, a niece of mine named Mary died, and very nearly every night I would dream of her. One night, one year after her death, I was in bed about ten minutes, when I saw her standing at the side of the bed. I realized I was in bed, and I saw everything in the room. I spoke to her, saying, "Hello, Mary, are you here?" and she smiled and said "Yes." I asked her how long she was going to stay, and she said, "Until she dies." I asked her, "Till who dies?" and she repeated, "Till she dies." I repeated the question a few times, and she gave me the same answer. I became excited, and sat up placing my feet on the floor. She smiled and rose from where she stood and passed out through the wall. A little over four years after that, which was last month, another one of my nieces passed away, and I have not seen Mary since. I really believe she has passed to another world and can't come back.

Two years ago last September, I was in Denver, Colo., and one night I saw Mary come through the wall into my room. I greeted her and she smiled and answered, "Yes, get up and come with me." I got up, and it appeared we were standing in space. I saw my body lying in bed, I could see everything in the room, and I realized that I had left my body. We passed out through the two inner walls and then through the outer brick wall as though they were not there. We passed over part of the Rocky Mountains, and when we stopped we were in a valley. When I looked up Mary was gone. I became frightened and went back to my room and entered my body, and the next morning it was all as clear as to-day to me.

The following month I came to Chicago, and I made up my mind that the next time she took me away with her, I would ask her all kinds of questions. One night about one month later, she came to me, and I greeted her, in the same way. She said, "Come with me." I left my body, realizing everything. We went a long distance, bringing up on the outskirts of a wood. We sat down on a fallen tree. I asked her if I were only dreaming that I saw her and talked to her, or if it were true. She looked at me and smiled and said, "You really see me and you are really talking to me now." She asked me if I remembered of dreaming of some numbers. I told her I did. It was only a few nights before that I dreamed of some numbers on a house, and when she asked me, I remembered the dream. She then asked me if I knew what it meant. I told her I did not, and at the same time I asked her what it meant, and she said, "I can't tell you now. I will come again and tell you." My mind was full of questions to ask her, but she would not give me a chance to ask. She stood up and faced me and smiled and then vanished gradually.

I went back to my room and entered my body again. For a week I was thinking and wondering what she was going to tell me. One week to the day, I dreamed I went to a house and knocked at the door. A young lady came to the door, and without my saying a word, she said, "She will come and tell you three nights from to-night." The third night my niece came, and I greeted her as usual. She said, "Come with me." We passed in the air about fifty feet from the ground and just three blocks from my room, we stopped at a railroad. She pointed down and said, "That's what it meant." I looked down and saw my body lying face downward. I had been killed in a wreck. She then took me much higher up and far to the southwest, and we were joined by four other spirits. Just then I remembered of promising a friend of mine that if I passed away before he did I would come back and see him if I could, and I told the spirits about the promise. I asked to be excused. They said I could not go back to him now, I would have to die first. Then they left me and I returned to my body.

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It matters not what name I call Thee by,
If Nature, Zeus, Father, God—
For once, when bowed beneath the chastening
rod,
I heard Thee speak; I know that Thou art Love.
And once my heart was merry all the day;
On joyous feet the glad hours danced along;
And life was but a lilted line of song—
I saw Thee smile; I know that Thou art Joy.
And now when riotous joy has quiet grown,
And sad-eyed Pain broods not within my heart,
I have at last the tranquil better part—
I feel thine arms around me; Thou art Peace.
—INA WRIGHT HANSON.

A Christmas Lesson

Twice Christmas-tide, the shops had
taken on their very gala dress.
And into one a little maiden passed
To see what she liked best.
When looking up upon a line she spied
A dolly, decked so fine,
With furbelows, and little hat,
And muff and all combined.
"Oh, my!" she cried, "I must have
that,
Oh, do, give me this doll."
Her father smiled, and drew his child
along.

The little one was grieved, and sad,
and pouted all the way.
"Oh, why," she said unto herself,
"why can't I have my way?"
"He does not even answer me, I am
not heard at all."
But all the while her father heard
And in his loving heart,
He thought, "what joy I'll give to her
As we pass farther on."

For he had seen a doll more fair
And clothed in better dress,
He only wished to give her more
And have her joy, not less.
And thus it is we often are dissatisfied
and sad,
Because we do not have our way with
earthly toys made glad.

The Father sees much farther on
And leads His child and gives it far
more happiness than the inferior
thing.

And thus we think we are not heard
Because He does not give the thing
asked for.
Oh, what conceit we have to think that
we know more.
—Nellie E. Thomas.

The Lake Champlain Quaker

The people who love it will defy
you to find a more beautiful lake any-
where; and, anyway, if the voyagers
to the New World had discovered
nothing else, it would have been worth
all the trouble they took coming over.
Big and gracious, and commanding as
some dear princess, it sweeps to the
northern border, and the mountains
range themselves on either side, watch-
ing and adoring.

The largest island in the lake is
long and wide, and has several town-
ships of its own. Somewhere about
1785 a family of Quakers came from
the south and found the place. "The
Lord," they said, "has led us into ways
of peace. Here we will live, and the
blessing of heaven will be with us."
They labored at their wholesome toil
and their minds were filled with whole-
some thoughts. Sun and storms suc-
ceeded sun and storm, and the years
passed, and they found rest unto the
third generation.

In 1861, when the stricken country
cried for men to save her, the note of
war came to the island, and the great-
grandson of the first Quaker was
drafted.

"But it will be no use," he said. "I
shall never fight. My mother taught
me it is a sin. It is her religion and
my father's, and their fathers'. I shall
never raise my hand to kill anyone."
The recruiting officer took little
notice. "We will see about that later,"
he commented carelessly.

The regiment went to Washington
and the Quaker boy drilled placidly
and shot straight. "But I shall never
fight," he reiterated.

Word went out that there was a
traitor in the ranks. The lieutenant
conferred with the captain, and all the
forms of punishment devised for
refractory soldiers were visited on him.
He went through them without flinch-
ing, and there was only one thing left.
He was taken before the colonel.

"What does this mean?" demanded
the officer. "Don't you know you will
be shot?"

The Quaker was a nice boy with
steady eyes and a square chin, and he
smiled a little. "That is nothing," he
said. "Thee didn't think I was afraid,
did thee?"

The prisoner went back to the guard-
house and the colonel went to the
President, to Lincoln, who was great
because he knew the hearts of men.
The case was put before him—of the
mutinuous Quaker who talked of his
religion, the soldier who refused to
fight, who defied pain and laughed at
the fear of death.

Lincoln listened and looked relieved.
"Why, that is plain enough," he
answered. "There is only one thing to
do. Trump up some excuse and send
him home. You can't kill a boy like
that, you know. The country needs
all her brave men wherever they are.
Send him home."

So the Quaker went back to the
island to life and duty as he saw them,
and his children tell the story.

LET'S PLAY A GLORIOUS PART.

The Enduring Fairy-Lore of Christmas-Tide

The coming of Christmas has
brought into prominence new pleas for
the "abolition" of Santa Claus and
new discussions of Christmas myths
that—for the child-mind at least—pos-
sess a never-fading interest. For the
benefit of children who are still
perplexed by "Santa Claus problems,"
an Atlanta newspaper reprints the
reply that Charles A. Dana, the famous
editor of the New York Sun, once
made to a little girl who wrote, voicing
her misgivings because she had been
told that there was "no Santa Claus,"
and pleading, "Please tell me the truth:
is there a Santa Claus?" Mr. Dana
took up the question in his editorial
columns.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa
Claus. He exists as certainly as love
and generosity and devotion exist. And
you know that they abound and give
to your life its highest beauty and joy.
Alas! How dreary would be the world
if there were no Santa Claus! It would
be as dreary as if there were no Vir-
ginias. There would be no childish
faith then, no poetry, no romance, to
make tolerable this existence. Nobody
sees Santa Claus. But that is no
sign that there is no Santa Claus. The
most real things in the world are
those that neither children nor men can
see.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle
and see what makes the noise inside,
but there is a veil covering the unseen
world which not the strongest man, nor
even the united strength of all the
strongest men that ever lived, could
tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry,
love, romance can push aside that cur-
tain and view glory beyond. Is it all
real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world
there is nothing else real and abiding."
"No Santa Claus? Thank God! He
lives and lives forever. A thousand
years from now, Virginia—nay, ten
thousand years from now—he will
continue to make glad the heart
of childhood."

