

SATURDAY NIGHT TALKS

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THE GRACE OF GIVING.

International Bible Lesson for Dec. 5, '09—(2 Cor. 8: 1-15).



The grace of giving! Not the fact of giving, the duty of giving, but the grace of giving, that is the theme of the lesson.

How little giving there is of that magnificent pattern. In Paul's day the church in Antioch took up a collection, and sent Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem with it, and the offering was permeated with love.

Credit for Intention. Much that passes for benevolence is not that at all. A man by mistake put a \$5 gold piece in the collection plate in one of my parishes.

Getting Money's Worth. Neither is the grace of giving exercised in the "ring cakes," "grab bags," "post-offices," and "auction sales" to which many churches have resorted as effectual methods of separating tight-fisted people from their money.

Not that there is anything wrong in itself in a good meal of victuals in a church vestry. Christ Himself enjoyed a square meal, and accepted more than one invitation to a full Oriental banquet.

Great Writer's Prayer. The service of the day is over, and the hour come to rest. We resign into Thy hands our sleeping bodies, our cold hearts and open doors.

Praises American Women. Alfred East says that American women, like American machines, need but little man power. The American woman, he says, is the most chumable woman in the world.

WHAT HE WANTED.

Rode a Horse When on Duty and not a Crow.

A certain officer of the Royal Horse Artillery, having his battery divided into half batteries which were garrisoned over 40 miles apart, by road, applied that he might have an allowance granted him for an extra charger, it being his duty to frequently visit both portions.

For a time the officer was non-plussed, but an idea struck him and he seized his pen and wrote: "There would appear to be some misunderstanding regarding my application. I am asking for an allowance for an additional charger, not an additional crow. I do not ride a crow. I ride a horse."

He got it.—London Tits Bits.

Mennonites' Founder.

The Mennonites take their name from Menno Simons, born in Witmarsum, Holland, in 1492. He entered the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, renounced Catholicism early in 1536 and was baptized at Leeuwarden. In the course of the following year he was ordained a minister in what was then known as the Old Evangelical or Waldensian Church.

Some Advice.

The following was sent by a countryman to his son in college not many years ago:

"My Dear Son—I write to send you two pair of old breeches, that you may have a new coat made of them. Also some new socks, which your mother knit by cutting down some of mine. Your mother sends you \$10 without my knowledge, and for fear you will not spend it wisely I have kept back half and only send five.

Sociable Spiders.

Our native spiders are notable for their extreme sociability. Of those which are spinners, each one constructs its web apart from those of its kind, and those which hunt, pursue their prey alone. In other countries, however, there are spiders which live in communities, and one such, a native of Mexico, is described by M. L. Digue.

The First Language.

No one of the existing languages has any legitimate claim to be considered the original of the family of languages, standing to the other as Latin, for instance, stands to Italian and French. Of an original primitive language of mankind the most patient research has found no trace.

Witchcraft.

The number who perished in the period of the witchcraft delusion will never be known. In every country, through fifteen centuries, the superstition went on piling up its victims. In Geneva 500 were executed in three months, 7,000 were burned at Treves, 600 by a single bishop at Bamberg, and 800 in a single year at Wurzburg.

Great Writer's Prayer.

The service of the day is over, and the hour come to rest. We resign into Thy hands our sleeping bodies, our cold hearts and open doors. Give us to awake with smiles, give us to labor smiling.

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LIVE STOCK

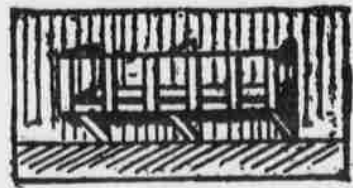
CARE OF THE FLOCK.

Sheep Need Little Shelter Except to Keep Off Rain.

Sheep need little shelter except to keep off rain and snow. I have always allowed them to stay out in the coldest weather, if it was not stormy. However, I never, under any circumstances, allow them to take rains and snows in winter, writes a correspondent of Farm and Home.

At this season I give good clover hay, and in addition a little stlage or corn fodder about three times a week. I feed twice a day in the yard on the ground if it is frozen, but when the ground is not frozen I feed in racks in the sheep barn. I feed a little entire grain, mostly oats to the breeding ewes.

My troughs are made of three boards, 8 feet long, the bottom one 10 inches wide and the sides 6 inches, as shown in sketch. I scatter the oats thin in these troughs and the sheep cannot get a large mouthful. Thus better mastication of the grain is secured than in narrow troughs. I have fed threshed oats to my sheep for a good many years and have not as yet experienced any bad results from their use.



Wall Sheep Trough.

shelled corn to one pint of oats per day.

I know from my own experience that it pays to keep sheep, provided they are kept well, and those who do not do this are very likely to condemn the breed of sheep which they may happen to have or the breeding stock which they have purchased for the improvement of their flock when the fault is really their own.

Live Stock Notes.

It's poor economy to feed lice upon hogs.

