

Clairvoyant's Evil Doings.

"A great many thoughtful people," said a man about town, talking of the Dis De Bar case, reports the New Orleans Times-Democrat, "are inclined to regard the fortune-telling clairvoyants as harmless frauds. They take the ground that the silly patrons of such fakirs usually get their money's worth of excitement, while the information they receive is of absolutely no importance one way or the other. I assure you there is a far more serious side to the question. The main spring of the average clairvoyant's business is jealousy and the first thing she endeavors to instill in the brain of a woman client is a suspicion as to the loyalty to her husband or lover. She does so because in nine cases out of ten it is a subject that the female mind will instantly lay hold of, and once the seeds are planted the victim becomes a steady customer. She wants to know more and more, the medium cunningly feeds the flame and I am convinced from extended observation that these wretched charlatans are directly responsible for the wrecking of innumerable homes. Many an honest fellow who cannot understand the growing estrangement of his wife could find a simple explanation in some rapacious she-devil, who is quietly poisoning her mind from day to day. Every woman has had occasion to give the subject the slightest investigation to see what it is. I do not mean to say I believe you will find in any city where clairvoyants flourish unnumbered divorces are singularly common and scandal continually rampant. As mischief-makers and discord promoters they have an equal on earth."

A well-known contractor of Washington has, according to the Post, a son, still under 20, who has been doing the running-away-from-home act ever since he attained his twelfth year. The "old man" has always been called upon to fetch the young chap back from remote points. None of the hard luck propositions up against which the boy has stacked while having fun with himself in this way has taught him a permanent lesson, probably for the simple reason that he has always found it too easy a matter to get home by the simple process of wiring his father for the price of a ticket. He went away a month ago and his father didn't hear from him until the other day. Then the old gentleman got a dispatch dated Hastings, Neb. The message ran: "Am on the hog. Wire me \$40 for ticket home. Joe." The old man went to the telegraph office, got a blank and wrote the following reply: "Eat the hog."

According to an announcement by J. H. Maddy the entire property of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has been turned over to the stockholders and the receivership has terminated. New officers have been elected with John K. Cowen, recent receiver, at the head. In the hands of the receivers, under court grant, the condition of the road has been vastly improved and the equipment immeasurably augmented. By the reorganization the company has acquired unlimited new securities and the preferred stock has been greatly increased. The new arrangement provides for payment of all debts and relief from all obligations. Further expenditures to the extent of ten millions are contemplated and when improvements now in progress are completed the road will be practically rebuilt and re-equipped.

A new terror has been discovered in New Jersey, and has been named the "kissing bug." This is a sort of beetle that bites unsuspecting persons on the lips, whereupon much swelling and pain ensue. There have been several serious cases. Perhaps it is the New Jersey mosquito with a patent tip on its biting apparatus. The "kissing bug" must not be confused with the "kissing bee," which is found in all parts of the country, even at Sunday school picnics, and is a pleasing and comparatively harmless visitation. The only way to deal with the kissing bug is to get in the first smack.

The matron of the children's home in Wichita, Kan., lately received a letter from a man who wants to adopt a child. "Send me," he says, "that is lively and will laugh and cry and get into mischief. I am 35 years old, and I would give the world for a child that will laugh and get in my way and bother me. We'll give it a good home. I have raised five children, but they are all gone now, and I can tell you there is nothing so sweet as the lother of children."

Painted coffee beans are among the latest curiosities of the adulterated food market. Inferior beans are colored with burnt umbra and made to look like the finest Mocha. They are described as "shiny brown outside, yellow inside and tasteless."

Havana is surprised to hear that a surplus of \$584,966 has accumulated in the municipal treasury after meeting all obligations. Nothing of the kind can be found in the 400 years of Spanish records.

In the Cleveland strike women pelted the street cars with stones. This leads the Denver Post paragrapher to chirp: "I wonder what they were throwing at."

REBUILDING THE WALLS.

International Sunday School Lesson for November 12, 1899.—Text, Nehemiah 4:7-18.—Memory Vers. 15-18.

[Specially Arranged from Peloubet's Notes.] GOLDEN TEXT.—Watch and pray.—Matt. 26:41.