Character Building

Beautiful thoughts make beautiful lives
For every word and deed
Lies in the thought that prompted it.
As the flowers lie in the seed.

Back of each action lay the thought
We nourished until it grew
Into a word or into a deed.
That marked our life-work through.

Gracious words and kindly ways.
Deeds that are high and true;
Sland'rous words, and hasty words,
And deeds we bitterly rue.

The Garden of Life it beareth well.
It will repay our care,
But the blossom must always and ever
be
Like the seed we're planting there.

"Keep thine heart," the Life Guide
saith
With daily, diligent care,
For out of it are the issues of life."
Be they foul or be they fair.

On things that are pure and of good
report
Our hearts must daily dwell.
If we would see Life's garden full
Of blossoms that please us well.

For beautiful thoughts make beautiful
lives,
And every word and deed,
Lies in the thought that prompted it,
As the flower lies in the seed.
A. E. Godfrey.

We boast our light; but, if we look
not wisely on the sun itself, it smites
us into darkness. The light which we
have gained was given us, not to be
ever staring on, but by it to discover
onward things now remote from all
knowledge.—Milton.

It is worth knowing every minute of
the day and every waking hour of the
night that there is nothing so paralyzing
to health and success as fear. Wish
for good things and expect them. There
is nothing that can prevent the good
resulting from those two great forces,
desire and expectation.

Whatever be the conditions which
surround you in your work, do it with
high thought and noble purpose. Do
not whine and complain because of your
unhappy lot; but accept it humble and
obscure as it may be, knowing that it is
possible to clean out a gutter with the
self-respecting dignity of manhood or
to blacken a shoe with the enthusiasm
of religion.—Hugh O. Pentecost.

Golden Threads

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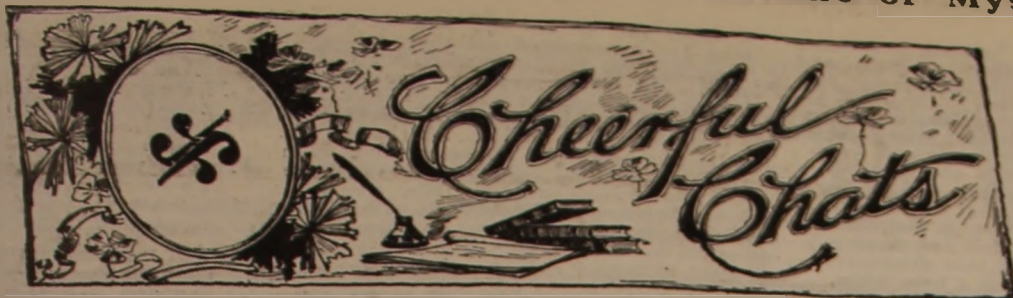
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Golden Rules for Health, Long Life, Joy and Happiness

By C. H. Hassall

Retire to rest early, thinking good thoughts, and having a loving sympathy for all, thus closing the door against all evil while you sleep. Let your first thought on awaking be that you are a divine soul. Seek to act in harmony with your higher and true self, realizing that you are at one with our Heavenly Father and with all other divine souls.

"Take a hand-bath over the whole surface of the body every morning, using cold water, followed by a brisk rub; take open-air exercise before breakfast."

"Let your diet be natural, such as nuts, fruits, grains, vegetables, etc., cooking as little as possible. Do not drink while eating, but drink a gill of tepid water by sips an hour after each meal. Let the meals be partaken of punctually if possible at stated hours, so that the stomach may not only have ample time for digestion, but also ample time for rest. Three meals per day are the average for strong, healthy people, but in childhood, sickness or old age four meals are necessary, remembering that we must not live to eat, but eat to live. The rising generation should be reared on natural foods and they will not look for any other. Healthy recreations, athletic sports of the finer sort, gymnastic exercises, physical drills, conduce to the health and strength of the body. Walking should be engaged in by all, also deep breathing, limp and rigid exercises, etc."

"The mind must be cultivated in the arts, sciences and the best and purest literature. Music (instrumental and vocal) tends to develop the mind and soul, and brings hearts in unison and harmony. Pleasant and agreeable games, pastimes, etc., of refined character, should find a place in our lives from time to time. Let the young ever remain so, and let the matured and aged mix with the plays and games of the children, for they not only give joy to the little ones, but add to their own health and happiness. Listen to and obey the voice of God in your soul. You are not far from the Kingdom. The Kingdom of Heaven is within you. Seek to destroy disease and the germs of death by cleanliness in dress, habits and pure home life. Do not make your bodies receptive by fear and dread of contagion as you grow in faith, hope and love, controlling the lower forces of nature by your divine will, till God's will shall be done in earth as it is done in heaven, so that at last there shall be universal reign of peace, joy and love. Let us seek to realize the Kingdom of Heaven within, where the Divine One is patiently awaiting revelation. Our joy will then be full: Divine consciousness shall be ours; we shall see as we are seen, know as we are known. We shall then understand the saying of the Master: 'I and my Father are One.' We shall then go out no more forever."

Mother Who Laughs

There are many conscientious fathers and mothers who make themselves and their children miserable by taking youthful foibles too seriously.

It is an innate propensity of a child possessed of average good health and spirits to make older people laugh with him; not at him, but at things that seem amusing to his own sense.

And the mother who has the blithe and ready humor to enter into his fun becomes his loved companion.

He heeds her rebukes and bends to her correction without ill feeling, where sternness would arouse his pride and ire, for he is assured that she is ready to share all his innocent pranks, and that her disapproval has no foundation in impatience or injustice.

And when the day arrives when childish things are put away, and the grown men and women look backward to their early homes, with what a throb of pleasure they say, when things happen, "Mother would appreciate this; she had the quickest sense of humor of any woman you ever saw!" And underneath these light words is the thought, "How happy that dear mother made us all, and how I love her!"

"Singleness of purpose, sincerity and simplicity are the necessary forces for the victory of accomplishment, the goal of success."

WAKE UP! DO SOMETHING! ACHIEVE!

The Shepherd Boy Sings in the Valley of Humiliation

He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much;
And Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because thou savest such.

Fullest to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

John Bunyan, (1628-1688).

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A Young Man of Seventy-one

I am very fond of the bears in Prospect Park. There is more solid fun to the square inch in a bear than is to be found in any other creature on earth; and every little while I find myself down by the den watching my shaggy friends box, wrestle and stand on their heads.

One day last week, while on my way home from visiting the bears, I met a ruddy-faced gentleman who looked so human and friendly that I was moved to pass the time of day with him. He cordially returned my salutation, and the first thing we knew we were in the midst of a heart-to-heart chat about bears, birds, trees, folks and a whole lot of other things.

In the course of our very pleasant conversation my friend said something about the "time when he used to buy wild pigeons by the barrel, and bales upon bales of buffalo robes."

"Wild pigeons! Buffalo robes!" I thought to myself. "It has been a long time," I said to myself, "since wild pigeons and buffalo robes were as plentiful as this gentleman's remarks would seem to indicate."

The man looked very young. I would have guessed his age at forty; possibly, on a pinch, at forty-five. Nowhere about him, in form, step, voice, eye or idea, was there the remotest intimation of the decrepitude that is generally supposed to attend upon age.

Thinking of those pigeons and buffalos, and standing there face to face with the young-looking man, I said to him: "I don't quite understand you. How old are you, anyway?"

"Seventy-one," he coolly replied. There he stood—a young man of seventy-one!

For threescore years and ten, with a full twelve-month to spare, he had lived upon this earth, facing the battle and the breeze, and in every respect he looked younger, and in reality was younger, than are many men who have not as yet turned forty!

I had a little leisure on my hands, he seemed to be in no particular rush, and I thought I would put a few questions to him.

The net results of the answers obtained was as follows:

He had never been an ascetic or a puritan. He had always been able to admire the beauty of the world, and to enjoy with deep gratitude the good things that came to him.

