

WHY THE FIFTH MAN LEFT

He Wore a Wig and the Other Four Men at the Table Were Bald—and Talkative.

In the smoking room of a west-bound ocean liner two days out from an English port, five men sat at a "small game" of poker. When the chips had been cashed in the men retained their places, and presently one of the party said: "This is funny; four bald heads out of a possible five," and then there was a discussion as to the causes of baldness, in which all took part except the unaffected man, who was a good listener for a while. He then bade the others good night. When he had gone the youngest of the group, who was less bald than the others, said: "Do you know why Mr. Blank made the getaway? He wears a wig, and is probably as bald as any of us." And for the rest of the journey Mr. Blank's head was the object of study—at a distance—for he never again appeared in the smoking room.

RINGWORM ON CHEEK

Somerville, N. J.—"My daughter's ringworm was quite obstinate. First a red spot appeared on her cheek and another just behind the ear, running into her scalp about the size of a dime. They were hot and itching. Scales formed and caused her to scratch, which made it inflamed and sometimes draw the blood. I tried —, then —, and — salve, but it kept growing. I had to cut the hair from the ringworm that ran in the scalp. It must have been of two weeks' standing as it had grown to a good size, when I got my husband to get me a sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I washed it with hot water and Cuticura Soap, then applied the Cuticura Ointment. The first application benefited her. When my sample was used I saw it was not so large and angry, so I bought a box of Cuticura Ointment, and a cake of Cuticura Soap and applied them three times a day. The constant use for four or five days checked its growth and in two weeks more she was entirely cured. Cuticura Soap and Ointment also cured my son in two weeks of a case of ringworm." (Signed) Mrs. A. E. Neville, Dec. 19, 1911.

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HAD ALREADY LEARNED.



"I hear your son's at college learnin' to be a author. Do you expect he'll soon learn to write for money?" "Humph! He don't do nothin' else now."

Sailing Ships in Demand.

In consequence of the better outlook for sailing ships, values have gone up considerably during the last year or two. For instance, a four-masted sailing ship of 2,750 tons register, which was sold in January last year for \$32,500, is at present in the market for sale, and the owners have refused a definite offer of \$45,000; they are asking \$50,000.

IT'S THE FOOD.

The True Way to Correct Nervous Troubles.

Nervous troubles are more often caused by improper food and indigestion than most people imagine. Even doctors sometimes overlook this fact. A man says: "Until two years ago waffles and butter with meat and gravy were the main features of my breakfast. Finally dyspepsia came on and I found myself in a bad condition, worse in the morning than any other time. I would have a full, sick feeling in my stomach, with pains in my heart, sides and head. "At times I would have no appetite, for days, then I would feel ravenous, never satisfied when I did eat and so nervous I felt like shrieking at the top of my voice. I lost flesh badly and hardly knew which way to turn until one day I bought a box of Grape-Nuts food to see if I could eat that. I tried it without telling the doctor, and liked it fine; made me feel as if I had something to eat that was satisfying and still I didn't have that heaviness that I had felt after eating any other food. "I hadn't drank any coffee then in five weeks. I kept on with the Grape-Nuts and in a month and a half I had gained 15 pounds, could eat almost anything I wanted, didn't feel badly after eating and my nervousness was all gone. It's a pleasure to be well again."

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SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

James Bausin, of New Berlinville, raised a pumpkin 5 feet 4 inches in length and 5 feet in circumference.

John Stockdale of Norristown is in jail charged, with pawning his wife's clothing to get money for drink.

Help is so scarce about Kennett Square that farmers are paying four cents a shock for cutting corn.

Quakertown is having great difficulty in procuring a sufficient number of day laborers for street work.

Kane has captured another large industry, the Moser Machine Manufacturing Company, to give employment to about 100 men.

Frank Horn, Frank Pathron and Emil Schug, of Philadelphia, were caught on freight cars near Weatherly and sent to jail for 10 days.

