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GINGER SNAPS

After 6,000 years doctors don't know exactly how we breathe

Love still has something of the sea from whence his mother rose.

Rome was not built in a day, but the vandals kicked it over in about an hour.

There are people in every town who would greatly improve the place by leaving it.

No woman should marry a man with bad habits unless he will promise to reform.

A young man has a fine opportunity to display good judgment when he selects a father-in-law.

St Spoodles is some singer, but he reads music by ear and sometimes it sounds as if he had the cacarache.

The love that survives the little commonplace frictions of everyday life together is the genuine article.

The accumulation of wealth is a simple process. Get all the money you can and hold onto all the money you get.

Looks as if some women had swapped their thinking caps for dustin' caps, the way they wear them every place they go.—Chicago Record-Herald.

BY THE WAYSIDE

Love is fire taken from the altar of heaven.

Memories are pearls from the necklace of the past.

When sin becomes a trade it becomes a pleasure.

If you feel you are going to be beaten before you start a thing, don't start it.

It is far easier for a man to please a woman than it is for a woman to please a man.

Troubles aren't anything to talk about. Every one has a choice collection of his own.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

The chestnut blight has destroyed \$10,000,000 worth of valuable timber in Pennsylvania.

The German standard of light measurement is nine-tenths that of the international candle power.

There are 180,000 dry goods stores in the United States, and of these 27,000 are department stores.

The dry farming congress met at Garden City, Kan., in a pouring rain. The farmers are said to have been much amused at the ironical situation.

A device small enough to be carried in a soldier's knapsack, yet powerful enough to capsize an aeroplane high in the air, has been invented by a French scientist.

With whistles tooting and sirens screeching the last horse car in San Francisco started on its farewell trip through the city streets, with Mayor Rolph on the front platform driving.

A farm of 160 acres has been deeded to the schools of Paola, Kan. Money from the farm is used to buy books, clothing, etc., for boys and girls who wish a high school education but cannot afford it.

A man with a liking for statistics, and after several months of hard work, has found that there are 1,700,000 persons living on this terrestrial globe, included in this wonderful array of figures is the fact that there are five and a half million more men than women. In the United States, according to the last census, there are 47,332,122 men and 44,640,141 women, or a total of males and females of 91,972,263.

WHY PEOPLE TRAVEL

Because it costs more than they can afford.

Because they don't know all the disagreeable things that will happen to them.

Because it is the only way in which they can discover how comfortable they are at home.

Because it gives them the illusion of superiority and furnishes them with topics of conversation.

Because it helps them to get better acquainted with their neighbors—some of whom they are bound to fall in with on their travels.

Because they think they are going to learn something, and it is only by traveling that they can discover that knowledge does not come by travel.—Life.

THEY SAY

Edison says that in 100 years there will be no poverty. None for any of us, certainly.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says that "man hasn't made good." Very sorry, madam. 'E's bloomin' 'ard to fire.

Edea Goodrich says that blondes must go. Well, they are going. Several of us know are going abroad and one is going to get married.

W. D. Howells says: "Keep a notebook and put down all the clever things you hear." One about the size of a stampbook will last several years.

Fogg says that the Goodwin-Hopper version of the old motto seems to be: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again."—Boston Transcript.

EPIGRAMMATICALLY SPEAKING

He marries first who marries last.

Kiss—The triumph of matter over mind.

Women feel a certain proprietorship in all dissipated men.

In the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of the same thing young women think about all the year around.

The American Flag—A decoration for public dance halls, circus lemonade stands, side shows, boxing arenas, barber poles, clambakes and Daughters of the Revolution.—Smart Set.

PITH OF EXPERIENCE.

Beauty used to be skin deep. Now they are adding a layer of kalsomine.

Almost any boob could grasp an opportunity if a set of printed directions went with it.

Funny how the dear old gentleman who just has to pat a child on the head unerringly picks out the one with the pretty mother.

DERIVATION OF WORDS

The dollar was thaler, German.

Ethics comes from ethos, custom.

Black comes from night, the absence of light.

The florin was first made in the city of Florence.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR JULY 27.

MOSES' REQUEST REFUSED.

LESSON TEXT—EX. 3:1-14. GOLDEN TEXT—"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."—Matt. 5:4.

Only one incident is mentioned with reference to that long journey Moses had to take in returning from Midian to Egypt. "The Lord met him and sought to kill him." (4:24). Moses is about to pronounce a fearful penalty, see 4:23, and it was necessary that he comprehend the terrible meaning of his threat. Also he had neglected to observe the sign of covenant peace (circumcision) with his youngest son, and that was a serious delinquency for the future leader of Israel. "It was necessary at this stage of his experience that he should learn that God is in earnest when he speaks, and will assuredly perform all that he has threatened." (Murphy.)

Showing himself with Aaron, the elders of Israel are soon convinced that God had sent them and was about to work out through Moses and Aaron the long promised deliverance.

Issue Plainly Stated. I. Moses' Message, vv. 1-9. Moses and Aaron plainly stated the issue at the very outset. "Thus saith the Lord God of Israel" (v. 1). This was at once a challenge as to the boasted superior greatness of the Egyptian gods. It also touched Pharaoh's pride for he was an absolute monarch and can afford these representatives of an oppressed people any liberties? Lastly, it was a question of economic importance.