A worker from early boyhood, he had always taken good care of himself, watching out for his health, eating plain food, never drinking to excess, giving himself plenty of sleep.

Recognizing the fact that "man's two greatest enemies are hurry and worry," he had always aimed to take a "good, honest gait, a gait that he could keep up" without drawing too heavily upon his reserve; and having done his day's work he borrowed no trouble about the morrow.

Finally, and most important of all, perhaps, he had never allowed himself to grow old in spirit. He kept his feelings young. In his heart burned the fires of hope and good cheer over which the frosty years were unable to prevail.

He thought young thoughts—and those thoughts kept his mind bright and nimble; just as his prudence had kept his body sound and vigorous.

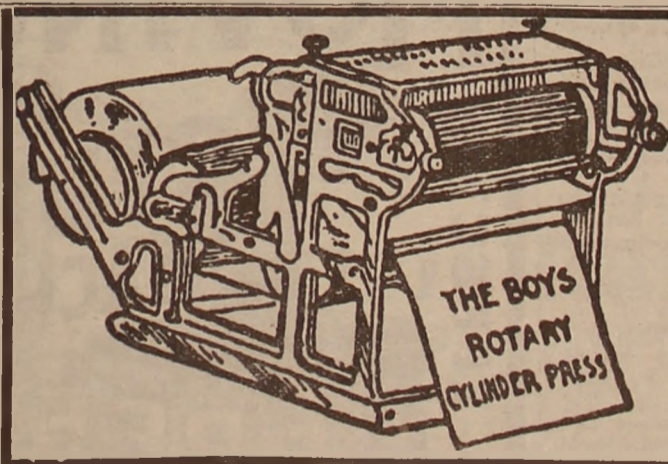
It was a very handsome sight, that of the young man of seventy-one.

I said to myself: "This man is God's sermon to us, warning us against the folly and uselessness of dying before our time."

This young man of seventy-one is no miracle. He is the natural result of obedience to Nature's wise and beautiful laws.—Rev. Thomas B. Gregory, in New York American.

Never talk or think of failure or adversity. Be determined to succeed, and permit no thought nor word to suggest anything else. No matter if things to-day go wrong. This shall also pass away. The world is your friend, though it may seem at times to be against you. The world seems to be against you because you have not met the world in the right way. Change yourself. Be a friend to everybody—the whole world. Expect everybody to be good to you, and desire constantly to be of real service to man. And ere long fate will change. Believe that everybody is against you, and you rub them all the wrong way. Know that the true side of mankind is a true friend to every aspiring soul, and then place yourself in touch with the ideal in man; meet only his better side, and your life, as well as the life of the world, is made richer thereby. Never think nor speak of failure nor adversity. Think success, speak success, breathe success, attract success, live success and be saturated through and through with absolute faith in your own success. Believe that the whole world is for you, that nothing is against you; and as your faith is, so shall it be unto you.—Eternal Progress.

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The Works That Prove the Christ

We have but to read the life of Jesus of Nazareth as given to us in the Four Gospels to see that works as well as words are all important, if victory shall be attained and assured. There is a doing as well as a believing—and, for believing, let us substitute understanding—and except we meet both requirements the works that prove the presence of the indwelling Christ and the power of salvation will not be forthcoming.

All Jesus's utterances are accompanied by works that are a demonstration of the truth of His words. At His hands that same life is required—a life of demonstration of the truth; and as surely as we see it, even intellectually, and conceive it ever so fully, the rest follows. It is demanded of us. We are to put that truth to practical use, and we are to receive in consequence practical results, and except the practical follows, except the demonstration comes to us in our own lives, so that we know as well as see, salvation is not accomplished.

We have the beautiful narrative of Jesus's birth, of His being taken into Egypt, remaining there until the king who sought His life had lost the desire to take it. We have no other mention of Him until He is twelve years of age, and then He is found in the temple disputing with the doctors, both answering and asking them questions.

Can it be that with the true, the pure or immaculate conception of what we are and what we are capable of, there comes for us a new time of questioning? Do we begin to question old views, old theories? Do we find that they fail to answer many of the questions we ask, questions quite natural to the new conception of man's future, quite natural to our true spiritual idea of what we are?

The traditions of the elders do not answer these questions satisfactorily, but the questioner can find his own answer if he sees and holds to Man's eternal relation to God, a connection with God that no time, no circumstance, no chance can sever; and by and through that connection with the Infinite Mind itself—for as Jesus said, "I and the Father are one"—the true knowledge that is wisdom shall flow to the soul that has immaculately conceived the Lord's Christ, that has attained for itself the true or pure idea of what it is. Given the one, the other follows, and the one in whom the Christ is as yet only a very young child shall ask questions he cannot answer and answer more questions that he can ask.

That is the only mention we have of Jesus from His childhood until He is said to be thirty years of age, when He begins His work of demonstrating His nature, demonstrating what Man is, what God is, what Man's relation to God is, and the power that is Man's because of that relation.

Because of what Man is as the created of the Almighty, all that is from God is put under his feet, all is in subjection unto him by divine right; but every human soul must learn that great truth and discern that it is greater than all else, and take possession of the power of dominion over all things, for it is the divine birthright of the human soul, and the life of Jesus and all the works having place therein are but proofs of Man's original divine birthright.

Therefore is He the example for ourselves, for our birthright is the savior, and all that Jesus conquered we are to conquer. All that He established in and for Himself we are to establish in and for ourselves, and all that He cast out and destroyed we, too, can cast out and destroy. Nothing is so true as that Jesus Christ, His life, His words, His works, are our example, to be followed by ourselves, and no one can follow that example merely by profession of belief. He follows that example only by doing as that example demands at his hands.

Consequently a new era is begun in the life of the human soul when the birth of the Christ within one's own consciousness has become an established fact. From that point a new life follows, a new outlook, a new world, a new idea of ourselves and of all things, for all things have become new to the one who sees through the immaculate self-idea when he looks upon it. Everything is new, and that fear of God that made one cringe and tremble and dread what the future held for him is dissipated utterly and displaced by that perfect, serene, childlike confidence in God that knows that God's way is the best way and all will be accomplished that is necessary to establish the birthright of Man.

Certainty takes the place of uncertainty and doubt and fear, and strength takes the place of weakness, and recognition of one's God-like powers takes the place of self-depreciation. The recognition of health as an almighty birthright takes the place of fear of contracting diseases and recognition of the good of the Almighty Power takes the place of fear of evil in the world. There is a time for the one, but there is also a time for the other. Human life is made up of contrast the world over. Had we not had some experiences of what we call evil, of what we call disease, sorrow, pain, suffering and death, we would not appreciate other possibilities when we

found them. Having had the experience of the lesser, we realize more fully and completely the joy and the beauty and the power of the greater.

There is a time for everything in human experience, human existence, but above and beyond human existence, with the eternal, there is no time—it is always NOW. What God created Man, that Man is now and that Man always will be; but there is a time when we do not know it, and there is a time when we find it out, and there is a time when, having made that discovery, we put it to use, and there is a time when, having made that application of the truth, we prove it to be the truth. There is a time for everything that pertains to human existence, but all that has place therein works to a sure and definite end—the attainment of the human soul to its own God-given divinity.

Of that we have example in the New Testament. Jesus's inheritance is our inheritance. Jesus's ultimate attainment is our ultimate attainment. Jesus's Father is our Father. Jesus's God is our God, and even as He was the Son of the Most High God, so are we children of the same God. But He knew before we knew, and He proved before we began to prove, and He accomplished when we believed that accomplishment was impossible. Therefore is He our example, and we are to follow in His footsteps and reach the same end. Jesus is Son of Man as well as Son

of God, and so are we, and as Son of Man He experienced all that belongs to Mankind; but He knew when we did not know. He was tempted as we are, yet without sin—the sin that we fall into. On His human side, or in His humanity, He met every temptation we have; but His consciousness of divinity gave Him always victory over temptation. We have lacked that consciousness. We, too, discover, and before we discover we fall into temptation instead of ruling it. Therefore expiation has been required at our hands; but when salvation comes expiation ceases.

