



GOOD WORK WELL SUPPORTED

People Are Liberal in Their Contributions to Young Men's Christian Associations.

This year Young Men's Christian associations are likely, it is said, to break all records in amount of money raised for new buildings.

A Wily Judge.

At an assize court, according to the London Times, a juror claimed exemption from serving on the ground that he was deaf.

Fitting.

"Did your nephew make a suitable marriage?" "Yes," replied the man who habitually thinks along erratic lines.

One Experience.

"The woman you sent to me for a job in the musical comedy seems entirely inexperienced. Do you know of her ever having done leading business?"

That Liberal Congress.

"Washington has asked for one hundred additional policemen." "What about it?"

Used to it.

Thompson—Wouldn't you hate to have death staring you in the face? Johnson—No, if you'd seen my wife stare, you'd realize that death's has no terror to me.

Some men are anxious to get money because they think it will enable them to get more.

Some men look upon laws as things merely to be broken.

MENTAL ACCURACY

Greatly Improved by Leaving Off Coffee

The manager of an extensive creamery in Wis. states that while a regular coffee drinker, he found it injurious to his health and a hindrance to the performance of his business duties.

It impaired my digestion, gave me a distressing sense of fullness in the region of the stomach, causing a most painful and disquieting palpitation of the heart, and what is worse, it muddled my mental faculties so as to seriously injure my business efficiency.

I finally concluded that something would have to be done. I quit the use of coffee, short off, and began to drink Postum. The cook didn't make it right at first. She didn't boil it long enough, and I did not find it palatable and quit using it and went back to coffee and to the stomach trouble again.

Then my wife took the matter in hand, and by following the directions on the box, faithfully, she had me drinking Postum for several days before I knew it.

"When I happened to remark that I was feeling much better than I had for a long time, she told me that I had been drinking Postum, and that accounted for it. Now we have no coffee on our table.

"My digestion has been restored, and with this improvement has come relief from the oppressive sense of fullness and palpitation of the heart that used to bother me so. I note such a gain in mental strength and acuteness that I can attend to my office work with ease and pleasure and without making the mistakes that were so annoying to me while I was using coffee.

"Postum is the greatest table drink of the times, in my humble estimation." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pgs. "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Two Shop-Lifters

BY CARL JENKINS

Star and Company of the big department store, had a bright detective in each department, but they suffered the loss of thousands of dollars annually through shop-lifters. That is the name of all department stores. Where one shop-lifter is caught ten more are made manager that orders went forth for a crusade. The detective force was doubled, and it was published in the papers that no mercy would be shown delinquents.

Miss Bessie Merriweather, the daughter of a wealthy manufacturer, was not only a shopper, but a bargain-hunter. It was a sort of craze with her. She would gladly pay out 50 cents for a pair of shoes, but she would not buy a pair of gloves or a necktie, but was apt to leave them on the counter as she took them away. Wandering through a great department store was like going to a theater for him. The play was continuous. On two occasions he had seen Miss Merriweather and admired her, but that had nothing special to do with continuing to pursue his fad.

One day Star and Company announced a bargain sale in soaps. There would be soaps from every maker in the United States. The cakes would be inclosed in all kinds of fancy wrappers. There would be all kinds of scents. These soaps re-



"Won't Give It!"

talled everywhere at ten cents a cake, but on this occasion, and for the purpose of showing what could be done in the soap trade, every cake would cost three cents. Now was the time to lay in a stock to last a lifetime and then some more. Don't miss the greatest event that has taken place in this country since the battle of Bunker Hill.

Miss Kettle Merriweather read the big advertisement in an evening paper and was up with the lark next morning. Mr. Hugh Barton didn't read it at all, but wandered into the store next forenoon when the sale was on. He had no intention of taking advantage of Star & Company's liberality. He crowded in close to the soap counter simply to look at the white, green, blue and pink wrappers. It was like a moving picture show. Of course, he was pushed and jammed and elbowed and had his toes stepped on by women, but he was not discouraged.

After a bit Mr. Barton found himself beside Miss Merriweather. She was so well dressed that he wondered over her bargain-hunting, and with-out seeming to do so he kept an eye out to see what brand of soap she preferred. She finally settled on three cakes of the Rose of Alabama or some other state, and while waiting for her change was addressed by a "strange woman with:

"Miss, will you please accompany me to the office?"

