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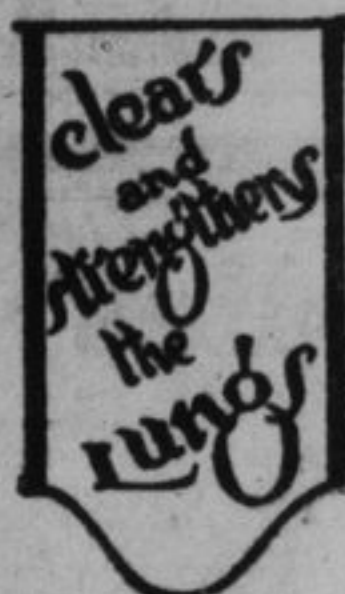
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salt, and a teaspoonful of bottle Oxo (or 1 Oxo Cube), mixed  
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The great Economy

A man may be mussy before marriage, but all the mussy his wife gets after marriage is what she tries for breakfast.

A writer says people expect too much of marriage. Yes, and they get too much of what they don't expect.

# MARKS OF A STRONG LIEE.

The International Sunday School Lesson for December 17 is, "Jesus Among Friends and Foes."—Luke 10: 38-11: 54.

By William T. Ellis.

Character, and not colorlessness, is the consequence of Christianity. "Petty and pious," are words that do not bracket well. Saintliness is more of strength than of sweetness. Friends of Jesus develop strong personalities, like His. It is only when we are half-way into the Christian religion that we are slaves of the passive virtues, rather than jubilant exponents of the Gospel of the strong Son of God. Characters who count, will, like Him, have both friends and foes.

The craving to be popular, rather than the purpose to be right, is a sign of immaturity. Also it is a sure road to unhappiness. A truer standard than the praise of any crowd—for all crowds are fickle—is the approval of God. Jesus set himself this rule: "I do always those things which please the Father." As a consequence, while he had strong friends and bitter foes, as has every other virile person also, he became ultimately the fairest Figure in history; the admired and adored of the race. The surest road to real and lasting popularity is to be loyal to a great and permanent standard of right.

### That Envious Home.

Flapperism is already a failure, because it quickly became apparent that, despite all its surrender of reticencies and reserves, it does not lead to the marriage altar. It misses the goal which every woman, however "modern" and "radical," deems most desirable. To smoke, to drink, to defy conventions, to be a "pal" to men in their less noble qualities, may seem clever and "advanced" for a period, but it seldom results in standing up before the minister to listen to the solemn words which every true woman wants to hear. The old-fashioned woman, who was strong in the eternally feminine qualities of home-making and idealism, is the ultimate refuge of every man.

Three women in all the history of the world are most honored—the mother of Jesus, and Mary and Martha of Bethany, whose friendship and sympathy gave true hospitality to the homeless Teacher. Today Bethany is only an insignificant village of mud houses just around the shoulder of the Mount of Olives from Jerusalem, but every pilgrim to the Holy City visits it as a shrine; for here was the most enviable home, where Jesus was a familiar guest. It fairly startles us to think what Mary or Martha and Lazarus would have missed if they had not been "given to hospitality."

True, Martha was the kind of hostess who let her hospitality show. The wheels of her domestic machinery sometimes creaked. She was so busy about the dusting and the dinner that she overlooked the Guest Himself. She even grew irritable, and let the shadow of a family disagreement fall athwart the serenity of the Presence; for she called upon Jesus to rebuke Mary, who was giving the Master what he most coveted from this family of dear friends—an understanding fel-

lowship. It is poor hospitality to bestow, lavishly upon a guest fine food, but scant friendship.

"Don't fret!" is the Lesson's message to the whole world of priceless Marthas—and we must not forget that it was Martha's efficiency which made this Bethany home a restful refuge for the tired Son of man. She merely forgot, on one occasion, the relative importance of things; and that the spirit of Jesus needed refreshment more than his body needed food. Mary is not loved of all women; but she had an understanding heart, and ministered to the deepest desire of the Master. We can never forget that the subsequent record runs, "Now, Jesus loved Martha, and her sister Mary."

