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## Sunday School Lesson

### LESSON XIII. CORRECTING WRONG IDEAS OF RELIGION—Mark 7:1-13.

Golden Text—This people honor-  
eth me with their lips, But their  
heart is far from me. Mark 7:6.  
THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING.

Time.—A.D. 29.  
Place.—Capernaum.  
1. And there are gathered together  
unto him the Pharisees, and certain  
of the scribes, who had come from  
Jerusalem. The reason Mark does  
not say "certain of the Pharisees  
and of the scribes," is most probably  
because these scribes were especially  
selected for their learning to match  
that of Jesus. The Pharisees formed  
the Jewish sect or party which  
laid utmost stress on the strictest  
outward observance of the law. They  
were utterly self-righteous, and cul-  
tivated a hollow formalism that was  
ostentatious to a degree, especially  
in observing ceremonies, fastings,  
etc. Jesus exposes them as arrant  
hypocrites. The scribes were the pro-  
fessional students of the law (Old  
Testament).

The present delegation was  
sent up from the capital to spy upon  
Jesus, to discredit him with the peo-  
ple, and to find cause for legal ac-  
tion against him.

Ceremonial Cleanliness  
2. And had seen that some of his  
disciples ate their bread with defiled,  
that is, unwashed hands. It will be  
noticed that in the margin of the  
Revised Version the word here trans-  
lated "defiled" is there translated  
"common." The Pharisees did not  
seek by these washings to remove  
dirt, but the defilement by contact  
with profane things.

3. (For the Pharisees, and all the  
Jews, except they wash their hands  
diligently, eat not.) Washings are  
frequently referred to in the Old  
Testament, especially in the regula-  
tions regarding ceremonial cleanli-  
ness. Holding the tradition of the  
elders. The elders were the leading  
Jewish teachers who expounded the  
law and applied its precepts to actual  
life. According to their views, the  
law of Moses was a system of pre-  
cepts which surrounded the whole of  
man's life and enveloped each part  
of human existence in its embrace.  
Every action was thus looked on as  
legal or illegal.

4. And when they come from the  
marketplace, except they bathe them-  
selves, they eat not. Because Jews  
would necessarily have to mingle with  
Gentiles in such public places as the  
markets. And many other things  
there are, which they have received  
to hold, washings of cups, and pots,  
and brazen vessels).

5. And the Pharisees and the  
scribes ask him, Why walk not thy  
disciples according to the tradition  
of the elders, but eat their bread with  
defiled hands? These men leave the  
disciples alone; they hold Jesus re-  
sponsible, hence "thy disciples," they  
who follow thy teaching and they spit  
it. These men are keen, they see  
that this one act of the disciples real-  
ly sets aside the entire tradition of  
the elders.

Hypocrisy Exposed  
6. And he said unto them. Hardly  
anywhere else in the Gospels is the  
absolute pre-eminence of the Lord  
Jesus Christ as a teacher so clearly  
revealed as here. In the few short  
sentences which now drop from his  
lips our Lord pierces the shell of all  
this outer formalism, and reveals a  
deadening hypocrisy in the depths of  
the Jewish heart. Our Lord here  
smashes to pieces forever the whole  
humanly constructed system of the  
wooden traditions of men, giving  
back to true, living, deep, religious  
life the pre-eminence place original-  
ly given to it by God. Well did Isai-  
ah prophesy of you hypocrites. All  
of us have to watch ourselves con-  
tinually, as disciples of the Lord Je-  
sus Christ, that by words or gifts or  
actions we do not become ourselves  
guilty of hypocrisy.

As it is written, This people  
honoreth me with their lips, But  
their heart is far from me. 7.  
But in vain do they worship me,  
Teaching as their doctrines the pre-  
cepts of men. 8. Ye leave the com-  
mandment of God, and hold fast the  
tradition of men. Such an indict-  
ment as this can be applied only to  
religious people. The Jews were re-  
ligious. By teaching and preaching,  
by saying prayers out loud in the  
synagogues, by joining in the songs  
to Jehovah, they were pretending to  
honor God with their lips. While  
they worshipped God, they did not  
obey the law of God.

9. And he said unto them, Full  
well do ye reject the commandment  
of God, that ye may keep your tra-  
dition. Directly a precept made for

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an occasion becomes a binding tra-  
dition to be subsequently obeyed, it  
is evil. The first movement toward  
the mastery of the soul by tradition  
is the movement of that soul away  
from immediate, direct, first-hand  
fellowship with God.