The Noelite Society

A society has just been formed, the membership restricted to persons born on Christmas day. It is called the Noelite society. Among those who would have qualified for membership had they been living are Sir Isaac Newton, Richard Porson and William Collins, the poet. The Christmas name of Noel—singularly appropriate to a December 25 birthday—is still occasionally to be met with in this country. But have you ever met a boy—or girl—who has been christened "Christmas." There is the Christ of Christmas Evans, the famous Welsh preacher. Was he the last of his tribe? It is really a disastrous thing for a child to be born on Christmas day—or near it. So long as it is a child. For the parents and friends economize on the presents. And you may imagine the resentment of the girl who has never had a birthday of her own and the presents of her own. For she was born on Christmas day, and has always been cheated of her own birth-

"But what for?" was asked. "You will know when you get there."

"Then I shall not come!" "If you do not there will be a scene here! I am a store detective. You shoplifted an extra cake of soap!"

"It is false! How dare you say such a thing!" "If you do not come you will go to the police station!"

Mr. Barton had heard every word. He turned upon the girl, whose eyes were flashing and cheeks burning, and whispered:

"Better go and avoid a scene."

"But she is wrong!" exclaimed Miss Bessie.

"All the more reason why you should go quietly."

The girl followed the detective, and Mr. Barton followed the girl, and they soon reached the office on the second floor. There the detective made her statement to a severe-faced man who seemed to be waiting for victims.

"She is mistaken," said Miss Bessie when the statement was finished.

"We make no mistakes here!" warned the man with a shake of his head. "Your name, please."

"I won't give it!"

"Then you will be turned over to the police!"

"You aren't do such a thing! I tell you the girl is mistaken. I bought three cakes of soap. I have no others."

"Will you submit to a search?"

"No! It would be an insult! You must take my word for it."

"You may call a police detective!" said the man to the employee. "She can be searched at the police station!"

"Just a moment," said Mr. Barton, who had been standing quietly by.

"This young lady is no shop-lifter. Here is the cake of soap that was stolen. You were about to make a bad mistake."

"I thought—thought—," faltered the store detective as she turned pale.

"I was standing right at the young lady's elbow, and you got things mixed. I am ready to give my name and take the consequences."

"Miss Perkins, escort the young lady down stairs," said the severe-faced man. "Star & Company make her a thousand apologies. As for you, I will talk with you later. You evidently have much to learn. Now, sir, who are you?"

Mr. Barton gave his name and address. He said he must have pocketed the soap in an absent moment. He was ready for arrest and a cell. He had been sized up for a young man of wealth and position. Star & Company didn't propose to antagonize such people for a three-cent cake of soap. He was even shaken hands with as he departed. His curiosity about the girl he had lied for was great. He himself believed that he had seen her cover a cake of soap with her handkerchief. When he saw her detected he had stolen a cake himself, hoping to clear her. She wouldn't have lingered in the store, and he doubted if he would ever run across her in any other.

This was in April. Mr. Barton now had an object in life. It was to hunt up a pretty shop-lifter. Day after day he sauntered through shops and stores. He hunted the avenue, and was at some theater every night. He even went so far as to enter the millinery department of the big stores to see if he might not find the object of his search trying on a new hat. All search was in vain.

Days and weeks and months passed and in August he went up to the Catskills. Almost the first person he set eyes on as he reached his hotel was the girl shop-lifter. She was with her father and mother and did not see him. After dinner, however, as he walked in the grounds, Miss Bessie Merriweather came right up to him and said:

"You are the gentleman who saved me."

"So did I! True as you live, when I got out of the store I found I had a cake in my hand. But for you they would never have believed it was a case of absent-mindedness. Did they put you in jail?"

"Oh, no, I believe I plead temporary insanity."

"Well, if the insanity won't come back please come with me and introduce yourself to my father, and then he can introduce us. Father and mother know that we are two shop-lifters, out on bail, as it were, but they won't be afraid of you!"

It is said that when the young folks go to housekeeping much of the furnishings will be bought of Star & Co.

