

# A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

## AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE UPON THE HOLY GHOST.

The Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman Shows How the Holy Ghost is the Christian's Helper Beyond All Others—Is the Life of the Church.

NEW YORK CITY.—The sermon here furnished to the press is the most impressive one of a series which the Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman prepared some time ago for the Bible Institute Colportage Association. It is entitled "The Holy Ghost in His Relation to the Church," and was preached from the text: "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2: 47.

In the honest endeavor which we make to live the Christian life and in the end receive a reward from the hand of the Master, thereby not missing our crown, the Holy Ghost beyond all others is our helper. He is certainly to be counted as the director and leader of our church life. We need not expect no great outpouring of the Holy Ghost so long as His leadership is ignored and without this high spiritual atmosphere we may expect, as individuals, no special victories.

On the day of Pentecost two great events occurred. The first was the exaltation of Jesus Christ at the right hand of the Father—"This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses" (Acts 2: 32); the other was the outpouring of the Spirit, because Jesus had been raised up and exalted. The point is that Christ as our head had poured out upon Him the Holy Ghost; thus receiving Him in trust for the body; and it naturally follows that what the head has received the members of the body have a right to claim. Since that day, in the presence of God, the Holy Ghost has been the administrator of the affairs of the church, and He is here to make Christ real to every believer. If He had tarried we should have had a church which claimed His presence. He would have been denied to you; but now that He is present in the Spirit, we may all have Him and lay claim to His presence, and the love of God may be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. He is in a real sense the vicar of Christ, and there can be no other Son of God in the church, and the Holy Ghost, representing the church, and the Spirit of God ought to be enthroned and exalted in the church, representing the risen Christ. He is here to counsel her, to guide her and to control her—in a word, He is to govern all things in the church, from the least things unto the greatest.

The Scriptures tell us that He has a message for the church. It is generally believed that the epistles to the seven churches in the Revelation contain the prophetic setting forth of the church's history—its declines and recoveries, its failures and returns, and it is believed by many that we have come to the Laodicean period of history of the last days of the church. Seven times we have the expression repeated: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

It is to be noted that this expression is used after each of the churches had backslidden. Ephesus had left her first love; Smyrna was rich, and likely to be proud; Pergamos was touched with the heat of Balaam; Thyatira was influenced by Jezebel; Sardis had a name to live, and was dead; Philadelphia had little strength, while Laodicea was neither hot nor cold. The real cure for backsliding in the church is that which comes to us by the Holy Ghost of the revelation of God's will and the interpretation of God's word.

I. The church is a called-out body. We were chosen in Him before the world's foundation, and we are elect according to the foreknowledge of God, for this saith the Scripture, "Ye are a chosen generation, a peculiar people, zealous of good works." The work of the church, but the Holy Ghost is here carrying out the plan. This plan extends to the minutest details of the life of the church, and the Holy Ghost in His offices we must have, and the kind of men we must lay hold upon to fill them.

Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He left us gifts, and gave gifts unto men. And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the edifying of the body of Christ." Ephesians 4: 8, 11, 12. The church is really the habitation of God. Hear what the Scriptures have to say: Eph. 2: 19 to 22—"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom all the building fitly framed together, and are joined together in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." If He is dwelling in us, we must be careful of our hearts, for we may grieve Him and quench Him by the way we live and work. Many things are done to-day in the church which may commend themselves to the eyes, but fall utterly short of the approval of God.

As an illustration, Peter, standing up with the 120, spoke of the departure of Judas, and declared that he had chosen another in his stead. Prayer was offered, a vote was taken, and Matthias elected; but there was no indication that this election was ever ratified by the Lord, and it filled the Lord calls one to fill the vacancy, namely, Saul of Tarsus. Paul speaks thus of his own election: "I was an apostle, not by man, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead."

II. The church was established by signs and wonders. Acts 2: 1 to 4—"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Heb. 2: 3—"God also bearing them up with divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will."

There was no church in the Old Testament. This is the opinion of many Bible teachers. In Acts 2: 41, we read: "Then they that gladly received His word were baptized, and there were added unto them daily such as should be saved." In Acts 14: 22, we read: "They were added to the Lord."

This is Paul's conception of the church. Christ is the head and we are the body. We are being called out now from the Gentile world. Every new soul won for Christ comes in to complete the body. Some day the last man will come in, and the skies will brighten with the return of the Lord.

