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By Charles H Bowle

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In effect misery the father and son sat for some time in that desolate home. It is a spetless and neatly folded sheet from a nearby chest, they arose, and, taking a spetless and neatly folded sheet from a nearby chest, they reverently course of the dead, the son to prepare for a journey across the mountains on herseback in quest of a minister to conduct the burial service, the father to begin the construction of a coffin, which, though not lined with satin or bedecked with silver or gold, was as costly as any ever made, for every nail was as though it pierced the heart of the builder.

For two nights and a day the moun-

pierced the heart of the builder.

For two nights and a day the mountaineer and his son kept lonely vigil by the remains of the departed. On the second morning the mountaineer wended his way to a grassy plot of ground, high up the mountain side. His pathetic errand was evident from his haggard and wild look, coupled with the fact that he carried a spade and pick. On his arrival at the grassy oasis he stood gazing for some moments at a little white stone, or rather



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a collection of them, built to form a miniature monument, which was half buried in flowers, placed there by the loving mother of the babe beneath. After looking long and earnestly at the tiny monument, like one chained to the spot by a gruesome enchantment, the mountaineer gazed sadly over the valley between the precipitous mountains, the valley that contained the homes of the Browns and Smiths.

It was a beautiful morning in June, and as the fleeting cloud-shadows raced down the opposite mountain side, across the valley and up the slope the scene was collection of them, built to form

down the opposite mountain side, across the valley and up the slope the scene was worthy the brush of a painter. But the mountaineer heeded it not. Had he not seen it day after day for years, as he toiled to wrest a living from those rugged mountain sides and slowly to lay by a few dollars to defray the expenses of an education for his only son, Alfred, who had dutifully aided his father to the best of his ability, though chafing with impatience at the unavoidable delay attending his education? But always he had a cheering word for the toiling father and a smile and caress for the ever-patient and hopeful mother.

ful mother.

How bitterly the parents had regretted that their son must wait and labor with them at home, while neighbor Brown's them at home, while neighbor browns daughter had been enabled to go to a settlement school, though she was two years younger than their son. And now, just as the arrangements were nearly completed for the son's education, the death of the wife and mother had left the of the wife and mother had left the father without the loving co-operation that has ever been a characteristic of the pioneer women of the great and rugged West.

West.
Fate seemed very cruel to the mountaineer at the time, and as his thoughts wandered back over the past years he could not help but bitterly regret that he and Brown had been hereditary enemies. Though the feud had been started by a comparatively trifling circumstance, the years had only seemed to make it the more bitter, and both Smith and Brown being naturally of a stubborn disposition, had never let pass an opportunity to annoy each other. Thus the families, though near neighbors and the only ones

fer sides armail had never associated in any way whatever. The summer had come and gone when the Angel of Death once more came into that meantain valley, this time to take away an inmate of the other cabin. Mr. Prown, who had been drowned by the sudden rise of the mountain stream, thus throwing his wife and daughter on their own rescurees. The latter had to give up her studies in the settlement and return to her mother, but she pluckily set to work to carry on the farm with the help of a hired man during the busy seeson.

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Thus the summer and harvest time had passed and the Christmas holidays were once more at hand. The closing hours of the day had been unusually dreary to the anxious mountaineer, the more so that there was a raging blizzard without, and his expected son was long overdue from the settlement, whither he had gone to procure supplies for the home. It was with no little anxiety that the father, as the night settled over the rugged hills, would ever and anon go to the rattling windows and try to pierce the darkness in hope of seeing his son, only to return disappointed to his employment of lacing a pair of snowshoes with deerskin thongs.

Suddenly he noticed what appeared to be smoke or vapor start from the centre of the floor and wend its way toward the ceiling in beautiful and ever-widening circles. As it unfolded, behold! in the midst of it the image of his departed wife!

A hush fell over the house; the win-

midst of it the image of his departed wife!

A hush fell over the house; the windows stopped their rattle, the very fire in the open grate at his feet seemed to hold in abeyance the destruction of the oaken backlog; the air seemed permeated with that calm, sweet peace that counts no time—where it seems as though centuries might elapse, yet one remain as at the instant of contact, with that blessed, tranquil peace that is not of earth.

The loving recognition which the whiterobed figure of his wife gave him was proof to the mountaineer that she could only have come on some heaven-sent message, and the slight look of anxiety she wore, he was satisfied, could be erased by his prompt obedience to her request.

Pointing to the floor at his feet, she said to him: "Look!" There, spread out before him, was the valley that had been his home for years. It seemed as though he comprehended every detail of the landscape in an instant. The two cabins nestled on the mountain side, now half buried in snow. The mountain stream that wended its sinuous way through the valley to join a tributary of the great Mississippi, and the gigantic mountain peaks that bordered it, all filled him with an awe that he had never before experienced.

Many times he had seen that identical

Many times he had seen that identical landscape, but never did it seem as now; and as he looked upon those towering mountains a sense of the littleness of man burst upon him, and he felt humiliated and

The highest peak of all in the vicinity was that which towered over the Browns' home. It seemed to reach to the very 1c. 30 Days Credit. Samples and Cattleg free. beavens, when viewed from the cabin CONSOLIDATED PORTRAIT, Dept. 2082, 1027W. Adams St., they

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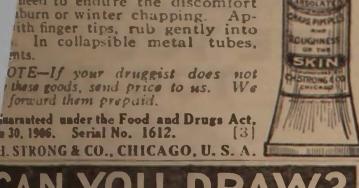
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# February

→HOUGH winter howleth at the gate, In our hearts 'tis summer still.

In all seasons the soul findeth

flowers! In ancient days the Romans were wont to purify the mind and heart in February.

"February—free from passion, care and If an amethyst she cherish all her life."

Life in grass, tree and shrub now sleepeth, but will soon awake!

In a few days the warm Spring Sun will dance in our hearts.

Across the fields and hills we see the purifying snows preparing all nature for its gladsome Spring!

Come, sweet, eternal souls that live not in seasons, let us awaken, open and purify our minds by pure living—now in this blessed month, when nature is covered with the purifying mantles of ice and snow.

Thy awakening is near—thy sleep in

The lily, the buttercup and the clover

will not always be hidden under the snow!

The coldest month of the year, love.

Is shortest and nearest the spring.'

The love of God taketh away all pride,

He who loves all will be loved by all and

served by all, because such a universal lover is always a worker for the good of the

Whole, and becomes a magnetic centre that

naturally, and without any effort, draws

and attracts all good—health, strength, prosperity and happiness. Work of the

highest order chooses such a soul; he is

called into the very highest service.

Address.

arrogance, hatred, envy and lust, and puri-

"Ah! lend me your little ear, love!

Hark! 'tis a beautiful thing:

Lethe and illusion is to end.

Prepare!—it is February.

fieth the mind and heart.

Prepare!

"Across the hills the drifting snow cloud

And soft, warm flakes fall on the frozen

Anon fierce winds pass o'er with sullen

And whirl the snow on high in glittering

And then the west wind, tender with good Touches the streams' great storehouses,

Laugh downward to the plains, till

'neath the hills A waking river warbles 'mongst its reeds. "So wakes the God-gift, conscience, in a

Oft through a dreary winter of his life It sleeps frost-bound—dead for a little

Then, roused by sleet of sorrow and by

Of varying winds of anguish and of pain, It leaps to fullness of spring strength again.

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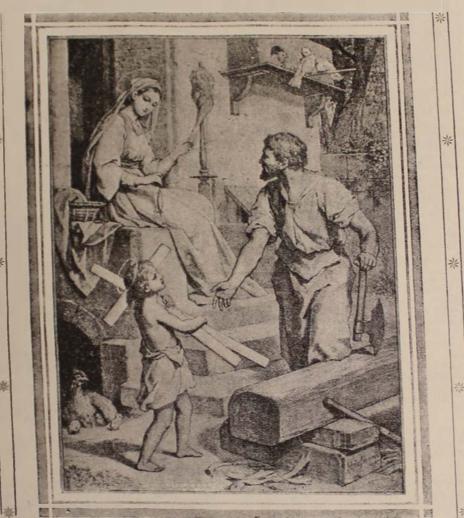
and covereth it and forgetteth where the winds pass over it, the night is that the winds pass over it forth to the

The singing of love and Test.

I gathered flowers as a mid dispon them. They were in the darkness beneath the earth, yet at the call of God they come forth. They were chilled with the frosts of winter, yet they arose in their day and gave God thanks. They were not regarded of men yet they made man cared for them. Their fragrance was as the incense in the temples of the East, as the other is spices and sandalwood in the houses of kings. Then came into my heart the knowledge of the mystery of the seedtime. It was revealed unto me and I praise the Giver of all wisdom.

He who planteth the seed endureth toil to make a sacrifice. He endureth tribution of body and parteth with that which is his and goeth his way and seeth it no more forever. In this is he blessed more than all the hosts of those who give not and labor not. The end bringeth forth the glory of the sower.

So also is the work of him who toileth in the fields of time, in the Vale of Sorrow and the Valley of Humiliation. He soweth goodness even unto the clouds; he droppeth riches in hidden place and knoweth not where his treasure is after he has passed; he covereth it and forgetteth it. Yet God keepeth the work of men's hands. He regardeth the affections of the heart and the tears of our striving. Night falls upon us, but we are not forgotten, the winds blow chill upon us and the flood-gates of heaven are unloosed against us. The toil of the seedtime bringeth other toil and no man giveth thanks unto us for the labor which we have taken in the planting. These things I saw, and blessed God.



The Boy Christ

Then there came upon me the spirit of Youth, even the Spirit of Spring and of Eternal Life. I was carried away of the Spirit into the consciousness which is the chamber of the Eternal Presence. And there came unto the chamber a husbandman and stood before an altar. And the husbandman brought a handful of wheat, even of clean wheat, and spread it upon the altar and worshiped. Then fell there a voice in the chamber saying: "Thou hast attained." And as I looked the wheat vanished away and upon the altar was a scroll written with the Word of God, which bringeth joy and wisdom and peace unto all who receive it. And the husbandman was clothed with earth-stained garments, yet he went out glorified, with the scroll in his hand

Then I followed after him and laid hold upon him and entreated him, saying. "Show unto me the mystery of these things."

And he answered and said unto me: "He who gathereth the wheat from the harvest of God shall receive wisdom unto everlasting life. The clean wheat of earth shall become the knowledge of the joy of Heaven. That which is sown unto God is sure unto the ages."

Then I arose from the borders of the brook and sang with joy. God keepeth

Then I arose from the borders of the brook and sang with joy. God keepeth gardens. Glory is unto him who labors and asketh not again the seed that he the gardens. has bestowed.

I have one aim only, one goal Whereto I plod. The large sereneness of a soul

If I cannot succeed in doing anything myself, I will not grudge another the doing of something noble.—Epictetus.

We cannot be too kind, gentle, patient and considerate with little children, and our older brothers and sisters who have returned to simple childhood again, in their old age. '
"INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO

"And whose shall receive one such LITTLE CHILD IN MY NAME RECEIVETH ME,"
Blessed is he who loves little children
and old people and who looks after their comforts and needs.

If we wish for a mansion in heaven the foundation-stone must be laid on earth.

"As threshing separates the corn from the chaff, so does affliction purify virtue.

"It is the lack of order that makes us slaves; the confusion of to-day discounts the freedom of to-morrow."

A watchful soul is a soul upon the wing, a soul out of gunshot, a soul upon the rock, a soul above the clouds, a soul held fast in everlasting arms .- Brooks.

When we are in sore trouble that is the very time to take on new courage and confide our thoughts with God. It is wonderful how this will help the troubled mind.

Smiles are the higher and better responses to the emotions of the

Afflictions are but the shadows of God's wings.—MacDonald.

