

The SANDMAN STORY

ABOUT CHRISTMAS HURRY

"I THINK," said Santa Claus, as he worked busily away in his workshop, way up North, "that there is a great deal of fun about Christmas time hurry."
 "Of course I plan for Christmas—almost, I might say from one Christmas to another."
 "I think, as soon as Christmas is over, of some nice gifts and some pleasant surprises for the following year."
 "But no matter how much I plan ahead and do ahead there is always a great deal that I must do in a hurry."
 "I call it Christmas hurry. And I love it!"
 "There are last-minute letters being received, there are all sorts of things which come up which I want to do and which I feel I surely must do, and which, too, I enjoy doing."
 "There is something so splendid about hurrying for Christmas. It seems to refresh me and make me feel younger and younger rather than older and older."
 "Christmas hurry is like beautiful, clear, cool air which makes people



"Now I Must Finish This Train of Cars."

feel so strong and well and able to tackle anything at all."
 "People will say around Christmas time—"
 "Oh, dear, but we must hurry. We have so much to do."
 "But their voices don't sound tired, and they're not feeling tired. They love the hurrying because it is Christmas hurrying."
 "Everything, really, when it comes right down to it, that is connected with Christmas, is nice!"
 Boy of the North, Santa's dog, barked as though he agreed, too.
 "Let me see," continued Santa

Claus, "there are all these addresses for chimney homes."
 And Santa looked at pages and pages of addresses or houses which he would be visiting on Christmas eve.
 "Then there are the fire-escape addresses. You see, when they built those big apartment houses in cities, as I think I've told you, Boy of the North, people didn't have fireplaces."
 "Yet I knew that I must think of some way of getting to see the children."
 "I discovered the fire escapes which they were putting on these buildings and I said to myself: 'The fire escapes for Santa then if there are no chimneys.' So that is how I get to the stockings of the city children."
 "The time is getting short now, Boy of the North, and the reindeer are becoming impatient to be off. How they love it!"
 "Rushing, scampering, flying over the towns and cities and the country places and visiting every little boy and girl everywhere."
 "The reindeer know what it is they are doing. Ah, yes, you can be sure they know."
 "And why wouldn't they know? The deer (I didn't mean to make a joke, Boy of the North), have been doing this for a pretty long time."
 "They get so excited by the time Christmas comes, that there is never any trouble in getting around everywhere."
 "Oh, no! Not my reindeer. Why, we're scarcely away from one house before we're at another, and that is the truth."
 "There! That doll is finished. Hasn't she pretty blue eyes? And see how they open and close!"
 "Now, I must finish this train of cars. The tracks are all ready and I have some fine lamp posts and a station to go with this set. It'll make some boy very happy."
 "Yes, I must hurry. If I don't hurry I won't get through in time."
 "But I will get through in time because I'll hurry!"
 "There! I must attach the cars to each other. Then that will be finished. I have so many things almost done—just the last touches to be given to them and then they will be all in readiness."
 "There's that doll's house I must furnish."
 "Ah, yes, I must hurry."
 "But how I love to hurry!"
 "And how everyone loves to hurry at Christmas time!"
 "Hurry, hurry."
 "Scurry, scurry."
 "Joyous Christmas time."
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Lois Moran



Charming Lois Moran has left little girl parts behind forever in the pictures—and has blossomed forth as a mature young woman of great beauty and culture in the "talkies." She is one of the few silent stars who shout with joy when "talkies" came into power—for she had spent years in voice culture.

For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

IS THE WORLD FRIENDLY?

A PICTURE is something more than the harmonious blending of colors upon a piece of canvas; and music than the harmony of sounds. By means of a picture an artist reveals his message; through music, pathos, tragedy, love and all the other emotions rush for expression. Whether the picture or the music conveys a message to you personally depends upon yourself. If you have eyes to see, if you have ears to hear you will hear. An art gallery is no place for eyes blind to the sense of beauty, and deaf ears receive no reward for an evening spent listening to a symphony. That which we both hear and see is but a reflection of our inner selves. As a mirror reflects the image before it, so the beauty of our own personal appreciation of beauty. The same fact holds true with reference to the pleasure we receive in our contacts with nature. To some persons a day in the woods means a day of relaxation and intense enjoyment; to another it may mean nothing. Mountains, rivers, the ocean and sky bring a message to us just in proportion to our capacity to appreciate them. In his 'Peter Bell,' Wordsworth writes:

In vain, through every change of year, Did nature lead him as before; A primrose by a river's brim A yellow primrose was to him, And it was nothing more.