It is this that gives one the passion for soul-winning. It is this thought that furnishes the inspiration for the foreign missionary. The church is a called-out body, and the missionary is sent to Africa, to China, to Japan, that he may work in the fellowship of the Holy Ghost in leading souls to Christ. God speed the day when the last member of the body shall be found!

III. The church is enlightened by the Spirit. The Spirit is the breath of God in the body of His church. If His rule is not followed it naturally results that His life is shut out. Thus it comes to be like a man

suffering from pneumonia—one unaccustomed to such scenes declares that what the man needs is more air, but in point of fact it is not more air he needs at all, but more lung to be filled with air. We do not want more of the Holy Ghost, but the Holy Ghost ought to have more of the church. And sometimes, because His rule is not followed, He in a measure withdraws Himself, and allows the forms to stay, but the power is departed. The oil is gone, but the lamp is there. There are churches where prayer is offered, and the Bible read, and church-going religiously kept up, and there is positively not even the semblance of power. They are described in the words of Scripture as "having a name to live, but being dead." They remind one of the guard found in the excavated city of Pompeii. He stood with his helmet and his armor on, and his body rigid, clasping his spear, and yet not living. It is just the same with the church.

A little thing at first may result in loss of power in the entire church. A wrong financial policy might do it. A spirit of criticism might accomplish it.

There is an insidious disease which slowly and secretly turns the vital organs of the body to bone. It begins by ossifying little fragments of tissue here and there. No medical skill can arrest its progress. Nature is perverted from her healthy process of assimilating and nutrition to the creation in the system of nothing but bone. What should be life to muscle and nerve and sinew are arrested and turned to solid and lifeless bone. At length the heart is reached and vital parts of it become bone, and its beautiful work of pulsation by which life is sent in streams to the very tips of the fingers, ceases and death ensues. Such is the moral induration which the sensibilities of a soul suffer, when long exposed to the services of religion, to which it will not give back a throbb of responsive feeling.

IV. If the church is to be governed by the Spirit, every office-bearer in the church should be influenced by the Holy Ghost. Ministers should be filled. Paul gives an illustration of one phase of this in Acts 13: 9-12—"Then Saul, (who also is called Paul), filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, and said, 'Of full heart I might have desired to see thee, but thou art now an enemy of the Lord, thou enemy of all righteousness, who wilt not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and darkness, and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.'"

The Holy Ghost only fills the man whose desire is to honor Christ. Philosophy, poetry, art, sociology, ethics, are well enough in their place, but their place is not in the pulpit. The Holy Ghost has pledged Himself to witness only to the story of Jesus and the resurrection. Paul thought this whole thing out, and while he was in school in all the learning of the day, he said:

"We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness, but unto them which are called, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Peter is another illustration. Acts 4: 8—"Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them: 'Ye rulers of the people and elders of Israel.' Acts 11: 15, 16—"And as I began to speak the Holy Ghost came on them as on me at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that He said, John indeed baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost."

I do not know of any one in the New Testament Scripture furnishing us a better argument for the use of the word of God in preaching than Peter himself. Take the sermon at Pentecost, if you will. It is simply a string of texts of Scripture. If you should ask, "But is this all he said?" the answer: "The words of Scripture are all that the Holy Ghost thought worthy of record." Peter's words would have passed away with his own generation. The word of God abides forever.

Stephen furnishes an illustration of the fact that to be filled with the Holy Ghost does not always mean human success. Acts 6: 5 to 8—"And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and a certain proselyte of Antioch, whose name was Stephen, and when they had prayed they laid their hands on them. And the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people." Acts 7: 55—"But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God."

One might be filled with the Spirit, and pass through the greatest disappointment of his life, for Stephen was just as true as filled, although he was stoned to death, as Peter, the preacher of Pentecost. God might fill you and then test you. The great gun which is used in the defense of our country are always tested before they leave the arsenal.

The position of the minister is an exalted one. I. Peter 1: 12—"Unto whom was revealed that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, which things the angels desire to look into."

There is not an angel in the skies to-day but who would leave his post of honor to take your place and mine in the preaching of the gospel. The position is a divine one. Acts 20: 28—"Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood. It greatly dignifies one's work to know that we are here to do just what Jesus would do if He were in our place. The message of the man of God is in the Matt. 10: 20—"For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you." Mark 13: 10, 11—"And the Gospel must first be published among all nations. But when they shall lead you and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye meditate, but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost." Luke 12: 12—"For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say."