What are the works of Jesus that prove the nature and power of Christ? We have to read but little in order to see. He opened the eyes of the blind. He unclosed sealed ears. He made the lame to walk. He cast out devils. He healed all manner of diseases. He raised the dead. Everyone of us must do the same. We must begin with ourselves. We are our own first teacher and pupil too, and that pupil is the Christ within, and that newborn Christ will always lead, console, strengthen and comfort if we take the position of learner instead of thinking we know it all.

He opened the eyes of the blind. Is there a significance in those words which lies beyond their purely physical significance or meaning? It is only the Christ within that removes that darkness so that light is shed on the whole way.

"If"

If everyone were wise and sweet,
And everyone were jolly;
If every heart with gladness beat,
And none were melancholy;
If none should grumble or complain,
And nobody should labor
In evil work, but each were fair
To love and help his neighbor—
Oh, what a happy world 't would be
For you and me—for you and me!
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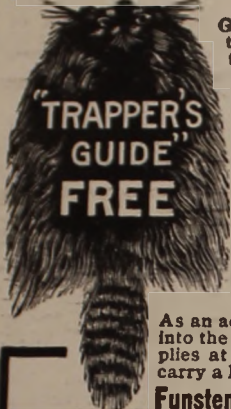
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Remember that these are all human experiences, coming not from unintelligent or undeveloped persons, but from women accustomed to note facts carefully and trained to make accurate, unprejudiced reports of authentic observations.

My graduating exercises were scarcely over and I was looking forward to a couple of months of loafing before beginning my work in the fall. But when an urgent personal call came from an old chum of mine I could do no less than go to her at once. When I arrived at the house and found the husband down with an acute attack of lobar pneumonia I was very glad I had come, for, realizing their exceedingly limited income, I was willing to take entire charge of the case, relieved only by the slight assistance my friend was able to lend me.

We fought a hard battle for the man's life and I gave unstintingly of my newly acquired skill and all my strength. It was now at the end of the second week of his illness. He had rested quietly during the day, and so about twelve o'clock that night I thought I might risk going to my room to get a few hours' sleep, for I felt sadly in need of it, and my friend promised to call me the minute she wanted me.

A GHOSTLY WHISPER

I have always been able to drop off to sleep at once and I rarely dream. This night was no exception. I was soon in a perfectly happy state of oblivion, when suddenly I heard, in a sharp staccato whisper "Frank will die at five o'clock. Frank will die at five o'clock."

I awoke with a start, threw on my wrapper and ran through the hall to my patient's room. My friend was sitting at the side of her husband's bed and he was resting quietly as when I left him. Naturally I did not say anything about "my dream," as I termed it, and, yielding to her persuasions, I returned to my room, furious at allowing myself to be disturbed when I knew how much I needed this rest.

It was then two o'clock. I went back to bed resolved to make the best of the few hours' more sleep I had allowed myself. At four-thirty I was aroused by my friend, who anxiously explained that she had noticed a change in her husband and had thought it best to wake me. My first glance told me that her fears had been far from groundless. I was astonished, in fact, at the condition of my patient. His face was cyanosed, his respiration labored and he gave every evidence of an acute cardiac dilatation. While I hastily administered strychnine I told the wife to telephone for the physician. He arrived at exactly five minutes past five. But the man was already dead.

That was my first case of—a "curious coincidence," shall we call it?

A few years later I was called to New Rochelle on a typhoid case. I was day nurse at first, but after the patient grew better the night nurse was dismissed and I was placed in charge. My patient and his wife were two of the dearest people I have ever known, with that charming old-fashioned sweetness and culture that I suppose requires too long a cultivation for the speed of our modern days, and they lived in one of those charming old-fashioned houses that are also fast dying out with the gentlefolk who built them.

These two old persons had been lifelong lovers and had never outgrown the habit. As all their children had married and moved away I felt very happy that after a time they spared a bit of their love for each other to bestow on me. Naturally I became very much attached to them both. The wife slept in a room next to her husband's, and I was given a room of my own just across a narrow hall. After my patient became stronger I would go to my room at night, leaving both my door and his standing wide open, and if he wanted me, instead of ringing a bell and so risk disturbing his wife he would just call my name softly, and as I am a very light sleeper that was all that was required and I was up on the instant and ready to do what was needed.

CALLED BY TELEPATHY

One day while I was on this case I received a message which demanded my immediate attention in the city. As it was late before I finished my business I decided I would remain over night in the city, as my patient really would require no attention that anyone else could not give him. It was one

o'clock when I got to bed, thoroughly tired out, and as usual I went to sleep at once.

Suddenly I heard a whispered "Miss Brown" from my patient. "Yes," I answered, as was my custom, and started up at once to go to him. The action woke me and it took me a minute or two to realize where I was and that I must have been dreaming. I switched on the light to see the time, so that I might know how many good hours' sleep there were still in store for me, for I wanted to catch the eight o'clock train, and I turned over with a sigh of gratitude when I discovered that it was only ten minutes past two.

"Oh, Miss Brown, how nice to have you with us again!" said my patient the minute he saw me the next day. "I had a most uncomfortable night, and as I didn't want to disturb the little mother I missed you sorely. Why, once I even caught myself calling your name."

"Now, I can't believe that. You'd better

be careful or your wife will be jealous the next thing you know," I said teasingly.

"Indeed it is true," he answered. "I happen even to know the exact time, for I picked my watch up just after I had said your name. It was ten minutes past two."

Is this another coincidence? Possibly. Or is there in truth a subliminal self endowed with higher perceptive faculties which sees and hears and acts far away from the body, going forth and gathering truths from a thousand various and hidden sources and then returning and reporting the knowledge it has gained to the ordinary senses? Peggy tells a story certain circumstances of which she has never been able to satisfactorily explain by any other theory.

A STRANGE DEATH WARNING

At one time, while she was in training, she was on duty in the T. B. ward, and her sympathy and interest were particularly moved by one of her patients. He was all alone in

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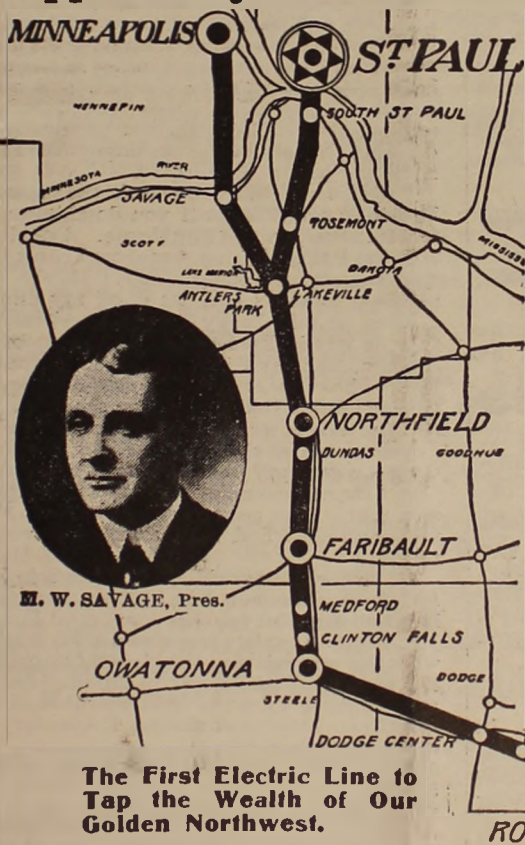
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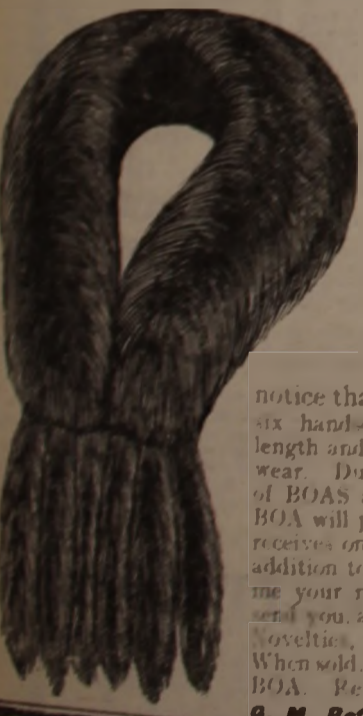
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Some time, when all life's lessons have been learned... And sun and stars forevermore... The things which our weak judgment has spurned...

