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If one may credit the report, Leine is dead again.

Don't envy a good complexion. Take in washing and have one.

Poland is rent by dissension, says a headline. In this country the rent causes dissension.

It is very difficult for a rich man's son to settle down while his father is willing to settle up.

There is a grand opening for an insurance man with a policy that will insure domestic felicity.

The person of exaggerated speech has a hard time expressing himself when an emergency occurs.

Strikes are merely another form in which the organized minority tries to hamstring the great majority.

The final measure of a man is taken by posterity. But his own times judge him by his prosperity.

Back of the busy man's head of a loafer is the same feeling that makes a Bolshevik hate a rich man.

Every employe should do enough work to keep from being bored during the intervals between pay days.

The voice of the people seems to occasion modern public servants much less concern than the vice of the people.

Age is the quality that makes a man sigh with relief when it appears probable that a shower will spoil the picnic.

The conviction that the world is going to the dogs indicates the need of a little sound religion or a dose of soda.

It is doubtful if any woman ever made a hit with a man while she was trying to hit a high note in the choir.

If the tariff were placed on a business basis it would eliminate one of the politicians' standbys in fooling the voters.

With so many men searching diligently for employment, it is strange that some of those on the pay roll don't try it.

If there is any virtue in reciprocity, there is no reason why the people shouldn't feel a profound contempt for politicians.

Medical men say dirt-eating is caused by the hookworm. Also by the desire to keep up with the car that just passed.

After looking at the portraits of some shaved Rucellans, we eagerly place ourselves on record as an advocate of whiskers.

If it will be any consolation to the corkerew, we assure him that this lobbing craze soon will send the hairpin to join him.

When you tell the garage mechanic to go over the car thoroughly, you can always find grease spots on the cushions where he went over them.

Impossible happenings No. 4: "Let him stay on the job," said the political boss. "He belongs to the other party, but he's an efficient man."

"—AND YE TOOK ME IN."
"Open your hospitable door
And shield me from the biting
blast;
Cold, cold it blows across the
moor,
The weary moor that I have
passed."

Many of us who are past middle age will recall these lines from an old reading lesson, and will remember what a warm welcome the old man received in answer to his appeal.

The decay of old-fashioned hospitality has sometimes been a subject for comment and lamentation. Tradition relates that long ago, before hotels became common, the passing stranger, overtaken by nightfall, needed only to rap at the nearest door, which would open readily to admit him. He would be received into the bosom of the family, given his supper, a seat in the chimney-corner, and a comfortable bed. In return for this he would tell all the news, gossip, and travellers' tales which he could remember or invent. A very enjoyable time would be had by all, and next morning the stranger would go on his way with kindly feelings toward all mankind.

Times have changed. Except in the remote country districts, the passing stranger now puts up at a hotel. Only during church conventions do we sometimes revert to the old style, and even then it is often hard for the billeting committee to find enough householders who will take a chance on entertaining ministering angels unawares. Hence the aforesaid assertions that hospitality has gone the way of the dodo and the wild pigeon.

But the instinct of hospitality is not as dead as it looks. So say people who were caught far from home by some of the recent storms. Women, hurrying along through sections of the city where they were complete strangers, were halted from verandahs and invited to come in for shelter. "Oh, the people in the house were so good to us!" they will tell you. "They wouldn't hear of us leaving until the storm was over, and they wanted to lend us wraps and rubbers to come home in." Stories like this seem to show that the city is full of real hospitality, perhaps as good in its own way as that of Baucis and Philemon. When the sun shines it may be repressed, but there is something about a stormy sky which breaks the bonds of convention and "makes the whole world kin."

THE U. S. STRIKES.

After dragging along, without attracting a great deal of attention, for three months, the strike of coal miners in the United States has assumed the status of a serious problem. Now that there is coupled with it a gigantic and ever-growing strike of railway workers, whose members in a few days may reach half a million men, there is a danger that the entire industrial fabric of the North American continent may be hopelessly disorganized. It is certain that this will happen unless some definite settlement is reached very soon, for the measures which are being threatened on both sides will simply serve to make things worse instead of better.