TIME.—Chapter 4. The summer and early autumn of B. C. 44. Nehemiah left Susa about the first of April, and it would require three or four months to make the journey (Ezra 7:9). Nehemiah therefore reached Jerusalem about July 1, and the walls were finished in September.

PLACE.—Jerusalem and vicinity.

EXPLANATORY.

Introductory: Nehemiah went up to Jerusalem, starting about the first of April, and reaching the city after three or four months' travel, some time in July. (Compare 2:1 with Ezra 7:9).

I. The Midnight Tour of Inspection.—2:11-15. Three days after his arrival Nehemiah went out alone with a few servants in the night to investigate the truth of the reports that had reached him. He had not told to anyone his purpose in coming to Jerusalem. When he had ridden around the city, and taken in the situation, he summoned the leaders of the Jews, told them his plans, and they all agreed heartily to enter upon the work.

II. The Building of the Wall.—Chap. 3. "The wall was parcelled out among 14 working parties" (Rawlinson), some of whom were women, the daughters of the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem (v. 12), some nobles, others priests, Levites, merchants, the son of a goldsmith, and a perfumer.

III. Working Amid the Bitterest Opposition.—Chap. 4, vs. 1-23. A city was a little walled in those days, without walls. Enemies on every side could rob or destroy the inhabitants, no treasure was safe. If Jerusalem was to become the power that it once had been, and still wished to be, it must be defended. V. 7, "Sanballat," who appears to be the governor of the city of Samaria.—Vocabulary: "He was a native of Berothaim, beyond Jordan (Neh. 7:34), and probably a Nabatean chief."—"To-biah": A chief of the little trans-Jordanian tribe of the "Ammonites," and probably sizer or chief adviser to Sanballat. "Arabs": The wandering Arabs of the desert. "The Arab would send prey in the project of a wattlelike expedition."—"Ashdodites": From Ashdod, a Philistine city near the Mediterranean coast. Thus "all the fountains and jetsam of humanity, the ragged edges of society swept up by the broom of the war god," were opposed to the rebuilding of the walls, and "were very wroth." V. 8, "And conspired all of them together." Breathed in unison, as in singing, whispered secretly "to come and to fight against Jerusalem."

They planned to take Nehemiah and the city by surprise, capture and slay the workers, and thus put a stop to the work. V. 10, "And Judah said: 'The Jews from outside the city who had been in closer contact with the heathen element, and were trained. "The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed." "The work was hard, and the carriers had become worn. The novelty of it had passed. The higher the wall rose, the harder it was to carry materials to the top. The more stone they used, the more difficult it became to get suitable stone from the rubbish."

—Prof. Beecher. V. 12, "The Jews which dwell by them." By Sanballat and the other adversaries. "They said unto us ten times." Repeatedly, again and again. They either gave friendly notice to Nehemiah of the proposed attack, or tried to persuade their fellows from the surrounding towns to hasten home in order to escape the threatened danger.

IV. Praying, and Watching, and Working.—Vs. 9, 13-15. V. 9, "Made our prayer . . . set a watch against them," opposite the places where they were proposing an attack, the lower, less finished places. V. 13, "Therefore set I in the lowest places behind the wall, and on the higher places." There is no "and" in the original. Nehemiah means that in the less elevated places, where the wall was least strong by nature, he had his men posted on conspicuous spots within the walls, where they could be seen from a distance, and so deterred the enemy from advancing. He drew them "after their families," that each man might feel that he was fighting for his brethren, sons, etc.—Pulpit Com. V. 14, "And I looked." He saw the enemy coming. "Rose up:" to take command and give orders. "And said:" He spoke a few words to encourage his men, telling them to remember when they fought under—namely, the Lord; and what they had to fight for—namely, their homes, and all they held dear.—Prof. Beecher. V. 16, "Half of my servants." His personal retainers, trained men, who had guarded him on his journey. "Habergeons:" Old English for coat of mail, from "halo" (neck) and "bergen" (to protect). "The rulers," rather captains, "were behind," with the warriors, and in the best position to direct the work and lead the soldiers. V. 17, "They that bear burdens." The carriers who could steady their load with one hand and hold their weapon in the other. V. 18, "The builders" required both hands in laying the wall, so that they carried their swords by their side, ready to be grasped at a moment's warning. The work was completed in the brief time of 52 days—on the 25th of Elul (the last of September). The walls must have been three or four miles long.