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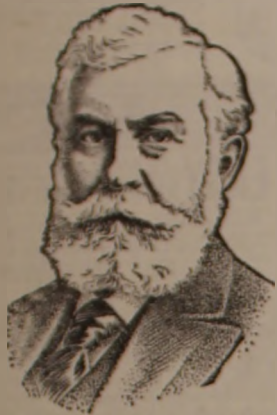
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Heart Talks

By Wildie Thayer

ONCE more it is the Christmas time, the one time of the year when Christ is born anew in every heart who loves Him, the season of love and gift giving and praise, the season of peace on earth, good will to men.

The angel song was translated: "If there be peace on earth there must be good will to men. It was to promote good will that Christ came to teach us Truth. His life was a good-will life. Never by any act or word did He show ill will. Wherever He went health followed sickness, and forgiveness followed sin; it was only necessary to touch the hem of His garment to be made whole.

But remember—you must come near enough to touch Him and you must will to be made whole. To the man who came to Him to be healed he said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" and he meant not "Are you willing to be made whole," but "Art thou determined to be made whole?" Determination to see God and Him only—the only power—will result in wholeness, and in perfect wholeness and holiness there is no lack.

Christ waits to be born—nay, He waits for you to recognize His birth in your heart. Recognize Him with gifts of love and obedience as the one and only truth of life; so shall you be made whole. Jesus came to earth to do His work. The thing that makes life-worth living is work, something to do and knowing that it is worth doing, putting your heart into it, so that every night you can look back over the

day, glad of what you have done and every morning you can look forward to the day, glad of what you are going to do.

Christ came to seek the good of humanity. It was thus He found heaven's gate. To seek the good of humanity, that is to seek heaven. Inasmuch as we do good to one of the least of earth's children we serve our Lord.

Many of our prayers are waiting the endorsement of our deeds. Many of us do not yet know how to pray. We are too apt to think that God does not answer us when He wisely answers. "No," He knows best and when we pray we should go to our Father knowing that no good thing will He withhold from us if we walk uprightly and that He knows best what we need. We already have all we need. All we need to do is to claim our own. God is more willing to give than we are to receive. Our prayers should be acknowledgments of his love and praises to him for his mighty kindness and gifts. God leaves none of his children in doubt when it is best for them to know. God

Psychic Powers

There is something in that strange power by which a man can read the past on a lock of hair or a scrap of handwriting. These are the new powers entering into the life of man, as man enters into the life of spirit. Whereas, a few years ago those powers were the belongings of but a few—the mystics and the sages—they are now coming within our ordinary humanity. It is the coming of the Kingdom of God among men.—Rev. Heber Newton.

"I do not ask for any crown
But that which all may win.
Nor seek to conquer any world
Except the one within."

Thoughts are great forces—for good or evil; they produce vibrations which may be profound in their effect. The thought of a single mind for a single second may cause a revolution the effects of which will disturb whole nations, and possibly even planets, for centuries.

The tissues of the life to be
We weave with circles all our own,
And in the field of destiny
We reap as we have sown.

GOD IS IN ALL RELIGIONS.

waits to go with us, to know that he is with us. There is no possible joy equal to the joy of walking with God, of hearing His voice, of following where He leads.

Jesus says of Himself, "I am the Bright and Morning Star." When does that Star appear? Just before the dawn of a new day, of a new life. To whom does it appear? The one watching as the night goes on. Then look for Him in the darkness, expect Him to come to your heart this holy season.

Watch on the tower of faith, stand on the hills of expectation.

Holy stillness, peaceful beauty, golden star—light pure and bright,
Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er their flocks by night.

When behold, a shining angel, beautiful beyond compare,
From the heavens swift descending came upon the shepherds there;

While the glory of the Lord gleaming bright a halo made,
And the shepherds gazed and wondered, worshipped and were sore afraid.

"Fear not," said the angel, sweetly, "for behold to you I bring
Joyful tidings, free salvation, Christ is born, the Lord, the King.

Christ is born; go worship quickly. Lo! a sign," the angel said.

"Guided by a Star you'll find Him with a manger for His bed."

Suddenly an angel chorus did the air with music fill,
Singing "Glory to the highest, on earth peace, to men good will."

"Christ is born," the shepherds whispered, "Christ is born, the holy One."

When behold the star gleamed brightly with the glory of the sun.

Joy exceeding filled the shepherds as they went with one accord
To the place the Star-guide led them, till they found the Christ, the Lord.

Falling at His feet in worship, opening treasures manifold,
They presented to the Saviour myrrh and frankincense and gold.

Once again the holy season breathes its blessing o'er the earth,
And the hearts of men rejoicing witness to the Saviour's birth.

Hark and hear the angels singing, hear the royal news again,
Jesus comes to claim His kingdom in the lowly hearts of men.

See the star of Truth still shining, bidding shades of night depart,
Fear not, let this Christmas starlight shine within your humble heart.

Bring your gifts of fragrant beauty—loving actions, words of cheer,
Tender smiles and thoughts of kindness, give them with a heart sincere.

I have also had my difficult labors and conflicts, as well as Hercules; I have conquered pleasures, I have conquered riches, I have conquered ambition; I have studied cowardice and flattery; neither fear nor intemperance can control me; grief and anger are afraid of me, and fly away from me. These are the victories for which I am crowned, not by Eurytheus, but as being master of myself. . . . But oh! you unwise and unlearned; teach us first what God is, so that you may be believed in accusing me of impiety; tell us where God is. Is He shut up within the walls of temples? Is His your piety, to place God in the dark or to make Him a stone God? O you unskilled! know you not that God is not made with hands, and hath no basis or fulcrum to stand upon, nor can He be inclosed within the walls of any temple; the whole world, variegated with plants, animals and stars, being His temple? . . . Am I impious, O Eurytheus, who know what God is—is there no God without altars?—or are stones the only witnesses of Him? No, His own works give testimony to Him; and principally the sun; night and day beareth witness to Him; the earth, bringing forth fruits, declares Him; the circle of the Moon is a Heavenly testimony of Him.—Heracitus, 510 B. C.

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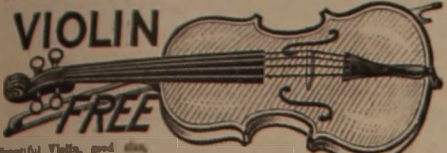
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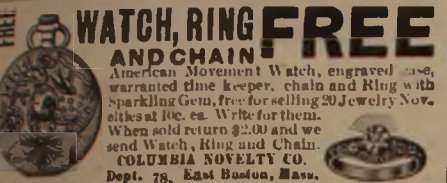
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Is There a Santa Claus?

By Jean Kenworthy

Written Especially for The New York Magazine of Mysteries

"Tell me, mother, really—is there a Santa Claus? Some of the girls say that it is only a fairy story, and that there really never was a Santa Claus at all. Now, you tell me, mother, for I know you will tell me the truth."

Two pleading blue eyes sought the mother's face, showing in their clear depths that craving for fact and yet a fear that a beautiful fancy might be dispelled.

The mother read the dear face and with a mother's loving heart sought for an answer that would leave the cherished ideal, but interpreted in such a way that the spirit might shine forth through the fair mental picture and lead her little one to a recognition of the great principle that was symbolized by the beloved Santa Claus. So, taking her little daughter in her arms, she held her to her heart and taught her, saying:

"Sweetheart, I will tell you the Truth, and a beautiful Truth it is, too. Do you remember how all through the year you have planned many loving little tokens for those whom you love? Do you remember how much you wanted to do something real nice for Jack Williams the day he rescued Catkins from the little terrier? Do you recall how you planned to make a pair of warm wristlets for Annie to wear while hanging out the clothes on washday? Oh, I could mention ever and ever so many plans that you have told me, and I know you have many more that you have never mentioned. Well, all these desires in your heart were the thought monitors prompting you to do something for someone who had been kind to you—then, dear, do you remember the day Nan broke your best china tea set, and said such cross words to you, and how mother urged you to speak first after your week of silence?"