What we see in persons is also largely a reflection of our own character. Dishonesty easily detects dishonesty, and selfishness readily discovers selfishness. The pure in heart see purity in others, and goodness is attracted to goodness. The fault we are accustomed to see in others may be but a mote which is in our own eye. The capacity to see the best in others is a very rare accomplishment.

In his books, "Adventures in Friendship" and "The Friendly Road," David Grayson (Ray Stannard Baker) made many interesting discoveries, none more interesting than the fact that "it grows more wonderful every year how full the world is of friendly people." He found what he sought. He discovered in others a reflection of his own soul. To him this was a friendly world, because he himself gave it friendship. Give to the world the best you have. And the best will come back to you. (© 1923, Western Newspaper Union.)



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Losses From Hog Cholera Lowest

Raising Animals Under McLean County System Is Emphasized.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
 Hog cholera seems to be slightly less prevalent this year than last, and last year losses from the disease were the lowest since the United States Department of agriculture has been keeping records, Dr. U. G. Houck, associate chief of the bureau of animal industry announced in a summary of information assembled from thirty-one states. In four of these states, however—Indiana, Michigan, Nebraska, and Ohio—hog cholera is more prevalent than last year. Approximately the same amount of cholera as last year was reported for Colorado, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas, Illinois, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

Less Cholera Reported.
 In Alabama, California, Georgia, Kansas, Maryland, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Arkansas, Iowa, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Missouri, South Carolina, Utah, and Oregon observers report less cholera this year than last. With the exception of three states the decreases are slight, but Oklahoma reports a reduction of 50 per cent, Louisiana 40 per cent, and Idaho 30 per cent.

The hog cholera situation, in general, said Doctor Houck, "seems to be somewhat better than last year. According to our information there has been considerable increase this year over last year in the amount of immunization against hog cholera in fifteen of the thirty-one states. There was no appreciable difference in nine states and seven states report less immunization than last year."
 Doctor Houck referred to a report from Idaho stating that most of the hog cholera of recent months occurred on farms where there had been purchases at public grounds of unimmunized animals. A middle-western veterinarian explained occasional "breaks" of the serum usually occurred when "too little attention is given to the condition of the herd immediately prior to immunization," the consequence of administering virus when the animals were not in fit physical condition to receive it. In such cases losses are likely to be severe.

Harm Done by Vendors.
 Doctor Houck also quoted an observer of the swine industry in Nebraska as saying that "vendors of swine remedies have become increasingly prevalent during the last few years in Nebraska. In many cases they have caused owners of sick herds to delay in securing competent veterinary assistance until too late to save their hogs. In other cases the remedies fed to prevent sickness have actually caused sickness." This observer also emphasizes the desirability of raising hogs under the McLean County system of sanitation as sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture, comments on the desirability of feeding balanced rations, and emphasizes the advisability of immediately employing a competent veterinarian when disease appears in a herd.

Tractors Are Gaining on Many Truck Farms

In regions around large centers of population where truck gardening prevails and in other places where small road crops are grown, the garden tractor is gaining a strong foothold. Poultry, fruit or truck farms use this mechanical power very advantageously in seeding, cultivating and barvesting, as well as in other draw-bar and belt power tasks.
 The garden tractor fills a demand which results from the impracticability of maintaining horses in thickly settled truck or fruit-producing areas. In such areas land is expensive and the cost of home-grown horse feed is too high.
 These garden tractors are small and compact and can be operated advantageously in gardens, orchards or other close quarters since they may be turned sharply and since the tools that operate are close to the source of power, generally between the driver and the engine.

Legume Crops Are Not Satisfactory for Silage

Legume crops do not make good fertilizer as a rule. They are so high in nitrogen and low in sugars and starches that they do not keep well in a silo. At the University of Missouri some years ago Professor Eckels was able to make very good silage out of alfalfa hay that he allowed to wilt before putting in the silo. Most experiments, however, have not been so successful. It is necessary to save some sugar and starch fermentation to develop a good keeping quality.

