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Home Chats

No. 28
"Do not hang all your mottoes on the wall. Hang some of them in your heart and in your life."
How Would You Like Dessert For Your First Course?

Many families in England have their dessert first. In fact, "Those people who eat Yorkshire pudding with meat and potatoes are all wrong. We eat it always at the beginning. We eat our meat," said the Yorkshire lady from England with nature's real complexion of peaches and cream.

Then by a strange coincidence advice comes from Baltimore with the same instructions. "How would you like your apple pie smothered in ice cream first and then finish with beef-steak smothered in onions?"

In China, too, the people start a meal with dessert. Then after the sweets have taken the edge off the appetite as much meat and vegetables may be eaten as desired.

The Rev. W. A. Crawford of Frost Emmorton, Md., Rector of St. Mary's church, says: "I am persuaded that this Chinese custom was adopted centuries ago as a food conservation measure, for families are common and people run into millions in small areas. These Chinese customs are more rational and less animal than ours, and it is also more healthful, for when one ends a meal with sweets and acid reaction occurs in the mouth which is bad for the teeth and system generally."

Twilight Hour Story
Chicks and Other Little Friends
Fluffy was a funny puss that day up in the attic, wasn't she? She just sat on the floor and wouldn't do anything but sit and pretend she was sleeping.



won't they be cute? Do you think their fur will be long like hers? Oh, I can hardly wait till we find them." Then he got quite excited, and getting down on the floor close to puss, he coaxed, "Fluffy, where are they? Oh, do tell us, please, Fluffy." But Fluffy just sat there and purred and put her paws under her body more comfortably and wouldn't tell a thing. They hunted and hunted but couldn't find them. If they went down stairs and listened sometimes they heard a little scratching noise. Oh, a very little noise, but that was all.

"Well Billy, I believe Fluffy has her kittens away underneath the floor. However did she get there? She must have gone away back in the attic where there is no floor and then walked along underneath between the floor and the downstairs ceiling until she got to the chimney. She chose a nice warm spot, didn't she? But how are we going to get them out is the question," said Mamma Lady, thoughtfully and quite puzzled. "If Daddy were here he'd soon get them out by taking up the floor, but he won't be back for three weeks. If we should leave them there all that time they would be so shy we couldn't get near them. We want them tame and cute, don't we?"

"I should say we do," he sighed. "What can we do, Mamma? We must think up a way." Billy was feeling pretty disappointed. "Why did she go and put them away in there?" "Well, you see, Rover is pretty big looking to Fluffy, and sometimes a little rough. I guess she remembered how he used to run after her babies. So now she was just little. So now she thought he might hurt her babies." They walked slowly back to the attic door leading downstairs and when they looked for Fluffy she wasn't there.

Mamma Lady laughed. You see, dear, Fluffy went to her kittens when they weren't looking. She seems to want to tease us, doesn't she? Now that she is with them, perhaps if we go back we can hear them when she starts washing them sit over like Topsy used to do with hers out in the barn. They are always so glad to see her they begin to meow, which means, 'Hello, Mamma, I'm glad you are back.' So back they hurried for the spot where they thought the kittens might be, and put their ears to the floor and listened.

A World Language
Cairo Sphinx: One of the anomalies of Egypt is the fact that Egyptians take more time and trouble to learn English than any other foreign language, and yet fail to insist on its full use as a secondary language. English is the administrative language of five hundred million—one-third the world's population. It is the language of the sea and of commerce, is taught in practically all the secondary schools in most of the civilized countries, and in the language in which 65 per cent of foreign business are conducted. Nearly the whole world's literature is in English, as some amazing statistics have recently shown. English is spoken all over the world except in Slavie Eastern Europe, Asia Minor and South America, but even there its gaining ground. It is the second language of the Mohammedan world.

The Green Bank of England

Have you seen the gold in the Green Bank of England? Wonderful, beautiful, lovely to behold—Aconite and coltsfoot, buttercup and daffodil, Crocus and celandine, and dandelion hold!

Have you found the gold in the Green Bank of England? You may go and take it—none of it is sold. Gorse, broom, and ragwort, bedstraw and cowslip, Kingcup and pansy, and silverweed gold.

Yours is the gold in the Green Bank of England. Yours for the asking—treasure untold: Potentilla, primrose, yellow vetch, and trefoil, Pimpernel and hawkweed, and pussycow gold. —Florence Hoatson, in "The Little White Gate."

