

THE KIND A MAN WANTS.

Yes, Jack, I'm married. No, you never met her. She's not much like the girls in our old set.

Ira Had His Good Points.

By KENNETH HARRIS.

"He's a right clever old man when you get to know him," said the storekeeper, as the sharp-nosed veteran with the peaked cloth cap left the store.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

Physician, heal thyself.—Latin. Never has an ill workman good tools.—German.

WHERE RICH MEN ARE FEW.

They Are as Scarce in Bulgaria as Black Swans. Bulgaria is the nearest approach to a peasant commonwealth which the world has known in modern times.

Can Only Go Three Feet Deep.

I know an institution with wide, rolling fields all about it. There are exceptional privileges here. A brook sparkles and splashes its way through the wood, and every summer afternoon at the ringing of a bell the boys are marched down there for a swim.

Useless.

A young enthusiastic revivalist had been exhorting a congregation in a small Western town for over two hours without perceptible effect.

PENNSYLVANIA

Interesting Items from All Sections of the Keystone State.

INCENDIARY FIRE

Meyersdale Experiences Costly Blaze, Destroying Much Property.

Meyersdale.—Fire, supposed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed two machine shops in this city, entailing a loss of over \$17,000.

BEATEN AND ROBBED

Says Assaultants Killed Brother and Secreted Body, of Which No Trace Is Found.

Monongahela.—Half-conscious and bleeding from deep gashes in his head and body, Mike Radusha, found in the yards of the Tempest brick works near Webster, told of a hold-up and robbery in which his brother, Charles, was beaten to death and the body secreted.

VILLAGE ALMOST OBLITERATED

Millheim Experiences a Fire That Destroys Greater Part of Business Section.

Bellefonte.—A fire that burned for more than six hours and threatened to destroy the entire town, caused a loss of \$75,000 at Millheim, near here.

BLACKMAIL REFUSED

Scranton Fruit Merchant Found Dead With Stiletto Thrust in Body.

Scranton.—Horribly stabbed and slashed, Anthony Ricciardi, a prosperous Italian fruit dealer and contractor, was found murdered in his store in West Scranton.

Giant Veteran Object of Charity.

Washington.—Pat Bane, the tallest man in the Union army during the Civil War, and one of the most famous characters of Western Pennsylvania, was at his own request admitted to the Washington county home.

Motor Car Victims.

Philadelphia.—Edward R. Snader, a well-known physician, of this city, was crushed to death and a colored chauffeur was fatally hurt when an automobile in which they were riding rolled down an embankment in Fairmount park.

Death Roll for 1908.

Greensburg.—The railroads of Westmoreland county exacted a heavy toll during 1908, 66 persons having been killed on the tracks.

Man Assaulted by Trespasser.

New Castle.—Terribly beaten, Wesley McClure, an aged resident of West Liberty, 18 miles east of here, is in a critical condition at his home.

Fine Country Home Burned.

Connellsville.—Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Marietta returned from Pittsburgh at night to find their home, "Grandview farm," in ashes.

New Kensington Bank Reopens.

New Kensington.—The First National bank of New Kensington, which was closed in December, resumed business.

To Build \$100,000 Church.

Butler.—St. Paul's Cathedral congregation purchased the Charles Duffy property adjoining the church for \$40,000 and decided to erect a \$100,000 building.

Rice for Supreme Bench.

Wilkes-Barre.—The Luzerne County Bar Association met here and endorsed Chief Justice Charles E. Rice, of the superior court of Pennsylvania, for the vacancy on the supreme bench.

Killed by Stray Shot.

Johnstown.—George Shallis, 29 years old, was descending a flight of stairs on the outside of a boarding house at South Fork late at night when a bullet struck him in the abdomen.

Want Monument to Morris.

New Castle.—Resolutions urging the State to erect a monument to the memory of Robert Morris, the Revolutionary patriot, were adopted at a mass meeting of Welsh residents.

Five-Barrel Well Brought In.

Washington.—The Dinsmore No. 1, owned by the Keesey Oil Company, was brought in in the West Middle-town field and will make a five-barrel producer.

EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17.

How We Know the Father—Matt. 11: 27; John 6: 38-46; 14: 8-11; 17: 4, 5.

Matt. 11: 27. Jesus here declares himself to be indispensable to the soul who wishes to know God.

Natural men may have some rudimentary ideas of a supreme power, but in their unaided mental and spiritual weakness they are unable to grasp the final ideal of God as "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort."

John 6: 38-46. Here we have in larger statements the meaning of our first reference. Christ came from heaven with a pre-arranged purpose—to do the will of God.

John 14: 8-11. These familiar words embody the beautiful fact that God is like Christ at work. Christ of the healing hands and gentle speech, of the tender heart and quick sympathy, is the best portrait of God the Father that the world has ever seen.

This is in anticipation of the "It is finished" on the cross. Like Saint Paul Christ had fought the good fight and looked away to the victor's crown. The work which Christ had finished is described in the preceding verses as given "eternal life to as many as thou hast given him."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

JANUARY SEVENTEENTH.

Topic—Pilgrim's Progress Series. I. Leaving the City of Destruction—Acts 16: 25-34. The burden of sin. Ex. 5: 4-9. The awakening of conscience. Acts 2: 37-42.

It is the most Biblical of books outside the Bible and is indeed a vital commentary on the Bible. We shall need our Bibles at every step.

Every worldling is clothed in rags and bears a heavy burden. When he begins to realize it he begins to be a Christian.

CLEANING SPOTS.

The trouble with most cleaning fluids is that they leave a ring around the spot. This is often worse than the spot itself.

Instruct... Miss M... College, w... sixth trip... schools for... that the va... German em... government... which give... housekeep...