

WHY THE FORMER ARE WHITE AND THE LATTER GREEN.

The coloring of animals is to a large extent protective. It enables animals to hide from their enemies...

For instance, rats, mice, bats and moles, which seek for food at night, are dusky hues, while in the light of day they conceal themselves in their holes...

Perhaps the musk ox, or musk sheep, which is of a dark-brown color, would seem an exception, but the habits of the animal explain this.

He is black; yet inhabits the regions of snow and ice; but he feeds on carrion, and has no enemies that think his body fit food.

Armed insects are highly colored, such as wasps and bees. Their very high coloring shows to other animals what they are, and their poison protects them.

Others can fly rapidly, and this is a protection, so that they are given a gaudy coloring, like the swift-flying rose chafer.

Butterflies are gayly colored, but they are unfit for eating, even when given to young turkeys they spit them out.

Insects are often found on trees and leaves which are the exact color of the food that they seek. This is a protection. The voice of the tree toad is heard before the rain, yet so exactly is he the color of the limbs on which he lies that it is hard to find him.

Green caterpillars feed on green leaves and their very food serves to hide them from their enemies. Certain insects called loopers can stick themselves out rigidly like sticks, which they so much resemble as to be taken for them.

Green and brown caterpillars are greedily eaten by birds, and even by frogs, lizards and spiders; hence they generally feed at night, and during the day remain motionless upon leaves or twigs of the same color as themselves.

Bright colored caterpillars, however, are discarded by birds and always refused by frogs, lizards and spiders, as if they tasted bad to them.

Parrots that live in the dense foliage of green trees are invariably green, and the birds of high-colored plumage are tropical, where the colors of the flowers and shrubs are brilliant.

Birds that abound in the region of deciduous trees are never green, but brown or olive is the prevailing color. This tint is least perceptible among the leafless trees and bushes which prevail for the greater portion of the year, when protection is so much needed.

THE sales of government land during the past year were by far the greatest ever made in a single year, amounting to 16,830,455 acres.

WHITE elephants are said to be scarce, and one is to be brought over in the spring for Americans to fall down and worship. Admittance, the usual price.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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BY REV. HENRY M. GROUT, D. D. JANUARY 20.—The Power of the Tongue.—James 6: 1-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.—By thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.—Matthew 12: 37.

Always and everywhere the tendency of the human heart is to substitute a religion of form and semblance for that of life and reality.

It would seem that the drift of admonition in this chapter was called forth by an evil which had grown up in connection with the services of the synagogues.

In connection with these the large liberty of teaching was allowed; that is, any one could rise and address the assembly; and this liberty had come to be greatly abused.

On the part of some there was a forwardness, growing out of conceit, or ambition, or fondness for dispute, which had need to be restrained.

It is in view of this that James pens the caution of the first verse. "My brethren, be not many masters (i. e., teachers) knowing that we, who assume to teach, take upon ourselves a great responsibility, and shall receive for our errors a sterner judgment."

Be not, he would say, too forward to speak; especially guard against careless and bitter words! That which follows is an argument for the restraint and government of this power of speech.

Many reasons are given for the control of the tongue. It is 1. An index of moral attainment and strength.—In many things we all stumble; and not to err in speech is to be a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

The word "perfect" is used in the sense of maturity, ripeness; to mark one as full grown, in contrast with a babe in Christ.

It is by speech more than in almost any other way that one discloses his feelings, passions, and moral drift. Hence it is that by our words we shall be justified or condemned; and for every idle (careless, unpremeditated) word shall be brought into judgement.

Said Socrates to a fair-faced youth, "Speak, friend, that I may see thee." Then, in no other way does one more surely indicate his moral strength.

Nothing is more difficult than to control the tongue. He who can do this, can bridle the whole body, subdue any and every other appetite or passion; rule every member and sense.

2. A means of moral discipline.—Such would seem to be the force of the illustrations of the bit and the helm. They suggest the great power of the tongue in its sway over others; since a persuasive or an eloquent tongue may turn individuals, and even great bodies of men, almost as one might please.

But the Apostle's thought seemed to be different. He seems to mean that, as by our hold upon the bit or helm we have the horse or ship in hand, so through the tongue we in a large measure govern our whole selves.

To suppress the angry word is a great help towards the suppression of the passion which prompted it. We feed, or we may starve vanity, pride, conceit, and other like passions by opening or closing the door of the lips. He who controls the tongue also gains strength thereby for other victories.

Every brave and successful contest with any evil invigorates the whole moral being. "So the tongue is a little member, and boasteth (not without reason) great things."

