

The Idiot At The Breakfast Table.
 "I hope you are satisfied with our table, Mr. Idiot," said the landlady.
 "In the main, yes," replied the idiot.
 "But I really think I ought to register a complaint against yesterday's fish-balls, madam."
 "Why, I am sorry about that," said the landlady, blushing. "We rather pride ourselves on our fish-balls. What was the matter with them, sir?"
 "Mine had a distinctly fishy taste," returned the idiot.—Harper's Weekly.

RELIGION FOR MEN

The Present Demand for a Replenishment of the Churches with Masculine Virtues.

In the shifting conditions of modern life thoughtful minds are pondering the best ways of adapting church machinery to new problems. One of the features of the present awakening of religious interest is the demand for a replenishment of the churches with the masculine virtues. The demand is not premature. The census shows that in most of the denominations the women outnumber the men nearly two to one. The Christian Scientists, naturally enough, lead off with the largest percentage of women; in that communion the "mother" element might be expected to prevail. The highest percentage of men is found in some of the Lutheran divisions, which may be explained in part by the fact that all the children, male and female, are required to learn the catechism and be confirmed; but it is doubtful whether the proportion of adult males in actual service of the church is larger among the Lutherans than among the other sects.

Various explanations of this disproportion of sex are offered. It is sometimes intimated that the types of religion presented by the churches are more adapted to the feminine than to the masculine mind; but if that were true it would still be questionable whether it was a cause or a consequence. Some light is thrown upon the question by the fact that the church is not the only field of activity in which we find a large preponderance of women. Public education is largely in the hands of women; they are giving to the fine arts far more attention than men, and among our philanthropic workers they are in a heavy majority. The spiritual side of civilization seems to be committed quite largely to their care. The reason is that the men are so much engrossed in the development of the material side of civilization that they find little time for these higher pursuits. The consequences of this neglect by men of the superior interests of their lives we have been reaping in the appalling infidelities and dishonesties which have recently been uncovered. It is true that the men have been dropping out of the churches and losing interest in religious matters, and it does not look as though this were working well. In the quarters where this tendency has been most shown there has clearly been a marked decrease in masculine morality. It begins to be questionable whether sound character is likely to be sustained apart from the spiritual ideals.

If it be evident that the men need religion, it is not less evident that religion needs the men. God made mankind in His image, male and female; the feminine qualities represent one side of the divinity that is in us and the masculine qualities another; and the complete revelation requires both. A church which is two-thirds women cannot fully represent this divine life; it cannot make a true impression of the great realities of religion upon the community in which it stands. There can be no doubt that the church has been greatly enfeebled by this withdrawal of a large number of men from active participation in its life.

It is the discovery of this fact that awakened the widespread interest now finding expression in the brotherhoods springing into vigorous life in all the Christian denominations. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Episcopal church has long been an efficient organization, and the healthy growth of that communion is due in large part to this agency. But all the other denominations are now rallying their men for similar service; in great conventions, East and West, the men of the churches are coming together to envisage their tasks and shoulder their responsibilities. Some of the most enthusiastic gatherings which have recently taken place in this country are these assemblies of men, stirred by the religious motive, and eager to find ways in which they may promote the work of the churches. For the most part their action has been entirely rational; they have not proposed much new machinery; they have usually sought to know how they might apply their own power more efficiently to the machinery already in operation.

The Ignorant Unbeliever.
 The late Nell Burgess used to clinch, with an anecdote, his claim that atheists were always ignorant. "A coarse, swaggering fellow," he would begin, "declared in a barber shop: 'I don't believe in no hereafter. You live and die, and that's the end of ye.'"
 "Why, you must be a Unitarian, George," the barber said.
 "Fuh, not me!" was the reply. "I'm too fond of meat for that."—Minneapolis Journal.

Dead Swell.
 A young girl, incurably given to slang, went with her mother to the funeral of an aunt. The dead woman had been strikingly handsome in life, and her features retained all their attractiveness. "How do you think Aunt Blanche looked?" asked the mother, when they had viewed the corpse. Enthusiastically the child replied, "Dead swell, didn't she, mother?"

