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more difficult to handle is his habit of quoting Scriptur: as soon as he is in difficulties. When Germany begins to realize that her defeat is certain, we shall be urged, in the name of mercy, toleration, loving kindness, for the sake of the future of mankind, or by similar appeals to the inextinguishable vainity of man, who delights in thinking himself holy and righteous, when he is really only lazy and tired—I say we shall be urged on those high grounds to make some sort of compromise with, or to extend some recognition to, the Power which has for its one object the destruction of man, body and soul."

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Roots of Rright and Wrong
Does all this seem a bit removed from the present Sunday school lesson? Far from it. That we should have a clear view of the essential principle involved in a lesson is far more important than that we should have a verse-by-verse exposition of the text which might miss the theme in its bigness. And our lesson to day, which all the wide world of Sunday schools is studying, deals with the fruits of the Christian life; and by contrast, with the fruits of the un-Christian life. This latter, as Mr. Kipling points out, is born of the devil, and of the spirit which puts self in the place of Number One. At present, civilization is engaged in established in right relationships, so that God and His unchanging truth mankind.

"Righteousness" is a big word that has found new popularity in the vocabulary of the race. We have nailed it aloft as a flag for which we fight. Nations have solemnly covenanted with one another to pursue it after the enemy of all right has been brought to his knees. Conferences are being held, and articles and books being written about the best means of securing the reign of right-teousness, after the war. Most of this discussion, though, seems to be missing the point that righteousness is not a fruit that can be tied on the tree of human life, as cotton peaches are tied on the wire branches of the imitation trees in the roof gardens. In a word, we have thought a great deal about the fruitage of the world'new day, but not enough about the new spirit of peace and righteousness and brotherhood, the Spirit of Christ, be the root of the new order. There is no hope for a transformed world except in transformed hearts. Only a better nature for individual men and women can produce a better life for all men and women.

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Why the Peaches Failed
When I returned from France this spring, the fruit trees in my litte garden were blossoming beautifully; and nothing that I had seen of all the wonderful arborculture of France seemed as beautiful as these few trees of my own, which I had plantied. The peach blossoms were paradisal in their pink perfection. Day by day I watched the flowers give way to the green pellets of incipient fruit and these grew until they were almost of full size. Then, suddenly, the tree began to languish, and its leaves to grow yellow. The unripe peaches began to fall to the ground, and those that remained took on prematurely the color of ripeness ere they, too, fell to the ground. It was very distressing to the home-returning householder. One day a neighborsaw the tree. "Man, your peach tree has borers. Have you looked to the bark, down at the root?" Too late, I dug down and found the worms beneath the soil that had cut into the bark and ruined my peach tree. Of course I should have known better, just as all of us who are marring the beauty and fruitfulness and purpose of our life should know that it is the secret, hidden worm of sin that is spoiling everything. We are as foolish as the women who resort to cosmetics instead of to exercise and proper food to put color into their cheeks. Now that I turn my gyes daily to the questions of world-reconstruction. I am reminded to look, well to the roots. Fruitage depends upon rootage. What is in the heart comes out on the life. German philosophy of pride and selfishness cannot help producing German conduct. Christian principles and purposes alone can produce those virtues which we simply must have if this war is not to have been in vain.

The Test For Religion

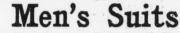
With a clear-headedness that is not often enough commented upon, Jesus had a way of going straight to the cause of things. He said "By their fruits shall ye know them." His frequent figures of the tree (though, strangely, they are not assigned for

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