

TURNING ANOTHER LEAF.

Another new leaf? Yes, again 'tis the time When we pause 'mid the pleasures of feasting...

A THEFT CONDONED.

One of the seven houses in Pawnee faced toward the south. It was the house where Mrs. Dyer lived.

The houses in Pawnee were all one-story wooden buildings, with the gable-ends toward the street.

It had been a warm day and the sun shone glancingly on the unbroken prairie around Pawnee.

Mrs. Dyer stood in her front door and looked over the prairie. The railroad track wound away toward the south and disappeared where the earth and sky seemed to meet.

"The sun's going down without any fuss to-night," Mrs. Dyer said, sitting down on the doorstep.

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An express train was coming from the south. The light from the engine could be seen for some time before there was any noise from the train.

Mrs. Dyer took off her gingham apron and put it over her head and stood watching the light from the engine as it drew nearer.

"It does beat me how soon night comes out here," she said; "back in York State we had a little between-time."

The can in which she kept the money was on a shelf behind the stove. She went over and took it down, and then sat down in an old rocking-chair.

"It must have been a class passing over the moon. They ain't any class of a person getting out of sight so quick, unless he's just round the house."

"There, they's five dollars and fifty-five cents,—most enough," holding the can between her hands and looking toward the shelf and then toward the window.

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"I guess I ain't goin' to set up for a crowd, at my 'line of life,'" said Mrs. Dyer.

to the wagon and make him give it up. Like any way he'll hitch right up and get off without waitin' for it to be light."

"There ain't any use goin' to bed again now; it'll soon be mornin'."

The morning was clear, and the sun, which came early at that time of the year, lit up the wet prairie-grass and made it dance and sparkle like jewels.

"Good mornin'!" she said, looking first at the men and then at the woman.

"You're sick, ain't you?" Mrs. Dyer said, going up to the side of the wagon.

"What's that matter with you? I should not think you'd be travellin' over the country this way when you can't hardly sit up."

"To think of that sick woman ridin' clear out to Arkansas Springs to get well, and they out of money and her goin' hungry!"

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Refused to Pay for Cold Ride. Aged Woman Defies Company and is Sent to Jail.

New York, Jan. 9.—Mary Cunningham, 60 years old, was arrested yesterday afternoon on complaint of Michael Sheehan, ticket chopper of the Third Avenue "L."

PLEASANT FIELDS OF HOLY WRIT.

Save for my daily range Among the pleasant fields of Holy Writ, I might despair.

THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON.

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BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS.

Jesus' consciousness of his divine mission, which had been first quickened into life in his father's house eighteen years before, had now flowed into the full apprehension of his Messianic character and work.

For thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness, that we may bring forth much fruit to the glory of our Father who is in heaven.

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THE TEACHER'S LANTERN. In his baptism Jesus was both identified with and separated from sinners.

Some time since, there was talk of a patent bullet-proof cloth, which could be used and made into garments, which should absolutely protect the wearer.

It is entirely an indifferent matter whether one believes this a literal approach of a personal devil or a figurative description of a moral struggle entirely subjective.

The devil showed Jesus a short cut to his kingdom. He is doing the same for men to-day. He whispers to the bank cashier: "Why plod along at this slow pace?"

The advantage of perfect familiarity with the Word of God is here brilliantly exemplified. The sword of the spirit is the believer's trustful offensive weapon.

CHILD STUDY AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL METHODS. The danger is of leaning too hard upon the "helps"; of deeming them indispensable to the study of the lesson; of putting off preparation to the close of the week because the "help" is handy.

DESPICABLE CONDUCT, THAT OF THE NAZARENES! Yes! but they only did what humanity is always doing.

CHILD-STUDY AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL METHODS. Jesus thought it not beneath him to study the child. No teacher, ancient or modern, has ever shown a more appreciative or sympathetic interest in childhood.

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