A Windy-Day Task
It is well to select a warm day for washing quilts, and a bit of wind is helpful in hurrying the drying process. A generous suds is made in soft water, or water softened with borax, using a mild soap or soap flakes. The quilt is immersed in this soapy bath and allowed to soak for 30 minutes before the washing proper begins.

A Case in Camera
The police officer was put in the witness box. "Well, constable," said the magistrate, "what is the accused charged with?" "He's a camera fiend of the worst type, sir," said the constable, "and

High Noon in Camp
Boy scout rings eight bells—the noon hour—in the scout camp at Gilwell Park, near London, England. Sea time has been used in the scout camp since 1899.



Argentine's Hope



Jago Jurado, Argentine golf champion, equalled course record with a 71 in second round of British open golf championship at Carnoustie, Scotland. Nevertheless he bowed in the final to Tommy Armour, Canadian open champion.

June
What is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days; Then Heaven tries the earth, if it be in tune, And ever if softly her warm ear lies, Whether we look, or whether we listen, We hear life murmur or see it glisten.

Uses Stage Magic To Reclaim Boys
Columbus, Ohio.—Stage magic is being used to control and help wayward boys and make them useful members of society. J. Harry Messersmith of Harrisburg, Pa., attending the International Brotherhood of Magicians' convention, disclosed how he utilizes his tricks to arouse the interest of wayward youths and direct them to the straight path.

Water Sterilized by Beads; Harmful Germs Electrocutted
Harmful germs in water are electrocutted by a sterilizing process developed in England that uses neither chemicals nor filters. Instead the water is purified by simply immersing specially treated silver beads in it, explains "Popular Mechanics Magazine." It has long been known that certain metals, including silver, gold and palladium, have the property of destroying bacteria, when brought in contact with them, and the sterilizer accelerates what is called the "oligo-dynamic" action so that water is made germ-free in one or two hours.

Mummy's Name for Him
A four-year-old boy was asked by an elderly visitor what his name was. "Jinky," replied the boy. "But have you no other name?" asked the visitor. "No," replied the boy. "But what is your father's name?" she persisted. "Daddy," came the reply. "No, no," she went on; "hasn't he another name? What does your mummy call him?" "Father!" the boy replied.

Sunday School Lesson

July 5. Lesson—The Gift of the Holy Spirit—Acts 1: 6-11; 2: 1-4. Golden Text—Ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria; and unto the uttermost part of the earth.—Acts 1: 8.

ANALYSIS
I. THE PROMISE, Acts 1: 6-12.
II. THE PREPARATION, Acts 1: 13, 14.
III. THE FULFILLMENT, Acts 2: 1-13.

INTRODUCTION—This week we begin a study of early Christianity and its spread into the Gentile world. The movement was definitely launched in that glowing experience on the day of Pentecost. On several previous occasions the crucified Lord was alive. But these moments of illumination were not long continued, and eventually they ceased altogether. "Jesus was parted from them" at the Ascension. Then, ten days later, came this new experience—"The Gift of the Holy Spirit."

I. THE PROMISE, Acts 1: 6-12.
The disciples were met together for what turned out to be the Risen Lord's last appearance. Their minds were occupied, not with dreams of the promised Spirit (v. 1), but with dreams of a restored national independence. The kingdom of God which they had in mind was material, national, and to be won by force. Their Master brushed aside their questioning about this kingdom. The kingdom he was going to establish would not be a Jewish State, but a spiritual kingdom, not national, but universal. They looked for political power; he promised them, instead, a Power different from, and greater than, that of which they were dreaming.

II. THE PREPARATION, Acts 1: 13, 14.
The disciples were in Jerusalem kept together. They knew that the time must be close at hand when they must face the world as witnesses for their Lord and his kingdom. They realized now that their old ideas of that kingdom were wrong, but they felt themselves inadequate to the proclaiming of the new. So, with one accord they gave themselves to prayer and supplication. "With one accord, they were agreed among themselves, courage necessary or witnessing. Therefore, until the illumination came, which would reveal him and his plan, more truly, until they could speak with boldness, they were to wait in Jerusalem.