Skimmed milk finds its best market in the pig pen.

Next year's grain feed should be planned for now.

The dairy hog has helped raise many a mortgage.

Crowded sleeping quarters often cause disastrous results.

The hard coal ashes can be dumped into the hog pen to good advantage.

A dollar invested in live stock is worth \$50 invested in mining stocks.

Recently a successful farmer said: "I can make more out of \$100 invested in sheep than in any other way."

Breed straight and improve your stock. Don't be led away by some cross-breeding that looks good to you.

A short-sighted policy of using a scrub ram is the cause of the inferiority of the average flock on our farms.

One cross may answer, but in the end cross-breeding becomes a very complicated affair and has ruined more than one flock of sheep.

Muzzle the horses and pad the outside portions of whiffletrees and harrow when cultivating the orchard; thus avoiding all bruised and "barked" trees.

One great value of sheep on the farm is that they destroy brush and sprouts and reduce the crop of weeds.

It will almost pay a farmer to keep a small flock of sheep simply to keep down underbrush vegetation.

Thistle as Stock Food.

Stock of all kinds greatly relish the plants of the Russian thistle, which has fairly jumped out of the ground since the rains, and our Eastern plains are verdant with it. Why not make hay of it? So palatable is the hay to cattle that they leave green pasture and break through fences to devour this obnoxious and outlawed weed if it is cut and stacked before the red-dish tinge comes on to the plant, which occurs about the middle of July.

Many of our Colorado people have used Russian thistle for forage for several years, and some of them say that it is as good as alfalfa. In a recent analysis the Russian thistle as: ether extract, 3.51; ash, 21.98; crude fiber, 20.14, and carbohydrates, 36.32.

All over Eastern Colorado there is a lamentable shortage of protein feed-stuff. Corn, corn stalks, straw, millet, Kaffir and prairie hay are all long on starchy matter, but short on protein. In the thistle we have a crop that grows on the arid reaches which will not only yield a large amount of forage, but a very palatable one at that, and a crop that is rich in the two elements in which others are deficient.—Field and Farm.

Hog Feeding Test.

Hog feeding experiments by the Missouri station produced the following results:

Corn and bluegrass.....\$3.27 per 100

Corn and rape..... 3.34 per 100

Corn and red clover..... 2.98 per 100

Corn and alfalfa..... 2.95 per 100

Corn and skim milk..... 2.17 per 100

Corn and middlings..... 3.99 per 100

Grade Poland China pigs of 50 pounds each were used in the experiment and the prices quoted were the current market prices at time of the experiment.

PEMMICAN GRAZE HITS NEW YORK

Hotel Man Declares He Has Had to Lay in a Supply to Meet New Demand

TASTES LIKE SAND AND ASHES

Liking for Pemmican, Like that for Caviar, Olives and Limburger Cheese is An Acquired Taste—Has Particular Effect on Ester.

New York, N. Y.—Delicacies which hitherto have been confined to the frozen North will have a place on every well regulated table during the coming winter if reports from the Chicago packing houses are to be credited. It has been an open secret for some time that many of the Broadway hotels and hunger huts were stocking up with pemmican, musk ox and polar bear milk, but no one had the temerity to forecast the craze for Arctic foods which threatens to sweep the country.

"If anybody had told me a month ago that I would be featuring pemmican on my bill of fare I would have sent him to Bellevue for examination," said one of the big hotel men. "Right after Cook and Peary discovered the North Pole we had a few scattering demands for it, but we paid no attention to them. We thought it was simply a novelty, and that it would die out. Each day found the demand getting more insistent. The climax came when a fellow rushed in and declared if he couldn't get pemmican he'd wreck the establishment. We had to use the greatest diplomacy to get him out, and the next day we laid in a stock of it."

"What does it taste like?" asked the reporter.

"You've got to acquire a taste for it. The first mouthful tastes like a mixture of red sandstone and cold ashes. It has a peculiar effect on you. After you swallow it you begin to blubber. The second mouthful starts you exploring. The night I was initiated I was blubbering and exploring all night. I couldn't stop until my wife put a cake of ice on my chest."

"What is it made of?"

"The groundwork is lean beef from which every sinew and tendon has been removed. This is dried and pulverized. Added to it are the best selected raisins and currants and a quantity of the best beef suet. It is all mixed up together, seasoned with pepper and salt and put into hermetically sealed cans."

"Sort of a frapped mincemeat?"

"That's it. It's served with a hammer and chisel, and is generally washed down with a cod liver oil cocktail."

The dish is an old one. Its native habitat was the plains of the Far West, where the aboriginal Indian, after killing a buffalo, dried some of the meat by hanging it up where sun and wind would strike it, pounded it into a paste, flavored it with juices of berries to suit his taste, pressed it into cakes and called it pemmican. Later, Arctic voyagers, after the buffalo had been eliminated, used beef as the basis of a compound bearing the same name and made in almost the same way, raisins, currants and beef suet being added, with salt and pepper as seasoning.