President Harding is undoubtedly faced with a very difficult situation, for the miners are apparently anxious to find out if his threat to take over the mines and operate them is a piece of bluff or a serious proposal. In the railway tangle his troubles are even more serious, because it is the duty of the state to protect the railways from acts of violence, and experience has taught that when United States strikers reach a state of desperation neither life nor property are safe from their acts of violence. If President Harding intends to intervene in putting an end to the strikes, he will have to choose between peaceful methods and force. The former have, to a certain extent, been tried, with little success, for the strikers have refused to agree to return to work while the questions under dispute are settled by an arbitration board. Meanwhile the winter is rapidly approaching, and unless there is an early resumption of production in the coal mines there is going to be a serious shortage of coal.

The other alternative left to the president is to put the mines into operation without paying any attention to the strikers. This is an expedient which should be used only as a last resort, for it is sure to bring open warfare. He might take the mines over and operate them in the name of the United States government, making such terms as may be deemed wise with the miners. The other alternative is that strike-breakers and non-union men be employed to work the mines and given military protection. Either plan would mean violence and bloodshed, and only when every other possible solution is tried should one of them be used. The same is true of any attempt to break the railway strike by using troops; and as the situation stands to-day it is a very serious one.

One thing which stands out as significant in the whole situation is the same attitude of the Canadian railway employees. Although faced with wage reductions equally as large as their fellow-workers across the border, they have refrained from

tying up the public service by going on strike. Instead they have taken the constitutional method of settling their disputes; and have applied to the minister of labor for a board of conciliation, to consider the whole matter. To show their sincerity they have named their representatives to this board, and have agreed to remain at work while it is holding its deliberations. The sanity of this procedure, when compared with that of the strikers to the south of the line, is very significant; and the heads of the Canadian unions affected are to be congratulated on the step they have taken. It would have been well for all parties concerned had the miners and railway workers on the other side of the border shown a like spirit of conciliation, instead of refusing suggested methods of settling their disputes in a peaceable manner.

THE SINCERITY OF THE MASTER

A favorite passage from the prophets which Jesus quotes:—"This people honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men." is a passage which deals in scathing terms with the sin of hypocrisy. Hypocrisy is a very old thing in the world, yet it seems perennially young. We join the Master in His condemnation of the Pharisees; it is popular to do so; besides they are dead. But the thing which Jesus condemned in them was their contentment to judge and be judged by the "outward appearance;" in caring little for the real goodness and usefulness of life so long as a respectable appearance can be maintained. This sin is very modern. Some one has written: "He stands having his joints girt about with religiosity and having on the breastplate of respectability. His feet are shod with ostentatious philanthropy, his head is encased in the helmet of spread-eagle patriotism. Holding in his left hand the buckler of worldly success and in his right the sword of influence he is able to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand." It is an ugly picture, for it is an attempt at superficial goodness or a best to make other people's approval the standard of judgment of the motives which prompt us to action. In contract, we need only quote Spurgeon's estimate of Gladstone: "We believe in no man's infallibility, but it is restful to feel sure of one man's integrity."

The attitude of Jesus to life was one of absolute sincerity. There are no imaginable circumstances under which He would have deceived anyone. His habit was to tell the plain truth, neither for Rabbi nor Pharisee nor Sadducee did He trim His utterances. He spoke to men who over-emphasized religious form and minimized spiritual reality and He insisted that their religion was a sham. The central passion of His life was genuineness, and He placed before His disciples as their ideal the simple, unaffected sincerity of a child.

Ruskin describes the statue of doge which he found in one corner of a Venetian church. The side toward the light was elaborately finished, the side toward the corner was left rough. The forehead, the cap, the ermine robe on the visible side were carefully executed; on the dark side the marble was unwrought. "Now," says Ruskin, "come the very gist and point of the whole matter. This lying monument is at least veracious, if in nothing else, in its testimony to the character of the sculptor. He was banished from Venice for forgery in 1487."