III. THE FULFILLMENT, Acts 2: 1-13.
God does not fail lives so concentrated and expectant. While the believers were met for prayer, they experienced a vision—a sound like a mighty rushing wind, tongues, not of fire, but like fire, lighting upon each one present. To the waiting believers there were, impressive and significant symbols, which they had been growing concerned about. They were indeed speaking to them, commanding them to go forth with his message, assuring them of his sustaining power. The signal of the evangelistic movement had been given.

The believers' joy expressed itself, first, in that exuberant emotional demonstration—"speaking with loud voices." This was the confused exclamation of hearts overflowing with praise, joy and thankfulness and praise, and which, as yet, had no "language but a cry." See Acts 10: 44-46; 19: 6; 1 Cor. chap. 14. At first these ecstatic utterances and exclamations were so unrestrained that they attracted the attention of passers-by. Soon a crowd gathered—citizens of the Empire who had come to the Holy City for the Feast of Pentecost. "Pentecost means the offering of the fiftieth day after the offering of the first sheaf of the first grain crop, barley. At the end of that harvest came the Jewish thanksgiving of Pentecost." Some of them thought they were witnessing a drunken orgy.

These strange occurrences, however, were but the "external" of the Pentecostal experience. The essential importance of Pentecost lay in the fact that these men and women became vividly conscious of God. Their Master was no longer a absent Jesus of Nazareth. He and God were now, as St. Paul says, merged in one. That One was universal, spiritual, ever-present. They knew now that they were in harmony with him. They had one passion—to share him with others.

British Flier Sets New Fast Record

Breaks Kingsford-Smith's Record by Flying from Australia to England in 11 Days
Lympne, Eng.—Australia came to within 11 days of England on June 6th when Flight Lieutenant Charles W. A. Scott brought his Gipsy Moth plane down at the airfield here on days and 22 hours after he had left Port Darwin. By his feat Scott beat the record of Wing Commander Charles Kingsford-Smith, who made the westward flight from Australia to England, by nearly 48 hours. Previously he had clipped 29 hours from Kingsford-Smith's eastward record, making the flight from England to Australia in nine days, 3 hours and 29 minutes.

Scott had not been expected home and he missed an elaborate official welcome which had been planned for him at the Brooklands airfield a day later. However, after leaving Brindisi, Italy, at dawn, he decided to travel the entire 1350 miles in one day. Consequently he landed to the greetings of the air field attendants only, the same men who had seen him goodbye on his departure for Australia two months ago.

The airman was tired, was suffering from gas fumes and was badly burned by the sun and wind. "It is too far and I really am glad it is all over now," he said.

Kingston Woman, 100, Gets Royal Message
Kingston, Ont.—Mrs. Annie Townsend of this city, celebrating her 100th birthday on June 2nd, received a cablegram of congratulation from His Majesty King George V. in which it was said: "The King and Queen heartily congratulate you on your 100th birthday and wish you every joy and happiness." The cable was signed by the King's private secretary.

French Scientist Has Hobby, His Own Miniature Railway
Rene Claude, son of Dr. Georges Claude, whose experiments in utilizing the difference in temperature between deep-sea and surface water for the production of mechanical energy have attracted world-wide attention, has an unusual "hobby." Lots of little boys have miniature railway trains in their gardens, but not many men have complicated electrical transport systems to play with in their spare moments, writes the Paris correspondent of "The Christian Science Monitor."

Around an artificial lake in his garden, M. Claude has constructed about a kilometer of railway tracks and dozens of freight and passenger cars, all in miniature, but electrically true to scale. There are electrical switching and signal systems, and all the miniature railway system material of a full-grown railway. While playing with his trains M. Claude gets helpful ideas about railroad mechanics and safety devices.

Air Service Offers New Occupation for Women
Portland, Ore.—A new profession for women is now opening on the Pacific coast, according to a correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor. Three stewardesses have been employed by the Pacific Air Transport Line on its tri-motored planes flying between Portland and California. The program for the stewardesses requires two round trips each week.

Home Tannery Inexpensive And Simple, Farmers Told
Raleigh, N.C.—The farmer may save money by tanning his own leather, said R. E. Nance, animal husbandman at North Carolina State College. "The farmer is the chief producer of hides and skins," Mr. Nance said, "but he is also the chief user of leather. He has to buy it usually being practically nothing, while the tanning has to buy it usually expensive. He may get out from between these two mistakes and tannery at home. This work may be done in off-seasons and is neither expensive nor difficult."