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EMULATION COUNTS IN LIFE

Woman Evangelist Was Evidently Aware of the Fact, and Turned It to Advantage.

In an Indiana city, not long ago, a woman evangelist held a revival meeting. She took no collections while the services were in progress, but on the final night she announced that a free-will offering would be in order. Interest in the meetings had been growing and the church was crowded to capacity. The ushers, with contribution plates, started on their rounds. The evangelist said she had instructed them to say "Amen" whenever 25 cents was dropped into the plate; when 50 cents the usher was to say "Hallelujah!" and when \$1 the usher was to say "Glory hallelujah!" in a loud tone. The collection amount to \$1,100.

If there had been no emulation the total might have been small, but the evangelist knew that no person with money to give would be content with an "Amen" when a neighbor, sitting in the next pew, was acclaimed with a "Glory hallelujah!" The same principle holds good in everyday life. If one man has a fine vegetable garden it is an incentive to his neighbors. The interest women have in pretty frocks is largely due to somebody getting one and making the others desire something equally becoming. Men would care little for position if it were not for the age-old lure that makes them want a better job than the other fellow.

Without such emulation there would be nothing to drag men and women away from the commonplace things of life. There would be nothing to induce one boy to seek for the head of his class or persuade him that he should run for president later on. Many, of course, are content to have "Amen" said to their efforts in life, but more want to hear the "Glory hallelujah!"—Indianapolis News.

LIVE IN STRANGE ABODES

Danes and Hollanders Would Seem to Take Big Chances in the North Sea.

The world's strangest dwelling places are to be found in the North sea, not far from Helgoland.

Centuries ago there was a large and prosperous island province, called Nordstrand, off the coast of Schleswig-Holstein. Storm and earthquake destroyed it one Sunday night, and nearly 8,000 people were drowned.

In course of time, however, high mounds emerged from the waters, and ultimately venturesome Hollanders built their cottages on the summits of these mounds. By snaring fowl and wild duck, collecting eggs, oysters, and seals, they managed to eke out a living.

The sea-girl mounds are known as "halligen." Except on Oland, the largest, there are no trees or fuel, except that obtained from submerged beds of peat, and no fresh water except rain-water collected in butts.

Nevertheless, adventurous Danes and Hollanders, attracted by the thousands of wild fowl and fish, continue to live on the "halligen," in spite of the fact that four months in the year the coarse grass pastures, on which cattle just manage to live, lie under water. Sometimes all is swept away.

Storied Old City.

Danzig is one of the most strongly fortified cities in the world, and has been so through its history. It was a free city through centuries for the same reason that most free cities of the marauding ages were free—because its people had seized upon the naturally powerful defensive topography of the country surrounding, and made its defenses almost impregnable. It was too tough a nut for the kings of the middle ages to crack with their armies, so they graciously allowed it to be free. Under the former German emperor, its militaristic aspect was even more accentuated than it was in the days when it was one of the "Big Four" of the Hanseatic league. With Konigsberg, Thorn and Posch, it formed a mighty chain of fortresses.

First "Dust" Explosion.

Until the summer of 1878 such a thing as a "dust explosion" was unknown. No doubt many such explosions had occurred, but they were of small account and no investigation followed to disclose the true nature of the case.

In that summer the Washburn flouring mills at Minneapolis, then the largest in the world, exploded with terrific violence. Several massive buildings, with granite walls two feet thick and of particularly strong mill construction were demolished as if by an immense charge of dynamite.

The flame of the first explosion was communicated to two other mills which were destroyed in the conflagration which followed.

Joyousness.

How should it be otherwise? I can bear a melancholy man, but never a melancholy child. Into whatever quagmire the former sinks, he may raise his eyes either to the realm of reason or to that of hope; but the little child sinks and perishes in a single black poison-drop of the present time. Only imagine a child conducted to the scaffold—Cupid in a German coffin—fancy a butterfly crawling like a caterpillar with his four wings pulled off and you will feel what I mean.—Olive Wendell Holmes.



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