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LILIES.

Lilies, white lilies, ye calm my soul. For the waters are wild and the billows roll.

And then ye came with your pure, sweet grace. With your dainty, winsome, loving ways.

To me whippers "peace," though the world calls it death.

COULDN'T FOOL HIM.

This Man Knew a Steamboat When He Saw One. The agent of one of the ocean steamship lines, says the Chicago Tribune...

After gazing at the vessel from the pier the St. Louisan said to the man at the gangplank: "Furry good sized steamboat."

She ain't got any wheelhouses on her sides nor none at her stern," remarked the St. Louis man after he had made further inspection.

SOWN BY GUNPOWDER.

A Curious Way of Covering a Rocky Crag With Plant Life. In the grounds of the Duke of Athol and near Blair castle, England...

One day Alexander Nasmyth, father of the celebrated engineer, paid a visit to the duke's grounds. The crag was pointed out to him, and he was told of the desire of the duke regarding it.

The Name Sioux. The Indian name Sioux, as it appears in such town names as Sioux Falls, Sioux City and Sioux Rapids, is usually pronounced "Soo."

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Epiphany for the Week Beginning Aug. 12. "Zeal"—Text, Luke xvi. 1-18.

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much. Have an eye to the future in one of the leading lessons taught by this parable.

The parable itself is one of the most beautiful gems of literature. Its pictures of oriental life and custom are so true to nature and yet so simple in wording as to make them ever interesting for study.

It is the duty of every Christian to be faithful in the least things. No time wasted in investigations and trial, but summary dismissal in prospect on rendering account of matters.

He decides to make those most liable to appear against him as accusers into firm friends, who will help him in his calamity. He can do this by showing himself as their friend now in relieving them of the excessive rent imposed on them as tenants of the rich man.

How to Make Friends.—That is one of the problems raised by the lesson this week. Careful study of the parable will suggest several points of value in this inquiry.

First.—Realize your need and the value of friends. Second.—Really desire friendship. Third.—Be willing to be friendly.

Fourth.—Resolve to pay the price, and gain friends for yourself by first being a friend to others. Give first and you shall get later.

League Headquarters. In the tallest building for its width in Chicago, the city noted for its tall and narrow buildings, the headquarters of the Epworth League are housed. The rooms of the general secretary are on the eighth floor, those of the editor of the Epworth Herald on the sixth and the mechanical departments in various parts of the building.

Rest awhile. It is a grievous mistake to be ever in a rush. Restlessness is not a sign of efficiency. So many pride themselves on always being busy, never taking a vacation.

It is reported that one of Bolivar's fastidious newly-married ladies kneads bread with her gloves. The incident may be somewhat peculiar, but there are others.

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LOVE TRIUMPHED.

Mary Harold's father was a farmer in a small way, although he could not afford expensive dresses for his daughter.

Her father's only sister, Della, married a wealthy city merchant, and when Mary was 19 she was invited to pass the winter months at their elegant house on Murray Hill.

Mary's instincts and ideas were high toned and her tastes artistic. She liked soft laces and jewels, she delighted to wrap Aunt Della's costly shawls about her shapely shoulders and let them trail gracefully over the velvet carpet and to fold the dainty faces against the clear white and pink of her exquisite face.

Let me whisper to you alone that I have two admirers. Of course there are a score or so of danglers ready to do homage, dirt or crass, but there are but two eligible for matrimony.

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Her heart lingered lovingly upon the many words of Clifford Mason. "I am your darling, but I could labor cheerfully for you, for I love you."

It was a glorious day in June when these true lovers were married at the old farmhouse where she had passed the happy days of childhood, but she was quite content when her husband told her that he had provided a plain, comfortable home in New York city.

"Do you regret having rejected the millionaire for the sake of one who has but a loving heart and willing hands to offer you?" inquired her husband.

Many miles off the coast of Newfoundland the bottom of the ocean rises in a remarkable way and forms a comparatively shallow basin, enormous in extent and surrounded by water five miles deep.

As these feebly approach the warmer climate the action of the sun and water upon them is remarkable and does for them what the sculptor's chisel does for the block of marble. Out of shapeless masses appear forms of the finest architecture.

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THE CRIMINAL CUCKOO.

It is the One Exception to the Kindly Nature of Birds. Bad temper and cruelty are perhaps the most obvious signs of mental degeneration in the beasts.

Among the carnivorous birds the most cruel are the eagles and falcons. Pierce as their tempers are, they do not torment other birds which they catch or kill for killing's sake.

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TRAINING WATCHDOGS.

The Method That Is Used by a German Instructor. Although it is generally believed that watchdogs are "to the manner born," it seems that a certain amount of training helps very much to turn out a really good one.

Outside of the gate the trainer places a dummy representing the burglar, and to the latch is attached a string. By means of the string the gate is opened slowly, until the head of the dummy becomes visible, when the dog is taught to fly at its throat.

It is a curious fact that in the world of birds he is an incarnation of the principle of ill, an embodiment of vices which would if understood or adopted by other birds put an end to the existence of the race.

New "composition" stories are furnished by two young Indians whose efforts in this difficult line are reported by The Southern Workman.

The subject assigned to the first boy was the life of General Armstrong. Referring to the general's boyhood among the idolatrous, ancestor worshipping natives of the Hawaiian Islands, he wrote as follows:

Periodical Famines Expected. Since the first great famine of which there are records devastated the land in 1770, when 10,000,000 perished in Bengal alone, India has scarcely passed a decade free from severity of grain in one district or another.

Numerous observations prove that the use of tobacco is a potent cause of disease of the eye. Total blindness has been traced to this cause. Recent observations point to tobacco and alcohol as the great causes of color blindness, and this accounts for the fact that it is much more common in men than in women.