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#### My Creed

It any little word of ours
Can make one life the brighter;
If any little song of ours
Can make one heart the lighter;
God help us speak that little word.
And take our bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale,
To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of ours

Can make one life the sweeter;

If any little care of ours If any little care of ours
Can make one step the fleeter;
If any little help may ease
The burden of another;
God give us love and care and strength
To help along each other.

If any watchful thought of ours
Can make some work the stronger;
If any cheery smile of ours
Can make its brightness longer;
Then let us speak that thought to-day
With tender eyes a-glowing,
So God may grant some weary one
Shall reap from our glad sowing.

The power to do great things generally arises from the willingness to

As under every rock there is moisture, so under every sorrow there is joy. All sorrow lies in exile from God, but all joy lies in union with Him.

#### **Future Life**

"All the boundless universe is life; There are no dead!"

"Shall I live after death?"

"Through interrogation man learns."

"The eternal 'Why?' 'How?' and 'What?' have been the triune path to knowledge. The moment a man asks a question he passes the boundary line between brute and man. Unquestioning, he has been like the brute, the unconscious and ignorant servant of law; by questioning he has begun to be the conscious and intelligent servant of law."

By knowing and realizing truth man ceases to be a servant and becomes a freed soul—a master. 'Shall I live after death?"

Soul—a master.

So the ancient question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" always comes up as man passes the boundary line between man passes th

It is a question that marks the beginning of the soul's awakening and is a blessed sign that in a while he will enter the realm of Knowledge that will make him free—a master in knowledge and

Any one with a clear, searching mind and an honest and persistent desire to know can by patient, careful, and discriminating search for the truth, have more or less positive knowledge—on any matter on which he concentrates his mind.

Psychical research, soul culture, metaphysics, and an exhaustive study of all related phenomena in a calm, sane, patient state of mind will give any one abundant evidence of the most positive nature that all men do exist, in an intelligent and progressive way, after the life passes from the body. More than that, man in such investigation will sooner or later realize that he pre-existed—that he is an eternal soul, existing from everlasting to everlasting.

Life is one eternal and continuous chain of existence. There are links below man and links above him. He exists in countless forms, on countless planes, in countless ages, and in countless spheres. Says Festus.—

On, said God unto the soul
As to the earth 'Forever.' On it goes,
A rejoicing nature of the infinite."

A raindrop is a little thing, But on the thirsty ground in helps to make the flowers of spring And beauty spread around.

A ray of light may seem to be
Lot in the blaze of day;
Est its at mission God can see,
Who sends it on its way. Colesworthy.



# Tope

Sweet-browed and beautiful, D Hope, thy angel face E'er glides before us like The star of morning, shining Unto day.

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HELEN VAN-ANDERSON









The look of sympathy, the gentle word Spoken so low that only angels heard,

The secret act of pure self-sacrifice Unseen by man, but marked by angels' eyes, These are not lost.

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.—Cicero.

To finish the moment, to find the journey's end in every step of the road, to live the greatest number of good hours, is wis-

We are to be rewarded, not only for work done, but for burdens borne, and I am not sure but that the brightest rewards will be for those who have borne burdens without murmuring.

"I can't do it" never did anything. "I'll try" has worked wonders, and "I will do it" has performed miracles.

You can find within yourself the reservoir of courage; it is full and will overflow the moment you shut the door on your fears. Yes. Brother you can succeed! You can be what you will to be. Take Courage!

#### 'Tis Better Far to Laugh

Laugh! it is better far to laugh
And fling life's cares away;
'Tis well to have a time to laugh—
A good time every day,
And then the laugh will banish pain.
And soften every care;
And loud will echo the refrain:—
The world is bright and rata!

Laugh! and the oftener that you laugh.
The healthier you will be;
So laugh and sing, and sing and laugh.
Rejoicing merrily!
And then the laugh will banish pain.
And soften every care,
And loud will echo the refrain:—
The world is bright and fair!

Laugh! and the World will also laugh.
And joy will fill the earth,
And Youth and Age alike will laugh.
Exuberant with mirth.
And then the laugh will banish pain.
And soften every care;
And loud will echo the refrain
The World is bright and fair!
—Dr. Wesley Kenton Burr.

If you wish success in life make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, cau-tion your elder brother and hope your guardian genius.

Every man's actions form a centre of influences upon others, and every deed, however trivial, has some weight in determining the future destiny of the world.

#### Wisdom

The Universal Lover—the fervent God-lover—exists in the realm of universal wis-dom; he is at one with Omniscience and is a blessing to the Whole.

A wise man is a universal harmonizer, carrying with him peace, harmony and melody, because he is filled with love for all, and is kind, gentle and considerate to all.

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A wise man is pure, sweet, calm and serene, and controls nature—internal and external nature—by the mighty power of the eternal Soul, and not by mind or will.

Wisdom comes only by full and complete union with God, and in no other way.

A wise man, without the utterance of one word, is the most positive, forceful and helpful being in the world.

Wisdom makes one non-resistant; or, rather, non-resistance makes one wise; in non-resistance is all love, all knowledge and all power.

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Wisdom places man beyond all time, all places, and all events into the Blessed State—Eternal Bliss.

Wisdom is the sovereign good which sages, seers and prophets in all ages have aspired to—it is the blessed fruit of full realization of the soul's union and oneness with the Eternal One.

In one way and another all beings are working toward Wisdom; all of us are on the blessed Eternal Path that leads to but one goal—union with God—at-one-ment.

Blessed truth! All will reach the same goal.

Dost thou hear, precious eternal soul?

All will reach the same goal.

A great soul is always earnest, sincere, tolerant and reverent.

Candor and good sense give one grace, finish and buoyant optimism.

Carry the radiance of your soul to your face; let the world have the benefit of it.

A Gift for the Whole Year Is our beautiful Cheer-Up Calendar. Only 25 cents for the Calendar and the Magazine of Mysteries for one year.

Each evening to myself I say: 'My soul, what hast thou learned to-day,

Thy labors how bestowed? What hast thou rightly said or done, What grace attained, or knowledge

In following after God?"



#### Here's An Important Truth

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the of the greatest Englishmen to the above the fatheren, said thousand pounds a year to have the habit of kicking at the bright side of things.

Now friends, a thousand pounds, English money. If the thousand dollars, So this debattful habit of mind brightness is with five the said dollars a year, for it changes as the better—for you and your friends. Why was a many rich people unhappy? Why do many millionaires even commit such the Because they had the wrong habit of weing the dark, glosmy said of life. Doesn't that prove that money alone counts for little?

You say it's hard to get the good habit that Do tor Johnson speaks of so highly. Well under ordinary conditions it is difficult. But the Myster Success Club makes it easy. That's one of the many good things you get That's one of the many good things you get from our dear Clubs one of the many wonderful benefits. In fact, it is so general that you will notice that members of the Club constantly speak of getting this particular blessing. They get it this delightful joy and constant blesing. You will get it too, and what a change it will make in your life! How it will help you, your family and your frends. The Club will teach you this beyond question. A noted scientist came in to see me about it the other day. I explained to him just how it worked and he said, as he went out: "Certainly your Club is doing a grand and noble work."

And it is so simple after all, yet so true.

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So easily obtained and so sure. Yes, you certainly will agree that life is worth living, that the earth is a dear pleasant world after all. So, dear readers, see that you gain this and the numerous other benefits of the Club without delay. Here's my welcome to every son and daughter of our one Father-God.

#### Members' Photographs

Members' Photographs

Brother Theodore is making a collection of photographs of the members of The Mystic Success Club. Many photos have been sent in and the collection is growing most interesting and pleasant. These photographs are not for publication, but for the special gallery of Members' pictures, which Brother Theodore delights in He says that the Club is his family and he affectionately looks upon members as veritable sisters and brothers.

Now, you dear Members who, have not sent your picture yet, please forward it without delay. Don't think that your picture doesn't matter. Brother Theodore wants it, pours—a picture of you. So send it in. It will be in good company.

The Mystic Success Club.

#### To Club Members

My Dear Club Comrades:

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The Club has done you so much good that you will take pleasure in seeing your friends prospering also. I want you to make special effort during the next sixty days to get some relations and friends to join our dear Club. You know how Members advance in Kindness, Charity. Health, Happiness and Success. It is your duty and your privilege to spread these benefits, for we help ourselves when we help others. You will have the grattude of your new members, you will have the lasting satisfaction of having benefited them so practically and abundantly.

#### The Key to Monthly Instructions

The Monthly Instructions that Brother Theodore is giving in the Magazine, for members of the Club, should be faithfully followed. They are carefully selected by our good, wise Brother and are of great value and benefit. Any member who does not possess a Key to this cipher, can have one by applying to the Club.

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB.

I want every reader of the Magazine to read this column each month. That applies to members and non-members also. For on this page I often reply to members' questions nd you will frequently find your own ques-

Brother Theodore

#### **Growing Younger**

SISTER H. E. H. sent in her photograph with a little note saying—''It is the latest photograph I have, taken about three weeks ago. I am past sixty years. Would you think it? I have been growing younger ever

#### Frank Answers to Questions

You who are not yet in the Mystic Success Club! You have some questions to ask. You wonder how the Club brings such help, success and blessings to Members. You wonder how it is possible.

Well, it is possible. More yet, IT IS HAPPENING EVERY DAY.

And you are beginning to realize yourself that it must be true.

Here is an instance talk between a cautious reader and our Brother Theodore. See how many of the questions you would have asked.

"Who are all these happy people that write about the Mystic Success Club being such a help to them?"

"Men and women in every walk in life and from all over the world."

"What makes them so happy?"

"Because our Mystic Instructions have taught them certain, neverfailing rules of Health, Happiness and Success.

Why doesn't everybody know these rules without being taught?"

"Because mankind discovers very slowly. See how long it took to discover steam or gas or electricity and other useful, powerful, unseen forces. Our Club teaches laws as useful, as simple, as sure of results.'

"Where did this knowledge first come from?"

"First from the Seers and Masters of India, Palestine and Persia. You must have read how Servator lived in India, and was one of the few of our race who had free admission to the halls of wisdom.'

These rules must be hard to understand and difficult to follow?"

"No, we have taken their main points, put them into simple language and practical, everyday use. Anyone who can read the English language can now understand and benefit by these remarkable rules and Degrees."

"Do they take up much time?"

"Only a few minutes each day. Moments that can be spared easily and they help marvelously in assisting you to perform all of life's duties. Also they can be read over as often as you please and you will always find something new, helpful, cheering and inspiring in them.

"Is anything in them that would interfere with my religion?"

"Just the opposite. We give good, true, uplifting assistance. A tonic and universal help for every hour of the day. As well fitted for every religious belief as is the blessed Golden Rule.'

Can I and my grandfather both join?

"Yes; all are welcome. We help all ages and both sexes."

"Can one join who does not belong to any church?"

"Certainly. No matter, belief or unbelief, we are all sons and daughters of One Father-God. All one family, you see.

Must a person be of American nationality?

"Not at all! We welcome all nations. Our desire is to do good to all. We have dear and valued members in all parts of this world.

"Can a mother or father confide the secret teachings to daughter or son?

Or a son or daughter to parents?'

Not as given exactly in the Degrees, for they are sacredly confidential. But such members can certainly give the good influence and benefits obtained through their improved life and new knowledge."

"Are there any inconvenient rules to follow?"

"Not one! Everything we give you can be done readily and easily, yet with grand and glorious results.

What can I say to my friends to induce them to become members?"

"First, let them see your improvement, your better health, calmed nerves, freedom from worry or anger, your increased love and kindness, and your new attractiveness. Then tell your friends. PASS ON THE GOOD. See then that your friends join and share the blessings.'

"What are the fees or dues of the Club?"
"The Club is free. Subscribers to the MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES are given membership in the Club."

"Is a very sensitive or nervous person liable to be shocked or upset

through membership?'