3. Necessary in view of the great evils wrought by an uncontrolled tongue.—Two figures are used to indicate this. The tongue is "a fire"; it is also "a world of iniquity." As a fire it can inflict pain and destroy untold good. It is a world of iniquity in that there would seem to be no kind of wickedness which it cannot originate or stir up.

It "defileth the whole body" in that it leads on to every other form of sin. Talk of evil prepares the way for doing it. It setteth on fire the whole round, or orb, or wheel of creation, and the whole course of a man's own life.

Such sins of speech have the very spirit of the lower world; are instigated by the devil, for whom hell is prepared.

This is an appalling account of the evils wrought by uncontrolled speech; but that it is not overdrawn is painfully evident. A lawless tongue stirs to intense excitement every base passion of our own nature, and is the cause of untold wickedness and misery in the world.

Happy is the home, the social circle, the church, the community that has escaped its "disturbing, blighting curse." How many friends have separated; how many discords has it fomented; how many reputations has it blasted!

4. Possible only to divine grace.—There is no kind of living creature which mankind have not been able to tame; but this unruly evil, full of deadly poison, can no man tame. Not only does the Apostle mean that no man can curb another's tongue, but that none can tame his own.

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5. Indispensable to Christian consistency and hope.—It sometimes comes to pass that the same tongue will at one time bless God, joining in the prayers and praises of his house, and at another indulge in the bitterest accusations and denunciations of fellow-men.

This is as unnatural (if the heart be truly Christian) as for a fountain to send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter, or for a fig tree to bear olive berries.

If we truly bless God, the same heart in us will move us to speak kindly and well of those who still bear, though marred by sin, God's own similitude.

An uncontrolled tongue is not consistent with true love to God and men. Grace which renews the soul subdues also the lips. He whose speech is uncontrolled by grace can have no assured Christian hope.

He has reason to fear that all his words of praise to God are the outgoings of a self-deceived heart.

6. A mark of heavenly wisdom.—The Apostle now returns to the admonition of the first verse. You aspire, he says, to be conspicuous and forward as teachers; and do not shrink from careless, envious, bitter speech.

There is a better way. Would you seem to be wise? Restrain your tongues, and show out of a good life (as the old word "conversation" means) your good works—always better than any mere words.

Let this be "with meekness of wisdom," for all true wisdom is patient and kindly. The wisdom which is marked by envy and strife is earthly, sensual (unspiritual), devilish.

But there is another—pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits—this is from heaven. It is not in strife, but "in peace" that that seed is sown which yields "the fruit of righteousness."

The good and saving work of the world is done by those whose hearts and tongues are governed by that wisdom which is from above.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS. 1. Religious teachers, whether ministers or others, should, of all persons, be pure, truthful and kindly in speech.

2. How few Christians seem to bear in mind the importance of the test of Christian character presented in this chapter.

3. Do not forget that the utterance of thought deepens the feeling or passion from which it springs. Here is a means of moral discipline to be remembered. It follows that right speech is a means not only of mental improvement, but of spiritual grace.

4. Much of the mischief done with the tongue comes not of malice, but of a love of random talk. Hence take bearing, scandal, and defamation. Are you a random talker? Say with the psalmist, "I will keep my mouth with a bridle" and pray, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth."

What a Barometer Knows About Weather. Higher barometer means that the mercury is rising, and lower barometer that it is falling.

Higher pressure is synonymous with higher barometer, and lower pressure with lower barometer. In case of a higher barometer it indicates a colder and contracting atmosphere and consequently a diminution of moisture.

A lower barometer indicates any expand-atmosphere with greater capacity for holding moisture. In case of rising barometer it indicates a decrease of moisture and diminishes the liability for rain.

A falling barometer indicates an increased amount of moisture and greater liability for rain, and with it we have an increased cloudiness.

When the barometer rises in cloudy weather it is generally an indication that the clouds will break and be followed by fair weather.

A sudden change in the barometer, either rising or falling, is a fair indication of approaching high winds.

At sunset if the sun goes down behind or is obscured by a bank of clouds with a falling barometer, rain will follow in nineteen cases out of twenty on the succeeding day.

If the sun be obscured at its setting by clouds with a rising barometer and cooler winds the chances are nineteen to twenty no rain will fall on the succeeding day.

There are three fair weather sunsets—the red, yellow and green. Green and red are exceptional; green more so than the red.

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF UNSEATED LANDS.

In pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed on the 20th day of March, A. D. 1821, the Commissioners of the County of Berks, at the Court House, in the Borough of Belleville, on Tuesday, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1881, the following described tracts of land, purchased by the County at Treasurer's sale, and which have remained undredged for the space of five years and upwards.

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Table listing land parcels with columns for ACRE, PER, WARRANT NAME, and TOWNSHIP. Includes names like D. Caradell, John M. Hall, James Barran, etc.

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