The Holy Ghost never encourages idleness. We are not teaching the lesson that we need simply open his mouth and expect the Lord to fill it; but the ideal position is for everyone to be so filled with the message all the time that if he were called to speak any number of times during the day he would always be sure that he had a message from God. Notice what the Scriptures say: Rev. 1: 10—"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet." Rev. 4: 2—"And immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. If one is saturated with His message, and is in the Spirit, there will be no question as to his power in the presentation of what he has to say.

These conditions having resulted the results are guaranteed: Mark 16: 15-18—"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

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shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Rev. 1: 8—"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. Without are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the whoremongers, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and whosoever loveth and doeth a lie." Rev. 22: 3—"And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in the city, and they shall see His face, and His name shall be in their foreheads. And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

There is a very significant expression used in Scripture. Rev. 14: 13—"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." The Rev. F. B. Meyer thinks that this is to be interpreted as "Amen, saith the Spirit; and that it is the Spirit's approval of the work of the dead. It will be a glad day for the church when for every pastor's work the Spirit shall breathe 'Amen;' for the service of every elder, deacon and trustee He shall say again 'Amen;' when the living of all the saints shall live so nearly according to God's will that at the close of each day the Spirit shall say 'Amen' to them."

But the filling of the Holy Ghost is not to be confined to those who are called ministers of the gospel. Every person ought to be filled: Acts 6: 3—"Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."

It is the history of the church when men were chosen to fill the church's offices, not because of their social position or their financial ability, but simply because they were men who were full of the Holy Ghost; so that there can be but one real test of fitness for such an office. I feel very sure that we should expect a man who is called to the office of a minister of the Gospel to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

If the Holy Ghost is the life of the church, it is the life of the individual. Let us let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice, and be ye kind one to another, even as God forgiveth one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you—then we are to be exceedingly careful with respect to the working out of this plan of God. It is a new thought to some that the presence of bitterness or wrath or anger would grieve the Spirit. Such is indeed the case. The Holy Ghost is to work in us that which Christ has accomplished for us on the throne. There can only be one hindrance to the working out of this plan of God, and that is found in the church itself. There is a solemn warning for all the members of the church: 1 Thess. 5: 19—"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost and to keep back part of the price of the land? Was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast lied, and thine heart is not right, and Ananias hearing these things, fell down, and gave up the ghost, and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And all that were gathered together laid hands on him, and carried him out and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in, and stood by the door, and said, 'Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much?' And she said, 'Yea, for so much.' Then Peter said unto her, 'How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee away, as they have carried away Sapphira, yet it is true that because of the fact that we are living in a spirit of holiness, and the Holy Ghost, we become dead spiritually, if not physically, and it is a possible thing to so nearly quench the Spirit that from the human standpoint there will be no life at all."

Thus while the individual member of the church may miss his reward and "be saved, yet so as by fire," the same thing may be true of the church as a whole. It would be a sad thing for the bridegroom to be disappointed in his bride.

Knowing When to Stop. Knowing when to stop and stopping are very different things. A man in a runaway motor car knows very clearly that it is time to stop, but that doesn't stop him. Any man or woman who carelessly willfully gets into a runaway motor car, and then says, "Oh, I am one who knows when to stop." That is probably true. The day will come when they will know clearly that they are in a runaway motor car, and will be able to do so. It is like taking hold of the handles of a strong electrical generator—very easy to take hold, but very hard to let go. The fingers of habit are stiff and barbed like fish-hooks; once in, they are hard to get out. The really wise man considers not only when to stop, but also when it is possible to stop. There are men, in so considering, that the best time of all to stop is before one has begun to go.—Sunday-School Times.

Fresh From God's Mint. All that God gives to us day by day is, as it were, a new creation. We never received it before. It never was our need until now. It is possible to get into a runaway motor car, and then say, "Oh, I am one who knows when to stop." That is probably true. The day will come when they will know clearly that they are in a runaway motor car, and will be able to do so. It is like taking hold of the handles of a strong electrical generator—very easy to take hold, but very hard to let go. The fingers of habit are stiff and barbed like fish-hooks; once in, they are hard to get out. The really wise man considers not only when to stop, but also when it is possible to stop. There are men, in so considering, that the best time of all to stop is before one has begun to go.—Sunday-School Times.

