

A Pen Picture of George W. Childs

Picture to the eye one standing about 5 feet 7 inches, and well developed though somewhat stocky frame; a paunch just enough to indicate that good health and contented conscience make flesh; a face round, ruddy and with deep flushes of russet at the cheeks; a broad head, with a wide forehead, unmarked by crease or wrinkle; a complexion fair and lightened with the traces of the warm and generous blood which pulsates through it; a mouth, not small or large, covering a perfect set of teeth, and lips of pink; a chest deep and full; an eye of blue, full of expression and welcome; a voice gentle and assuring, and you have the outline of Geo. W. Childs. In dress Mr. Childs is scrupulously neat. His every day costume is a dark cutaway coat with pants and vest of the best material, but of subdued color; over this an overcoat of black. He affects the typical American silk hat, looking typical and span. He wears but little jewelry. I should imagine he wears a wig, because his hair seems just a shade too dark to naturally match his environment.

In habits Mr. Childs is most exemplary. He does not use intoxicants or use tobacco. Soon after 9 o'clock he reaches his office, where he remains until after 1 o'clock. Then he walks to Drexel's bank and lunches with Mr. Drexel, one of his warmest friends. No sooner than on the street than he becomes the object of recognition. In a block he will be stopped a dozen times by his fellow citizens, who are justly proud of him. He returns to his office at 2 o'clock and remains an hour or two.—Phila. Cor. Cincinnati Enquirer.

#### Cures By Prayer and Faith.

Mary Shower, for Years a Cripple, Throws Aside Her Crutches.

READING, January, 5.—The Mennonite Brethren in Christ have been holding their convention in Faith Chapel, this city, during this week, and to-night the services consisted of prayer and faith cures. The Rev. Dr. Anderson, of Philadelphia, announced publicly this afternoon that a faith or healing meeting would be held this evening, and accordingly people flocked to the chapel from every section of the city. Many who were afflicted for years were among the congregation to-night. The reverend gentlemen present from other cities are Rev. Dr. Thomas Anderson and F. L. Haas, Philadelphia; C. W. Ruth, of Wilmington, Delaware, and James Trumbauer, of Philadelphia. At 6:30 to-night Rev. Haas delivered a short address, and then invited those afflicted to come forward. Among those to respond were two sisters and one brother named Shower and Joseph Lepeltzer. These were carried to the altar. Prayer was offered and the afflicted anointed with oil. A few moments later Mary Shower, who was unable to walk for years without crutches, threw them aside, and to the surprise of everyone walked about the room. This was witnessed by hundreds. All those who were anointed received relief. The cures are exciting considerable interest.

#### Why Men Become Bald.

Did you ever notice what classes of men are most commonly bald? asked an expert hair-dresser the other day. 'Why, retail salesmen, book-keepers and office clerks in certain lines of business. Why should baldness affect them more than others?' 'Because they habitually stand or sit nearly every evening under gas lights. Book-keepers always have a strong light right over their heads or just in front of them. So do clerks who have to work at night. Retail salesmen sell goods at night directly under two powerful burners, and most of the time their heads are not more than two or three feet from the flame. The artificial heat dries out the hair, makes it brittle and unhealthy, and finally kills it at the root. People who sit under the gaslight should wear some kind of a cool, non-conducting headgear to protect themselves. I have an idea, too, that after the electric light has been in universal use for a generation or two, baldness will be as scarce as it was before gaslights and night work got common together.'

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