We should apply this teaching of  
our Lord to our present day, and be-  
fore condemning these Pharisees too  
severely we should be sure that we  
ourselves are not somewhat guilty  
of the same blind worship of human  
tradition. How many things today  
in our churches are not commanded  
by the word of God? What our Lord  
was getting at was that the Phari-  
sees made these more or less arti-  
ficial rules to be absolutely authorita-  
tive, and gave them an importance  
greater than the importance of the  
word of God. Now there may be  
many things in our churches today  
which the word of God does not com-  
mend.

The Lord now proceeds to give  
these men a powerful illustration of  
what he is talking about, showing  
them how, from their own mean  
tricks, they are guilty of dishonoring  
the law of God, pretending to be true  
to the tradition of the elders.

10. For Moses said, Honor thy  
father and thy mother; and, He that  
speaketh evil of father or mother, let  
him die the death. Of course the re-  
ference here is first to the Fifth Com-  
mandment.

11. But ye say, If a man shall say  
to his father or his mother, That  
wherewith thou mightest have been  
profited by me is Corban, that is to  
say, Given to God; 12. Ye no longer  
suffer him to do ought for his father  
or his mother. 13. Making void the  
word of God by your tradition, which  
ye have delivered; and many such  
like things ye do. The word  
"Corban" is a Hebrew word, which  
means, fundamentally, "dedicated,"  
i.e., "dedicated to God." When one  
Jew had dedicated any possession  
of his, any piece of property or any  
money to God, calling out the word  
"Corban" over this particular object,  
that money or property or object  
could never be used except in some  
religious way; the vow of dedication  
could never be broken. What our  
Lord is saying here is that some Jews  
would be so mean that when a hour  
came when their parents were in  
need, and they had the means to help  
their parents; rather than give them  
out of their sufficiency, they would  
pronounce "Corban" over these very  
things which they could have used to  
help their parents. That the case  
with the Fifth Commandment is only  
a single illustration, Jesus declares  
by adding that the Pharisees keep do-  
ing many things that rob the  
divine word of its authority for the  
conscience. Thus these men, who  
imagined they had a case against Je-  
sus, not only have their answer, a  
complete vindication of Jesus and his  
disciples, but have an indictment  
launched against themselves, one for-  
tified by absolute proof against which  
no defense is possible on their part.

In sending me letters from her boy  
friends she says, "please tell me what  
you think of these two friends, both  
of whom seem very fond of me. I  
have my own ideas about them, but  
should like to check with your con-  
clusions. I am particularly anxious  
to know as it is possible I may have  
to choose between them shortly."