Almost Regretted It.
 General Jackson had won the battle of New Orleans.
 "Just as likely as not," he reflected, "it will turn out that I've committed a monumental blunder. I ought to have let Pakenham have his way, and take the whole Mississippi River. It would have been cheaper. Now this country will have to improve the blamed old stream itself!"
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 Sheep—Market strong; sheep, \$6.35 @ 7.50; yearlings, \$7.50 @ 8; lambs, \$7.65 @ 9; spring lambs, \$9 @ 11.
 Kansas City—Cattle—Market steady to 10c. lower; choice export and dressed beef steers \$7.30 @ 8.25; fair to good, \$6 @ 7.50; Western steers, \$5.75 @ 8; stockers and feeders, \$4 @ 6.20; Southern cows, \$4.45 @ 5.75; native cows, \$4 @ 6.75; native heifers, \$4.65 @ 7.40; bulls, \$4.50 @ 6.25; calves, \$3.50 @ 7.75.
 Hogs—Market 5 to 10c. lower; top, \$9.45; bulk of sales, \$9.30 @ 9.40; heavy, \$9.25 @ 9.45; packers and butchers, \$9.30 @ 9.40; light, \$9.7 @ 9.40; pigs, \$8.50 @ 9.**

COMMERCIAL

Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

Bradstreet's says:
 Trade is quiet as a whole, unfavorable weather, the indefinite crop outlook and uncertainty as to prices of merchandise all tending to retard distributing demand, both at wholesale and retail.

Trade reports from the West note a quiet to fair trade at retail, while jobbing business has been largely confined to fill-in orders, and fall trade is reported backward, though, perhaps, equal to a year ago at this date. Except in the lower Mississippi Valley, Southern trade reports are of fair to good trade for the season of the year. Retail trade in the East is only fair, and wholesale trade is disappointing.

Among the industries, one of the best circumstances lines is building, which shows a next to largest monthly expenditure for April, second, indeed, only to May, 1909, and allied lines all show good conditions. In the iron and steel trade, furnace production is still being decreased, and Western reports from the finished lines are of lower quotations being offered. In cotton goods, the raw material has advanced sharply, while distribution has retarded by the uncertainty as to future values, including buying only for immediate wants. In other textile lines quiet rules, but it is significant that manufacturers this week have bought more freely of raw wool at concessions than for a long time past.

Collections reflect the influence of retarded spring trade in reports of only fair to slow payments. Land speculations in the West has received a check in the higher rates being exacted for loans.

Wholesale Markets.

New York.—Wheat—Spot firms; No. 2 red, 115c. nominal c. l. f.; No. 1 Northern, 1.21 1/2 nominal f. o. b.
 Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 70c. elevator domestic basis; export No. 2, 68 nominal f. o. b.
 Oats—Spot steady; mixed, 26 @ 32 lbs., nominal; natural white, 26 @ 32 lbs., 46 @ 48 1/2; clipped white, 34 @ 42 lbs., 47 @ 52 1/2.
 Butter—Steady; receipts, 5,350 packages; creamery, old, 23 @ 25c.
 Cheese—Firm; receipts, 3,098 boxes; price unchanged.
 Eggs—Firm; receipts, 28,820 cases; fresh gathered in storage package, selections, 21 1/2 @ 22 1/2 c.; regular packed, extra firsts, 21 1/2 @ 22 1/2 c.; firsts, 20 @ 21.
 Poultry—Alive easy; fowls, 18 1/2 c.; turkeys, 10 @ 14. Dressed quiet; frozen chickens, 17 @ 28c.; Western fowls, 15 @ 19; do., turkeys, 16 @ 20.
 Philadelphia.—Wheat—Weak and 1c. lower; contract grade, May, 111 @ 115c.
 Corn—Quiet but firm; May, 64 @ 64 1/2 c.
 Oats—Steady; No. 2 white natural, 48 1/2 @ 49c.
 Butter—Weak and 1c. lower; extra Western creamery, 29 1/2 c.; do., nearby prints, 31.
 Eggs—Steady; fair demand; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, f. c., 22c. a mark; do., current receipts in returnable cases, 20 1/2 @ 21c.; Western firsts, f. c., 22 @ 23c.; do., current receipts, f. c., 20 1/2 @ 21c.
 Cheese—Firm, 1/2c. higher; New York full cream, choice new, 14 1/2 @ 14 3/4 c.; do., fair to good, new, 13 @ 14 1/4 c.
 Poultry—Live, steady; fowls, 17 1/2 @ 18 1/2 c.; old roosters, 13 1/2 @ 14; broiling chickens, 32 @ 36; ducks, 14 @ 15; geese, 12 @ 13.
 Baltimore.—Wheat—No. 2 red Western, 108 1/2 c.; No. 2 red, 108 1/2 c.; No. 3 red, 104 1/2 c.
 The closing was quiet; No. 2 red spot, 108 1/2 bid; July, 1.03 1/2 nominal.
 Corn—Spot and May, 64 1/2 c. bid; July, 67 1/2 bid.
 Oats—White—No. 2, as to weight, 49 @ 49 1/2 c.; No. 3, as to weight, 47 1/2 @ 48 1/2 c.; No. 4, as to weight, 44 1/2 @ 45 1/2 c.; No. 2, 47 @ 47 1/2 c.; No. 3, 46 @ 46 1/2 c.
 Hay—We quote, per ton: Timothy—No. 1, \$20.50; No. 2, \$19.50 @ 20; No. 3, \$17 @ 18. Clover mixed—Choice, \$19 @ 19.50; No. 1, \$18.50 @ 19; No. 2, \$16.50 @ 17.50. Clover—No. 1, \$18 @ 19; No. 2, \$16.50 @ 17.50.

