

SATURDAY NIGHT TALKS

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AN UNTAMABLE ORGAN.

International Bible Lesson for
June 6, '09—(James 3: 1-12).



The heathen philosopher Xanthus, about to entertain friends, ordered his servant Aesop to provide the best things the market could supply. Tongues only were provided and these were served up with different sauces, course after course was supplied, each consisting of tongue.

"Did I not order you," said Xanthus, in a violent passion, "to buy the best victuals the market afforded?" "Yes, and have I not obeyed your orders?" said Aesop. "Is there anything better than tongue? Is not the tongue the bond of civil society, the organ of truth and reason, and the instrument of our praise and adoration of the gods?" And the philosopher was convinced and silent. But the next day Xanthus ordered his servant to go to the market and buy the worst things he could find. Aesop went, and again when the covers were lifted, behold there was nothing but tongue,—tongue boiled, tongue baked, tongue stewed, tongue stuffed, tongue sliced, tongue minced, tongue. "What tongue again?" exclaimed Xanthus. "Most certainly," rejoined Aesop; "the tongue most surely is the worst thing in the world. It is the instrument of all strife and contention, the inventory of lawsuits, and the source of error, of lies, calumny and blasphemies."

The witty servant was only putting into practical form the statement of the Apostle James, "The tongue of man no one can subdue—it is a turbulent evil, full of death-dealing poison; with it we praise God, even the Father, and with it we curse men made in the image of God; from the same mouth come forth a eulogy and a curse."

Universal Disease.

There was a disease prevalent in the church in the days of James and it is epidemic in our own times. It is an internal disease and the symptoms are discovered by an eruption which appears upon the tongue. If you would diagnose the state of a person's heart, like a skillful physician, the quickest, surest way to get at it is to imitate the doctor and say, "Let me see your tongue." The hand, the eye, the foot, the ear are important members of the human body, but they do not show the mental, moral, spiritual, as well as physical condition of the individual so perfectly as the tongue. The ancient Greeks used the same word for speech and thought, and the modern German was as wise as he was witty when he said, "I will believe that any animal thinks when he tells me so."

Words Are Indices.

That is to say, the words of a man are the indices of his character. They are the stream that advertises the nature of the spring; out of the same fountain does not flow sweet water and bitter. Of course, it is possible to control the speech so as to hide the real disposition in the heart, and by constant watchfulness to deceive the closest observer as to one's true quality, until a certain purpose has been accomplished, but that sort of scheme cannot be carried out through a whole life time, sooner or later the restrained and curbed horse will run away; in some unguarded moment the real self will be revealed. "By thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." That is to say, it is not so much what a man says, as it is that his language is the expression of what he is. That will be the criterion by which he will be estimated by God and man. As Will Carleton puts it:

"Boys flying kites haul in their white winged birds
You can't do that way when you're flying words,
Thoughts unexpressed, may some times fall back dead,
But God Himself can't kill them when they're said."

The Tongue a Fire.

To illustrate that idea James points to a prairie fire which an Indian can kindle with a revolving stick and which sweeps through the dry grass so fiercely and rapidly that men and animals are compelled to flee for their lives or fall and perish in the flames. Millions of property have been swept away because somebody was careless with a match; and hearts have been broken, homes destroyed, honor friends separated, churches disrupted, neighborhoods scandalized, cities earthquake shaken, nations split asunder. Life-long animosities kindled, because some one has thrown the bomb of a malicious word into society. Every slanderer, liar, backbiter, blasphemer, filthy talker were punished by losing the organ of speech, what a mighty host of dumb people there would be in this world. The effect would be wide-spread and rapid.

DIMINUTIVE REPUBLICS.

Several Countries Are Smaller Than Panama.

Most of the independent states of South America look small to us on the map, so that when we hear of the secession of a narrow neck of isthmian territory from the Republic of Colombia we feel sure that it must be an insignificant principality that has been created. Compared with our own vast nation, Panama is certainly very small; yet it is larger than four other independent states of the Western world, and very much larger than the smallest states of Europe. Of these latter, Monaco is the most diminutive, with its eight square miles. Despite its limited area, it has its own coinage, postage stamps and troops, the latter numbering five officers and seventy men. It has also three towns—Condamine, with 6,218 inhabitants; Monte Carlo, with 3,794, and Monaco, with 3,292. The principal industry of the principality, as everybody knows, is the systematic absorption of private revenues. San Marino, the oldest republic in the world, has an area of twenty-three square miles and a population of 9,537. Among the other European countries that are smaller than Panama are Denmark (exclusive of her colonies), Belgium, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

For Use in the Sick Room.

One of the greatest trials in caring for a sick person who is utterly helpless is the changing of the bed linen, when help is necessary in lifting the sufferer while the clothing is removed from the bed and replaced with fresh sheets. The duty is so tedious and so often accompanied by increased suffering on the part of the patient that it is apt to be postponed as long as possible and only undertaken when it can be no longer put off. In the hospitals, where everything is provided to lighten the burden of caring for the sick, and where plenty of aid can be had from persons trained in the work, this duty is not so much to be dreaded and yet even there, as in the private house, the apparatus recently designed by a German inventor and shown in the illustration would greatly lighten the labor, as well as add greatly to the patient's comfort.

This device is nothing less than a



Elevates the Patient.

wind-lift, designed to raise the body from the bed and hold it in suspension until the change has been completed. It consists of an arched steel frame, stretching from the head to the foot of the bed and supporting between its parallel members three rollers and a winding drum. The latter is geared to a crank shaft and is provided with a ratchet, which prevents backward rotation while the weight of the body is on the cables. When the bridge has been arranged over the patient a number of slings are slipped beneath the body and attached to the ends of the cables passing over the rollers and connecting with the winding drum. Then, by turning the crank, the slings are elevated at the same instant, and the body maintains a level position while rising to the necessary height. When it becomes necessary to remove the patient from one bed to another the same apparatus can be used, carrying the suspended body by means of the bridge.

August Gaiser of Oberdorf, Germany, is the inventor of the sick-room appliance.

Preserve "Old Ironsides."

The Massachusetts Historical Society, by its officers and council, has addressed a memorial to Congress asking that the old frigate Constitution be repaired and put in commission as a training ship, and at suitable seasons in future be stationed at points along our coasts, where she may be visited by Americans who are interested in her and her glorious history. At present she lies, dismantled, out of repair, and liable to injury at a dock in Charlestown.

The Constitution was built in Boston in 1797. In July, 1812, she escaped from a squadron of six British ships, which chased her for three days; in August, 1812, she sunk the Guerriere, and in December the same year she captured the Java off Brazil. In February, 1814, she captured the Cyane and the Levant. In 1839, when it was proposed to dismantle the old ship and sell her, Dr Holmes came flaming out with "Old Ironsides," the line beginning.

"What, tear her tattered ensign down!" and from that day to this the recurring schoolboy has regularly protested against any slight to the Constitution. The Massachusetts Historical Society protests that our old "fighting frigate" is at least worthy of preservation and honor at our hands as Nelson's Victory is in England, and that opinion rests on facts which may reasonably be expected to appeal to Congress. "It seems strange to me," writes the president of the society, "that, when every petty struggle on land in the history of the nation is commemorated by some monument the memory of the achievements of the Constitution cannot be preserved in the preservation of the ship itself!" —Harper's Weekly.

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