## Gets Money Back By Stomach Pump

**Dog Who Swallowed Five-Dollar  
Bill Is Persuaded to  
Give It Up**

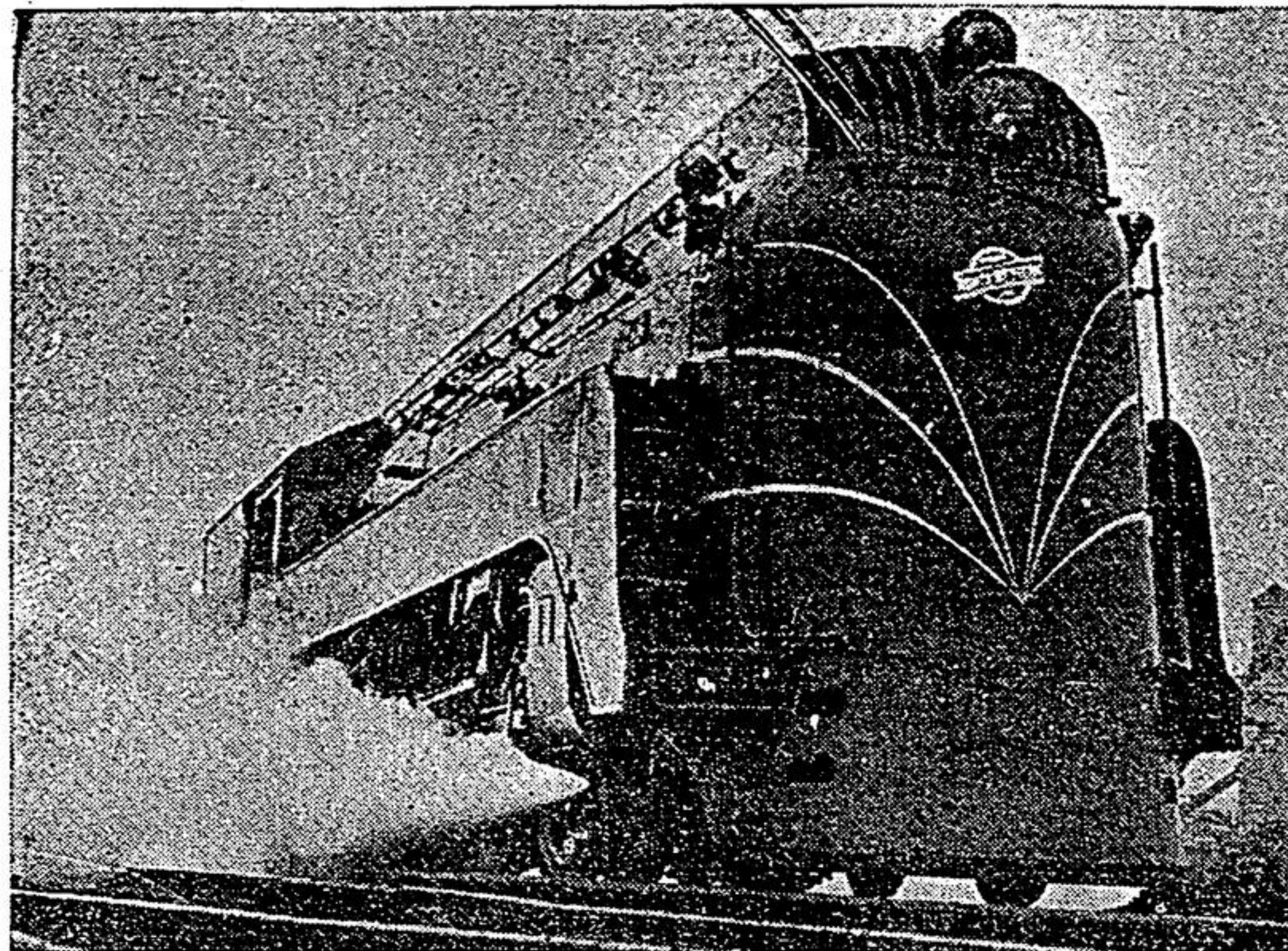
The current issue of the Royal  
Bank Magazine contains this story  
told by E. S. Highstead:  
"The first teller at Stratford, Ont.,  
was faced with a very grave situation  
on the morning of January 4th (to  
start the year off right), when a lady  
of rather small stature and woebegone  
expression presented him with the  
tattered centre portion of a Royal five  
dollar bill and asked what could be  
done about it.

Devoured End Pieces  
"After a few questions the lady  
divulged that the family dog in a  
playful mood had devoured the two  
end pieces containing the serial num-  
bers. The teller expressed his con-  
dolences as best he could and promised  
to write Head Office as per Rule 72C.  
"But the lady was not content with  
this and you can imagine the teller's  
amazement when she arrived smiling-  
ly the next day before his cage with  
the missing pieces wrapped up in a  
paper towel. The story rushes to a  
conclusion. The dog had been tied to  
a vet, who gave it a good work-out  
on the stomach pump, with the subse-  
quent release of the valuable tit-bits,  
and everyone was made happy."

## Indians Depend On Fur Supply

There are more than 100,000 In-  
dians in Canada, a third of whom  
would be on permanent relief if de-  
prived of hunting and trapping occu-  
pations through lack of sound conser-  
vation of fur-bearing animals. Hon. T.  
A. Crearer, federal minister of mines,  
said last week at Toronto.

## An Iron Horse That Can Do Two Miles A Minute



Competing with the new streamlined diesel trains, this huge steam engine, weighing 772,000 pounds and with 120 miles per hour speed capacity has been put into service.

## Your Handwriting Tells The Truth About Your Character!

By LAWRENCE HIBBERT  
(Psychologist, Character-Analyst and Lecturer)

In deciding on marriage, should a  
girl choose security without glamour  
or should she marry a man who will  
give her real companionship, but who  
is somewhat lacking in steadiness?  
This interesting topic is suggested by  
one of the letters I received this  
week.