Butter—Steady demand for desirable stock. We quote, per lb.: Creamery—Fancy, 23 1/2 @ 29; choice, 27 @ 28; good, 25 @ 26; imitation, 21 @ 23; print, 29 @ 30.
 Cheese—We quote, jobbing prices, per lb., 15 1/4 @ 16.
 Eggs—We quote, per dozen; Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 20c.; Western firsts, 20; Southern firsts, 19.
 Live Poultry—Old hens, firmer; other lines unchanged. We quote per lb.: Chickens—Old hens, heavy, 17c.; small to medium, 17; old roosters, 10 @ 11; winter, as to size, 25 @ 28; spring, 14 lbs. and over, 35 @ 38; small, 30 @ 38. Ducks—Large, 13 @ 14c.; small, 13; Muscovy and mongrel, 13 @ 14.

Live Stock.
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There Was A Limit.

An Irish politician had just returned from a trip abroad. A friend met him and inquired:
 "Did you have a fine time, Mike?"
 "Of course I did."
 "Did you visit the theaters in Paris?"
 "Sure, I say all the plays."
 "And did you go to the cafes?"
 "Sure, I was in all of 'em."
 "Well, tell me, Mike, and did ye see any of the pommes de terre?"
 "No, I had the wife with me all the time."—Albany Argus.

The Only Dry Place.

A stinging angler was fishing on a Scottish loch on a pouring wet day. He had been consoling himself from his flask and forgetting himself from his flask and forgetting himself from his flask. Presently he asked the gillie if there was a dry place in the boat on which strike a match.
 "You might try my throat," said the gillie. "It's dry enough."—Fishing Gazette.
 The Transandinian Railway was opened on the Chilean side on April 4. The opening on the Argentine side will occur this month.

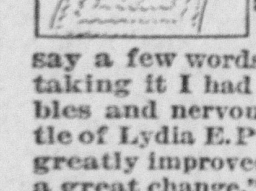
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"What did you feed them?" asked the wife of a farmer neighbor.
 "Feed them?" exclaimed the author's help-mate. "I didn't feed them; I thought a healthy young pullet like that should have milk enough for her chicks."—Everybody's Magazine.

Mrs. Clara Shortridge Foltz of Los Angeles, has been appointed a member of the state board of charities and correction of California. She is the only woman on the commission, and was the first woman admitted to practice law in her state.

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 It is plain enough that people procure too much upon the respect for womanhood which was once a national trait. Under cover of that assumption some of those having children in their care have become reckless, many of the young have grown bold, even daring, and vicious scoundrels who must be on the increase have not failed to take advantage of ignorance, folly and helplessness.
 In fifty years our industrial, commercial and social life has been almost revolutionized. Hundreds of thousands of young girls are daily exposed to perils which rarely beset the home. A vast growth in population has been accompanied by a more than proportionate increase of men and youths who are criminally inclined. There must be a greater protection of womanhood and there must be severer punishment for all those who craftily or savagely make war upon it.—N. Y. World.

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