"Just the contrary. The first thing the Health Degree does is to soothe and harmonize the nervous system. Quiet, refreshing sleep also comes. So many members speak of this gratefully.

"Will the Club show me how to be successful?"

"It will show you how to develop your powers and abilities and how to create opportunities that you can profit by. It teaches you the law or rules for success. Some call this "bringing good luck," but it is a natural law after all. It is the chief secret of success.'

"In giving health through the Club's teachings, is there anything that

would conflict with my physician's treatment?"

"Not at all. Our helpful treatment co-operates with good physicians; but bear this in mind: when you are well you won't need treatment.

"Suppose that a certain friend of mine says that all such things are rubbish and a waste of time?"

"Many people are inclined to scoff at what they are ignorant of (Continued on page 97)

since I joined the blessed club, about for

years ago."

No, dear sister, your photograph does not look 'sixty years." The sweetness and calm that shine from your face have set the years back. Would that the whole work could realize and profit by the Club's fearings. What a happy, glad world it would be supported to the country of th

#### An Interesting Experience

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Dear Brother Theodore:

I am a reader of the Magazine of Mitteries, and I am very much interested the paper. In the last copy, I read Christmas Chat, and in it you say that the world is just about to have a spiritual awakening when the Christ teaching will be really understood. The dawn is here. In reading those last words I got the impression the write and tell you about a vision I had the morning of October 28th, 1910.

I was walking in what I may call a stare, where counter after counter was filled with foods of different kinds. My special altertion was directed to a lot of butter lying on the end of one counter. There must have been about 200 or 300 pounds all expression that was stale and could not be used. I expressed my thought that it was too bad, that is, much had to go to waste. A moment late. I was conversing with a very rich lady. She was sitting in a rocking chair, while I occupied a straight chair. She had become interested in me and had found that I possessed knowledge which she knew nothing about, and I was trying to teach he some of the wonderful truths which I had learned. Presently she asked me, "When are we in the stage of spiritual awakening! I said, "Just a moment and I will find out." I felt myself leaving the body and as I was I reached my hand out to her and said, "Don' get frightened. I am leaving for a higher plane. I will be back in a moment." I was going higher and higher until I stoppa and looking up I was close to the sun. Shose that I could almost reach out my had and touch it. The sun was sending its ray all over the universe, causing a dawn. I had received my answer, and was lowered to the place I had left. My message backwas "The sun is rising and we are justatdam."

Progress Ahead

#### **Progress Ahead**

Here is a letter from a great soil. Brother Thomas Gall. Our readers will perceive that when a member learns to control temper, one of the greatest trouble makers of life has gone. And note in this Brother's letter how the new, kindly discontinuous authors, and softens others. position attracts and softens others. Brother Gall, your dear one will grow spiritually. Don't be impatient over it, it will be all right. And the astral place

spiritually. Don't be impatient over it, it will be all right. And the astral place has much for you in the future.

This brother says in part:

I received my first degree nine days ago, and must honestly confess I have become strongy attached to it. From my childhood up I have been more or less spiritually inclined and ofttimes I have felt someone near me and heard things which I could not account for Whenever I met with success or sorrows I had a great feeling come over me and fel how I could love to tell Mother or Father who have passed into the great beyond. Your its degree has so far taught me to control at temper and if I am requested to do a deed of kindness to willingly offer all my bodily and spiritual assistance in the attainment of such I have made friends with a man that dished me; it was remarkable. I am a draftmat and machinist and had the work of checkur some drawings belonging to this man, In my desire to do right in the manner of different corrections and mistakes I ofttimes made un pleasantness, Last week he came to me and began talking about his faith and told me of how others felt toward him. Also many his personnlities which I didn't even look for I was dumbfounded for a moment and began reason and spoke to him as I received my thoughts, in fact, I believe I poured out would be made in the sight of God.

Needed No Medicines

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Brother Charles Brown says that it is no years he has been a member of the Club he has not had to take radioms it is yexplained. When there is got health, every cell of the body tingles life and vigor and disease can be successfully resisted. Nature, which is Provided which is the Loving Father of mall his ordained that if we observe the rates of health and comes will not be necessary.

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#### Just a Little Boy

There is a boy in our town
(And he is wondrous wise),
Who, when the rain comes pouring down
And clouds o'erspread the skies,
Says, "I'll just smile the best I can,
No matter how it pours;
And we'll have sunshine in the house
If it does rain out of doors."

When naughty words swarm through his brain And clamor to be said,
He shuts his teeth together tight
And says, "I'll kill you dead,
Unless you will be sweet and kind,
And good and full of fun;
You can't come out until you are—
No, not a single one!"

He thinks when he's a grown up-man With wise and sober jace, He'll do some wondrous deed to make This earth a brighter place;
But nothing in this whole wide world
Can give more lasting joy,
Or make more solid sunshine,
Than just a little boy.

#### CHEATED FOR YEARS Prejudice Will Cheat Us Often If We Let It.

You will be astonished to find how largely you are influenced in every way by unreasoning prejudice. In many cases you will also find that the prejudice has swindled you, or rather, made you swindle yourself. A case in illustration:

"I have been a constant user of Grape-Nuts for nearly three years," says a correspondent, "and I am happy to say that I am well pleased with the result of the experiment, for such it has been.

experiment, for such it has been.
"Seeing your advertisement in almost all of the periodicals, for a long time I looked upon it as a hoax. But after years of suffering with gaseous and bitter eructions from my stowach together with

ot suffering with gaseous and bitter eructations from my stomach, together with more or less loss of appetite and flesh. I concluded to try Grape-Nuts food for a little time and note the result.

I found it delicious, and it was not long till I began to experience the beneficial effects. My stomach resumed its normal state, the eructations and bitterness ceased and I have gained all my lost weight back.

I am so well satisfied with the results

I am so well satisfied with the result the so long as I may live and retain my reason Grape-Nuts shall constitute quite a Pittlen of my daily food."

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 haman interest.

Be as a little child in your faith, that every moment is the Father's hand extended to His loving children, and so to you. The haughty, the proud, the self-righteous fail to see it, and by their blindness and hardness of heart bring all their ills upon themselves.

Except ye become as a little child ye cannot enter the hingdom of heaven. This means now, here in this world, amidst all

soul of man is a sunward bird. With wings that were made for flight, To pierce to the fount of the shining day, And float through the depths of night.

J. William Lloyd.

This one thing I do.—St. Paul. He did it with all his heart and prospered.

If love is to flourish between two people they must each be slow to take offense, and not only willing, but glad, to pardon at the first and faintest sign of penitence; still more, to overlook entirely the sin which has been a blunder or an accident. Life and love are in a great part the art of bearing with other people's shortcomings.

It takes a large heart to love well; the smallest heart can hate with thoroughness.



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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, as space and time prevent general advice.

Conscience. D. G. S. Our higher minds respond to the vice of our suits—the reaction from the soul in each of us. Conscience speak to each of us in such a way as is necessary for US—also as according to our development and experience. People say that conscience hould talk to all alike. Not so, Development, capacity and responsibility are different in each of us. What is wrong for Jones to do, on his high plane, would not be wreat for Smith to do on his low plane. It deput upon the state of mental and moral evolution of the individual. Mind you, this hot give any of us the right to shirk or As a non thinketh in his soul, so is he.

As a man thinkells in his soul, so is he.

As Individuals.—L. L. T. We are not all translatured alike. God speaks to us in various ways—as we would adapt our comments to children according to their ages and relative mental developments. God reveals Himself to my neighbor who then tells me of it with rapture. My neighbor may call it Science or Inspiration or Baptism or Revelation or put some label of creed upon it. Shall I deny or decry it because God did not retion or put some label of creed upon it. Shall I deny or decry it because God did not reveal Himself unto me in the way He did to my neighbor? Shall I question or contradict my neighbor's right to gain the Truth and Love in the way best suited to his development, training, environment or mentality? There is only one Truth, one Love, one God. Men have put on different labels and names. Refusal to acknowledge any way but your own, and yours as the only true religion, is egotism and conceit egotism and conceit

Sublime Doctrine.—A. M. M. The sacred writings of India abound with jewels of truth and gems of love and wisdom. For example here is one of Buddha's pearls—and it is specially needed just now: "To him that causelessly injures me, I will return the protection of my ungrudging love. The more harm that goes from him, the more good shall flow from me. Hatred ceases not by hatred at any time; hatred ceases by love."

shall flow from me. Hatred ceases not by hatred at any time; hatred ceases by love."

True Christianity.—John H. P. War is not necessary. You are wrong. The day is coming when war will not be tolerated. The enormous expense, of armies and armaments, the stream of invention of deadly weapons and destructive agents, the demoralization of business, banking and international credits are all working toward the suppression of war. To analyze it closely, the soldier is an assassin for pay. He will kill any he is told to kill, in just or unjust cause. False training. We have been taught to regard individual murder as a horror, but wholesale murder as patriotism and all that sort of thing. Wrong ideals. You say that "Christian nations are more warlike than the others. They have more wars than other nations, and their warfare is deadlier than that of non-Christian races. One might almost suppose that war in its most destructive form had come hand in hand with civilization, for the thousand wars of old of which the poet sang were, with few exceptions, small ones as compared with

#### FAMILY OF FIVE All Drank Coffee From Infancy.

It is a common thing in this country see whole families growing up with rvous systems weakened by coffee

That is because many parents do not

realize that coffee contains a drug—caf-feine—which causes the trouble. "There are five children in my family," writes an Iowa mother, "all of whom drank coffee from infancy up to two years

drank coffee from infancy up to two years ago.

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(Caffeine causes heart trouble when continually used as in coffee drinking.)

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likes it.

"Long live the discoverer of Postum!"

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. the titanic conflicts of modern times in Christian lands. Nor do our Christian nations limit their warlike activities to their own circle. They teach non-Christian races to hight. They drill non-Christian armies, supply them with weapons and ammunition, instruct them in the use of deadly explosives, and sometimes send Christian officers to lead them in battle. The most appalling destruction of life and the most brilliant victories accomplished in war by non-Christian torces have been won with implements invented and supplied by Christian nations."

True, in one sense, Brother P., but only because we have not been given the true brand of Christianity. We have had the label and that's about all. Real religion is now commencing. Let us each do our part to help the blessed day come speedily.

As Their Eyes Open.—T. L. T. What's

part to help the blessed day come speedily.

As Their Eyes Open.—T. L. T. What's the use of discussing psychical matters with the scoffer and the deliberately dense? Watt until they wake up. You have had these clairvoyant experiences, so you know positively that there is a spirit plane. And regarding every movement, there are three stages. There is the "Pooh-pooh" stage. Next comes the "Well, there's something in it" stage, and finally, "Well, they are right."

Opening For a Doctor — I have a magni-

Opening For a Doctor.—I have a magnificent opportunity for a doctor to establish a Health Home near New York City. The location is ideal, superbly healthful and tonic. There is great need for establishments where run-down people can be naturally restored to health; where they can get abundance of pure, bracing air, correct diet, suitable exercise, nerve rest, improving recreation, natural curative methods and other forms of drugless treatment. I shall be glad to give the establishment every assistance and can recurst the land and construction of the build. secure the land and construction of the building for a very low price. Furthermore, I can give it such wide publicity that it would speedily become famous and profitable. To anyone interested in this good enterprise, I am ready to furnish further particulars such securily prove this to be an opportunity of as will prove this to be an opportunity of most unusual excellence. I ask you, my friends, to show this to the right party.