The girl's writing shows that she  
is very reserved. She is capable of  
much real affection, but she is not  
effusive when she meets people. There  
is nothing impulsive about her. She  
considers matters carefully, weighs  
the "pros and cons" before coming  
to a decision. Once she makes up  
her mind she won't be in a hurry to  
change it.

Mr. B's writing depicts a man who  
is solid and dependable but unimag-  
inative. His energy is constant; not  
a matter of fits and starts. He pur-  
sues his tasks quietly but firmly, and  
whilst other men may surpass him in  
brilliance he will win races in the  
game of Life because he always has  
"something in reserve" for the final  
pull.

There you have a picture of all  
three. If the girl marries Mr. B.  
she need have no fears for her future  
security, but she will hardly have the  
companionship that Mr. A. would  
contribute.  
The above case is an excellent il-  
lustration of how a handwriting anal-  
ysis can help. It does not relieve  
you of the final necessity of making  
a choice, but it is amazingly reveal-  
ing of the innermost characteristics  
of people, especially the qualities  
which are often obscured by mere  
surface indications.

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## Why College Students Break Grammar Rules

Ready to Risk Purity of Speech  
Rather Than Be Considered Af-  
fected, Survey by Specialist Re-  
veals—Avid Sissy Terms.

American college students will  
break the rules of grammar any day  
rather than risk being considered af-  
fected because they use too precise  
speech, according to a survey of stu-  
dents' vocabularies made public last  
week in "American Speech," a Colum-  
bia University press quarterly, says  
the Montreal Star.

The survey was compiled by J. M.  
Steadman, Jr., of Emory University,  
of Atlanta. He found that men stu-  
dents in particular shied from words  
which they regarded as unmanly. Al-  
though he did not list the words men  
like, he discovered that "euphemisms  
for unpleasant words, words associat-  
ed with death or sex for instance, are  
used far less frequently than most  
discussions would lead one to think."

"There is a horrible fear of using  
effeminate words," wrote Mr. Stead-  
man, "but no taboos on masculine  
words."  
Among words that he said were de-  
tested by men on the ground that they  
sounded "effeminate" Mr. Steadman listed  
the following: Abhor, adorable,  
adore, beau, charming, chic, cunning,  
cute, dainty, darling, darned, dear,  
delicious, delightful, divine, dolly, dread-  
ful, ducky, enhanced, exquisite, giggle,  
glorious, gobs, goody, gorgeous, grac-  
ious, grand, heavenly, heavens! for  
heaven's sake, limb, love, lovely,  
luncheon, marvelous, naughty, oodles,  
precious, shampoo, simply, stunning,  
sweet, tea-dance or dinner party, and  
thrilling.

Mr. Steadman pointed out that the  
American speech seemed rich in  
words connoting contempt for culture,  
such as "highbrow, ritzy, swanky and  
highhat." Conversely, he found that

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## 10,000,000 H.P. Engine Pictured

If one can imagine a giant sixteen-  
cylinder engine with its cylinders re-  
placed by the barrels of a sixteen-  
inch coast-defense gun, using the  
usual powder charge of such a gun  
as fuel and its ton-weight shell as a  
piston, he can picture a 10,000,000  
horsepower engine.

Such is the power developed in the  
barrel of a coast-defense gun dur-  
ing the period the shell is travelling  
through the bore, according to Dr. L.  
Thompson, of the U.S. Naval Proving  
Grounds, at Dahlgren, Va. There  
would, of course, be almost insuper-  
able engineering difficulties involved  
in building and operating such an en-  
gine, but the calculation is useful in  
giving an idea of the amount of en-  
ergy which is released in such a gun.  
It momentarily uses more power than  
the propelling power-plants of the  
battle fleet of the Navy.

## Sold—A Horse

An American farmer recently  
looked at one of his horses, decided  
it had passed its prime, and sold it  
for 65c. Some time later his bro-  
ther-in-law looked round his stock  
and, deciding he needed another  
horse, bought one for \$50. It was  
the same horse.

Small weather balloons will be used  
by Bangalore Observatory to obtain  
data concerning the monsoon, the  
wind which brings to India most of  
its rain.

## Won't Accept Lift In Radioless Car

"Comfort" according to one be-  
wildered motorist of Wingham, Ont.,  
is the latest fad to be requested by  
would-be hitch-hikers who travel by  
means of the "thumb route."

