

NOTES AND COMMENTS

When a girl of 20 and a woman of 40 apply for the same job in the average office the girl of 20 will be given preference, asserts a prominent woman.

An answer to this question is suggested by the woman who asks it. It lies in 'owning your own business,' she asserts.

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Young Folks

The Timid Rabbit. The rabbit sat in the doorway of his house. His house was a safe, deep hole under a stump. He had two long ears sticking straight up in front, and a little wad of white tail sticking straight up behind. He was a good rabbit.

'Well,' said the little boy, 'if this rabbit will not come and play with us, we will go and play with him.'

'But, rabbit,' said the little girl, 'we have a good dog—'

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FROM PAGE TO LEGISLATOR.

James David Taylor, Member for New Westminster, B.C. A few times every generation things work out almost according to the novelist in his wildest flights of fancy. Now and then the poor boy walks into the bank and asks for a job, picking up a pin the while, and thereby attracting the attention of a grizzly, steel-headed boss, gets the job, and soon becomes president of the bank.

Nearly 40 years ago—37 to be exact—a blue-eyed blonde-haired youngster of 13 summers who bore the name of James David Taylor, applied for the position of page in the Canadian House of Commons. He got the job all right, and for the next five months of the session of '76 lightly answered the beck and call of Mackenzie (who was the Prime Minister), Macdonald, Blain, Thompson, Tupper, and incidentally Wilfrid Laurier, whose antagonist in the same Commons in the years to come fate decreed him to be. That was a stirring session, as our political historians have not neglected to note, and the youthful page imbibed in large draughts a love for political conflict, and dreamed of the days when perchance he, too, would strike a heroic pose and declaim for the 'plain people.'

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HEALTH

The Nervous Woman. How largely the attitude of our mind is responsible for the well-being or the reverse of the body is an interesting study, though few people realize how often the knowledge would save them pain and discomfort. A mental shock caused by bad news, for instance, will produce in some persons vomiting or intestinal disturbance. Indigestion and sleeplessness are two common ailments in which the mind plays an important part.

Some people still say that if this really occurs, that such patients are not actually ill, but merely pretending to be ill. But very few ever pretend to be ill unless they have something to gain by it. These sufferers are in thrall to their nerves, and the bondage is so irksome that they would certainly be thankful to cast it off. The longer it goes on, the worse it is, and the longer will it take to cure. What is wanted is mental control of the nerves, but before this can be obtained it is seen to think it had for them, and the following year he forsook the paging game to become a printer's apprentice in the office of the Ottawa Citizen, graduating as a full-fledged typographical union man five years later.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, FEBRUARY 8. Lesson VI Darkness and Light—Luke 11, 14-26, 33-36. Golden Text, Luke 11, 35. Verses 14-16 are introductory, explaining the occasion for the discourse which follows. A miracle wrought by Jesus is by some attributed to the prince of evil spirits.

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OUR REMNANT RELIGION

Largely Made Up of the Scraps of Time, Shreds of Energy and Odds and Ends of Devotion. 'And the remnant thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image.'—Isaiah xlv, 17. It is a striking portrayal which Isaiah gives us in the passage from our text is taken, of the ancient process of idol-making. He pictures a man going out into the forest and cutting down a great cedar and bringing the fallen tree to his home. Most of the wood is speedily chopped up and used in the fire, but a small residue is put aside, to be fashioned into an idol and set up and worshipped. The man 'burneth a part in the fire,' says the prophet: 'with a part he eateth flesh, he roasteth meat and is satisfied; yea, he warmeth himself and saith, Ah, I am warm. And the remnant thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image.'

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CANADA

The Dominion Twenty-n. A despatch from Ottawa contains some interesting facts relative to the condition with them in the annual report of the Department of the Interior, tabled in the House of Commons on Thursday evening by the Hon. J. G. Macdonald.

During the year 1907, 2,576, bringing them to 304 miles, Ontario, 9,000 miles; Saskatchewan, 4,601; Manitoba, 3,663; and Quebec, 3,898. At the end of 1907 miles were under construction. During the year a judgment was rendered in a capital statement. The extinguished liability for the year 1907 was \$157,000,000 of stocks and left the total at \$1,575,250,700, divided as follows: Stocks, \$162,257,224; 354,756.

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