A field day meeting of the Pennsylvania Beekeepers' Association was held at the apiary of John S. Shope, Annville, and was largely attended.

The Alpha Portland Cement Company has announced an increase of 10 per cent. in the wages of employes of the Martins Creek and Alpha mills.

Because of a large cabbage crop, more sauerkraut is being made by farmers up the Schuylkill Valley than for years.

Estimated to cost \$3,500 when first proposed, the annex to the Pottstown High School building will cost double that amount.

Jonas Hendershot was badly scalded through the bursting of a steam pipe in the Masters' slate quarry, near Argyll.

Young Ralph Meyers, who robbed a hardware store in Norristown, was sent to the Reform School at Glen Mills.

The Rev. Philip H. Mowry, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Chester, has begun his fortieth year as pastor of that church.

The Diehl Pottery Company has \$150,000, and will reopen the old pottery reorganized, with a capital of teries, near Quakertown.

A Bloomsburg company recently made a shipment of 40 freight cars to Brazil. The cars are shipped in crates and then rebuilt after they arrive in that country.

James Hopkins 6 years old, thrust a stick into a fire alarm box near his home at Forty Fort, Wilkes-Barre, and the stick carried sufficient current into the boy's body to kill him.

For fishing with a dipnet in Hulmeville dam, Andrew Marjave, of South Langhorne, was arrested by Special Fish Warden J. Leon Wells and fined \$50 and costs.

The cost of living being too high at Doylestown, the Bristol school teachers will this year travel back and forth by trolley during institute week, 25 miles.

Thieves stole 30 turkeys from the Walters farm, just south of Kennett Square, Friday night. A few nights before they had stolen all the chickens on the farm.

Reuben Hook, of Wagler, Decatur township drove to Lewistown and transacted business at the court house. Mr. Hook is 86 years old. He writes a legible hand and enjoys a good appetite, and is almost as agile as a young man of 20.

John Osler has returned to his home at Bernice, after being a patient at the Robert Packer Hospital at Sayre since March, 1911, having completely recovered from injuries sustained by being caught under a fall of rock in a mine at Bernice. Both thighs were badly crushed and the flesh was torn. After the bones had knit together it was found necessary to graft 22 inches of skin on his thighs and this operation proved successful. He gained 50 pounds during his stay in the hospital and added four inches to his stature.

Louis D. Davis has resigned his position as clerk in the Franklin post office, after being in the service for 22 years. Mr. Davis was first a carrier, in which capacity he continued for 15 years.

The Scranton Electric Company is trying a new experiment for the purpose of filling old mine workings and thus making the surface safe and preventing cave-ins. A ten-inch bore hole has been driven into the mine workings, and through this the company will flush the ashes from its plant.

HERE AND THERE IN THIS BUSY WORLD

Miss Helen Taft qualified as a marksman by making a score of 49 out of a possible 50 on the government rifle range in Gloucester, Mass.

T. J. Ryan, promoter of amusement resorts, committed suicide in Philadelphia because of financial entanglements.

The oval painting of the Madonna for which J. Pierpont Morgan was reported to have offered \$20,000 has been stolen from St. John's church in Piscenza, Italy.

THE MARKETS.

Table listing various market prices including Milk, Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Turkeys, Vegetables, and other commodities with their respective prices.

GRANGE PICNIC IN BERKS COUNTY

New Institution Where Farmer Adopts Latest Devices

GOOD-BYE TO ALL DRUGGERY

Machinery, in Barn and Field, as Well as in Laundry and Kitchen, Does the Tolling—Resembles County Fair Without Fat Woman.