One wonders sometimes how much genuine sincerity appears in the life of to-day? How much even among smart paragraphers who say clever things about great modern movements like prohibition and women's dress. Does the cleverness reveal a lack of honest thought, a cynical character or a heartless or salacious attitude to life? Smartness is sometimes the mask of insincerity, and it can never take the place of honesty of thought and motive. Much that is said about the good old days smacks of the same ingenueness. Does any thoughtful person really want them back? Equally dangerous to the message and mission of the church is this veneer of unwholesome insincerity. Is it not much past the time when the ministers of the Christian church should consider themselves in the light of heralds of the redeeming grace of God, the proclaimers of good news—rather than the apostles of negative intellectualism and lugubrious doubt? The real evil in human life, says Jesus, lies in the secret thoughts and not in faulty ceremonial, and therefore a man's inner life must be cleansed. The glory of the Master is the absolute genuineness of His life. "I do always the things that are pleasing to Him," is the natural corollary of His insistent utterance that "the Father seeth in secret."

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?—Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.—Matthew 6: 21.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR

BY SAM HILL

Clothes is Clothes.
"Your bathing suit is simply shocking, miss.
You're almost nude!" exclaimed the censor man;
"I have a lot of eyes on me," she snapped.
"And I am putting on a coat of tan."

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant.
I kin remember when 3 o'clock was bedtime for the youngsters instead of time for them to start for the movies.

As Per Usual.
"What did you get out of that damage suit you won?" asked Blinks.
"A lot of publicity," replied Jinks.
"I thought you got quite a wad of money," said Blinks.
"Oh, the lawyers got that," sighed Jinks.

From the Other Angle.
I'd like to bat
Him with a club.
He thinks he's smart
And I'm a dub.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Now, if you're smart
And he's a dub
I ask you, would
You use a club?
—Columbus Dispatch.

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Argument
That would appeal
To such a gent.
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—E. Humes, Washington, Ind.

Secret of Success.
The fellow who
Has learned to grin
When things go wrong,
Is bound to win.

Risky.
"Traveling always is dangerous," remarked the first tramp.
"Yes," yawned the second tramp.
"Yes," continued the first tramp, "if you travel on a freight the brakeman is liable to kick you off, and if you travel in a Pullman the porter is sure to brush you off."

Pool Questions.
T. M. asks: "Does one of these 'no-body home' fellows always have a vacant look?"

Do You Suppose Doc Does His Own
Prescriptions?
(Kensaw Cor. Hastings Tribune)
Dr. Sample from Omaha was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ais.

Fits.
The tailor sent a suit to me
I tried it on—it did not fit;
And now the tailor's brought a suit
To make me pay for it.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

We knew a guy who had epileptic fits.
He bought a suit from Tailor Lintz.
And now in perfect health he sits.
Because he's not had a fit since.
—Lackwans, (N. Y.) Journal.

Never Knocks Him Speechless, Anyway.
"Pa," said Clarence.
"Go on and ask it," growled his dad.
"Well, I just wanted to ask if a man is ever seriously injured when he is forlornly struck by an argument," said Clarence.

Merely!
She's plenty of good looks,
But she has ugly ones, as well.
I know, because she gave me one
That made me feel like—ain.

Daily Sentence Sermon.
It is a wise man who knows when to tell the truth and when to keep his mouth shut.

News of the Names Club.
We don't see why C. Baad, of Los Angeles, doesn't consult a good occulting the matter with your eyesight.
E. R. wants us to find out if Frank Tompaw, of St. Louis, is any relation to the well-known cat's paw.

Our Canadian Question And Answer Corner

Q.—What was Canada's apple crop in 1921?
A.—Canada's apple crop in 1921 totalled 3,337,390 barrels, worth \$20,968,000. Nova Scotia leading.
Q.—What was Canada's mineral production in 1921?
A.—Canada's mineral production in 1921 reached a grand total of \$172,237,580, namely, metalling, \$52,530,002; non-metalling, \$39,408,256; structural materials and clay products, \$30,242,322.

On Wednesday, June 28th, a quiet but pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Peter Duncan, Watson's Corners. The bride was Miss Florence Duncan, daughter of William Duncan, the bridegroom, Norman Darou, Fallbrook.
There died at his home on July 12th John N. Shannon, after an illness of six months. Deceased has always lived at Waspuos and was held in the highest esteem.

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