"At first you did not want to do it, but after a bit you had a little feeling away down in your heart that made you want to be kind to Nan, and the minute you listened to it you went up to her and offered her one of your choice chocolates that grandpa had given you. Do you recall all this? Then listen, if you were to save all these loving impulses, every one of them, up for a whole year and then just let go of them all at once, you would have an idea of what Santa Claus really is."

"Santa Claus is the name given to the loving spirit which puts it into the hearts of people to be kind to each other. When you are seeking to do something for someone else you have forgotten yourself for the moment, and it is your supreme pleasure to give the very best you have. Of course, it is always easier to do favors for those we love, but by forgetting our hurt feelings and giving to those who have not been so kind to us, we are truly showing forth the true Santa Claus spirit, for Santa Claus always has something tucked away for the children, even if they have not been just as they ought to be all the year."

"You know, dear, the children are always warned to go right to sleep the minute they are tucked under the covers on Christmas Eve, and to make no effort to see Santa Claus when he slides down the wide chimney with his bag of good things, and the reason is that we want the children to learn that the spirit is never seen. It is the life back of the action. It is that which shows itself only through some outward sign. So, when you see your gifts on Christmas morning it is really Santa Claus who has sent them, for it is the loving spirit working through your friends and relatives, through yourself when you give. Is it not sweet to realize that it is your dear ones right close to you who have poured out their treasure of affection upon you? And it is their gifts that express to you their love."

"When children are such little folks they could not be told this little story, for they would not understand; so to put it so they can get an idea of it we mothers and fathers draw a picture for them of this wonderful Love which makes father, mother and all want to prepare beautiful dolls, toys, books and warm clothing to

be given the children at Christmas-time, and by learning to know Santa Claus and love nature, they learn to understand how to give good gifts to each other and to become, in a small way, little Santa Clauses themselves. Now that you are getting to be a big girl you can know many beautiful truths and learn that there is a deep meaning back of each festival we celebrate."

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"Do you not watch mother and father and your friends whom you think are good and true, and then try to do just as nearly what they do as you can?"

"Well, we in our own way try to show forth the loving spirit of God, and when we remember that on Christmas Day our dear Master, Jesus of Nazareth, was given to us by the Heavenly Father to teach us the True Way of Life, we take that day to just pour out all that we have to those we love in grateful remembrance of God's goodness to us. So, my little one, you have the Truth—there is a Santa Claus, and there always will be, for the Spirit of Love is God's own endowment to His children, and everyone has his share of Love. Everyone loves, and Santa Claus is only another name for Love."

"Do you understand now, daughter, about this matter?"

A glance at the bright, eager face was answer to the question before the words came: "Oh, mother, yes, yes, and I am so glad! Really, mother, I was just the weeniest bit afraid of the Santa Claus that came so silently in the night, but now I am so happy to think it was you and dear father who planned all our lovely presents, and we can all be Santa Clauses, too. I'm going to begin right away to be the jolliest St. Nick the girls ever heard of! I know what you mean—it is the something inside, I can't just tell you, but I feel it, and I know that is the true Santa Claus and one I can never lose, can I, mother?"

O the toils of life!

How small they seem when love's resistless tide
Sweeps brightly o'er them! Like the scattered stones
Within a mountain streamlet, they but serve
To strike the hidden music from its flow,
And make its sparkle visible.

—Anna Katharine Green.

He liveth glorified—set far above
Angelic thrones and powers; yet still
He bears
Within His human breast a brother's love;
His brow divine a brother's aspect wears;
Still for the griefs of all His own He cares
As when He dried the faithful Mary's tears;
The wounded spirit that in meekness dares
To call Him Master tenderly He cheers.

"The kindly word, how far it goes along life's way!
The kindly smile, how it lights up a sad, gray day!
The kindly deed, how it repays the doer, and how
It sweeps the lines of care from off the troubled brow!"

Joy does not happen. It is the inevitable result of certain lines followed and laws obeyed, and so a matter of character.
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It is an easy thing to laugh and be gay when we are happy. It is easy to make faces back at the Billiken and say he is funny, but when you are in great grief you look in wonder at his face and it is with difficulty that you can make yourself smile.

You may have great will power. Can you use it when you lose a dear one, to bring back the smiles to your face and remember that you are selfish to mourn for them? Some mourners look at the face of their loved ones before they are laid away and say: "Poor dear soul, why could she not have lived longer?" Instead, we who live are the ones to pity, for it is we who have not laid down the burden of our trials.

Yet we must be glad that we have time still to do something for those on earth who are left to us.

It is wonderful how bright the earth looks to us, when we have made some one happy; so much brighter than when we are trying to get pleasure for ourselves from life.

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it comes in nature. If it did not come, do you think you would prize the sunshine, or the happiness you receive? The fact remains, nevertheless, on those darkest of days that the sun is shining and the darkest day in our life is only the absence of that sympathy, for the moment, or the withholding of some accustomed peace of mind that the heart longs for; a sharp word from our loved ones; any of the soul that keeps out the light and causes heart anguish.

It is useless to say throw it off and laugh to yourself. None of us can. Those who have no sympathy for the afflicted in life have their own sorrows later on, and then they sit quite alone in their misery.

The day will come when, do what you will, you cannot smile, you cannot see the brightness that exists under the clouds. It is Nature's way to send us tests of this sort, and few, if any of us, rise above them when we have real sorrows to meet. A certain fear takes possession of us. One thing you can do, recognize that you are being tested; say to yourself it is not dark, the sun is shining and under the cloud. I know it is bright as ever. Your breathing will be very short, which causes great weakness, for the heart is paralyzed in grief. Stand in the window and raise the sash, so that the fresh air comes on you, then take calisthenic exercises, take long breaths. Make yourself do this. It will be great effort, but the long breaths will send the blood bounding along to do its proper work and will strengthen you. Every time you get an opportunity you must take a long breath, and it will nourish your nerves. That is the only thing you can will yourself to do. Keep busy thinking of your breathing and see that you breathe very low.

If you can get a moment's sleep it will do you more good than anything else. The greatest danger of these depressed spells is the loss of sleep. Worry will cause you to lose sleep, and then there is a weakness and a sinking of the heart, which causes chronic diseases of the vital organs.

You must be careful about that breathing when you are in trouble. Watch carefully that you take a long breath whether you feel equal to it or not, and this breath must be taken from fresh air, even if you go out of doors to get it. A rainy day makes no difference, for the damp air is better than old air breathed over and over again.

Bathe your body with cool water. It will be better if you begin with luke-warm water and have the room very warm at the time. This will revive your spirits a little. Be sorry for yourself, if you wish, enough to let the tears flow, which relieve the brain of those blood pressures, for everyone who is suffering mentally has a pressure of blood on the brain, and this is not healthy, as you can well imagine. Just have the good common sense to know that you are suffering as every other mortal does from disappointed hopes and you are being tested as to your strength of character.

If you are able to bear it you will come out better, and the only way to bear it is to recognize that it is not a hopeless thing really, that it only appears so, and your fears are getting the better of you.

The Christ Child

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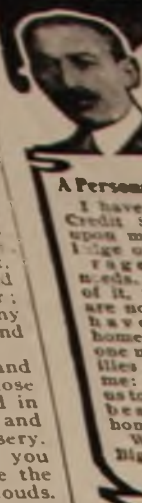
for the continual presence of divinity in human life. Much is lost and nothing gained by constant retrospection. Instead of wishing we had lived in Palestine when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, let us resolve to find the Christ Child in our own souls this present Christmas season. When our friends in the Southern Hemisphere celebrate the Christ's nativity at time of summer instead of winter solstice, when the longest instead of the shortest day heralds the approach of Christmas, though their calendar is literally reversed and all old-time traditions are inverted, nothing is lost to the true significance of the festival which ought to celebrate, not merely commemorate, the bursting forth into expression of the indwelling spirit of peace and good will at every season. As years and centuries roll on, though we drift ever further away from historic situations we can draw continually nearer to that supremely blessed state which the grandest among prophets ever help us to realize. The spreading of the Messianic spirit is the ever enlarging fulfillment of Messianic prophecies. Whenever peace has triumphed over warfare and nations or parties have given us belligerency and substituted rational pacific arbitration, we have witnessed another birth into externalized expression of the Holy Child, the Prince of Peace, the world's sole elevator.