Lessons From Life.—Ida D. I advise care in daily living, because each day means so much—for ourselves, for our future. What lessons may be learned from looking backwards! Past events seem like fragments—gaps—yet all so closely linked, so woven into our characters and ourselves. Ten years ago seems yesterday: aye, twenty Ten years ago seems yesterday; aye, twenty—thirty years ago. Such a short time—so fleeting! A few springs, a few winters, and how life has slipped by. And everything done is registered for eternity! This thought is bound to come—we might have been a little kinder, more patient, not worried so is bound to come—we might have been a little kinder, more patient, not worried so. A smile that day instead of a frown; a gentle answer instead of a sharp retort; silence, blessed silence in place of harsh words. The distance now gives the proper proportion. We see the incident in its little place in the fabric of existence. Little, yet big; little now, though it looked so large at the time. Registered now forever. Why didn't we realize? Why didn't we think? But what is done is done. Let us do better now. Thank God to-day is OURS

Conceit.—L. F. R. Conceit stifles most of the good impulses. Also, it hampers progress. Work, effort, painstaking endeavor are just as necessary for accomplishment as talent is. When people get the notion that they can succeed through natural gifts without work, they are in a very slippery position. Genius must pervery slippery position. spire as well as aspire. Genius must per-

Success Always Possible.—G. P. E. Courage, good brother. You've fallen by the wayside. Up again then. Here's my hand and God bless you. What of the fall. Haven't we all had them? And how terrible they seemed at the time. But afterwards! We saw the whys and wherefores and the kindest things that ever happened to us were the bumps that taught us our necessary lessons. Beginners and blunders are closely bound together. Recognized, acknowledged and overcome, mistakes mark the path of progress. Imperfection, crudity, error, apparent failure and retrogression accompany the faltering footsteps of the beginner in the faltering footsteps of the beginner in every line of life. Seen in the pathway ahead of us they look like OBSTACLES. When we have passed them and gaze backward, we view them as STEPPING STONES.

Did you tackle that trouble that came your way
With a resolute heart and cheerful,
Or hide your face from the light of day
With a craven soul and fearful?
Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce,
Or a trouble is what you make it;
And it isn't the fact that yu're hurt that
counts,

counts,
But only—how did you take it?

But only—how did you take it?

Lessons of Life.—Frank C. B. We are not put into this plane of existence for our own sakes only. We are responsible according to our capacity, and to be in harmony with the psychical currents we must consider and do for others. Else we shall be uneasy, restless, discontented. As a proof of this, the persons who spend their time trying to be happy never are happy. The chronic pleasure chasers never catch up to pleasure. You were never meant to be just a pup-

pet. Your brain was made for something higher than mere self-indulgence. There is work for each of us, and if we shirk it, we have to suffer in some way. You may plunge into folly of some sort, but you know that it is automatic in the result of bringing its own punishment. The rules are rigid and absolute. You can't beat them. And to enjoy pleasure you must work. Too much sugar makes you sick, so too much pleasure makes you morbid and melancholy.

Service.—Sarah B. In answer to you, I will quote a few lines:

THE REWARD OF SERVICE
The sweetest lives are those to duty wed, Whose deeds, both great and small, Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread, Where love ennobles all.

The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells The Book of Life the shining record tells; Thy love shall chant its own After its own life working. A child's kiss Set on thy singing lips shall make thee glad; A poor man helped by thee shall make thee strong; Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense Of service that thou renderest.

Passed On.—David P. N. The loved one will meet you on "the other side." Of that I am certain. Well for both of you that you traveled the Path together. That you found the light simultaneously. You will be on the same plane ere long—reunited.

Beloved, it is night!

Thy heart and mine are full of light, Thy spirit shineth clear and white, God keep thee in His sight; Pray, sweet, for me that I may be Faithful to God and thee.

The Book I Am Writing.—People from all over the earth ask me questions every

The Book I Am Writing.—People from all over the earth ask me questions every week—yes, every day. They want to know about clairvoyance, magnetic healing, the inner life of the Christ, telepathy, development of the moral and mental faculties.

Nothing walks with aimless feet, so for generations it was written that true teachers should be prepared and qualified.

How soon I discovered that no creed has any monopoly of the truth. I was shown occult meanings of the teachings of the Masters, the inner meanings of what the greatest Master of all—the Christ—uttered to his brethren. It was revelation, indeed, a knowledge inclusive of all the creeds, yet above edge inclusive of all the creeds, yet above them, of the universal Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Also of the fact that ALL is ONE and ONE is ALL. Well for each one of us who finds this partic-

Then came the teachings of the development and uses of the finer faculties, the spiritual part of our beings, the possibilities of the soul—the real YOU. Verily, the secrets of life and being—the explanation of what puzzles all of you at times—are added with this beautiful knowledge. The Love of God, the true teachings of Christianity, the laws of welfare and well-being are all included, together with explanations and instruction upon psychic matters, spiritism, dual personality and other manifestations which the world is beginning to awaken to and which are now clamoring for recognition.

"For from myself I do not speak; I speak the words that God has given me to speak."

You Are Accountable.—John M. L. Then came the teachings of the develop-

"For from myself I do not speak; I speak the words that God has given me to speak."

You Are Accountable.—John M. L. You will be held to strict account for EVERY THING you say and do. That applies to each and every one of us. Don't think that you can shirk or dodge the consequences of any wrong act or deed. The Christ NEVER said that we could pass off our sins and misdeeds by using Him as a scapegoat. That vicious, pernicious dogma was put into the gospels by the translators and garblers. It is a cowardly, unfair, man-made idea—that vicarious atonement error. The Master said, "as ye sow, so also shall ye reap!" My dear friends, remember this; take it unto yourselves. I tell it to you with all the earnestness this awful truth should carry. There is eternal love in the universe. But, there is eternal justice also. For example, take the type of person with a violent temper, the person who knows better but is too lazy morally to control that temper. Such a person flies into a violent, malicious rage and does physical damage or else goes around deliberately making mischief and creating scandal—even telling untruths when no real basis exists. How about that? What of the people who are injured thereby? Is it just or reasonable (or sane) to think that this person of vile temare injured thereby? Is it just or reasonable (or sane) to think that this person of vile temper and bad disposition, just by emotional repentance or silly idea of using the cross as repentance or silly idea of using the cross as a rubbish heap, can go free of all consequences? This type of person likes to think so; these bad tempered folks love to fool themselves with such empty, absurd, convenient subterfuges. What of the people that have been injured? Where do they come in? I tell you, my friends, that it is all charged up and must be paid for to the uttermost fraction. It is what the Yogis call building Karma, and therein are we free agents, to create our future condition—good or bad. condition—good or bad.
No, no; religion is living, not "gassing," doing, not chattering!

doing, not chattering!

Worry.—J. D. L. Worry and fear
thoughts have a bad action upon the physical economy and upon the brain. They induce and produce a pseudo paralysis. They
retard, depress and injure mentally and psychically. Let them go; drive these intruder
away. Practice it and you will conquer.
"Some of your hurts you have cured.
And the sharpest you still have aurivived.
But what torment of grief you endured
From exils that never arrives!"

The Call To Work.—W. T. E. I will answer your letter by quoting a noem illustrates what I've often told you, that low without work is useless. Words without deeds are of little value.

"Your way is dark," the Angel said.
"Because you downward gaze.
Look up, the sun is overhead;
Look up, and learn to praise."
I looked. I learned—who looks above
Will find in heaven both Light and Love

"Why upward gaze?" the Angel said
"Have you not learned to know
The light of God shines overhead
That men may work below?"
I learned—who only looks above
May miss below the work of love.

And thus I learned the lessons twain:
The heart whose treasure is above
Will gladly turn to earth again,
Because the heaven is Love.
Yea, Love that framed the starry height
Came down to earth and gave it Light.

The Widow.-Richard M. No. The Widow.—Richard M. No, you should not call the widow's grief a "morbid affair." When a true mate has gone, the void is something appalling. It calls for our tenderest sympathy, the utmost comfor that God gives us the grace to supply. True, the web of life should be carried on with bravery and faith and well for the bereaved one who has the sure and sustaining certainty of reunion across the Valley of ing certainty of reunion across the Valley of the Shadow. There is consolation in the tender recollections, the memories that bless and burn, the blissful hope for the one who is left waiting. Can there be anything morbid about that? Here is a poem that was written by one who was left with her orphaned babies, watching and waiting in the twilight.

From my upper window, at the close of day, Sadly watching passers on their homeward way; Sadly, sweetly thinking of the joy and glee When one came, my babies, home to you and me!

In the dusk, with faces close against the pane, Peered we thro' the starlight, snow, or Summer

Happy hearts, and faces watching thro' the gloom For the blessed footstep that was sure to come.

Hark! I hear its echo, babies mine, once more! Hear the latch-key turning in the opening door! From my knee you're springing, fearless in the While I flood with radiance all the darkened room.

Swift you fly to meet him, open wide the door. Closely are we gathered to his heart once more. Tender kiss and blessing greet your childish glee, But the warmest, babies, always was for me.

But my tears are falling o'er the memory sweet. While I catch the echo still of passing feet; But, thro' Summer starlight, or thro' wintry rain, Never, O my babics, will he come again!

We are now the wanderers in the dusk and glood He the one that's waiting in the happy home; From his upper window, tho we may not see, He's watching, O my babies, to welcome you

Black for Mourning.-M. W. C. I approve of your emancipation from the sense-less custom of showing yourself in black garb—parading your grief—advertising be-reavement. Bereavement is a sacred, per-sonal affair and the creepy black of custom is most undesirable. Often mourning clothes are purchased when they can be ill afforded. Pomp and display also occur at many funerals where the cost is at the expense of necessites for the living. Moreover, black is detested in the astral world. It is the symbol for evil. White is vastly preferred by our spin friends. Its vibrations are not antipathetic.

Sustaining Faith.—Eleanor D. Sister don't fret and fume. Learn to trust the blessed Sovereign Power of the Universe Truly, the troubles have been for your element. You are beginning to see that. Don't make any more corrective measures ne-essary. Think over that last sentence for it has meaning a hundred-fold. Be of the Di-vine Love—the Omnipotent Love and will find the Beulah Land indeed. And we

Hearn, as the years roll onward.
And leave the past behind,
That much I have counted sorrow
But proves that car God is kin
That many a flower I longed for
Had a hidden thern of pain;
And many a ragged bypath
Led in fields of upened grain.

Envying the Rich. - Samuel C. pen to know the private life of the rich you say you cavy. He is one of the main miserable men hierage, haunted by such this past, ence you the approache ingeneral his cartaly end is near the cartaly end is near the cartaly end in the beyond which no earth public years.

If every man's cisrual care
Were written on his two
How many would our pity dark
Who make our out now!

Your Part. Mrs. N. You are a pet-God's plan necessary to the whole of a would not be here. Reservoir of as will promoted as we descree it. Every notice to saved for to saved for we are each a member of Delicality was more than that part of Delicality that Trust Balance for the steps out on were ing and and that its of rock

#### Egyptian Charms and Seals

By Servator

HOUSANDS of years ago the Egyptians made the beetle or scarab an emblem of good luck. It was their sacred beetle, the

rearaboeus sacer,

fur Egypt faded as a world power,
ancient Egyptian scarab fell into obbut it is now becoming popular
lived ashionable. It is being used for
and the sand scarf pins and its reproducbrook in clay, soapstone, basalt, diorite, clay, soapstone, basalt, diorite, lapis lazuli, jasper, chalcedony,



PTOLEMY'S SEAL

amethyst, carnelian, sardonyx, agate and onyx, are increasing in demand and goin up in price.

On one side of these charms is carved a representation of the sacred beetle and on the reverse side are carved hieroglyphic inscriptions. inscriptions.

The kings and priests of Egypt had certain scaraboeus carvings as their own peculiar seals. One of the Pharaohs—the Pharaoh of the Israelitish exodus, used his as a ring and as his signature. So also did Ptolemy and Cleopatra.

Pharaoh had his seal as follows. The seal is reproduced and the beetle representation also.

tation also.

Ptolemy, the great and wise monarch, had a more elaborate seal. His emblem contained quite a lot of "picture writing" as you will see from the facsimile here-

Cleopatra, the queen of such wondrous legendary beauty, stamped her seals with a scarab carved as shown.