One good hearted motorist upon  
passing two of the fairer sex while  
enroute to business was hailed and  
asked his destination. Upon receiv-  
ing their information and much to  
the chagrin of the motorist, one girl,  
the more witty of the two remarked:  
"Have you a radio in this car?" "No  
madam." "How about a heater?"  
"I'm sorry, miss. These modern in-  
ventions are too modern for my mode  
of travel." Whereupon both refused  
to accept the lift, and slammed the  
door, much to the amazement of the  
astonished motorist, who continued  
on his way, leaving the "Queens of  
the road" awaiting the next victim,  
who no doubt would receive the  
same query.

Thirty boys and girls from Japan  
will visit Germany this spring and on  
their return home they will be accom-  
panied by 30 members of the Hitler  
Youths and the Hitler Maidens.

## Oldest Pastor



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ain is said to be the Rev. Matthew  
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## Aviation Crashes; Their Prevention

Less Than Five Per Cent. Can Be  
Attributed to Mechanical  
Failure

Major General James E. Fechet,  
formerly chief of the United States  
Army Air Corps has studied airplane  
crashes statistically and discovered  
that less than 5 per cent. can be at-  
tributed to mechanical failure, says  
the New York Times. The pilot, the  
weather man, the airline operations  
manager, the mechanic are responsi-  
ble for most of the accidents. In  
this human chain the pilot is obvi-  
ously the supremely important link.

When we consider in this light the  
recent accidents in which aerial pas-  
sengers have lost their lives, the pro-  
posal for a more intensive physical  
examination of pilots made in Science  
by C. E. Ferree and G. Rand should  
commend itself to airline companies.  
The utmost care is taken in selecting  
the men who are to manage a plane  
in flight. But this is not enough. If  
planes are inspected before each  
flight why not their pilots? A ten-  
minute instrumental test is enough  
to reveal subnormality in co-ordina-  
tion of eye, brain and hand, in other  
words those effects of fatigue, in-  
somnia, worry, temporary lack of  
mental efficiency which may cause a  
man to falter in a crisis. Messrs.  
Ferree and Rand would also examine  
pilots after flights for the purpose of  
determining susceptibility to fatigue,  
the amount of strain that can be  
safely imposed and the proper kind  
of aerial duty that may be safely  
assigned to a given man.

Pilots' Fitness Important  
That these are not unreasonable  
demands is borne out by Major Gen.  
Fechet's testimony. The army has  
its flight surgeons. They have found  
that "annual or semi-annual exami-  
nations are not enough," and that  
a "smart medico to keep the pilots  
under daily observations" was need-  
ed. These flight surgeons "paid off  
in reducing airplane crashes." To  
Major Gen. Fechet an easy mind is  
so much more important than a sound  
body that, in his opinion, an aviator  
who is "worried and pre-occupied" is  
to be trusted less than one "subject  
to fits or fainting spells." Granted  
that a human being is not a machine,  
the safety of the public nevertheless  
demands that the fitness of an aviator  
to set out on a flight should be  
as much a matter of concern as the  
fitness of the plane in which perhaps  
twenty passengers are seated.

## Odd Jobs Should Be Tackled Now

This is the season of the year when  
work has lessened up a bit that one  
can turn to very valuable account.  
There are numerous odd jobs that  
can be done now, that will save much  
anxiety and valuable time next Spring  
when the rush of work comes on  
again.

Oiling Machinery  
For instance, take farm machinery.  
Aside from the fact that it pays to  
put all machinery in out of the  
weather, dampness and cold, there are  
parts that need to be repaired, paint-  
ed, oiled, etc. There are parts that  
are subject to much vibration, loosening  
nuts, bolts, and nuts. If there are  
not taken care of properly, when we  
are ready to use the implement again;  
we will find a bolt missing here, a tap  
loose there, and first thing we know  
a half day of valuable time has been  
wasted on repairing when we might  
have had this little job done during  
the spare Winter months. If a tap is  
loose, unscrew it and dab it with  
white lead, replacing it again. When  
this has hardened, you will be sur-  
prised to see how tight the tap has  
become, and still it will be more eas-  
ily removed than where one is rusted.  
A day or two on the average farm,  
dressing up the machinery in our odd  
moments, is the best day's wages we  
probably make during the entire year.  
If we take into consideration the val-  
uable time lost every season in re-  
pairing some part of machinery that  
might have been taken care of when  
we had plenty of time at our disposal.