

SATURDAY NIGHT TALKS

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THE GOLDEN RULE IN PRACTICE.

International Bible Lesson for
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Some years ago a ship was bound from Manila to Singapore. She took an Eastern passage among the Philippines, being eighty days on the voyage. A brig had sailed some time before, called the Armador, laden with coconut oil. A few days

after the departure of the Manila ship, while there was a strong breeze, and a rough sea, the surface became all at once as smooth as a mill pond, although the breeze continued. On looking over the side, the crew discovered that they were sailing through a sea of oil. They continued in this oil track for three days. On arriving at her destination, it was found that the Armador had arrived a little while before with some of the oil casks broken, and that her sailors had been continually pumping oil out of the hold into the sea. On comparing logs, it appeared that when the oily surface was first seen, the two ships were at least two hundred miles apart. Such is the effect of oil upon the troubled waters.

Love, a Lubricant.

Now, in our lesson for to-day, Paul says that love has the same power over the stormy passions of life. He gives a list of things we are forbidden to do—the second table of the commandments, and then says that love is the secret of our ability to keep them. "Love is the fulfilling of the law." If we have love, of the right kind, and enough of it, we need not worry about our ability to keep every one of the commandments. Love is the golden rule in practice. It is a wonderful pacifier. A little love will go a long way in calming a troubled scene, and stilling angry passions. Let us but carry a large cargo of the oil of love, and when the storms are raging around us, keep the pumps working, pouring heaven's pacificator upon the troubled waters.

"It is love that thou lackest, thou poor old world!
Who shall make thy love hot for thee, frozen old world?
Thou art not happy as thou mightest be,
For the love of dear Jesus is little in thee.

Thus F. W. Faber sings the truth divinely stated—"the greatest of these is love."

Love, a Mantle.

Suppose we should insist upon making the best of one another! Every one has his weakness, his faults, and we may make the worst of these by critically fixing our attention constantly upon them. The caricaturist sees everything twisted, distorted, exaggerated, out of proportion; the artist sees the angel in every rough block of marble, and beauty everywhere. The difference is in the men, in their eyes, what they are looking for. Love is not blind, but love carries a mantle, and like Noah's son's "Walks backward, with averted face, and hides the shame." By loving whatever is lovable in others, and there is no one who has not some lovely traits, love will flow back from them to us, and life will become a pleasure, rather than a pain, earth will be transformed, and we shall be unconsciously changed into His image, whose name is love.

Only love can do this. To delight in the graces and veil the defects of the person who opposed your plans, whose peculiar infirmities grate on the sensibilities, and from whose conspicuous faults your whole being recoils, is the highest summit of love. But that is the only true, real love, and its exercise stamps the possessor as being heaven-born.

Give water to thy thirsty foe.
The sandal tree, as if to prove
How sweet to conquer hate by love
Perfumes the ax that lays it low."

Love, Self-Sacrificing.

In the Boston Public Library there has just been unveiled a picture by a noted artist, entitled "The Redemption." It is a delineation of the crucified Christ. The painter, in order to tell the story of the self-sacrificing love of the Son of God, has represented at the foot of the cross a coiled serpent, pressed under the feet of Christ. It is the picture of divine love, surrendering itself to death, that it might bruise the serpent's head, and by so doing redeem the race from sin. Suppose he had stood upon his rights, had allowed those who had sinned to take the consequences, had sat in conscious rectitude far off, referring to men in tones of pity, but lifting no finger to relieve them. He might have done so. He was under no obligation to do otherwise. It was pure benevolence, unmerited favor, free grace and dying love, which caused him to "bear our sins in His own body on the tree."

Notes and Comment

Of interest to Women Readers

DRIES HAIR QUICKLY.

Tube Holds It Outstretched While Electricity Supplies Heat.

One thing that makes the washing of the hair a troublesome procedure for so many women, and which also prevents them from enjoying surf



bathing, is the length of time it takes the hair to dry. This difficulty is overcome by the drying apparatus invented by a New York man, which will dry the hair thoroughly in a few minutes. The apparatus consists of a tube leading from a semi-spherical reflector in which are fixed a cluster of electric bulbs. At the front end of the tube is a sheet of flexible waterproof material, with a drawing string so that it can be adjusted over the head, while the hair is stretched out at length along the tube and the electric lights turned on. It takes a very short time for the heat thus generated to dry the hair as well as an hour or two in the sunshine would do. Far-sighted folk at seashore resorts will lay in a stock of these dryers and rob the ocean of the terrors it holds for milady who is particular about her hair.

Household Suggestions.

A warm poultice of strong hops and vinegar bound on an aching ear will give instant relief.

A teaspoonful of strong lime-water will cure the worst case of colic.

To restore black lace, use a strong solution of vinegar and water. Rinse in cold coffee and iron while damp, with a piece of flannel between iron and lace.

A traditional Virginia cure for ague is nine scoops of water in the hollow of the right hand from a cold spring, three mornings before sunrise, followed by a cup of strong coffee with lemon juice. This is positively claimed to be a never-failing remedy.

Hop-yeast thickened with pulverized charcoal will cure any case of gangrene. Change poultices regularly each night and morning.

To destroy proud flesh, heat large shells from either sea or lake, cool and pulverize very fine, then sprinkle on sore. A far better remedy than burnt alum.

To remove grease from wood, freely apply a strong solution of saltpetre and immediately wash off with cold soft water.

To restore India rubber to its natural pliancy, soak half an hour in one part ammonia and two parts cold water.—Aunt Fannie.

A Young Woman's Opinion of Men.

Is the American young man conceited? Ask me something hard. His chief form of entertainment is by paying long, stupid calls. If he were not conceited he would know that we do not enjoy it, although for the name and fame of popularity we endure them. He spends long evenings in discoursing upon his own superior talents and pursuits, while we smile, admire and applaud, sometimes fortifying our positions with a chafing dish spread, for the chafing dish is invaluable as a social asset nowadays. Sometimes our patience and our efforts are rewarded. Sometimes, on rare occasions, we are "taken out." A girl who has made considerable study of the subject, however, says "it takes at least ten 'sit in the parlor' calls to pay for at least one trip to the theatre." Now, this does not mean that he is stingy; he merely thinks his own company furnishes all the entertainment possible.

Turn-Overs for Comfortables.

Silkoline and delicate colored comfortables are too quickly soiled across the top where they come in contact with the hands and face. Even the upper sheet, turned over, will not stay in place to protect the edge. I recently tried a simple expedient: I took a slip of sheeting, just the width of the comfortable I wished to protect, and finished the end which folded over the top, like a fancy sheet with hand-embroidered initial and button-holed edge. The slip was about eighteen inches long, and doubled over the edge. This I basted to the top of the comfortable and it looks like an elaborate finishing touch to my pretty silk comfortable, yet can be frequently removed for laundering.—C. M. R., Wisconsin.

Hot Weather Bathing.

Remember in hot weather that you are cooler after a hot bath than one that is ice cold. The hot water draws the blood to the surface, making the skin moist and cool; a cold bath induces rapid circulation, which means extra heat.

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