HUMOR IN THE AUCTION ROOM

Stout Lady More Than Met Her Match When She Stirred Up Tired-Looking Man.

I witnessed the following funny incident in one of the largest Edinburg auction rooms. A big, stout lady, apparently of the broker class, had enclosed herself comfortably in an armchair, and in due course began bidding for a table, on which a tired-looking man, for want of something to sit upon, affectionately leaned. Competition was brisk, but in the end the table was knocked down to the stout lady, who no sooner recognized that it was now her property than, stretching out her arm, she sharply reached her knuckles on it, exclaiming: "Hey, man!" But the tired-looking man paid no attention, so she next poked him with her umbrella and said with greater asperity than ever: "Lean off the table, will you? It's my property, and you'll scratch it."

The leader regarded her fixedly for a moment or two, but did as requested. He did more, however, for pulling a scrap of paper from his pocket he put it under the lady's nose, with the quiet remark: "Dye see that?" and he next indicated a corresponding number on the armchair she was seated on. "Well, then," he continued when she had acquiesced with a wondering nod of the head, "git off, it's my chair, and I want to sit down." And off she had to get.—London Telegraph.

CRIMINAL NEGLECT OF SKIN AND HAIR

Cuticura Soap and Ointment do so much for poor complexions, red, rough hands, and dry, thin and falling hair, and cost so little that it is almost criminal not to use them. Think of the suffering entailed by neglected skin troubles—mental because of disfigurement—physical because of pain. Think of the pleasure of a clear skin, soft white hands and good hair. These blessings are often only a matter of a little thoughtful, timely care, viz.—warm baths with Cuticura Soap, assisted when necessary by gentle anointings with Cuticura Ointment. The latest Cuticura book, an invaluable guide to skin and hair health, will be mailed free, on application to the Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Boston, Mass.

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William was lying on his bed, face downward, sobbing desolately. His mother took him in her arms, the whole eight years of him. In a few minutes she learned all. It was a girl, and she had sent him a note.

It read: "Dere Willium: I luv yu the best But Henery gives me the most kandy.—Isabel."—Success Magazine.

A Tame Substitute.

"It begins to look as if those adventurous young men who went to Mexico in hopes of seeing some real fighting will be denied that pleasure."

"Yes. There is nothing left for them to do now but to come back home and jump on the umpire."

Very Like.

"Did Hawkins take his punishment like a man?" asked Lollerby. "You bet he did," laughed Dabbleigh. "He hollered and yelled and used strong language to beat creation."—Harper's Weekly.

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Where They All Happened.

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ISRAEL'S PENITENCE

Sunday School Lesson for June 4, 1911
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—Hosea 14. MEMORY VERSE—4-6. GOLDEN TEXT—"Thou Art a God, Ready to Pardon; Gracious and Merciful, Slow to Anger."—Neh. 9:17. TIME—Hosea was prophesying toward the close of the reign of Jeroboam II. In Israel, whose reign closed B. C. 722 (Beecher), or 723 (Haastings). His prophetic life extended into the days of Hezekiah, king of Judah, who came to the throne (Beecher), B. C. 723 (Haastings), 727. PLACE—Hosea was a prophet of the northern kingdom. PROPHETS—Isaiah and Micah; perhaps Amos.

What was the iniquity of Israel from which Hosea exhorted her to return unto the Lord? The degradation of religion into a sensual and revolting worship of idols, and the foolish and weakening separation from the Southern Kingdom. The period was one of frightful violence and confusion; all ties of social life were loosened; immorality, irreligion, superstition, panic and despair contributed to the common misery and ruin; it hardly needed prophetic insight to foresee the inevitable end in the total dissolution of the state.

Their reliance upon Assyria for salvation instead of upon Jehovah; their reliance upon Egypt, the land of horses; their reliance upon idols, the work of their own hands. All the inner woes of the nation sprung from its idolatry, and all its woes from without sprung from the mischievous foreign alliances against which the prophets continually protested. Note that this is more than a confession; it is a promise of amendment, a vow of total abstinence from these sins.