Reading.—Berks county farmers delight to go to picnics, whether Sunday school celebrations, family reunions, sacred concerts, battalions or carnivals. Picnics in Berks county, however, change, as other fashions vary from season to season. The latest in picnic style among the sturdy Pennsylvania German farmers of this county is the "grange picnic," conducted on an entirely new order, and in some respects resembling a little county fair, with the baker and the fat woman, eliminated, but retaining exhibits of machinery and farming implements. To Shartlesville Grange, of which Frank G. Hollenbach, a teacher-farmer, is master, belongs the credit for this new style of gathering. This grange extended an invitation to every farmer along the foothills of the Blue Mountains from Shartlesville to Hamburg to congregate in one of the prettiest groves at the edge of the mountain for a social good time, to listen to good speakers and to study handy conveniences manufactured to lessen the labor of the farmer and his good housewife.

New Life to Women.

There was a time when Berks county women took little interest in farm life, which meant toil and spin from morn till night, grinding along in a life of drudgery. But that day has gone in this county. Berks has womanly enthusiasts in a most wide-awake condition in practically every farmhouse now, and when the husband is unable to manage, the little woman fills the bill. Farm life is no longer drudgery here. The home paper and the agricultural weekly, the grange and the farmers' union, better machinery, the improved rural school and up-to-date country church, all have helped to change those wretched conditions.

Machines Worth While.

Another feature of this picnic was the way the farmers gathered around the machines, placed here by implement dealers for inspection. They studied these until darkness obscured their vision, and many a housewife this winter will have a small gasoline engine in the little wash-house on the farm, and there will be no more backaches caused by standing over wash-tubs, or at kindred toil, for that little engine will do all that, even to wringing out the clothes, turning the churn and separating milk from the butter fat.

Would-Be Duelist Whipped.

Bethlehem.—A quarrel over two girls led Robert Danner, a proprietor of a shoe store here, to send a challenge to William Allinger, a foreman at the Bethlehem Steel works, to fight a duel with revolvers. Allinger agreed, but when Danner hired an auto to take him out into a secluded spot in the country to fight the duel, Allinger backed out, according to Danner. Danner then challenged Allinger to a bare fist fight, and in the setto was badly punished.

Millions in New Tobacco.

Lancaster.—The farmers of Lancaster county have harvested their tobacco crop safely, and it will add several million dollars to their assets. They were badly scared in the early part of the week, when there was danger of frost and some of them kept fires burning on their fields. One farmer housed a dozen tramps during the rainy weather of the preceding week on condition that they would help with the harvest; then they all lied and "lit out."

Wage Increase for Linemen.

Hazleton.—The linemen of the Harwood Electric Company, the big concern that is supplying current from here to towns in this section of the State within a radius of 40 miles, received notice of a wage advance. Heretofore they got \$2.50 a day and had no limit of hours. In the future they will be paid 33 cents an hour. They work no fewer than eight hours a day. There was talk of a strike in case the demands had been turned down.

Slides Ear Almost Off.

Huntingdon.—Doctors used twelve stitches to place the left ear of Chas. Omo, baseball player and track athlete, back on his head. Omo was warming up on the Juniata College cinder path when he was thrown and slid about thirty feet on the left side, tearing his ear almost off.

Man Hurt Saving Women.

Shamokin.—George Steinhart was badly injured here while saving a number of women from a frightened horse. The women were standing near a huckster's wagon close to the Pennsylvania Railroad track when a train drawn by two engines approached. The horse grew scared and plunged in every direction throwing the women into a panic. Steinhart tried to subdue the animal. The wagon was backed on to the tracks by the horse and the train collided with the conveyance.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 20.

MISSION TO THE GENTILES.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 7:24-30 and Matthew 8:5-13. GOLDEN TEXT—"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37.

Chronologically the incident of the centurion's servant precedes that of the Syrophenician woman, though we will look at them in the order suggested. The one incident occurs near the border of Tyre and Sidon, probably about May or June, A. D. 29, and the other in Capernaum during the summer of A. D. 28. Both are incidents in the life of Jesus that have to do with his ministry as the Hebrew Messiah to those who were outside of the pale of Judaism.

At the beginning of Mark's record (v. 24) we have a wonderful suggestion as to the strain of Jesus, ministry and the accompanying lesson that true righteousness cannot be hid, it speaks for itself.