Pharaoh looked upon these Israelites as his own property, now they are claimed for another. "Let my people go." In contempt, Pharaoh exclaims, "Who is Jehovah?" It was in answer to that very question Moses had been sent and right well was Pharaoh to learn the answer ere the account is settled. Men are flippantly asking that same question today, both by word and conduct, who will find out to their final sorrow who Jehovah is, and why they should obey his voice. Pharaoh spoke the truth when he said "I know not the Lord," but though he seems to boast of that he little knew what it means for a man to set up his will against that of God. "I will not" was the proud boast of a weak, willful, ignorant worm of the dust, for all his exalted position among men. Read 2 Thess. 1:8 and Rom. 1:28.

In reply, (v. 3) Moses, and Aaron did not seek to argue the case. Very little is ever gained by such a method, much better for us to deliver God's message verbatim and trust to the holy spirit to bring conviction. Moses and Aaron were far more afraid of the pestilence and sword of Jehovah than the boasted power of Pharaoh. God does punish disobedience whether we like it or not. see Deut. 28:21, Zech. 14:16-19, etc. This fearlessness angered Pharaoh (v. 4) and he commands them and their brethren at once to resume their burdens. The world is constantly accusing the servants of God of unfitting people for their work. see Amos 7:10, Luke 23:2 and Acts 17:6.

Truth Confirmed. The truth of this narrative is confirmed by the bricks found in the ruins of cities built during this period of Egyptian history. The bricks were made of clay mixed with stubble, rather than the ordinary straw and baked in the sun rather than in a kiln.

II. Pharaoh's Method, vv. 10-15. It must have been a severe test of faith for the Israelites to have had their hopes thus dashed and new grievous burdens thrust upon them. Before, the government furnished the necessary straw, now they must get it themselves and at the same time keep up the usual toll of bricks.

Those who were beaten (v. 14) were of their own number who were held accountable under the Egyptian taskmasters for the conduct of the whole. Is this not suggestive of one other than ourselves "who bore our sins in his own body on the tree" and "by whose stripes we are healed?"

How little we comprehend, even with centuries of Christian history as our guide and the inspired word as our teacher, the full meaning of Paul's words, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18. But God is mindful of his own and as soon as Moses and Aaron turned to him he gives them a most gracious renewal of his promise and of the ultimate blessing, see Chapter 6:1-8.

III. The Summary. God's ways of deliverance are never easy. His people are always slow to believe and his enemies have a hard hearted and terrible persistence in their opposition to him and his plans. But God does not permit this defeat, nor prevent the accomplishment of his purposes. When pain has done its work he makes it to cease. When the fire has burned out the dross he will extinguish it. Pharaoh esteemed human life cheaply, how about the sweat shop of today? "Let my people go" is the watch-word of the fight that is still in progress. Israelitish oppression still survives.

Church Notes

ARIZONA'S STATE PRESIDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

From a German emigrant boy of fourteen years, coming to America, to the position of Professor of Psychology and Philosophy with a Ph.D. earned while in the University of Jena, is quite a far cry. It means achievement of a high order. This distinction belongs to Prof. R. H. Blome, president of the Arizona State Sunday School association and one of the elders of the Presbyterian church of Flagstaff, and teacher of a large adult Bible class.

Mr. Blome began his Sunday school career in Downers Grove, Illinois, and he has attended Sunday school constantly since the year 1876. He has been superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school in Normal and also in Paxton, Illinois, and in Temple, Arizona. He received his early education in Illinois and later went to the Illinois state university and then returned to his native land to study in the University of Jena. Returning to America, Prof. Blome became an instructor in the Temple Normal school in Arizona, and he has for the past four years been Professor of Psychology and Pedagogy in the Northern Arizona Normal school at Flagstaff, Arizona.

"While I am a German, I am also thoroughly American," says Prof. Blome. "I am interested in building up American institutions and am giving my life to the work."

Prof. Blome is peculiarly fitted to advance the cause of the Sunday school, because of his constant association with young people and his general fitness for working with the young. He is quite willing to be called a Sunday school enthusiast after nearly forty years of constant service as a Sunday school worker.

UNION MEETINGS.

Union services in the evening will be with the Chautauqua people, unless otherwise notified.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. J. H. Williams, pastor, Sunday services: Class meeting at 10:00 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 and 7:30 Sunday school at 12:00 m. Epworth League, at 6:30 p. m. Mid-week meeting, Wednesday, at 8:00 p. m. Women's Missionary Societies, first Thursday afternoon of each month Ladies' Aid Society, second Thursday afternoon of each month. Choir rehearsal, Friday, at 7:45 p. m.

Sunday Services.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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Mr. William Dean Elliott, student in charge.

Sunday—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m. Holy Eucharist, second Sunday in each month. Week Days—Altar Guild first Tuesday in each month. Woman's Auxiliary second Tuesday in each month. Woman's Guild first and third Wednesday. Choir practice, Fridays, 8 p. m.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Judson B. Thomas, D. D., of the First Baptist church of Austin, will speak at the Baptist church here next Sunday, July 27. Dr. Thomas is the father of the late Dr. B. W. Parkers, and a man of great wisdom and experience who has a right to bear him.

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G. PAHL, Pastor.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.

Sunday service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The reading room is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p. m. The Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased of the one in charge. Visitors are welcome.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Leo Schmitt, pastor, Sunday services: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Y. P. A., 2:45, and Senior Y. P. A. at 8:45 p. m. Mid-week meetings: Wednesday at 8 p. m., and Thursday at 7:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal at 8:45.

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