God promises to the repentant nation, promises for the past, forgiveness. I will heal their backsliding, that horrible disease of apostasy from the Father's love; for the present, love; I will love them freely, "without price and without price," for what price could pay for this inestimable blessing? for the future, ever-increasing progress and blessedness; God will be to his restored people an enriching, stimulating, reviving dew, causing them to throw out new branches, strike new roots deeper into the soil, blossom in beauty and fragrance, and bring forth fruit in abundance.

What is the significance of the three comparisons used of the restored people? 1. They are to be like the lily, in its purity and beauty. 2. They are to be like Lebanon, rooted deep in the earth, with its foothills stretching forth like roots; or perhaps the reference is to the firmly rooted cedars of Lebanon; at any rate the comparison signifies strength, which is to be added to beauty. 3. They are to be like the olive tree, which is not lovely as the lily but is gnarled and ugly; nor strong and imposing like the mountain and its great cedars, but feeble and insignificant to the eye; but it is green when other trees are bare, and it brings forth abundance of rich fruit.

The confident statement (whether made by Jehovah, or as some commentators and revised versions hold, by Ephraim himself) that Ephraim (that is, Israel, the leading tribe being put for the entire Northern Kingdom) has nothing more to do with idols; he is through with them; they are laid away with his unhappy past. This actually happened after the exile; the returned Jews had had enough of idolatry, and never again lapsed into that sin.

Hosea certainly did not mean, as he is so often misunderstood to mean, that Israel was so firmly fixed in idolatry that the nation could never be moved from that iniquity. The prophet was addressing Judah, the Southern Kingdom, and bidding her hold aloof from her idolatrous neighbor and let him alone, lest she herself contract the foul disease.

The sun of wisdom, according to Hosea, is that wisdom consists of three things: Understanding, knowing the things that Hosea had been setting forth, namely, God's dealings with his children. Understanding that God's ways are always right, straight, alike when they spread themselves out in an unbroken level for the pious, and when they oppose themselves in rocky stumbling-blocks to the ungodly.

Hosea began his warnings at the point where we feel the most pride. Our nation is proud of its wealth and power, but these two things lead to worldliness, which is our greatest peril.

What would be the substance of Hosea's message to the nation and to each one of us? "Take with you words, and return unto the Lord." Our sins must be acknowledged, humbly before God and frankly before every one who should hear the confession for any reason. Then we are simply, in Christ's strength, to obey Sam Jones' oft-repeated injunction, "Quit your meanness!" We are to "cease to do evil, learn to do well."

We must turn wholly from our sin. "A certain village church possessed a fine-toned bell, of which the villagers were very proud. It became cracked, but a blacksmith riveted it so skillfully that the crack was invisible. The bell was rung, but oh! the appalling discord when it was rung! It was taken down, and recast. The result was a new bell of sweeter tone than the old one. Man has devised many apparently clever schemes for the restoration of sin-diseased hearts. They are all failures. A new heart molded by God himself is the only remedy."

There is a story of an ancient king who lighted a lamp and had it hung in his palace; he then sent heralds forth to bring into his presence every criminal and rebel, that they might obtain pardon. Those that came while the lamp was burning were set free; but those that delayed till the lamp had gone out, or altogether neglected the invitation, met with a terrible death. Unlike this, God forever holds forth his offer of mercy, and his loving heart awaits yearns after the sinner; but with each willful delay we harden our hearts till at last they are fixed in the ways of sin.

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"My wife bought this hat," he said. "She doesn't need it. She has already bought three hats this spring. She paid \$35 for this one. She has never worn it. It just came home last night. I can't afford to throw all that money away and I want you to take the hat back. She wouldn't bring it down, so I undertook the job myself."

"By the side of that man Napoleon was a cringing coward," said the young woman who had made the sale. "Imagine his frowning into a Parisian millinery shop with a hat that he didn't want Josephine to buy. He couldn't have done it. Very few men can. Once in a long while some poor New Yorker with the courage of desperation in his heart returns merchandise which he cannot afford to buy for his wife and his audacity upsets the whole store for a month."

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"Curious episode, this. Seems a young fellow got excited at the ball game and hurged the young lady next to him, a perfect stranger. She had him arrested, but he told the judge that any man might do the same thing, and his claim was upheld by expert testimony."

"And what was the sequel?" "Well, the sequel is rather interesting. The next day there were 5,000 girls at the ball game."

He Knew.

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