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FACTS THAT FEW NOW COMPREHEND

Ninety-five Per Cent. of Passengers Do Not Live in a House That Costs as Much as the Car They Ride In.

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Ninety-five per cent. of the traveling public do not own in their own right, or control through real estate, a dwelling house, including all its contents, costs as much as one of the ordinary modern passenger cars run on any first class railroad.

The foregoing statement, which is calculated to arouse the incredulity of the average individual, was made yesterday by George J. Charlton, assistant general passenger and ticket agent of the Chicago and Alton railroad.

Just let me give you a few facts to prove that assertion, continued Mr. Charlton. "The cost of the average passenger car is today from \$6,000 to \$7,000. A reclining-chair car costs from \$10,000 to \$12,000. These figures represent the bare cost of the car. When you add to that from year to year the expense of maintenance, instead of figuring, as the ordinary business mortal will figure, a return in interest for the capital invested, you simply aggravate the situation. I once heard a prominent master car builder say that it cost \$500 to simply look over a car after it had served five or six months on the road and had been sent to the car shops to be examined and put into presentable shape for another six months' run. He further stated that the ordinary 'dressing down' and 'cleaning up' of a car would cost over \$500, and if you extend your investigation to general shop repairs—perhaps adding upholstery here and there—you could easily get away with another \$500.

COST OF CAR WHEELS.

"Did you ever stop to consider the amount of money which may be expended on three or four of the important parts of a car? Take the paper wheels used in passenger cars. Until within very recent times a single wheel cost from \$80 to \$100. Most first-class cars are run on six-wheel trucks. This would mean twelve wheels of the car, or \$900 to \$1,200 for the wheels alone, without the axles and springs. It is true that today you can get a passenger car wheel for very much less, and they will average somewhere in the vicinity of \$60 a wheel, but most of the railroads entering Chicago are today running cars the wheels of which cost them from \$80 to \$100 apiece. The trucks or running gear of a first-class passenger car, in themselves and independent of the car at all, will cost from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

As we increase the expense of building a car—making it more solid and heavier, better able to stand the wear and tear of everyday travel and the result of accidents, which will occasionally happen on the best regulated railroads—we decrease, by granting additional facilities, such as smoking rooms, buffet, elaborate toilet rooms, the seating capacity of the car. Instead of 50,000 pounds, the modern passenger car weighs 60,000 to 80,000 pounds. It carries only an average of forty passengers, instead of the fifty or more which the old cars of bygone days carried. This increased weight makes increased operating expense. We must have a larger and better engine—an engine that will consume more coal—and all this means additional expense. As you increase the facilities for comfort of the passenger and enhance and durability in the make-up of a passenger car, you decrease its carrying capacity, and necessarily you earn considerably less in revenue in the modern up-to-date passenger car, which costs from \$10,000 to \$12,000, than you earned some twenty-five years ago in the so-called cheap cars, with a carrying capacity of fifty to sixty passengers, and which carried from \$4,000 to \$5,000, and which cost only \$2,500 to \$3,000.

LOTS OF GLASS.

"Take the glass used in the construction of a car, the window glazing, the mirror decoration, the deck lights, etc. There are thirty-six to forty window openings in each passenger car, but you must remember that first-class passenger cars are fitted with double windows, so that each passenger car will have from seventy to eighty window sash frames. The window of the up-to-date passenger car must be large enough to give a complete and satisfactory view of the so-called and thoroughly advertised scenic route of the world, for every railroad is a scenic route, and spends thousands of dollars advertising that fact. The lower sash of a car window contains a large, heavy, durable plate glass. The upper sash contains a highly embossed plate glass about three-quarters as large as the lower sash. At a very conservative estimate it costs \$8 to glaze such a car window. Including the doors of the car, at least eighty lights of glass are used, without taking into consideration the mirror decorations in a car or the deck lights, which are usually highly embossed with some fancy figure. The expense of the glass used in the construction of a car will not fall short of \$400, and will vary often run over \$500.

THE LIBELOUS MIRROR.

It fails to reflect accurately the Expressions of the Human Face.

No doubt the human race would consider it little short of a universal tragedy if there were no looking glasses. Yet, in spite of their widespread use, it is an astonishing fact that we have never seen ourselves as others see us.

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Sunday School Lesson for January 30.

How to Pray.

Matt. VI; 5-15.

BY J. E. GILBERT, D. D., LL. D., Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

The author will publish an Examiner containing one hundred questions on the lessons of the quarter. The Examiner will be mailed in March to any address in any quantity at 2 cents per copy and may be used in oral or written review in a class or by any individual. Orders should be sent to Dr. J. E. Gilbert, Washington, D. C., not later than Feb. 1, that the mailing list may be prepared.

CONTEXT.—It must be that Jesus did not attempt any order in His sermon on the mount; that He did not intend to make one part involve or strengthen another part. But there is, nevertheless, designed or otherwise, a beautiful progress in His thought. Allowing as the theme of the whole discourse this "The Model Man or the True Christian," we have seven sub-heads, thus: "His Lot of Blessing," "His Worth to the World," "His Code of Morals," "His Checks in Religion," "His Intercourse with Men," "His Purpose in Life," "His Secret of Stability." The checks are of two kinds—avoiding hypocrisy, avoiding worldliness.

SOVEREIGNTY.—Having by this invective lesson two things placed side by side in right attitude toward God and other Christians, what shall be the first and dominant desire, expressed before all other things, in the heart of the true divine sovereignty. (Verse 9.) This is absolute heaven among the pure spirits who live in bliss. (Heaven, ch. 2.) But the true plan, heart desire, is to be regarded by multitudes and sought imperfectly only by the few. The record of temptation, beginning in Paradise, (Gen. III.) extends through all generations and lands to the present time. A frightful record it is, dishonoring to God, dishonoring to the human race, and dishonoring to the good Father whom we adore. To every plan, heart desire, there must come inexpressible pain as the world's sin and sorrow are considered, and there must come a long and painful journey that has been lost. To bring back to earth the righteousness of heaven would bring to all of earth's inhabitants that for which the good Father deems to be best. "The will be done" includes every possible form and banishes every known evil that afflicts the race.

NECESSITIES.—The desire for personal needs may find expression after the desire for the kingdom. The individual must not wholly forget himself, Jesus inculcates in one short sentence great moderation. "Bread," that which sustains the life, is not to be desired or luxuries; daily bread, that portion required day by day, with no request for superabundance; "our daily bread," that which the good Father deems to be best; "give us," not help us to earn it, but bestow it upon us, this is the prayer to be offered. (Verse 11.) This does not encourage idleness, which is otherwise condemned (II Kings, II, 20) nor lack of forethought, which is enjoined (Prov. vi, 9); neither does it set a premium on poverty or prominence against wealth, seeing the latter has come to many saints (Gen. xli, 2), and is the legitimate outcome of a well regulated life. (Matt. vi, 23.) The will be done in Jesus' prayer is to subordinate material to spiritual interests, to reduce the anxieties concerning temporalities, including the concern of selling of child-like dependence, to recognize the fatherly care of God for His children, and cause them to rely upon His favor. (I Tim. vi, 17.)

FORGIVENESS.—Through all the foregoing there runs a strain of humiliation, which the good Father deems to be best; this runs breaks out in a single sentence, crying for forgiveness, "Our debts," our unpaid obligations, are forgiven us, as we forgive those who are indebted to us. (Matt. vi, 12.) This is the sin of omission and commission that never seen ourselves as others see us.

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