

Literary Notes

GOD'S BARGAIN COUNTER.

John Ruskin.
No cheating or bargaining will ever get a single thing out of nature's "establishment" at half price. Do we want to be strong?—we must work. To be hungry?—we must starve. To be happy?—we must be kind. To be wise? we must look and think. No changing of place at a hundred miles an hour, nor making of stuffs a thousand yards a minute, will make us one whit stronger, happier, or wiser. There was always more in the world than men could see, walked they ever so slowly; they will see it no better for going fast. And they will at last, and soon, too, find out that their grand inventions for conquering (as they think) space and time, do, in reality, conquer nothing; for space and time are, in their own essence, unconquerable, and besides did not want any sort of conquering; they wanted using. A fool always wants to shorten space and time: a wise man wants to lengthen both. A fool wants to kill space and kill time: a wise man, first to gain them, then to animate them.—The Religion of Ruskin, page 124.

LIFE BETTER THAN MONEY.

John Ruskin.
There will be always men who would fain set themselves to the accumulation of wealth as the sole object of their lives. Necessarily, that class of men is an uneducated class, inferior in intellect, and more or less cowardly. It is physically impossible for a well-educated, intellectual, or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts; as physically impossible as it is for him to make his dinner the principal object of them. All healthy people like their dinners, but their dinner is not the main object of their lives. So all healthily minded people like making money—ought to like it, and to enjoy the sensation of winning it; but the main object of their life is not money; it is something better than money. A good soldier, for instance, mainly wishes to do his fighting well. He is glad of his pay—very properly so; and justly grumbles when you keep him ten years without it—still, his main notion of life is to win battles, not to be paid for winning them. So of clergymen. They like pew-rents, and baptismal fees, of course; but yet, if they are brave and well educated, the pew-rent is not the sole object of their lives, and the baptismal fee is not the sole purpose of the baptism; the clergyman's object is essentially to baptize and preach, not to be paid for preaching. So of doctors. They like fees no doubt—ought to like them; yet if they are brave and well educated, the entire object of their lives is not fees. They, of the whole, desire to cure the sick; and—if they are good doctors, and the choice were fairly put to them—would rather cure their patient, and lose their fee, than kill him, and get it. And so with all other brave and rightly trained men; their work is first, their fee second—very important always, but still second. But in every nation, as I said, there are a vast class who are ill-educated, cowardly, and more or less stupid. And with these people, just as certainly the fee is first, and the work second, as with brave people the work is first and the fee second. And this is no small distinction. It is the whole distinction in a man; distinction between life and death in him, between heaven and hell for him. You cannot serve two masters—you must serve one or other. And it makes a difference, now and ever, believe me, whether you serve Him who has on His vesture and thigh written, "King of Kings," and whose service is perfect freedom; or him on whose vesture and thigh the name is written, "Slave of Slaves," and whose service is perfect slavery.—Religion of Ruskin, page 366.

Coy Young Thing.
The following advertisement recently appeared: "Being aware that it is indelicate to advertise for a husband, I refrain from doing so; but if any gentleman should be inclined to advertise for a wife, I will answer the advertisement without delay. I am young, am domesticated, and considered ladylike. Apply," etc.

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"GOD BLESS OUR OFFICE."

A simple woman went into a store to purchase the familiar legend, "God Bless Our Home," and then her mind, following the thread of the family love, shot away over the path whither her husband had gone in the morning to his task downtown and turning to the clerk she said: "I wonder whether you could let me have one with the words, 'God Bless Our Office'?" The man looked at her for a moment and with a ring of sarcasm in his voice said: "Madam, isn't that rather a large order?" And that seems to be the thought in the mind of the average man in business, it seems absolutely impossible for him to conceive that anybody should want to put in any office the prayer, "God Bless Our Office."

After a great revival, during which a great merchant was converted, a woman in the store asked him: "Is this real English lace?" "It was, madam, previous to the revival, but it isn't now; it is simply imitation."
Beethoven, when he had completed one of his grand musical compositions, was accustomed to test it on an old harpsichord, lest a more perfect instrument might flatter it or hide its defects. The old harpsichord on which to test our religious life, our new song, is in our everyday business life. If the righteous hold on his way and can stand the test of business his religion is genuine and will make life, death and the vast forever one grand, sweet song.—Chicago Tribune.

Barred Out.

"There's no telling what you may see in time," said the teacher of the settlement. "Lincoln was president of the United States, and yet he was only a rail-splitter."
"Ain't no chance for we uns," spoke up a little towhead, "kaze there's a no-nonsense law now!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Mingling of Past and Present.

An immigrant hotel in a narrow street between Church and Greenwich streets, New York, has a veranda in front, where immigrants sit in the evening, smoke German pipes, wear wooden shoes and drink beer. In the basement are a bank, a billiard table and an intelligence office. Open all night.

Men Bitten by Baby Turtles.