Most Efficient Method of Preserving a Post

The most efficient farm method of preserving fence posts is by what is called the hot and cold bath process. The treatment consists of heating the post in the preservative in an open tank containing cold creosote for several hours more. The process varies greatly with the kind of wood treated and details can be secured from the state extension forester, college of agriculture, University of Idaho, Moscow.

Know Plant Habits, Gardeners Advised

Traits Must Be Known for Best Results in Crops.

The home gardener must be well acquainted with the characteristics of the plants he grows if he is to secure the best results for his efforts, advises the vegetable department of the college of agriculture at New Brunswick. The trait of our common vegetable plants which cannot be overlooked in any way is their sensitiveness to climatic conditions. Some vegetables require hot weather for their best development and are killed by a very light frost. Others do not develop properly during hot weather but will endure freezes. Each must be planted at a season of the year which will enable it to make its best development.

Of the cool season crops some reach edible maturity quickly, and are almost always grown without transplanting. In this group we find peas; the short-season root crops like radish, kohlrabi, and turnip; the greens, such as spinach, mustard and kale; and the salad crops like leaf lettuce, garden cress and corn salad. These should be planted as soon as the danger of killing frosts is over.
 Other cool season crops have a longer growing season than these, and must be started in a greenhouse, hotbed or cold frame sometime before they could be sown outdoors if they are to mature before hot weather. Cabbage, cauliflower and head lettuce are in this class. The time to transplant these crops from the greenhouse to the field is as soon as the danger of killing frosts is past. Successive planting of some can be made up to the first of May, but after this date it is better to plant some of the warm season crops.

Fix Garden Tools Now, Save Time Next Spring

By properly taking care of the garden tools in the fall, hours of making ready in spring can be saved, says the November American Home. Rust has a knack of doing slow but effective damage and is the thing to be guarded against most carefully.
 All metal work, and wood, too, can be rubbed with an oil-soaked rag. The oil used should be clean but not too light, for it must give a perfect covering through the winter. All bearings, too, can be kept shiny, such as the share of the garden plow or the hoe blade, coat the surface liberally with hard oil. This work is a dirty job and should be done in old clothes.
 Should you find a tool badly rusted, a brick bat will be found an excellent thing to remove the rust. A fine grade of sand paper will also cut through safely. This can be finished with emery cloth, although a buffing wheel turned at high speed with some emery powder on it will be the best to put on a highly polished surface that will "scour" when first used.

Alfalfa Will Furnish High-Grade Roughage

Among all the standard feed crops, alfalfa generally ranks at or near the top in dollar value per acre. A good crop of alfalfa hay yields from two to seven times as much digestible protein per acre as any of the farm crops commonly grown for live stock feed.
 An alfalfa field on the farm will do more than furnish every class of live stock with the highest grade of roughage possible at a reasonable cost. With alfalfa hay available, other high yielding legumes can be used as pasture, or they can be plowed under as soil builders.
 Alfalfa seeded in the fall requires a good seedbed, well pulverized and firm. The soil pulverizer is recognized as a good tool for crushing clods and for firming the soil before seeding.

Agricultural Squibs

Sheep are particular and will refuse left-overs. . . .
 Plenty of direct sunlight is an important factor in producing good gains in fall pigs. . . .
 Make repairs on your farm machinery now so that you won't have to waste valuable time later on. . . .
 A seed grower can build up his business and perhaps make splendid profits in the production of pure seed without exhibiting. . . .
 It does not pay to scatter straw of any kind on the field. It can best be used by making bedding for live stock and put back with manure. . . .
 The only way to handle green clover is to ensile it. Otherwise if it is made into hay it must be air-cured enough to insure housing it without much heating. . . .
 The use of the fanning mill for seed oats ordinarily pays well. The removal of chaff, light, shrunken grains, weed seeds, and dirt insures a more uniform rate of seeding, better germination, and a better yield. . . .

If your home garden is composed of a heavy, stiff soil that has a tendency to become hard and form a crust after rains, it can be improved by turning under manure or any other vegetable matter. Coal ashes also are good but they add no fertility.