Both Individual and Social. The Spirit of God is now pouring out us that the individualistic side of Christianity, although always primary and essential is, after all, only a section of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God. This must be so, because the Gospel is the message of the sons of God, and the ideal social order is that in which the principle of brotherhood reigns with illimitable sway.—John Clifford.

The Secret of Success. Faithfulness is the explanation of many a successful career. Opportunity, ability and the friendly assistance that may be given all tend to further one's efforts, but the persistent, undaunted faithfulness to the labor in hand, in the face of opposition and hindrance and obstacles, is that which conquers. The character that is developed by devotion to duty, in life's smallest undertakings, being equipped for glorious achievements. There is one secret of success.—Presbyterian.

Prejudice never reasons, but moves and sways the mind and action from some instinctive or sudden or biased impulse. It has its seat in ignorance, weakness or idleness. It is a hindrance to perception and relation which leads to personal and public injury. It acts as a hindrance to truth, knowledge and to progress. It is a neutralizing force that resists and nullifies the most cogent arguments, the most powerful discourses, the most moving appeals and the most stirring considerations.—The Friend.

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# KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

## PENSIONS GRANTED.

Man and Mooney Missing—Death From Hydrophobia—Panic on Ferry Boat.

The following claimants were awarded pensions during the past week: Jesse Oren, New Cumberland, \$8; Jacob Miller, Mattawana, \$12; Constance Barger, Roland, \$12; Freeman Briggs, Bridgeville, \$17; Hermon Eaton, West Springfield, \$12; Chas. Zwick, Liberty, \$10; Samuel Hallman, Conshohocken, \$8; Reuben Page, Linden Hall, \$12; Caroline M. Hoyt, New Vernon, \$12; Martha E. Hamilton, Roxbury, \$8; minors of George P. Culbertson, Cambridge Springs, \$12; Clarissa Sexton, Sayre, \$12; Harvey F. Roberts, Elgin, \$8; Milton J. Edmonds, Ohl, \$12; James J. Donogue, Clearfield, \$10; Amos Fisk, Butler, \$8; William Rea, Pittsburg, \$10; Willard Cummins, Eldred, \$12; James W. Pearson, New Alexandria, \$8; Horace Spender, West Burlington, \$7.

The state convention of the Federation of Women's clubs at Titusville elected a nominating committee to select candidates who will be elected at the convention at Carlisle next year. Those chosen were: Western district, Mrs. William Fleming, president; Women's Press club, Pittsburg, and Mrs. Julia Perkins, Erie; alternates, Mrs. Sarah G. Hannisier, Bradford, and Mrs. J. J. Covert, Lawrenceville, Central district; Mrs. Sylvia B. Lake, Williamsport, and Mrs. E. Z. Weller, Harrisburg; alternates, Mrs. McKillip, Bloomsburg, and Mrs. Nevins Pomeroy, of Chambersburg.

The breaking of the overhead wire cable of the ferry between Vaport and Bellowsville over the Ohio river caused a panic among the passengers. The ferryman and his assistants finally got the ferry across by means of a skiff, and all the passengers were landed in safety.

The annual Federation of Women's Clubs of Pennsylvania convened at Titusville with 65 delegates, representing all the principal women's organizations of the state, in attendance. The convention was presided over by Mrs. Edward W. Bidde, of Carlisle.

John Graham, a farmer of Sugar township, near Kittanning, was alone in the house and fell asleep in front of the stove. The gas came on strong and set fire to the house, burning it to the ground and cremating Graham before neighbors could come to his rescue.

Greensburg professional and business men have formed a company with \$250,000 capital, and have purchased the Good block, now being constructed. The largest department store in Western Pennsylvania outside of Pittsburg, is projected.

A secret meeting of the manufacturers who compose the Pittsburg branch of the American Flint Bottle Manufacturers' Association, was held Friday. The association is divided into four districts. Meetings were held by each branch.

Mrs. Mary A. Bauman has brought suit against Jefferson township, Butler county, for \$10,000 damages for the death of her husband, who was thrown from his sled and killed. It is alleged that a hole in the road caused the accident.