Scarabs were found in myriads in Egyptian tombs and in the ruins of temples. Each had its peculiar hieroglyphic inscription. For many years the Egyptologists threw them aside as unworthy of attention; they could not read any sense or meaning in their thousands of mysterious meaning in their thousands of mysterious incisions.

They became a plague to the collectors, in their unending multitude, and were discarded as the meaningless toys of a foolish\_people

ish people.

But with the discovery of the significance of the Egyptian hieroglyphic language a change came in the collector's attitude. The incisions in those apparently insignificant bug effigies, that had got into the muscums and collector's hands in almost unwelcome quantities, became the most valuable keys to unlock the history of the land of the Nile. Their style and their inscriptions denoted different periods in the dynastic reigns, and in a short space of time the experts could place the date of origin on each scarab, and, better still, each scarab told its bit of history of that date. And thus our hundreds of thousands of scarabs furnish us with whole volumes of Egyptian history as valuable as that read in the hieroglyphics on the tombs and monuments of glyphics on the tombs and monuments of

glyphics on the tombs and monuments of the Nile valley.

These multitudes of scarabs contained, besides hieroglyphic readings, decorative designs, such as scroll, spiral, twist and key patterns, but all had their symbolic significance. The period when they were produced most prolifically was during the reign of Tehutimes (Thotmes III. of the XVIII Dynasty) about 1600 to 1566 B. C. Very many originated in the XIX and XX Dynasties. Dynasties.

The earliest scarabs date back to the III Dynasty (Neb-ka), about 3900 B. C.



CLEOPATRA'S SEAL

Scarabs almost ceased to exist about 500 n. c. Under the Heretic kings of the XVIII Dynasty scarabs went out of use, but once again came into favor in the reign of Hor-em-heb and Sethi I, when rings again became fashionable in Egypt. Their

symbolic sacred acceptance lasted over a

Perhaps the most interesting fact (from a boltoned standpoint) that the scarab presents to all century readers is that the appreciation of the ancient enterprise of the ancient enterprise of the ancient ferritain dogma of a future extrand his set the pious and mural dead recent factors in turther hear than Mass stand. For the serial was a symbol of the resurrection of new birth, and the eternal future life of the "Triamphant or "Justified" dead. The dead, whether king or commoner, had the pricess as to whether the past life of the deceased "justified" immortality by muminification.

The scarab was especially sacred to Amen-Ra—the mystery of the Sun God-lit symbolized creative and fertilizing power. It was the first life appearing in the Nile's mud when the sun commenced to dry the shores after the waters receded.

Perhaps a few words as to the sun deities of Frynt become necessary to avoid

Perhaps a few words as to the sun dei-ties of Egypt become necessary to avoid confusion. The sun rising in the morning as Horus, reaches its zenith at noon as Ra, and sets in the evening in the dark region, as Tunn, absent at might as Osiris, often rises victorious over darkness in triumph again as Horus.

Thus we read: "In the Great Temple at Thebes a scarab had been found with two heads, one of a ram, the symbol of



ORNAMENTAL SCARAB

Amen (or Ammon), the hidden or mysterious, highest deity of the priesthood, especially of Thebes; the other of the hawk (the symbol of Horus) holding m its claws a symbol of the universe." This (Concluded on page 103)



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Thought to be held at 12 M.

Ble sed is he man consider the poor. The Lord will deliver how in time of trouble —Psalm, 41-1.

Thought to be held at 9 P.M.

Be perject, be of good comfort: live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you.—II. Cor. 13-11.

There is a law stated in the text words, and therein lies the secret of soul growth. Did you ever think, Beloved, that to consider the poor, is to enlarge the spiritual vision, and so be able to know the peace of the

When you are indifferent to the poor, when you spend little and that with fear and trembling lest you have not enough, you close the blessed windows of the soul. You shut out the light. You are as it were a prisoner in your own consciousness and to your own fears. You are timited by poverty, or the dread of it until life may become a misery instead of a blessing. But when your heart is considerate, when your hand is ready to execute deeds of kindness, generosity; yes, even of sacrifice if need be, a wondrous light steals into your mind, and your heart grows large with loving kindness.

Then do blessings begin to come to you. Unseen sources of supply are opened, you begin to receive of the Father's bounty.
Why, do you ask?

Because you become as an open channel through which can flow the great river of love. The fears and prejudices which clogged the avenues leading without or within, are gone and freely your love goes forth laden with gifts, freely it returns with overflowing measure of the

Open the gates of your heart that the angels may go out and come in, carrying to His children and returning to His child.

Be faithful until to you are the words said: Blessed is he that considereth the poor.

What can naturally and quickly follow the day's earnest living, but

the exhortation in the evening text?

Be perfect, be of good comfort; live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

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Beloved, say this fervently to yourselves, and thus in the silent meditation listen to the Master saying it to you. As a preparation for a night of blessed rest, and the peace that gives refreshment to the soul, it is a benediction that is good for the soul. Be ye faithful, Beloved, and the blessings of the New Year be with you all.

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#### Prayer

Pray open the gates of the higher world, Where angels walk in white; Pray, use the lever the Master used, That led to the realms of light; Say ye, "That prayer is all in vain"? Too long have we heard that sad refrain; It is not true—for prayer is might, It is not true—for prayer is sight, It is not true—for prayer is work—And no angel above will this duty shirk.

et above Pray; the blossoms of heaven stoop to hear, Is caught and held by a spirit love.

When the child-angels of prayer drawn near.

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We are apt to think God does not answer our prayers unless He agrees with us in whatever we desire for ourselves. But we are very small people, limited in our knowledge of the best for our eternal good, and God who is all-wise, our maker and keeper, knows at all times just what is best for us and if He answers "It is not best" when we ask for special favors He answers us no less than when He sees that what we desire is best and says yes in answer to our re-

Prayer should be rather at all times the spirit of gratefulness and trust. He knows what is best; resting in this knowledge of His knowledge of what we need, we may be sure He answers all our prayers, for we shall really pray for His will to be done

I heard a story of a foreigner who was asked to pray and he said: "O Lord, thou knowest every letter of the alphabet and what words it ought to spell to form words for what I ought to ask for. Take, Lord, the whole alphabet and arrange it for me in sentences of what I ought to ask for." This was a real prayer and one that

But God likes to have us talk to Him just as a parent who loves his child wants that as a parent who loves his child wants that child to talk to it with confidence of its love and care. Tell God all your desires, asking Him to make your heart in an attitude to desire right at all times. He will hear you, and be always with you to give you every good thing, to withhold nothing which is for your good, for all things work together for good to them that love God. This means that no matter what seems to work against us, no matter how hard the work against us, no matter how hard the way may seem, how many disappointments, all things are working toward good, for all things work in love to them that love God, the best good, eternally.

Our prayers are answered while we are yet praying. When you are asking for some good thing that very instant God sends that good thing to meet you; He makes conditions right for your best good at all times, for He never forgets His

children.

We cannot see the plan of our lives. We are weaving our life's fabric thread by thread, but we are working on the under side all the time. When the fabric is righted and we see our life's work as a whole, how surprised we will be at the beautiful designs some of the little threads of incidents that we thought of no account will be shown absolutely necessary to make a design for the perfection of the whole fabric.

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ing of the light just as we do, but do not understand.

We are rootland people. We are a part of a wonderful upper region life just as much of us as the flower is a part of the root, but just as much out of sight as the flower is out of sight of the root. But never doubt, tired heart, there is a life all beauty, light and rest, waiting for you after this journey is over. Watch, work and pray as you journey, and doubt not the upward drawing of the higher life.

Phillips Brooks says: "It seems as if life might be so simple, so beautiful, so good to live, so good to look at, if we could only think of it as one long journey where each day's march had its own separate sort of beauty to travel through."

Ah, that is just it! Each day is one's day's journey through beauty to beauty. Think of the beauty as you go along and think only of each day's journey. Do not be concerned with the journey a month hence. Each day has its own beauty, its own work and it all brings us nearer to the heaven goal.

Do not suppose that for one moment you will be left in this life's Journey without the guidance of God. He leads as through every day, every hour, if works.

will follow His guidance. Determine to go through this whole new year with God. One great trouble with us is this. We advance before God moves and we are apt to go on after God stops. We must go with God without regard to our own plans. He will plan our lives and will show us the way if we live and move in Him and have our being in Him.

Our life's work may seem delayed, but remember delay is sometimes a part of God's plan. Without rests in music there would be no melody. The rest is a part of the music, isn't it? There must be rests in life for melody.

Be determined this new year to advance. And while going on help others to go forward too. Never be satisfied with any progress that puts another backward. We are all life notes to God's harmonious universe and each life note is essential to the whole.

If God be with us and for us no one can be against us. Be not disturbed if others seem to prosper in ill doing. God is with the right and the right will prevail.

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Do not think that because you are not in a position to do some great work that your efforts are useless or of little moment. Live your little life sweetly, faithfully, trustfully and helpfully. For

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"I Jeaus, am come once again to earth to speak among men, and to calm the fevered pulse running so high with worldly ambition and pride, and show of outward appearances. I am here among you sow. Oh' children of earth, even at your doors, asking admittance as of yore. How shall I render my account of my stewardship who was sent by the Father nineteen hundred years ago to proclaim the vast and yet simple truth of His love for all His children. How have you heeded my knocking at the doors of your hearts for admittance and why have ye not let me enter and sup with you as I promised to do years agone. I am here to-day to one and all. Prepare yourselves by earnest, diligent, prayerful supplication at the Father's throne, for light and guidance, and, according to the promise, receive the blessing of consecrated effort, and a baptism of holy love from the spirit. I give you my blessing of peace and a renewal of the old-time prayer, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." I sak of you to accept this later testimony of my love for you, and as God, our Pather, liveth, I admonish you to abstain from your unholy actions and give less thought to worldly things and more to the spiritual. I liken your ways to those of long ago when I, upon earth visited the rich and they spurned me. I am here now, again, not in bodily form but speaking through this child of earth who has yielded up to me her heart and trustingly obeys, always seeking divine aid and protection. This is all any one need do, 'Ask, and ye shall receive, seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you." I tremble for you when you disregard these simple requests, asked over and again so frequently. I appeal to all t

#### Visions and Messages

When I was fourteen and one-half years old I dreamed during the night of November 11, 1886, that my father, who was then alive but very sick came to me all prepared for a long journey and bid me good-bye. Father told me things he wished done, saying, "Now be a good girl, I am going away." I asked him where he was going and he said, "I am going so far away that I cannot come back." Next day, Friday, I was cleaning windows when I happened to look down and saw a messenger boy trying to find some house number. Quick as a flash the thought came to me, "he is looking for me," and I ran downstairs just as quickly as I could. I met the boy on the second stairs talking to a woman. Reaching out I grasped the telegram, saying, "It's for me; it's for me." "Well," replied the woman, "You can have it." It proved to be for me, telling me to come home as soon as possible. I had often gone home the same way but that day I could not find my way and asked a policeman to direct me. But he misdirected me, and as I ran around the streets of New York trying to find the way to Brooklyn, the noon hour whistles blew. I stopped short, and aloud I said, "Oh. I'll never see papa alive." And so it proved. He breathed his last as the whistles blew the noon hour, and went the journey from whence none ever returneth. I have seen his spirit since then. About three years after his death I was living in a place of danger. I knew it and wanted to go away but was talked into staying, being told my fears were groundless. That night I heard my father call me out of a sound sleep; I saw him just as plainly as in life, and said, "What is it; what is it?" Others heard me and came to my door, I answered them, then turned to my father's spirit but he had gone. I knew he came to warn me, and lost no time leaving that house. I found out afterward I was in graver danger than I knew Another experience was a dream I had of a young When I was fourteen and one-half years old I

man I was but slightly acquainted with, but held in high esteem. He came to me in a dream all prepared for a journey, and also to bid me good-bye. Three weeks later he was shot to death by

in high esteem. He came to me in a dream all prepared for a journey, and also to bid me goodbye. Three weeks later he was shot to death by an insane man.