"There are four uses of the word 'answered' in Matthew's record of this incident (Matt. 15:21-23) that are suggestive. Let us first, however, get the setting. This woman was a Greek—a Gentile; by race she was a Syrophenician, that is, a Canaanite. Thus she was a descendant of that race whom God, by the hand of Joshua, had driven out to make room for the Hebrew nation, and as such is under the ban of God. See Eph. 2:12. Yet this woman reaches Jesus, her trouble being that her daughter is possessed by an unclean spirit. At her approach she takes a lowly place at Jesus' feet and requests that he heal the child. She calls him the 'Son of David,' and 'He answered her not a word.' Matt. 15:23. She had no claim upon him as the Messiah. This was the wrong footing, for she was not a child of the kingdom. It was her need that drove her to him. How she had heard of him is suggested in Mark 3:8 and 7:24, cf. Rom. 10:17. There are some questions that silence will not answer. A wrong conclusion will be reached, as in this case the disciples came to a wrong conclusion and desired to 'send her away.' Contrast Jesus' patience with the disciples' impatience, 'she crieth after us' and emphasize the danger of external judgment. There are many great moral issues today that are demanding another answer than that of silence.

The Answer of Law.

Jesus then made a second answer, the answer of law, Matthew 15:24, in which he accepts her estimate of him as the Jewish Messiah. His work was primarily to the Jews (John 1:11, 12). But her need was great, and identifying herself with the need of the child she 'worshipped' Jesus. He is more than the Messiah, he is a Saviour. Not yet, however, is Jesus ready to grant her request. His third answer (v. 25), the answer of mercy, is literally that first the children must be fed, and she replied, 'Yea, Lord; even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.' For this saying, viz., that she did not protest against the words he had spoken, but accepted the proper estimate of him as being the Jewish Messiah and herself as outside of that covenant, he made a fourth answer, the answer to faith. He answered: 'O woman, great is thy faith.' v. 28, and grants her carte blanc (v. 28), 'be it unto thee even as thou wilt.' As outcasts, we must cast ourselves 'at his feet.' Let us now look at the account of the centurion's servant. Once more Jesus is appealed to by one who is outside the Hebrew covenant and on behalf of a servant. In the other incident there was the interruption of a seeming refusal and here the interruption of an instantaneous granting of the request. Again we need to read the parallel accounts given by the other evangelists. Verse ten of this section is the key to this whole story. What are some of the marks of a 'great faith'? First, it is tested. The servant was 'dear unto the centurion,' Luke 7:2. Second, it is progressive 'when he heard of Jesus,' Luke 7:3. Third, it will be recognized by others, Luke 7:4.

The Great Faith.

The protest in v. 9, and the remarkable commendation of Jesus thereon, is a solemn warning to all who are in covenant relations with God and his Son whom he has sent. Jesus had there a glimpse of that great coming day when all Gentiles would be gathered unto him, v. 11 (cf. Rev. 7:9). The centurion received for his faith commendation, and healing for his servant as well, v. 13.

Why should there be such a difference in the treatment of these two when we read of each that they had great faith?—Matthew 15:23 and 8:10. The difference can be explained only by the fact that the Master knew all the facts about both and he adopted such tactics for each as were best suited to the case. This impresses us with the truth that personal work cannot be done by any rule of thumb; indeed, the Master seems seldom to have used the same method twice. Is there then no common factor in these two incidents? The yielding of faith always gains that which is sought.

LASTING ALMANAC.



The Agent—I'd like to sell you a farmer's almanac. The Ruble—Land's sake, mister, I bought one in 1905 that ain't wore out yet.

The Greatest Woman.

Who was or is the greatest woman in all history? Two hundred teachers answered the question and with enthusiasm and unanimity the judges awarded the prize to the one who made this reply: "The wife of the farmer of moderate means who does her own cooking, washing, ironing, sewing, brings up a family of boys and girls to be useful members of society, and finds time for intellectual improvement."

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