### "Out of the Depths."

"I had a friend," said Kingsley, in all-sufficient answer to an inquiry as to

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# THE EARLY BIRD

By Juanita Hamel



Those who early go a-shopping for Christmas cheer are said thereby to gain—like the feathered beauty who arose at dawn—the very best choice. And yet, do they? For in the myriad array of wondrous silks and satins, sparkling jewels and soft furs, the staples and the alluring novelties of every sort there seems no chance that one could fail to please her fancy. But, somehow, to the thoughtful girl who would not make delaying to shop for her gift act as a hardship on all the other nice girls who spread the products of the world before her—it seems that she must shop very early and so do her part to make Christmas brim over with holiday joy for every one!

to the secret of his success. We have caught a glimpse of Christ in company with his friends at Bethany; and we are given a look at him in communion with the best Friend, His Father in heaven. Life was stormy for Jesus; he had to turn for refuge to the very heart of God. His power was somehow mysteriously linked with prayer.

So one day, discovered by his disciples, in the act of praying, one of them cried impulsively, "Lord, teach us to pray." In answer he gave them the Model Prayer, which we call "The Lord's Prayer," and further illustrated the characteristics of prayer by parable and precept. This is not the occasion for a discussion of prayer, save to remark that every strong life knows that it has needs beyond all the power of friends or things to satisfy.

### Speaking Worst of the Best.

Because he was always helping people—a characteristic of Christians that is surer a test of their discipleship than any theological formula—Jesus incurred the criticism of the slaves of convention—Religion, like politics, easily petrifies into "regularity"; and the rigid ecclesiastics did not approve of this outburst of vital ministry. They could not deny the good works of Jesus, so they insinuated that he cast out demons in the name of Beelzebub, the prince of demons.

The logic of the critic was bad, as it usually is when spleen poisons judgment; for Jesus pointed out that Satan divided against himself could not retain his power. A recent illustration, for the reader so minded, is the collapse of the allies in Constantinople because of the lack of unity.

In this connection Jesus laid down a principle which should be memorized by every Christian in a day that tends to schism and impotence:—

"He that is not with me is against me."

Lurking in the shadows of the story of this last year of the life of the Lord are the scheming, plotting, relentless enemies of the ecclesiastical established order. They wanted to entangle him in his words, and they wanted an excuse to destroy his life. Once a dinner host of the Master so far forgot himself as to sneer at the failure of Jesus to go through the customary ceremonial cleansing rites.

Stung to answer, the gentle Guest replied,

"Now ye the Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter; but your inward part is full of extortion and wickedness."

"But woe unto you Pharisees! for ye titmunt and rue and every herb, and pass over justice and the love of God; but these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Woe unto you Pharisees! for ye love the chief seats in the synagogues, and the salutations in the market-places. Woe unto you! for ye are as the tombs which appear not, and the men that walk over them know it not."

Foes Christ had, and right manfully he dealt blows upon them. The commentators who depict Jesus as a weakling are simply uninformed. But all his foes were also foes of truth and justice and love. They were his enemies not because of any defeat in him, but because of his virtues. In a word, his enemies were also the enemies of human welfare and of God.

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### FERRY WAS TIED UP.

As Result of Heavy Gale of Wind That Raged.

Wolfe Island, Dec. 14.—The steamer Wolfe Islander tied up at her island dock Tuesday afternoon, Captain McDonald deeming at present, in the face of the gale of wind that raged, to remain with his steamer at her mooring place. The water was lashed into a terrible fury and presented a grand sight.

A number of turkey buyers are on the island purchasing for the Christmas market. Henry Hogan has been engaged for the past six weeks at a milk station in Roselre, N.Y. He will continue on till spring.

Miss Kate Conly has been spending the past couple of weeks among relatives in Brownville, N.Y. Mrs. William Kemp, Westbrook, is visiting with friends on the island; Joseph McAvoy is home to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Frank O'Reilly and family have moved to their new home in the city. Dr. Frank O'Reilly, Peterboro, is the guest of his father, Patrick O'Reilly.

ly. Mrs. Laura Hinecky moved last week into her new residence on Point Alexander, she having leased her farm, Orval Abbott, Watertown, N.Y., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Abbott, recently.

Trinity church conducted a bazaar in the town hall Tuesday. The many friends of Allan Davis, who so narrowly averted the losing of his life in the shooting accident about a month ago, are pleased to learn that he is rapidly improving. Several new telephones have been installed during the week.

At Washburn's Corners. Washburn's Corners, Dec. 12.—The poultry fair was held in Athens and forty-five thousand dollars was paid out for poultry. The new school is completed and is very attractive. Richard Willis returned home from the west and reports good crops in general. Edward Arnold has surpassed all poultry raisers in fine birds as his young turkeys weighed twenty-one pounds. Soperton cheese factory has joined the Co-operative Dairy Products, Ltd.

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