For years I have wondered why God lets us suffer and be led into temptation when He knows that He holds first place in our hearts and we would not cast Him out. About two weeks ago He let me understand why, and I am writing to you in the hope that it will brighten the life of some sufferer. One day, about two weeks ago, one of the ministers of this village called on us asking my husband and me to join the church. I thought over the matter all afternoon and wondered if it was best for me to join. That night in a dream, Satan appeared to me and in a terrible rage told me to stay on his side or else he would make me suffer some awful things. I was not afraid of him and bid him begone, and as I watched him turn his back, I thought, "Is it possible he can make me suffer?" Then, as if a rolling door were slid aside, for a second I saw Christ in all His glory standing by my side; then Satan came back to tempt me and all was darkness, but as soon as Satan would turn his back toward me, I would see Christ. It was a wonderful and beautiful sight, but as I have often seen him in my dreams and once while awake, I was not frightened at His wonderful appearance. The next day while thinking of my dream I wondered again why God suffered us to be tempted. He answered me "To show Satan how light his power is, and to show you that you are stronger than Satan. Cast Satan out of your life, and you will see me by your side forever and ever."

Oh, what a blessed hope that is! I hope it will bring joy and comfort to others walking in 'dark-

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Sincerely yours,

B. M. L

#### A Peep into the Future

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A few years ago I was planning a cruise on the St. Lawrence River in a small sailboat with a couple of friends. Several years previously, I had made a similar trip on the Seneca River, in New York State, and since then I had been constantly possessed of the longing to explore other rivers in the same way, but owing to the pressure of business and other reasons, was never able to accomplish it. Never having seen the St. Lawrence, I used to unconsciously picture it to myself as like the Seneca River, only larger—the islands all low, grassy and nearly destitute of trees, the water dark in color, the bottom mostly muddy. This, of course, was very far from the truth, but I mention it in order to show that I had no preconception of the character of the place. As early as April or May I had made all my plans to take the trip in July, when a serious illness, necessitating a surgical operation, bid fair to upset my long-cherished plan. During the operation I was under the influence of ether for some half an hour, and during that time I had a most real and delightful dream. I was in a sailboat on the St. Lawrence, with my two friends, just as planned. We were anchored off the south side of a large island, and it was near evening. The water on the river was clear and rapid, and the island near us as well as several other islands not very far distant was composed of alternate rocky terraces and grassy slopes, and had a clean, gravelly beach. I remarked to myself how different it all was from the idea I had of it before coming, and how, as a place for camping and cruising, it was immeasurably superior to the Seneca River, for instance. I desired to go ashore and return to our camp, which lay a few dozen rods to the west, in order to make some preparations for supper, while the others caught a few more fish, if possible. They put me ashore and then rowed out into the river again, while I started to walk along the shore to our camp, but soon struck a swampy place, and not feeling disposed to the exerti

unpleasant symptoms following the use of that anesthetic.

By good fortune, I recovered rapidly, and was able to make the trip as planned. Arrived at the "Thousand Islands," I noted with some interest that the character of the river was exactly as I had seen it in the etherdream and totally different from what my previous fancy of the place had been. More than that, about the fourth day, the events which occurred in the dream, as above described, repeated themselves in reality, on the south shore of Howe Island, about one-half or one mile west of the eastern end. Even the swampy spot on the gravelly beach, with the cliff behind it, came true. I have no theory to offer of this somewhat remarkable coincidence, but merely state the facts as they occurred.

Yours sincerely, E. H. P.

#### A Dream

My mother dreamed she was on a street corner when a friend of hers met her. She asked him how his wife (who had been sick) was, and he said that she was a great deal better, and had gone up north to some of her people.

About that time (if anything a little later), my father met him on the same street corner my mother dreamed of and he asked him how she was and he said the same thing in the same words my mother heard him say in the dream, "She is a great deal better and has gone up north, to some of her people."

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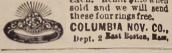
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#### Room Number Ten

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Let We were brother and sister, in our native town, engaged in mercantile business as a vocation, and as an avocation refitting and furnishing the fluit above the store for the bride-to-be in the early fall. My brother's bachelor room was the only one furnished in our apartments and he kindly gave that over to my use and himself reories! at the country hotel on the opposite corner, where we both took our meals.

The hotel was under the management of new people, the owner having rented it and taken another hotel in a neighboring village.

One July day, my brother, the prospective bridegroom, had made arrangements to journey to the village sixty miles distant, where dwelt his lady love, and was to drive to the station, eight miles away, next morning, to take the six o'clock train. As his wardrobe and personal belongings were in the room that I occupied, he requested the privilege of sleeping at the house to facilitate his preparations for an early start.

I passing the night at the hote!

To this I agreed, and went across the way when the store closed for the night, to find that under the impression that my brother was to go that afternoon, the landlord, having an unusual demand for accommodations, had put two ladies into my brother's room. When I explained to him, he hesitated a moment, then led me to a room at the end of the second story hall, with the remark, "Perhaps this will do."

I looked about with satisfaction and replied, "Oh, yes, this will do very nicely," attaching no special significance to his remark or my own.

The room was a corner one, clean and cool, with light matting, a neat, comfortable bed, bureau, washstand, small stand and chair. Surely enough to make one night pass comfortably. Mindful of the fact that I must open the store early in the morning and that the landlord had instructions to call me at five-thirty, I soon repaired to bed.

I had raised the window shades on extinguishing loosely on my chest, and looked at the golden glory. My thoughts turned toward my brother's

rusic.

From childhood, as far back as I can remember, the unseen world has always seemed so near and so much a matter-of-course reality that I am without the fear of the supernatural which is a bugaboo to so many. Consequently I was not in the least alarmed, but lay perfectly quiet, wondering at the strange vibrations, which I could now feel as well as hear.

My natural psychometric sense seemed to be keyed up to concert pitch, and as I wondered it seemed as if someone invisible but tangible, came up between me and the wall. Still, I had no feeling save that of wonder. Then two hands too large to be those of a woman, warm, soft, but not flesh and blood, closed over and enveloped mine. I could feel their pulsations and my wonder grew. The moon was full and I could see plainly the bed and every nook and object in the room.

The touch of the hands in some way gave me the power to know the state of mind of the owner, and I felt in their order, expectant fear, wonder, relief, gratitude.

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To put it more plainly, I felt that the importunate presence expected fear, manifested by screams or precipitate departure; that the absence of such manifestations gradually filled it with surprise which merged into relief and a great wave of thankfulness. Then it seemed as if it likened itself to a poor mongrel dog craving rest and recognition, kicked and spurned when it would approach humanity, but now—wonder of wonders!—the poor outcast was permitted to lie down near a human foot.

This feeling of peace and elevation enveloped me and I tell asleep with those two hands holding mine in grateful clasp, and when I awoke, at the landlord's call, it was morning and the bright sunlight fell where the moonlight had lain.

A peculiar feeling of quiet held me when, bit by bit, my experience of the night before re-entered my consciousness. As I went on with the duties of the day, little by little there arose from my subconsciousness the memory of hearing of a haunted room in the hotel and also of a wealthy man's dying there sixteen years before—dying while the doctor fed him.

When my brother returned I casually inquired, "Which room in the A—— Hotel is the haunted room?"

"Number ten," he answered, directing an

room?"
"Number ten," he answered, directing an inquiring look in my direction. "Why?"
"I slept in it last night," I returned.
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When alone, we have our thoughts to watch; in the family our temper; in society our tongue.

#### For the One Who Tried By Margaret E. Sangster

Everyone will have the graine him.
He is on the honer list.
I've a tender thought, my darling.
For the one who tried and missed.

One? Ah me they count by thousands.
Those who have not gained the race.
Though they did their best and fairest.
Striving for the winner's place.

Only a few can reach the laurel:
Many see their chance flit by
I've a tender thought, my darlings,
For the carnest hand who try.

Tis the trying that is noble If you're made of sterner stuff
Than the laggards who are daunted
When the bit of road is rough

All will praise the happy winners:
But when they have hurried by
I've a song to cheer, my darlings, The great company who try.

Man in this blessed age of progress and prosperity is just beginning to comprehend and realize the countless blessings that are ir store for him-now and here and there.

#### Good Advice

Love God.
Don't be selfish.
Trials and troubles are good for us.
Don't be a skeptic.
Debt is slavery.

Love is the greatest thing in the world. Men are won by love.

Hope is the next greatest thing in the A pessimist is to be pitied.

Do all the good you can; it means happiness. We are the diggers who make our own

A grand rule—the Golden Rule.
Be up and doing all the time.
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Think! Be kind to animals. Strong drink kills more than war, fam-

ine, or pestilence.

Don't be a croaker; don't look on the seamy side of life.

No man is a failure who tries to suc-Activity means health and long life.

But don't be perniciously active. Perverse people have a hard time of life. There is no wisdom in useless and hopeless sorrow.

Economy will give you a sweet, tranquil d age. The Sabbath is not a day to feast our

bodies, but to feed our souls.—Empress Josephine.

When a man lives with God, his voice shall be as sweet as the murmur of the brook and the rustle of the corn.—Emer-Let your ascent to Heaven be gradual

by making one of your own on earth.

The doctrine of total depravity has perished. Good!

If wisdom's ways you'd wisely seek,
Five things observe with care:
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak, And how, and when, and where.

God loves to see His creatures happy God loves to see his creatures happy; our lawful delight is His; they know not God that think to please Him with making themselves miserable. The idolaters thought a fit service for Baal was to cut and lance themselves; never any holy man looked for thanks from the true God by wronging himself.—R. Hall.

One's own good breeding is the best security against other people's ill man-

The longer I live and the more I see Of the struggle of souls to the heights

above, The stronger this truth comes home to me: That the universe rests on the shoulders

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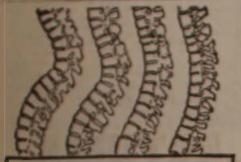
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After the glorious victory had been achieved, he was assassinated by a villainous fanatic. The memory of this event makes the heart of this Nation bleed afresh. Time may alleviate our grief, but can never fill the void. There was but one, Abraham Lincoln. There will never be another! All honor and revere him. His traises will be sung eternally. His memory will be forever green. Monuments crected to his memory will be perpetually bedewed with tears of gratitude.

In the darkest hour of this Nation's night, he was a pillar of fire that burned patriotism into all our hearts. His devotion to his country was sealed with his saintly blood; sacrificed upon the altar of duty and loyalty.

Abraham Lincoln's name stands majestic and gigantic, a martyr to the principles of liberty, humanity and the perpetuation of the Union of this great people.

He loved all the people of his country. His love was as broad as the great mantle of charity. "With charity and love for all, with malice to none!" His former enemies are now his devoted admirers!

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He has gone to the beyond and to his reward.

Here his memory is engraved deeply in all our hearts.

May the Great God of Battles that gave us the grandest victory of all times, through the mighty hosts that went with him into the everlasting camp, ever grant this people and this great Nation, love for him, together with patriotism and strength to forever keep intact and untarnished the principles for which he died.

Let us all take a lesson in patience, charity, love and all that helps make a good life-from this man.

#### To Win

More action, Less said; More courage

More cheerful, Less sad; More goodness, Less bad.

More liking, Less hate; More labor, Less wait.

The true nature of Christian sympathy is not only to be concerned for our friends in trouble, but to do what we can to help them.

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Give to you that inner light That shall guide—triumphant radiant

Even through the darkest night.