Amid the joys of Christmas We bless the Holy Child, The sacred, loving Infant, Serene and undefiled, And 'mid our joyful praises, Our hearts with fervor pray, May Christ be born within us, A constant Guest to stay.

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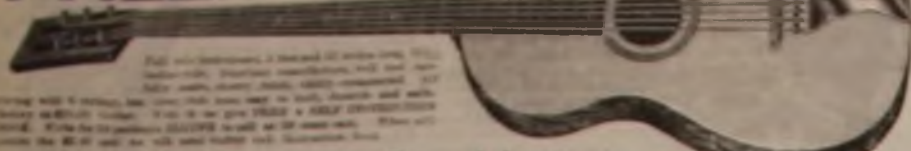
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Life is Worth Living When Lived Well

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it, but is found in a man doing the best that he can for those around him.

Life is a miserable failure for who lives selfishly. For the man unselfishly it is a grand success.

Life is a desert incapable of being claimed, given over to sand storms, terrible wastes, for the man who lives good with himself in mind; for him who is good in the worst of men and bring that good to the surface, it's an upward path of rose blossoms on the side, with continual vistas of delight spread before him.

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and it did not breathe: he looked at the manner and could see the lights and hear the sound of songs; he looked at the moon sailing over his head, and she smiled at him as she had never done before. He entered the stable and beheld a sight which mortal man has never seen since the world began. Every stall was empty, and in the open place in the middle he saw the cattle kneeling before a bright light.

Cadmon fell on his knees and watched the light growing every moment more bright, till it shone like the sun at noon-day. In the midst of this light stood a most beautiful child, with arms extended to him and smiling at him with great love. It spoke to him and said:

"Blessed art thou, O Cadmon, from this hour, because thou hast loved the creatures of God. Because of this the glory of the Lord has come to thee and thy prayer is answered. Thou shalt be the greatest singer in the land; yes, thou shalt be known in all lands where tidings of the Lord have come forth. Begone to the feast and take the harp, and when thou openest thy lips the Spirit shall give thee the gift of song."

Slowly the light faded, slowly the Child vanished; the cattle rose from their knees and Cadmon, moving like to one in a dream, went forth into the moonlight as one who is walking in his sleep. Following him, though he knew it not, was a dark figure in the shadows; it was Hilda the prophesess.

In the hall nothing was changed except that the men were lying on the floor and benches, and their heavy breathings told of effect of the mead. The thane himself was thick of speech and drowsy, with his head resting on the arm of his chair. There was no longer any eating or drinking, and no one saw Cadmon enter until Hilda had passed the length of the hall and stood by the thane.

"Whence comest thou, O holy woman, who would not come to the feast?" he cried, rubbing his eyes as if he could not believe what they saw. "Though late we are glad, and the Lady Elinor shall come back, and the feast shall go on."

He seated her in the chair prepared for her and sent for the lady to return. "I have come to hear Cadmon sing, and my work is now finished," she replied, looking down the hall to Cadmon, who had seated himself as if he had not left the place at all.

"Men, wake up! Cadmon is here! He will sing us a song, and this shall be the best of the night."

Every man jumped to his feet as if an earthquake had wakened him. All eyes were now fixed on the abbeas and Cadmon at the other end of his table. He was no longer the cowherd they had known so many years, but a new man with the glow of inspiration on his face and a dignity he had never before had. He was no longer the man fleeing from the feasters, but stretching out his hand for the harp he seized it, and passing his fingers over the strings as one who has held a harp all his life, he sat in silence, like one listening.

The stillness of death fell on the scene. Lady Elinor did not move. The abbeas by her side moved her lips in prayer. The thane and bishops and scholars looked on wonderingly, and kept their eyes on the cowherd with the harp in his hand. "I must tell you the story of my life before I can sing you a song," he said, rising to his feet. "All these have sung you a song of their making, but mine—which has been kept till the last—is not mine, but was given me by the Christ-child under the light of the moon, which faded away before the great light in which it stood. That light was like the sun at noon, and all the cattle knew and worshipped it. When I was washed upon this shore, the sea took from me all the friends I had on earth. Our blessed lady of the abbey took me in and cared for me and taught me all I know; but it is very little, for I could not remember, and so it fell to me to care for the cattle and make my companions of them. To-night I have found myself, and I shall never be Cadmon the cowherd again. The sea did it all. The sea took away, and the sea has given it back. One plunge in the cold waves, and the door was opened and my old self came back. Again I can see my father and mother in a foreign land; I can hear my mother sing, and it sounds like the voice of an angel. All these years I have longed to sing, and now my prayer is answered. It was born in me as the bird is born to fly. I would open my lips, but never a word would come. At midnight all was changed. The vision came. I obeyed the commands, and at midnight the glory of the Lord was revealed to the simple cowherd among his cattle. I dare not tell you of it. I could not describe the power of that light nor the Child that stood in its midst. The light was brighter than the sun at noonday, and Child dwelt in it. All the cattle knelt before it, and that Child spoke to me and I became like one blind. I could see nothing on the earth, but I could see the heavens opened and heard music that cannot be heard on earth. Around me now are the ones who know me, and some day will it be said that I was Cadmon inspired by the Child of Flame."

A storm of cheers followed this speech. The thane rose to his feet, and in a distinct voice said:

"Hear that, all of you! Did I not tell

you that Cadmon should sing us a song to-night? Now listen."

But before Cadmon could make a sound the abbeas rose to her feet, and with a motion of her hand hushed every sound. Her eyes were far away and her voice sounded from afar.

The thane of Whitby has a great heart, and that his heart is full of love to the Christ this feast shows well; but when he said Cadmon should sing to-night he did not know the meaning of the words he spoke. Cadmon does not sing, but the Spirit sings in him. Henceforth he will never be known as Cadmon the cowherd, but as the first bard of the world. The cliffs of Whitby shall remain; the stones of the abbey of Stronshah will crumble away; bishops shall die and their bones crumble to ashes, but then the name of Cadmon shall be remembered, and it shall live on and on, as long as the tongue speaks the language of Britain. The vision of this night shall be told to millions yet unborn, as they tell us of the three wise men led by the star. I see in the future great cities and learned men and armies led to battle. I see many more coming to this shore, and they come to do honor, not to the learned men who have been taught here, but to visit the place where, in the distant past, one named Cadmon the cowherd saw the vision of Light. They crowd these cliffs. They speak but one name—it is that of Cadmon. I hear them sing the song he sings to-night. I see them search for the place where he saw his wondrous vision. Hilda is not remembered, nor the wise men who have gone forth from the abbey full of learning. Sing, O beloved of God, and let us listen to thee. Sing of the cattle you love so well and all you have seen in their eyes; sing of man and his dead soul that must be awakened; sing of the angels who watch and hear the prayers of the souls in earnest; sing of the divine world that men think or know of; and when the morning light comes, come to the abbey and be honored as no one has ever been."

When the bard began to sing he closed his eyes and woke such melodies as no man in that hall had ever heard before. With the moonlight upon his head he began:

"I sing of the Light divine
That forever and ever has shone
In the world of the heavenly hosts
Around the Eternal throne.
The light that no mortal can see,
That angels forever adore,
While seraphim cover their faces
And bow to its power evermore.

"I sing of the Word that went forth,
A ray of this wonderful light,
To call into being the worlds
That were hidden in darkness and night.
I sing of the morning of life,
That thrilled through the infinite space,
When the stars sang their first song together,
As they whirled into movement and place.

"Oh, Light that no eye can behold!
Oh, Glory that words cannot tell,
My lips have been touched with its power,
In my soul it forever shall dwell.
The longing to sing of my Lord
I have prayed for from morning till night:
It has not been in vain, for I know
That the Christ-child has come on this night."

This was his prelude, and as he became more and more inspired his theme grew into all that had been and should be till the end of time, and till the morning light came his harp was not laid down. Until this day the story of the cowherd has been known in all lands.