The word "candidate" is from the Latin "candidatus." Literally it means white-robed, and it was thus called because in Rome those who sought office wore a glittering white toga. Fancy if you can all our modern Americans dressed in accordance with their political ambitions.

FACIAL BLEMISHES.

How to Treat Elementary Disorders of the Skin. A great many elementary disorders of the skin are due in a great measure to want of exercise and an overabundant or a faulty diet.

A frequent source of trouble is the appearance of small black specks. These specks appear even on the healthy skin, and their ridance is a matter of time. The face should be frequently washed with warm water and a really good sulphur soap, and the application of a mild sulphur ointment two or three times a week will also help the cure.

A spoonful of carbolic lotion, specially prepared for toilet use, should be added to the basin of warm water and the face be washed with carbolic toilet soap twice daily.

This treatment ought to keep the skin clear and to prevent the black specks from increasing. A vapor face bath is also urged as a skin purifier, always remembering to close the pores afterward with a simple tonic.

How to Pickle Fish. Take two onions, one shallot, one ounce of butter, one bay leaf, two sprigs of parsley, half a pint of vinegar, one teaspoonful of salt, 12 peppercorns and six cloves.

How to Stuff Loins of Lamb. Have the bones removed from between four and five pounds of lamb; wipe the meat well with a cloth wrung out of borax water, dry it and spread it out on a board.

How to Make Concensus Cakes. Grate and weigh one large cocoanut and add the same weight of white sugar. Add this to the milk of the cocoanut and half a teaspoonful of cold water and stew in a saucepan until tender, occasionally stirring it.

How to Make Dumplings. It is superfluous to use shortening in dumplings that are cooked with meat and served with rich sauce. They should be mixed just before using, and the milk with which they are mixed should be cold.

How to Make Tomato Toast. One can tomatoes stewed for ten minutes, seasoned with pepper, salt and sugar and rubbed through a colander, one half cup sweet milk, spoonful butter, six slices of toasted bread. Remove crust. Add a pinch of soda to milk and heat to scalding in a double boiler.

How to Make Feather Cake. Beat four ounces of butter and one pound of sugar pulverized together until mixed; then add two gills of milk and beat again until very light.

How to Make Omelet Haspoff. Stew three minced chicken livers in a quarter of a cup of water with a few drops of lemon juice. Cook for five minutes. Make a plain omelet with six eggs or as needed.

It is sometimes the case, that so much time is spent in teaching the dog to speak for his dinner that the children are not taught to say please.

A steady diet of sulphur and molasses is said to be a perfect protection against mosquito bites. The insect is said to be antagonistic to the atmosphere that method of drawing the impurities of his blood to the surface.

THE TRIAL OF ALL BEN DING.

The old court officer slowly withdrew his pipe from his mouth, and after gazing dreamily at the ceiling for a few minutes, said moodily:

"It's strange, yes, very strange, that the story of the great trial of All Ben Ding never appeared in print, for that was the most remarkable murder trial ever held in New York county."

"An English ship arrived in New York harbor early in April in the year 1698. Her name, I think, was the Blue Pizaro, and she was freighted to the water line and had many passengers aboard, among them All Ben Ding, a native of India."

"A year passed by and summer came round again, and still the curious were all at sea as to the business of All Ben Ding in 'ye ancient town of New York.' The gossip, unable to lay their tongues to any substantial story concerning the strange black man from the far east, contented themselves with wagging their heads and nodding significantly, if not somewhat fearfully, whenever his name was mentioned."

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"SPARTACUS."

The Author's Story of How He Wrote It. A writer in the Lewiston Journal interviewed Rev. John J. Conroy:

"When asked if he had written declamations besides 'Spartacus Gladiators,' 'Tegulus to the my' and 'Pericles to the Pagan but that it had never been printed then he asked if the writer had ever heard how 'Spartacus' had been written, and when told that he never heard an authentic copy, he said: 'I will write it for you.'"

"Theological seminary were to write original declamations, a committee of three was appointed, speaker publicly, and Professor performed the same duty in the city. He was dressed in a military uniform, and especially to be criticized, and so I thought I would write the story of it that the critics would forget to notice the error, and I wrote 'Spartacus' when I had not committed it. They had had no notice, but Professor Parks advised that there was something might be mentioned, but I thought I had made a departing nod to custom of declining not serious and moral disapproval had given them some rhetoric."

"The author of 'Spartacus' first declaimer of it. Little did he think that he was the first declaimer of it. Little did he think that he was the first declaimer of it."

The Parachute. A Monk's Experiments in the Eleventh Century. Credible accounts exist of a Benedictine monk, Otto of Niterburg, in the eleventh century, who tried to fly by inventing a parachute from the height of a tower with the assistance of wings attached to his arms and feet.

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George Ticknor, the noted Spanish literature, was once a witness in a case in which Choate was engaged, and being by the eminent counselor, was led by the notes which he had of the evidence. After citing the interest, he remarked that he reminded him of two autographs in his possession—one of Marcellino de Portugal dated 1612, the other of Gonsalvo de Cordoba great captain, written a few years earlier.

These letters, Mr. Ticknor told me, were written by Choate, and were written by Choate, and were written by Choate, and were written by Choate.

A young man named Sweet wanted to marry a young woman named Sweet. A few Sundays previous to the wedding the happy couple attended together, and as they sat in the aisle the choir began singing 'Sweet and Low,' entirely unmindful of the musical pun that was being perpetrated.

The Elderly Gentleman. The rest of success is to find out what people want. The Younger Man—and what then, eh? "Naw, corner it,"—Indiana Journal.

The Father—You two had have a quiet wedding. The Lovers—Why? The Father—There'll be noise and to spare after you're married. Syracuse Herald.