A requisition was issued by Governor Stone on Governor Nash, of Ohio, for the extradition of John M. Evans, who is wanted at Pittsburg on a charge of defrauding a Pittsburg mining company out of \$41,000.

President Mitchell in calling a convention of the United Mine Workers to act on the settlement of the strike recommended that delegates be given full power and authority to act in behalf of their local unions.

A peculiar accident at Franklin cost John D. Graham his life. He fell over the banister of a porch at the Grant House to the basement, a distance of 12 feet, breaking his neck and dying instantly.

The house of Foreman Dolbin, of the Anchor washery, at Furnace Hill, near Tamaqua, was blown up by dynamite. No one was injured. The house was badly damaged.

The comptroller of the currency has authorized the Manor National bank at Manor station to begin business on \$25,000 capital: H. A. Lauffer, president, and Dean Clark, cashier.

The seventy-eighth annual session of the Western Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran church convened at Carlisle with over 200 preachers and delegates in attendance.

While seated at his supper table at York Captain E. Z. Strine, well known in National Guard circles, was stricken with paralysis and is in a serious condition.

William Davis, of Allentown, has been appointed health officer for Allentown, to succeed A. M. Biles, resigned.

The Pennsylvania railroad foundry at Altoona closed down on account of a scarcity of coal and coke.

The 3-year-old son of Owen Baer, of Greenville township, near Meyersdale, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his 7-year-old brother, Homer.

The Lawrence and Shemango glass factories at New Castle resumed operations after an idleness of four months. About 700 men are affected.

Oran Fitzgerald, a Mercer county farmer, is missing. He left home with a large sum of money and his friends fear he has met with foul play.

Lewis Liverpool, a negro of Mt. Pleasant, died at the Westmoreland county home from hydrophobia.



# School Girls

Young girls at this period of life, or their mothers, are earnestly invited to write Mrs. Pinkham for advice; all such letters are strictly confidential; she has guided in a motherly way hundreds of young women; and her advice is freely and cheerfully given.

School days are danger days for American girls. Often physical collapse follows, and it takes years to recover the lost vitality. Sometimes it is never recovered.

Perhaps they are not over-careful about keeping their feet dry; through carelessness in this respect the monthly sickness is usually rendered very severe.

Then begin ailments which should be removed at once, or they will produce constant suffering. Headache, faintness, slight vertigo, pains in the back and loins, irregularity, loss of sleep and appetite, a tendency to avoid the society of others, are symptoms all indicating that woman's arch-enemy is at hand.

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**Rescued by an Owl.**  
King Robert the Bruce, according to the well-known story, once owed his safety to a spider. Among the Tartars of Central Asia there is a belief that one of their khans or chiefs was preserved, long years ago, by the Great Horned Owl. He had hidden in a thicket to avoid capture by some enemies. By and by his pursuers came to this spot. The first thing they saw was an owl sitting on a bush. What did this mean? It signified in their eyes that this bird would not rest quietly there if any man were lying concealed close by. Therefore they argued that the khan could not be there, and so they hurried on to search for him elsewhere. At nightfall the khan made his way to the camp of his men, and told them how he had been saved from certain death. His story caused them ever afterward in look upon the owl with reverence and love. They wore its feathers in their caps as a pledge of victory.

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**ROENTGEN RAYS.**  
They Are Now Being Successfully Used for Treatment of Animals.

Roentgen rays are now being successfully employed in Germany for treatment of animals. Professor Hoffman, director of the Royal Veterinary Hospital in Stuttgart, has employed them with uniform satisfaction. He began by using the rays on dead horses in order to establish the time of exposure necessary for various parts of the body and organs. Later a Roentgen picture was taken of a live race horse which had broken its leg, in order to ascertain whether the parts were well adjusted. Medium timid and well-behaved animals have been photographed with the rays apparatus without special precautionary methods if familiar with the noise of the camera outfit. Unmanageable horses have been photographed after being harnessed with heavy blinkers and dosed with soothing medicine. X-ray pictures of animals, Professor Hoffman says, are of highly practical value, enabling the detection of a variety of diseases, with cattle also an important role. He even thinks it possible to locate tuberculosis germs or diseased particles. In a negative way the rays will correct common mistakes of veterinary men, who, through blind diagnosis, are often led to administer the wrong sort of treatment.

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