Frank Sterling's bantam hen fussed around so at Pittsburgh to rear a family he put six turtle eggs under her. She swelled with pride as she felt something moving around under her later, but the next instant was running through the yard with a baby turtle clinging to each leg.

A Slam at the Eternal Feminine.

The eternal feminine is that portion of the normal woman which is glad when one man can't live without her, and gladder when two can't live without her, and gladdest when so many can't live without her that somebody has to be killed off.—Puck.

A Tip.

Sin may pay as a one-night engagement, but in the long run it closes the theater.—Chicago Journal.

His Two Confidantes.

When a man gets mad there is only one woman in the world besides his wife who knows how mad he can get, and that is the telephone girl.—Athleticon Globe.

The Soft Answer.

Anger is like the waves of a troubled sea; when it is corrected with a soft reply, as with a little strand, it retires and leaves nothing behind but froth and shells—no permanent mischief.—Jeremy Taylor.

Baby Was Buffer for Falling Dog.

The infant of Mrs. Esther Laffer was in a baby carriage in front of No. 143 Eighth street, Jersey City, when a dog fell from a window overhead and hit the carriage head first. Neither baby nor dog was injured.

Living Out.

It is a striking fact that even in the busy cities of Scotland girl workers usually live out, there, as in the colonies, the so-called barrack system being antipathetic to the temperament of the people.—Woman at Home.

Common Cause of Colds.

The fact that colds are more common in winter than in summer is not due simply to the lower temperature. It is mainly because people spend less of their time in the open air. Dreading the chilly air they remain indoors the health is proportionately lowered and they take cold easily.

Our Wife Says:

Eve should have been a model wife; anyway, she was dressed like a model.

Got the Right Man.

The man who rocked a boat on a Massachusetts reservoir was drowned, while the others in the craft all escaped. There are times when the fool killer really sees his duty and does it.

Our Wife Says:

Man's inferiority to woman is established by the fact that he can't work and talk at the same time.

Establishes New Precedent.

There is in New York a man who has gone insane because he made money rapidly. Usually this kind of insanity develops in the sons of the men who do the money-making.

Special Assessment Notice No. 150.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that a sanitary sewer be constructed and laid in and along Glencoe avenue in said city, connecting with the southerly line of the present sewer now laid in said Glencoe avenue at a point which would be intersected by the southerly line of Lot 7 in Block 3 of George L. Wrenn's Addition to Highland Park, produced easterly in its course across said Glencoe avenue, thence southerly along said Glencoe avenue for a distance of seven hundred and sixty (700) feet, together with man-holes, one flushing connection and house junctions, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city; and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 5th day of October, A. D. 1908, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in five (5) installments with interest at the rate of five (5) per centum per annum, on all installments, from and after date of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

CHARLES L. FINNEY,

Officer Appointed to Make Said Assessment. Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, September 18, 1908.

Special Assessment Notice No. 151.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that Central avenue in said city, from the easterly line of Green Bay Road easterly for a distance of eight hundred and fifty-three (853) feet, be graded, curbed, drained, paved with macadam and otherwise improved, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 5th day of October, A. D. 1908, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in ten (10) installments with interest at the rate of five (5) per centum per annum, on all installments, from and after date of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

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Special Assessment Notice No. 149.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that a concrete cement sidewalk be constructed and laid in, upon and along the westerly side of Sheridan Road from the southerly line of Beech street southerly to the northerly line of Cedar avenue, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 5th day of October, A. D. 1908, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

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A Question.

Suppose a man happened to be upon an airship when the world came to an end, what would become of him? Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Why "Deaf as an Adder."

"Deaf as an adder," taken from "deaf adder that stoppeth her ears" the Psalms, is founded on an oriental superstition that a serpent presses its ear to the ground while covering itself with its tail—an acrobatic feat that might stump even the wisdom of a serpent, since a snake has no external ear.

Poor Companion.

Folly is never long pleased with self.—German Proverb.

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Lake Forest

daughters of Mr. J. O. Loring Center, Iowa, entered Lake Forest this week they were among the first to walk through the fern yards on account of the bridge, arriving in the time to find they had missed their young ladies sat on their suit-waited patiently an hour for

a queer design you have in your billhead," remarked... "It's merely a little flow-d the tailor. "Think it's ap-do you?" "Yes, it's a for-

my friend, I open my new arrow. How would you start u will advertise, of course." "don't think I will." "Then I to start with a closing out

feel plus are made at Bir-England, than anywhere world, it is said, and over are pointed there every

Time.—It is almost irred-d the familiar story about r Temple when he was Exeter. He turned up un-to spend the night at a story, and the good rector, ence of his wife, did his to make his guest comfort-ut him, of course, into the om. Next morning, when ly-by, he ventured to express at the bishop would bring le with him next time. t know," said Dr. Temple, t way, and with a twinkle "my wife isn't used to " The crestfallen rector is strange remark to the n her return. "Where did " implied that practical a. She was told, "Why? he asked, "Didn't you know all the heat silver under of that had?"—The Chris-

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