Practical. Hard and persistent work is necessary to success. "All at it, and always at it." Rubbish is to be carried away—the rubbish of bad habits, of evil thoughts, of bad ideas, of evil books read, of past neglects. The sword and trowel must both be used, fighting against sin and wrong, and building up slowly and surely every good of character, habit and virtue. Watching and praying also must go together.

NO DANGER WHATSOEVER.



Vicar—I don't think that well is quite safe without a lid on, John. John—Bless you, sir, 'e be all right. Why, my wife, she pray the Lord every night for to keep folks from falling in.—The Sketch.

Woes of the Poetess. She wrote some verse she thought would pass. On the little crickets in the grass; And then she swooned, a total wreck, Because one crawled up on her neck.—Chicago Daily Record.

Missed His Opportunity. "I shall never speak to him again," she said. "Why not?" "Well, we were alone in the parlor last night when the gas suddenly went out." "And what did he do?" "Nothing."—Chicago Post.

Only Fair. I see the idea of voting by machine is gaining in popularity. Do you think the mass of the voters will easily learn how to work it? Second Citizen—I hope so. Heretofore the machine has always worked the voter.—Columbus (O.) State Journal.

A Gentle Query. General of Commissary (telling shark story)—After a terrific struggle we drew the shark aboard, cut him open, and found in his stomach nothing but a can of army beef. Listener—A can of army beef! Are you quite sure the shark wasn't dead when you found him, general?—Judge.

Her Irony. "It is so foolish for a woman to shriek when she sees a mouse," said Willie Washington. "Yes," said Miss Cayenne. "I wish I could be sensible like you, and never shriek till I saw a baseball player."—Washington Star.

Between Craps. "Who's de biggest durn fool you ever saw?" asked Swipesy. "I don't know 'is name," replied Shorty, "but I've seen 'is pictur' in de papers. It's de kid wot's resch'n' fur a cake of soap an' won't be happy till he gits it."—Chicago Tribune.

Ambiguous Description. Kindergarten Instructress—Now, Marie, you know what it is, I'm sure. It has a round face and two little hands that go round and round all the time. Marie—I dess it's the new baby.—Jeweler's Weekly.

Anxiously Ambitious. "I wish I'd been the last census of the United States." "Why?" "Here's an article that says the last census embraced 40,000,000 women."—Town Topics.

A Complete Cure. "Of what did the faith cures cure you?" asked the skeptic. "Of my faith," said the former devotee.—Boston Herald.

Cheap Enough. Sunny South—I got five dollars for a poem once. Rounder Bout—You got off cheap. Who was de judge?—Judge.

An Unpleasant One. Byker—Has your wheel got all the latest attachments? Spinner—Yes; the sheriff levied one on it about an hour ago.—N. Y. World.

Was He Accepted? Miss Gotrox—The world owes you a living. Cleverton—Well, you're all the world to me.—Town Topics.

Administrator's Sale OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphan's Court of Snyder county, the undersigned Administrator of Sophia Hook, late of Franklin township, Snyder county, Pa., deed, will on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th offer the following described real estate at public sale:—Situate in the said township of Franklin, about 1 1/2 miles south of Paxtonville, and bounded on the North by lands of Epporin Hommel, on the East by lands of Jacob Grimm's heirs and J. G. Gill, on the South by lands of J. G. Gill and on the West by lands of Aaron Hite to the Young's Color. Gift, Peter Bubb and J. G. Gill, containing 20 ACRES, more or less, on which are erected a substantial HOUSE, BARN and other outbuildings. Sale to be held on the premises and to commence at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day when terms will be made known by

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Jury List.

List of Grand Jurors drawn for the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery and Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Snyder county held as Dec. Term, commencing Monday, December 11, 1899.

Table with columns: Name, Occupation, Residence. Lists names of Grand Jurors such as Appogant, Charles M., Farmer, West Perry; Apple, John A., Farmer, Washington; Amy, Philip, Farmer, Franklin.

PEIT JURORS. List of Petit Jurors drawn for the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery and Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery of Snyder County, Pa., held as December Term, commencing Dec. 11, 1899.

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