It is this concentrated, queer tasting mixture which, according to report, bids fair to be the food novelty of the season.

PUFFS BARRED IN GIRLS' GYM.

Normal School Authorities Find Rats Interfere with Exercise.

Philadelphia.—A ban has been put upon puffs and rats in the Normal School, and it is whispered that a severe Grecian style of dressing the hair is required in the gymnasium.

The girls were reticent about it all to-day, and Dr. Grace E. Spiegel, medical director of the gymnasium, would not commit herself. It was learned, however, that three seniors had actually to be requested to leave their superfluous hair in their dressing rooms when they donned their "mid-dies" and bloomers.

It is an uncomfortable thing for a girl, when she takes a running high jump or vaults over a bar, to have a section of her back hair become detached or to have her rat flop up and down on top of her head. One of the juniors intimated that such things have happened, and that in order to avoid them and concentrate the seniors' attention on their athletic feats this mandate has been issued: "Who enters here leaves all rats behind."

EATING TACKS WON A WIFE.

Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is more than a fine sentiment or a beautiful figure of speech. It is the realization of all our hopes and desires, of our highest aspirations and deepest longings.

Rev. G. W. Grinton, Episcopalian, Newburgh, N. Y.

Committing Sin. To deny God is usually to disobey His laws, and that is to commit sin.—Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, Protestant Episcopalian, Toledo.

Heavenly Life. You cannot have the heavenly life without the heavenly love.

Short Sermons For a Sunday Half-Hour

MATERNAL AND MORAL ADVANCE.

By Rev. Charles E. Perkins.

Text: "And went backward, and not forward."—Jeremiah vii:24.

The early settlers of our country made their voyage to this land slowly enough it seems to us, who have shortened the distance from months to days. The frontiersman took days to make journeys that are accomplished in hours at the present time. Such is the advance in the means of travel.

The log cabin and adobe huts are supplanted by commodious homes and palatial residences. Luxurious furnishings add to the comfort and pleasure of our people. Delicious viands from the world's end are spread upon our board, according to the wealth and taste of the people. Advance is the watchword of our manner of living.

Modern discoveries have harnessed the lightning so that, whether on land or sea, we may be in continuous communication with our friends, either for pleasure or for profit. Future generations may not only read the great speeches of our orators, but the actual reproduction of them upon the phonograph will become a great source of amusement and revenue to them who are minded to keep the records as relics in days to come.

Methuselah, with his reputed 959 years, were a babe indeed as compared with a young man of to-day. The latter has seen more wonderful achievements and traveled more, and accomplished more in the material welfare of his time.

Principles of righteousness are operating to-day. This is evidenced in the exposure of certain corruptive principles which obtained in political and commercial affairs not long since. Men became alarmed when these were made public. No doubt they felt like Jeremiah, that the people have gone backward and not forward.

Another positive advance to-day is found in our appreciation of peace after warfare. No parades of victors bearing the scalps and spoils, or captives taken, would be tolerated. Instead, great commemoration is made annually of peace proclamations. Monuments are erected to establish their permanence and importance. The Red Cross societies minister to friend and foe alike.

Better still is the effort made by peace commissions to make warfare as remote as possible. As a nation we are approaching nearer to that ideal of the Master: "Love your enemies."

Many other instances we might cite in a general way, such as our institutions of learning for all people, homes for the orphan, the aged and infirm. A keener sense of civic righteousness is being aroused. Men of faith and hope are not resting in a lethargic optimism, crying "Let well enough alone." They believe, as there has been a remarkable advance in material progress, so there has been growth in eternal principles among men and that there is still opportunity for progress.

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MIND'S INFLUENCE ON BODY.

Dr. Vaughn Says the Dogma is Without a Scientific Support.

Taking for his subject "The Physical Basis of Life," Dr. Vaughn, speaking before the Association of American Physicians, said that much had been heard of late concerning the influence of the mind over the body. That assumption was as old as the philosophy of Plato. It always had been and remained to-day a dogma without scientific fact. Every attempt to apply it to the treatment of disease had led to the development of conscious or unconscious charlatanism and resulted in more or less marked atavism.

Medical observation and study had shown that healthy cerebral function was to be found only when the activity of the brain was influenced properly by normal function of all the correlated organs.

"We know equally," said he, "of the influence of the brain on the other organs of the body. We are fully aware of the fact that impulses may be started in the brain through any of the five senses that may favorably or unfavorably influence the activities of the correlated organs. And for centuries the medical profession has employed this physiological principle in the treatment of disease."

Tuberculosis Among Soldiers.

For 1,000 active troops in the armies of the great world powers, the following figures show the percentage of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis: United States, 4.7; Great Britain and colonies, 2.4; France, 5.3; Germany, 1.5; Austria, 1.0, and Russia, 2.7.

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