Guide you through the tangled

Of countless threads in the web of life;

His unseen hand, dark with light replaces, In the restless shuttle and the

ceaseless strife. So trust the weaver, do not oppose And spoil the beauty, let His plans unfold;

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I'm but a moving piece of clay, And but for a little while

I am destined here to stay; Let it, therefore, be my style To greet each one with a sweet

smile, For ere I know, my God may call,

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#### A Chat About Our Club

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such folks said that Columbus was "wasting time," that Bell's telephone was "rubbish," that Marconi was a dreamer, and so on. All reform, improvement and progress is first scoffed at by thoughtless ignorance. But what of it? You know better; your spirit prompts; let the spirit keld. We stay down and discouraged when we refuse to listen to the Higher Wisdom. And read the letters from members of the Club. How they rejoice! How delighted they are over their new-found Health, Happiness and Success. That's the difference between the testimony of actual experience and the shallow conceit of thoughtless, ignorant inexperience.

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You really think I ought to join?"

'Yes, for we are here to make the most of ourselves, to build charweter. We also have a responsibility to our families—to our friends—to the world. We owe it to ourselves to progress, to prosper, to influence others for good. The Mystic Success Club teaches why and how. You will realize this and appreciate it when you are in your Third Degree.'
"What must I do to join the Club?"

"Decide to be true and loyal to your higher self, to be earnest and faithful and teachable. Then send in four dollar subscriptions to the MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and you will be given a Life Membership to the Club. Or you can send in only one dollar subscription and become an Applicant Member. That will entitle you to the First Degree, which is the Health Degree, and a wonderful Degree it is."

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#### Mystic Success Club

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Den me, and I want to tell you I am still trusting in the Lord to lead and guide me in my acts and all I do or say, and He leads me I do believe because I continue to have uccess in whatever I put my hands to and my hands are always full. I have been a member of the Mystic Success Club this month ivo years, and I have good health and haven't laten any medicine since I have been a member. I think it is remarkable. Again I want you to please accept many thanks for what you have done for me. I am trying to help someone else to the light.

#### Beginning to Realize

Another dear sister, Cora H. Stumm, as found what there is in the great and grand laws that are at our service when how how to use them. Just as electricity is everywhere, for service when applied. Sister Stumm says in a letter oriming over with joy and "gratitude." regret that I have finished the law Degree—the Fourth. I am in earnest when I say I regret that there are no other beares to work out, for the Degrees have been man a help and comfort to me. It was beautiful for I felt so near the Heavenly Father and ans wonderful love was borne in upon and little by little I felt myself drawn in the bound of a different nature. Heretofore they have been so so much had bout me, but little by little brighter and extreme thoughts have sifted in, until now that a bout me, but little by little brighter and extreme thoughts have sifted in, until now the in's much room left for gloomy thoughts, seem to have a keener perception of that better days are coming for and cheer I have gotten from this Fourth better. The words have acted like magic upon me, like a stimulus and have taught me patience, for one of my faults is impa-Another dear sister, Cora H. Stumm, has found what there is in the great and

tience. These Degrees have acted as stepping stones for me to something better and higher, and now that I have begun to advance I cannot go back. When you feel that I am ready for a message I will be so happy to receive it, for I want to feel that I am one of you. My Degrees will be referred to often, but I want to be in just as close touch with you as heretofore.

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heretofore.

You are doing such good and beneficial work that I heartily wish you all success and that your paper will thrive in the future as in the past. How I do enjoy reading your magazine, and what cheer it brings me. It came as a blessing to two friends of mine to whom I had it sent, for at the time they received it they were downcast, but after reading it through they discovered there was still some sunshine for them.

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C. H. S., Allegheny, Pa.

Sister Minnie H. writes that she left the Club and the Path it revealed and now wants to fellowship with us again. Sister, here is the good right hand of fellowship. We reject no son or daughter of our one Universal Father. But for His

Welcome Back

of our one Universal Father. But for His Grace, which of us could stand? Surely you may rejoin and build up with us and later help those whom you can. Sister H. says in part:

To the dear and blessed Mystic Success Club:

"I have wandered far away from God but now I'm coming home" is the song of my heart to-day. After having been a member of the Club for two years I turned to other things thinking I could gain Peace and Salvation

quicker by some oth anna to I and the God chase for me the simple Mystic way with in the best for me It opens my mind to the sweet holy calminess that I do not find awhere, and brings that Blees of Person and Quictness which passeth all understanding. I radiate from my brings that II have to each mind to the Club and to all brings in this Britand universe.

#### Joy, Peace, Happiness

Brother James E. Price sends blessings to each member in our true fellowship spirit. He is developing well and will soon see more light and understand. He says in part:

I write to you in brief of some of my experiences of late since being a member of the Great Mystic Success Club. I cannot express in words the Joy, Peace and happiness that the membership of the Mystic Success Club has brought to me. Well might I say that wherein I was blind now I are, and as soon as I am considered loyal, please send me the special Messages of Guidance. I pray God that He may bless each member of this Mystic Buscess Club evermore.

I sat where the silence was speaking,
And chanced to look into my Soul;
I found there all things I was seeking,
For my spirit encompassed the Whole,
—Wilcox.

#### Harmony and Happiness Now

"I have finished my Third Degree, and according to my feeling I am overjoyed with the work, as I know God is continually near me; our home life is nothing but harmony, where before I started in the Mystic Club it was nothing but fret and worry. The least little thing that would come up, why I would worry and fret. But I think it has all passed away with the help of God the All Mighty Pather. I am so contented and happy. It was such a pleasure for me to work out my Degree.

Mrs. E. G., Belleville, Ill.

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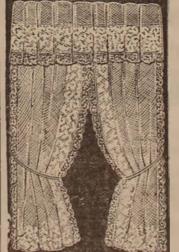




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Let us live so that we shall catch health instead of disease; let us make ourselves good conductors of life; if we are now diseased, let us make ourselves good conductors as or great. Disease cannot enter our

make ourselves good conductors as muickly as possible. If we are so weak and enslaved that we cannot make the effort alone, we can get help from the strong magnetic currents of some other who understands the law of magnetic attraction, and such a one will not calculate. strengthen the magnetic currents of the feeble one, but teach them how to help themselves and be their own conductor

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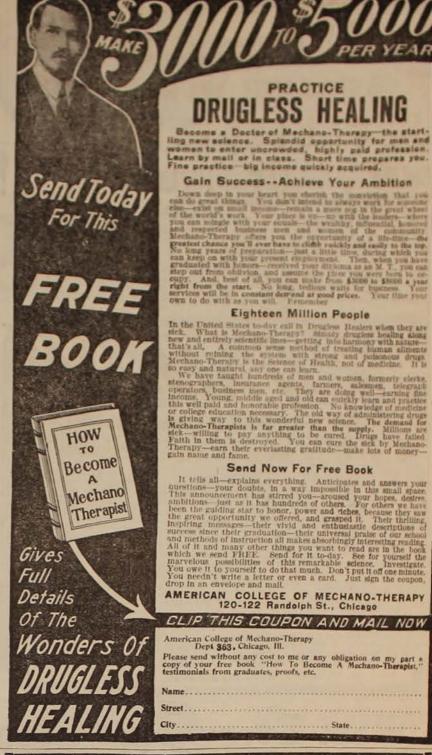
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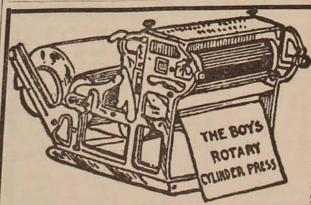
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## **Inspired Thought Contest**

(Concluded from page 96)

In the valley of shadowland I wandered

Many years, but all those years were to me

A period of stress in which I mastered

The meaning of earth's dark tempestuous sea.

I learned that the stern lines of Were steps by which we climb

toward the goal: And by brotherly love, our sun in

beauty

Expands, uplifts, illumes and frees the Soul.

Then we dwell beyond earth's joys, mists and shadows; Care and sorrow lie buried 'neath

our feet; Then earth's path is strewn with

love's sweet blossoms, And life with heavenly gladness is replete.

Then life is one vast plan of re-

joicing (Like music windswept o'er a

starlit sea). With our headlight trimmed and brightly burning

We sail into the Soul's immensity. ISABEL CRICHTON.

Many moral failures are the untrammeled freedom during when self-control is the one worthy the attention of parameters. The output of parameters arouses ridicule, so out of profession that to the size of the offinity the gant love of some particular toleration of a useless and nating movement of the body or voice; unchecked emotions macrosprovoked; nervous excitability to without an attempt to teach the quiet of mind and body; disregalittle attentions to others that mark difference between politeness and investigation of the consider himself of supreme important the one, rather than one of the family mark the man whos limited, if not lost, by the lack power control.

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SHE LOOKS LIKE A GIRL OF 18

This clever woman has not a wrinkle upon her has perfected a marvelous, simple to a wonderfut change in her face in a sincle night. For moving wrinkles and developing the bust, her neuroly wonderfully rapid.

She made herself the woman she is today and beest about the wonderful change in her appearance in a good and pleasant manner. Her complexion is as that of a child. She turned her scrawn fair as that of a child. She turned her scrawn fair as that of a child. She turned her scrawn fair as that of a child. She turned her scrawn fair has beautiful bust and well-developed form. She said he scrawny eye-lashes and eyebrows, he would he scrawny eye-lashes and eyebrows, he said he scrawny eye-lashes and eyebrows, he said he scrawny eye-lashes and eyebrows, he would her methods and removed every wrinkle from her face, no hartuful plasters, no worthles.

You can imagine her joy, when by her own eveloped her thin neck and form to beautiful Nothing is taken into the stoinach, no common eye, no hartuful plasters, no worthles. By her new process, she removes wrinkles and the whole figure plump and fat.

It is simply astonishing the hundreds form after beauty doctors and other methods write in regarding the wonderful results from her word word word word word. Miss Hanson writes, her wrinkles yanished over night.

Miss Alice Day writes, every black.

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## The Vision of the Mountain

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rost every pore, tried to close his on the scene. He tried to help—to out—anything, that he might save two are from a terrible death. But he had do nothing; he scemed chained to spot, and strive as he might, he was

spot, and strive as he might, he was a strived the helpless women, he seemed to have it all and look from other into at the scene of desolation. Where set a mount before had stood a dwell-and its outbuildings, now all was arried under countiess tons of debris, and he contain side booked as though it had been stricken by some mighty giant hand. Looking over the waste, the mountainf was surprised to see a human being soming toward him, and a moment later, the emaciated figure drew near, he was horrised to find it was his son. But how changed he was! The light of reason had field and in those staring eyes one could the unrest which holds possession of he maniae. His actions, too, filled the ul of the mountaineer with dread, as he repeatedly pointed to the spot where the Rrown cahin had stood and kept muttering to himself:

"You killed them! you killed them! If

inc to himself:

"You killed them! you killed them! If
hadn't been for your inhuman stubbornness ther would have been alive, alive, I
sa! Alive, ha! ha! My jewel, my
Agnes—alive!
And he would complete this harangue
with a diabolical laugh, only to commence
another strain of similar import.
The fetters that had seemed to bind the

another strain of similar import.

The fetters that had seemed to bind the mountaineer were now suddenly released; tons seemed to roll from him. Once more that tranquil peace came over him and the torments of hell were passed, and he realized that what he had just looked apon was only a vision. As he lifted his

## To Develop the Bust

To the Beauty Editor: Can you tell me of any harm-may to increase the bust? I do not want any more whon the hips or other parts of my body, but I am so at-chested I would try anything you thought would are me even two or three inches more development. ETHEL W.

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pres full, beautiful form without anyone knowing that his treatment was used.

