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One thing cannot fail to impress every visitor to Bethlehem, and, indeed, to the Holy Land, generally, who is imbued with true Christian faith and a proper sense of the sanctity of the location and of the events that have transpired there, and that is the more than remarkable correspondence between the things and places shown us today as having been associated with the life and work of the Saviour and other events that enter into the structure of our religious faith and the descriptions and accounts of them, as furnished us in the pages of the Holy Scriptures, writes Charles A. Brassler, in the Columbian. They agree with them in every respect, and it is impossible, after carefully considering and comparing them, to doubt their identity, so exactly are they in accord with the Bible narrative. The work in the fields, the arrangement of the buildings, the very articles of diet and clothing of ancient days are plainly recognizable in the doings and surroundings of today. Indeed, where modern methods have not become obtrusive the manners and customs of the people remain much the same as in the days of the presence on earth of the Saviour. Between the descriptions given in the Bible of localities, climatic and geographical conditions, distances, etc., of these times and those of today there, is hardly any discrepancy.

There are certain laws that apply to mental processes with which everyone is familiar. One of them relates to the danger of idleness and its use by an individual whose name is not mentioned in polite society. There is no class of people so apt to do foolish and imprudent things as the girls who have nothing to occupy their minds, says the Newark News. The girl that has to work for a living is really safer than the one who is under no such compulsion. Where a girl has no serious interests her future is largely dependent upon the discretion and discernment of her parents or guardians. The Philadelphia girl that ran away with a hotel waiter, according to reports, has been fac-

given. From what is known to the public concerning the case, she should have been. But has she forgiven her guardians? She is not as much to blame as those who neglected to take care of her. If her life had been normal she would not have been seized by the notions that have drawn a cloud over her.

In the report for September of the department of labor on industrial accidents Consul A. G. Seyfert of Owen Sound notes the statement that more persons were killed and injured in Canada on the farm than on the railroads. Twenty-two persons were killed and 35 seriously injured while engaged in farm work, while railroads only killed 15 and seriously injured 13 who were in the railway service. The main cause of the many fatalities on the farm was the deadly threshing machine. The total number of accidents to working people for the month was 272, of which 91 were fatal and 181 serious injuries.

An inventor in New York claims to have perfected a solid fuel for automobiles, the chief advantages of which are that it gives off no odor and is smokeless. As soon as we are assured that his new fuel is as he represents it to be we shall start a movement for the purpose of having him accepted as one of the country heroes.

It is said that the recklessness of chauffeurs in New York has been accentuated by the acquittal of one of them on the charge of murder. However, the acquittal was not to be avoided. It was proved conclusively at the trial that the accident would not have occurred if the victims had kept off the street.

We are glad to have that newspaper clipping giving the information that "flies will not alight on picture frames if you keep them well rubbed with oil," but it would be just like us to lose it before next summer.

The Old Man With the Scythe

THE wonderful new year has a way of coming round once in twelve months, seeming so much the same when it dawns upon us as the one just passed that we hardly realize another one has been added to those who answer to the roll call of Time. When we do realize it, there is always a bit of silence, except with the children—with them everything is new, as we think of the fresh book of three hundred and sixty-five leaves that opens in its whiteness for us to fill the pages. And we hope that the record will be better than any previous one, whether good or ill. And we put up a little prayer that we may "make good" our nobler resolves and "measure up" toward our high ideals, so that the world shall be better for our having lived this year. It is a good time to be optimistic, to believe, with Browning, that—"God's in His Heaven! All's well with the world" when time begins throwing his white roses at us, and every passing year puts into his laden wallet a little light from the eyes, a little bloom and softness from the cheeks, a little gloss and color from the hair, a little lightness from the step, and bestows upon us, in their stead, a varied assortment of odds and ends, which are, as to value, exactly what we choose to make them. It needs a little moral alchemy to turn them into gold and diamonds, pearls and opals; but with this transforming touch, Time's gifts are—a growing patience which brings sweetness and gentleness in the train. And all of these things write themselves clearly enough on ageing faces, sometimes beautifying what was once almost destitute of charm; and sometimes spiritualizing what once was beautiful in form and color, but lacked the loveliness that results from an equal balance of mind and heart.

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