Garfield Tea

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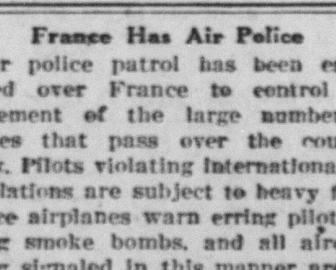
Softening Toward Him
 Representative James M. Beck said at a dinner:
 "If they had kept me out much longer I'd have felt as bad as Brownlow."
 "Brownlow was running for mayor, and one night at the end of a stormy meeting his campaign manager said:
 "'You're winning them over, Brownlow. They seemed more inclined to listen tonight. Yes, you're getting more popular all the time.'"
 "'Popular?' snarled Brownlow. 'Look at my coat and vest. Why, they did nothing but bombast me with rotten eggs.'"
 "'Yes, but,' said the manager, 'don't you remember, Brownlow, how it used to be bricks?'"

From Bunyan
 A muck-rake is a rake used in collecting muck or dung. Literally a muck-raker is one who uses such a rake. Figuratively the term is used to mean a person who makes a practice of searching for, collecting and publishing corrupt practices among public officials. It is believed to refer to "the man with the muck-rake" in Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.



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France Has Air Police
 Air police patrol has been established over France to control the movement of the large number of planes that pass over the country daily. Pilots violating international air regulations are subject to heavy fines. Police airplanes warn erring pilots by firing smoke bombs, and all aircraft being signaled in this manner are required to follow the police ship to the ground and land alongside it.

Needed a Mental Stroke
 "Is Bill absent-minded?"
 "He certainly is. It nearly cost him his life one time."
 "How was that?"
 "He fell overboard and forgot he knew how to swim."

Considerate
 Horatio—Ah, sweetest Miranda, I would lay the world at your feet, but for one thing.
 Miranda—And what is that?
 Horatio—Some other people are using it, dear.

Effective Remedy
 Colly—Can you suggest something that will remove superfluous hair?
 Druggist—Yes; try matrimony.

Never try to make a fool of a man—let nature take its course.

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How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

"DARK AS EREBUS"

THIS phrase, signifying the blackest darkness, which is frequently met with in literature and sometimes in speech of a high sounding and classical flavor, takes its origin in the pages of the old Greek mythology.
 Erebus was a term used by the ancient Greeks and Romans to denote the darkness of the lower world, and so the lower world itself. To Erebus went the souls of the departed, and at its entrance waited Cerberus, the three headed dog with snakes for hair who turned on those who entered but devoured all who attempted to return.
 Personifying everything as they did, the ancients called Erebus a son of Chaos and father of Aether (air) and Hespera (day).
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SMILES

GABBY GERTIE



"A wife may like to have her clothes admired by others, but she generally gets them on her husband's account—if he has credit"

Why We Do What We Do

By M. K. THOMSON, Ph. D.

WHY THE GOOD WANT A REPUTATION FOR BEING BAD

NO MAN wants to be called a sissy, a milkop, a goody-goody. These are terms of scorn and ridicule because they stand for cowardice, weakness and the lack of manly qualities.
 Thus in order to avoid being put in the class with milkops a good man will seek a reputation for being bad. It is generally regarded as a greater compliment to be called a regular devil than to be classed as a sissy.
 There are styles in heroes as in dress and religion. Years ago the goody-good man was stylish, hence the numerous hypocrites who feigned a purity of character that did not belong to them. Now that the prevailing style is a person with zip and snap the tendency is to become a hypocrite of the opposite type in claiming a reputation for badness, that one does not possess.
 A good man wants a reputation for being bad also because of a childish wish to appear grown up, to attract attention by his daring and strength even as young boys who try hard to be "manly." The boy who can chew the biggest cud of tobacco and spit the blackest and farthest gets the leadership of his gang. Somehow, men never outgrow this attitude of impressing their fellows with their strength and daring and toughness of brain and brawn.
 Polonius in advising his son, Laertes, who is about to leave for Paris to complete his education, cautions him against the evils of a great city. But he is afraid the boy will take him too seriously and turn out a goody-goody, so he ends by telling him not to be too tame, either.
 The modern version of this view is expressed in a certain college fraternity song that praises its members by describing them as scholars and gentlemen, "not too fast and not too slow."
 Badness in moderation seems to be admired more than goodness in the extreme, hence the desire on the part of a good man for a reputation for being bad.
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