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cyes there was still the shadow. It will his departed wife, her face lit up with an encouraging smile. Pointing in the direction of the Brown dwelling, she "Go!" And, though years had relied away and sickness, sorrow, pain and death had come and gone without his once going to his hated neighbors for help or solation, that one command, which he was conscious had not been spoken but conveyed in a far nobler and greater plane of thought, was enough. The harriers and shackles of years dropped awarfrom him, and he arose a free man, freed from all hatred and malice, willing to do the bidding of that frail, shadewy form that had remained with him but a moment of time, yet had wrought such a change. As the mountaineer arose to depart on his strange mission, the apparition vanished and he was once more alone. Without hesitating, he went out into the night and storm. It was with no little difficulty that he made his way over the narrow bridle-path, now totally obliterated by the snow which had been falling steadily since early in the day. As he neared the Brown home he felt strangely swayed between the old-time hatred and the newly formed resolve to do as he had been bidden and as he believed to be right, when his better nature asserted itself, though what he was going for at this particular time he himself did not understand. He was not a little puzzled as to how he should address those who had been his enemies and what excuse he should offer for calling on them at such a time.

As he entered their gate and passed the kitchen window, he could not help noticing the cozy interior and those within, who were so sharply silhouetted against the bright light from the great fireplace, and he was much relieved, though profoundly surprised, to see his son one of the party. He could hardly believe that Alfred was on speaking terms with the Browns, but after looking a moment he was convinced. Stepping to the door, he knocked loudly and awaited the answer in some trepidation.

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The door was opened by Alfred, who, on seeing his father, was so surprised and crestfallen that he could only stammer:

"Father, I'm coming—I'm coming. I— I—called in here to get—I called in here to get—to get——"
"Waal, did yer git it?" interrupted his

father.
At this juncture the fair hostess came to Alfred's rescue, and began to offer an explanation, which was interrupted by the

explanation, which was interrupted by the father:

"Don't tell me nothin' about it: I know it all, an' confound it, Alfred, my boy. I don't blame you a mite. By the great horn spoon, if I wuz in your place, I'd 'a' done the same thing, for I must say Miss Brown is the likeliest-lookin' gal I ever see, except your mother!"

At this rather crude, but well-meant compliment, Miss Brown blushed and tried to hide her confusion by inviting the mountaineer into the kitchen, an invitation he was in nowise loath to accept. When by their cheerful fireside, surrounded by the hospitable company, the effect was like old wine, and to the rough mountaineer it was as an oasis in the desert, for his life thus far had been beset with trouble, and seldom had such an opportunity presented itself. For a time he gave himself up to the enjoyment, listening to the gay laughter of Agnes and the friendly talk of the mother.

The evening passed very quickly to all, and it was Alfred who suggested that they

The evening passed very quickly to all, and it was Alfred who suggested that they had better start for home at once if they expected to arrive there before the dawning Christmas Day. They took leave of their kind hostess somewhat reluctantly, but not without many promises to come again; in fact, they agreed to come the again; in fact, they agreed to come the very next day and help to eat the turkey that was already being prepared. They made their way home with considerable difficulty, though the storm had somewhat abated.

The next morning, the mountaineer awoke with a start to find the sun had already overtopped the eastern mountains and was shedding its welcome rays into the uttermost parts of the valley. Quickly donning his clothing he repaired to the barn with his milk pail, to find Alfred had preceded him and had the milking almost completed. Chancing to glance over the valley, the mountaineer staggered as though smitten, for the recollection of that vision of the avalanche came to him as might the lightning from a cloudless sky; and for the first time the full sense of his obligation burst upon him. There was everything just as he had seen it in the vision, and he trembled, for he momentarily expected to hear the roar that would denote the utter annihilation of his ready overtopped the eastern mountains would denote the utter annihilation of his new-found friends, the Browns.

Callling to Alfred, in tones of distress and entreaty, he bade him come to his assistance. Quickly strapping on his snowshoes, he started directly for the Brown cabin.

Alfred, who was much alarmed and puzzled at his father's action, lost no time in following, and together they sped as fast as possible over the deep, yielding snow, the father acquainting his son with the catastrophe he dreaded. Every mowent seemed an age to the struggling men.
Would they reach the scene in time to
save two souls from eternity, or would
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Alfred was the first to dig his way out again, and found one snowshoe broken and useless. He made his way to the spot where his father had disappeared and found him crawling painfully to the surface as best he could.

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Alfred acquainted him with the fact that he had broken a snowshoe, and his father quickly volunteered the use of one of his to replace it, uttering no complaint as he did so, but charging his son to make all speed on his humane errand, an admonition he little needed, for he was making the race of his life.

Great beads of sweat stood on his forehead, his breath came in gasps, his knees tottered under him, and a less sturdy constitution would have succumbed to the great exertion.

It happened that Mrs. Brown saw the

great exertion.

It happened that Mrs. Brown saw the men leap from the ledge, and much alarmed, quickly acquainted Agnes with the fact. They both came to the door to investigate. As Alfred saw them he waved frantically for them to come in his direction. Wondering what it all meant, but knowing full well that there was something of much importance under way, they quickly adjusted their snowshoes and made the best speed possible in Alfred's direction, their only wraps being a light shawl and shoulder cape.

As the mountaineer attempted to extri-

As the mountaineer attempted to extricate himself from the snow at the base of the cliff, after his terrible leap, he found he had broken his leg, and this was the reason he had so quickly surrendered his snowshoes and bade his son rush into the very jaws of death, while he himself remained in comparative se-

He dared not mention his injury to Al-fred lest it might detain him on his errand of mercy; but the pain was very severe, and, coupled with minor bruises, was suffi-cient to cause him to lose consciousness

as soon as Alfred had left him.
On regaining his reason, a terrified glance showed him the dreaded avalanche had done its work, and that another chap-ter of that vision of the Christmas Eve was verified. His terror and anxiety may be imagined. He did not know how long he had been unconscious, but he feared it was only for a very brief time, and he felt sure Alfred had not been able to reach the cabin and effect a rescue of its inmates.

In that case he had not only failed in his mission in obedience to the demand of the spirit from the other world and the dictates of humanity, but had sent Alfred to a horrible death as well. His thoughts spurred him to make a superhuman effort to crawl toward the fatal spot, as though he might yet be able to do something to atone for his grievous mistakes, but he could not; and with an agonizing appeal to God that his life, too, might be taken,

he again relapsed into unconsciousness.

As Alfred saw the women coming toward him his joy was unspeakable, but the smile that overspread his face quickly turned to a look of horror, for a low, rumbling was heard, as though from deep in the earth, and it momentarily grew louder and louder. A glance up the mountain showed louder. A glance up the mountain showed him the awe-inspiring spectacle of a mighty avalanche, from beneath which two defenseless women were fleeing for their lives; for now they, too, understood the summons that had called them forth, and, summons that had called them forth, and, quickly appreciating the circumstances, they struck out in an oblique direction, which took them to the base of a high, steep ledge, at the very edge of the path of the avalanche.

They were none too soon, for instantly they sank with exhaustion at its base, and tons of soft snow came over the brink.

tons of soft snow came over the brink, completely shutting them in, but fortunately not injuring them in the least, for the snow that came over the cliff was carried with such impetus that it cleared the base of the ledge, leaving a small open

To this circumstance the fugitives owed their lives. They encountered very little difficulty in extricating themselves from difficulty in extricating themselves from their involuntary prison, and were soon on their way to the disabled mountaineer, whom they found, to their dismay, badly, though not fatally, hurt.

They lost no time in applying such restoratives as Nature provided, and in the use of which they were entirely conversant.

SUITS

On again becoming conscious, the mountaineer felt the soft hand of Agnes on his head, as she bathed the wound in his temples, and opening his eyes, he saw assisting her the mother and Alfred.

But little more remains to be told. The Brown women were homeless and almost penniless. The Smiths—father and son—needed just such help as the women could give, especially at this time; thus, perhaps, it was but natural that one party should co-operate with the other.

A few weeks later, as the circuit of that section came over the hills, and and Alfred were united in marriage, and taineer, his face lit up with happines and contentment, said:

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"Waal, I guess bein's you're bout it marriage, and hitch as you're here ag'in."

Thus a double wedding resulted, and it was a union of hearts as well as habe was a union of hearts as well as habe was a union of hearts as well as habe merous and often tell the story, but marriage, and hitch was a union of the hit was a well as habe with the fact that the morning stress on the fact that the Mrs. Smiths, when wishing to turn laugh on their husbands, would turn the morning they saw the men leap from the ledge they thought they were in hurry to get at the turkey then being by pared for dinner.

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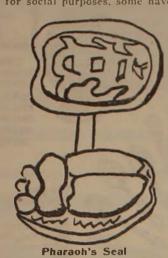
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is supposed to symbolize the rising sun and coming of the spring sun of the vernal equinox in the zodiacal sign of the ram. The uses to which scarabs were put were numerous. They were used by monarchs for sending out proclamations. These were mostly quite large. Many were worn as amulets. Numbers of scarabs have ornaments or general inscriptions, some have personal names and friendly wishes (these were probably presents to friends). Again, scarabs have been found strung together like beads for religious purposes similar to our rosary. Of those used for social purposes, some have "Good



Luck" signs or "A Happy Life"; these were used for sealing letters. Those having the cartouche of the reigning Pharaoh were, no doubt, worn out of loyalty. Some were joined to the representation of the human heart, in which was inscribed "Life, Stability and Protection." They were talismans. Some had the names of deities, officials, private persons. Some had monograms. had monograms.

One large class, known as heart scarabs were found in mummies. They are from two to three inches long, and replaced the heart which had been taken out in the process of embalming. They are mostly of hard yellowish or dark green stone.

CARTOUCHES

The broad oval outline of the scarab was in the earlier Egyptian period used as a distinctive framework in which to inclose the hieroglyphic names of Egyptian kings. In later historic inscriptions this wide oval circle surrounding the royal name (known as a "cartouche") gave way to a much more elongated cartouche. Hence the shape of the scarab outline in Hence the shape of the scarab outline in a cartouche assists to the knowledge of its relative date.



Scarabs were a favorite form of signet for finger rings, in which cases they revolved on an axis. The flat incised surface (reverse was worn next the finger), when it was to be used for official signatures the ring was taken off the finger and the scarab side turned inward to allow the impression to be made. Now, very few scarab rings are ever found mounted in gold or cut in the precious stones. There are only very few extant. Some are in the Cairo Museum, and in these the jeweler's art shows really wonderful workmanship. The fact of their almost entire absence, however, must in nowise be considered proof that the ancient Egyptians owned but few such really valuable gems. The tombs of the Egyptian kings wherever recognizable had been for centuries looted by passing Arabs, and these later day inhabitants knew the value of the precious metals and precious stones, but they had no use for the glazed bug effigies and they attached no significance to hieroglyphics. From those still existing we know that during and after the Scarabs were a favorite form of signet ing we know that during and after the XII Dynasty (2778 to 2565 B. c.) heautiful productions were made of gold and precious stones. All this might be supposed, for Isis was a patron of the arts.

A very favorite form of scarah decora-

A very favorite form of scarab decora-tion with the ancient Egyptians is re-produced, known generally as a winged scarab. To make a long story short, wings spread out in this fashion were symbolic of "protection"—in this case, of course, "divine" protection, for the scarab was the emblem of the divinity Kheper. It was also symbolical of death under certain conditions.

And finally a useful form of scarab decoration is found in the familiar winged

beetle.
Glancing back at the cartouches of Ptolemy and Cleopatra, it may prove of interest to state that these two royal cartouches figured very usefully in the unraveling of the ancient 'anguages, for they are alphabetic arrangements of the hieroglyphic signature.

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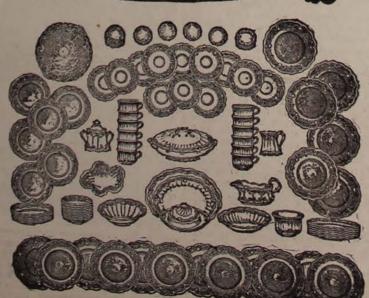
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