Living by the Day

As thy day so shall thy strength be.—Deut. xxxiii, 25.
During convalescence from a severe illness a friend brought a collection of old pamphlets for me to enjoy. The first thing I picked up was a very old, odd-looking Quaker production, and turning the leaves my eye caught these words:

"Then why should I think of to-morrow,
Its burdens, oh, why should I bear,
Its grace and its strength I can't borrow,
And why should I borrow its care?"

Now, although a child of God, I had always been borrowing care; looking into the future at prospective clouds, and thus overlooking the sunshine of the present. I lived in a perpetual shadow.

The words burned into my very soul, and I saw for the first time what a mistake I had been making. "Sure enough!" I exclaimed, "there is not a promise in my Bible of strength for to-morrow, while I have been trying to carry all the cares of the future with the strength of the day. From this hour I will begin to live by the day, in the light of the promise, 'As thy day thy strength shall be.'"

And I did. That was many years ago and now a song of thanksgiving to the Lord is ever in my heart, that He taught me through the little Quaker fragment how to live. That He may teach the same lesson to all of His dear children is my earnest prayer.

WICHITA, Kans.—The almost miraculous cure of hopeless invalids made by Professor Samuels, of Wichita, Kans., have been of such a startling character that they have aroused widespread wonder, admiration and curiosity. Time and again he has taken cases pronounced hopelessly incurable by the medical profession and restored the patients to health in a most phenomenal manner.

Professor Samuels came into note several years ago by his almost miraculous cure of "Blind Joe," of Topeka, Kans., who was well known in that city, having sold peanuts and popcorn on the streets there for years. He had been blind for ten years and had exhausted all the means in his power to be cured, but had given up in despair until he fell into the hands of Professor Samuels, who effected a cure.

Professor Samuels has been arrested many times for practicing his system without having a diploma. On being interviewed a few days ago relative to his many arrests, Professor Samuels said:

"Yes, I have been arrested many times for practicing without a license, but in no case have I been convicted. Naturally, the medical profession are jealous of my success, and are fighting me most of the time, but how are they going to convict me? Do you suppose any jury, when my patients come into court, as they did at Alva, Okla., Newkirk, Okla., Ponca City, Okla., and other towns, and tell how they have been cured of all manner of trouble, do you suppose for a minute that any jury hearing these people and seeing with their own eyes what has been accomplished, is going to convict me? My trial at Alva was before a very able judge, Jesse J. Dunn, who is now chief justice of the State of Oklahoma; after hearing the evidence for and against me I was acquitted."

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stated in the spring of 1909 that she would be buried with the falling of the leaves in autumn. She turned as a last resort to Prof. Samuels and after starting his treatment, Mrs. Williamson had only one hour of orrriage of the lungs and began to improve at once. In a short time she was able to do her own housework. She recently had her lungs examined by a doctor who pronounced them absolutely sound and well. In addition to this, the old-standing nervous trouble had disappeared.

Mrs. H. J. Burroughs, living at Collins, Ia., and who had a serious case of heart trouble, in a recent letter to Prof. Samuels states: "I have not taken a drop of medicine since I began your treatment. Before that I had to take from one to four pills tablets a day. I had dizzy, blind spells and my heart did not beat regularly at all. It just fluttered; now it beats regularly and does not bother me a bit. I tell everyone I talk with about your treatment and what it has done for me."

Mr. C. W. Neel, living at Broken Arrow, Okla., had a very bad case of rheumatism, writing Prof. Samuels in a recent letter states as follows: "Thank you, Professor, ten thousand times for your assistance in curing me of that awful rheumatism. I am still hard at work and feeling fine."

Mr. C. C. Miller, living near Hutchinson, Kans., had been given up to die by the best physicians in that section of the country with what they termed kidney trouble. After all else had failed he began to treat with Prof. Samuels. He took the treatment for six months, after which all symptoms disappeared and he has never had a recurrence.

Miss Daisy Hubbard, living at Alva, Okla. in a recent letter wrote: "For fifteen years I have been subject to epilepsy and have received treatment from several noted doctors and have failed to receive permanent good." As a last resort she began treatment from Prof. Samuels and now she has no symptoms of the disease.

Mrs. Mary Symms, a trained nurse living at Newton, Kans., brought her sister, Mrs. Rice, who resides at Dempster, S. Dak., to Wichita to be treated by Prof. Samuels. The sister had what the best doctors called paralysis of the optic nerve, and said the nothing could be done to bring back her eyesight and she had resigned herself to a through life totally blind. She began treatment under Prof. Samuels and now Mrs. Symms writes as follows: "She can now see with the eye that was entirely blind. Your remedy is certainly a wonder. What I positively know to be a fact is that it cures those who have been given up as hopeless cases."

Mrs. Louisa Lockhart, living at Washington, Kans., had a very bad case of kidney and bladder trouble. She had reached the point where her kidneys and bladder were in an awful condition. In a recent letter to Prof. Samuels, she states: "After taking your treatment two weeks, I was able to do my own housework, which I had not done for months. I took the treatment one month and now I am well in every respect, thanks to your wonderful treatment."

Mr. Jacob Bitteridge, Pilot Butte, S. Dak., who had a bad case of heart trouble in a recent letter to Prof. Samuels states as follows: "I guess you will think I have forgotten you, but that will never be. I will never forget the man who saved my life. Last year at this time I was unable to feed myself and now I can shoulder 160 pounds."

"Is it necessary for your patients to come to see you to be treated?" was asked. "My treatment can be sent by mail. Most of my patients come to see me, but it is not always necessary. My treatment is sent to hundreds, and, in fact, I am as successful in treating that way as though the patients were right here. To people from a distance who write me, an information sheet is sent to fill out. In this way I am enabled to send them the treatment with full directions for its use."

"I should think with your ability to cure you would be in a position to demand money from your patients," remarked the interviewer. "No, I do not do that. My charges, when the patients used to come on me in person, used to be pretty high. I am getting old, and I feel that it is my duty in my last years to place my treatment in the hands of the poor as well as the rich. I believe that I owe a duty to the kind, and that as many people as possible, no matter what race or nationality, where located, should be benefited by my life's work. On this account, I have reduced my charges so they are within the reach of all."

"My greatest aim in life from now on will be to relieve the ills of humanity, and death shall claim me. I have arranged that my secret will not die with me, but be known, so that men in all ages will reap the reward of my life's work. Everyone who is sick, no matter how their trouble may be, should write for Samuels, room 123, Samuels Building, Wichita, Kans., for his 'Message of Health' and they will find knowledge in it to them."

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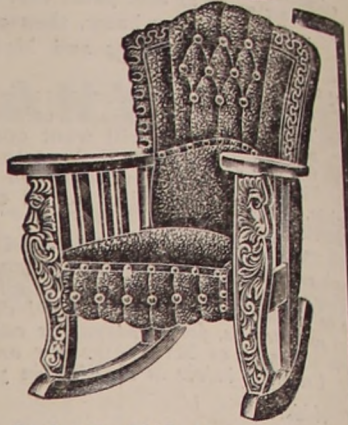
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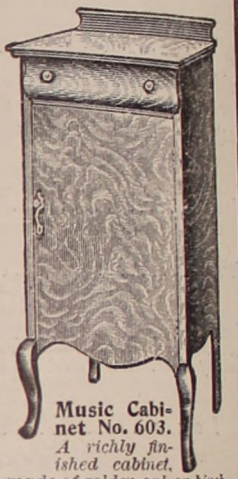
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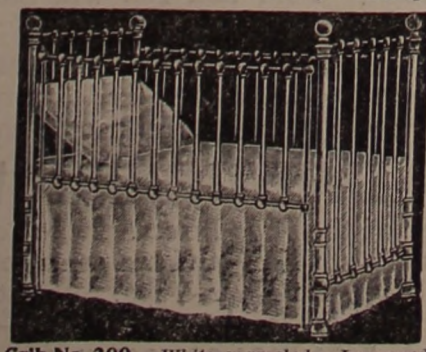
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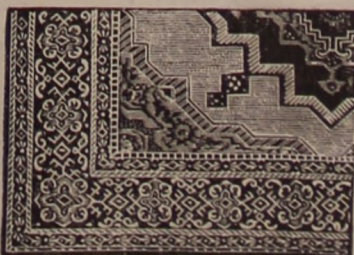
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