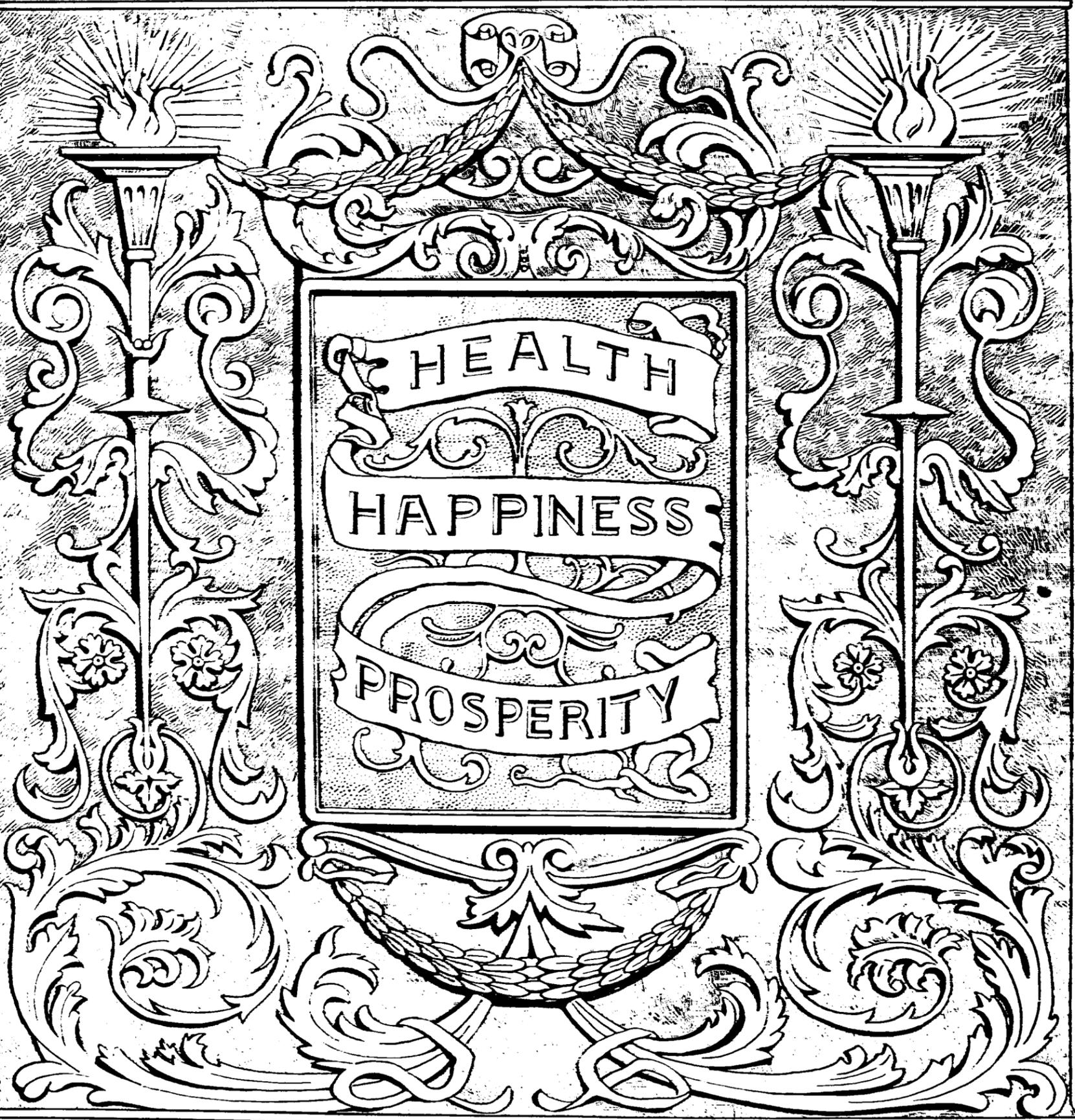


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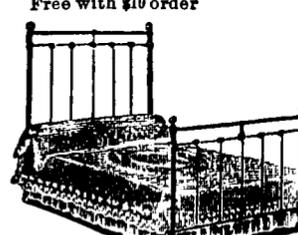
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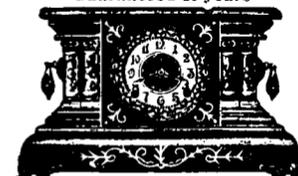
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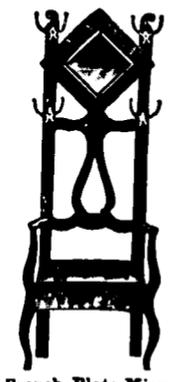
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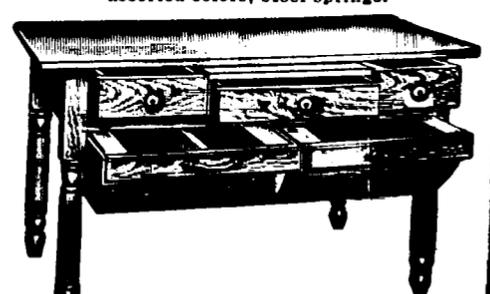
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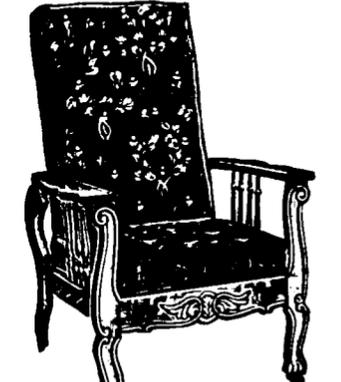
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### OUR WORK

**O**UR work—what is it? To sleep, to dream, to wish, but remain still and dumb? No; it is, first of all, to *awake*, and then to *do*. Do you say it seems unpromising, that every door seems shut? Look, then, at Nature.

Under the mask of winter there are even now stirring the forces that bring forth the glory of spring. Nature uses every moment and every condition for an opportunity to work. She prepares for every emergency and makes of every seeming obstacle a stepping-stone to success.

Just now the trees are bare. They seem completely dead, with the wind singing a requiem through their bare branches. If Nature judged according to appearances, she would throw up her hands in despair and say: "No use; I can never expect apples from them again!" But, instead, she turns attention to their hidden side. Down at the roots she works with energy and courage, because she *knows* that is the source and origin of the fruit. She is *every moment preparing* for the time when she will be able to say: "My trees are bearing well. The cloak of desolation was but the *process* toward new bloom and fruit."

Take your hint from Nature. Turn your attention to the *hidden side*. Make your effort regardless of the apparent futility of working. See what is being done with *Our Magazine*. We are making it as excellent, as beautiful and helpful as we *possibly* can while it is still *in the dark* to you. We are digging about its roots as Nature does with the trees. We are filling its pages with life and light and beauty long before you see them.

Why do we do this, not knowing whether *you*, the world's grand army of readers, will accept it?

Why? Because in the unseen the work is wrought, just as the seed of the fruit grows first in the secret chamber of the earth. And in the unseen, the hidden side of *you*, there is response.

You may call it bare and unprofitable—if you only look at the promise or the outside cover of *OUR MAGAZINE*. *But wait*. All that we have done in secret—the writing and printing and pruning, the love and thought and energy that *every writer* has embodied in his words—will suddenly be *revealed*; the words will seem alive and thrill your hearts.

So we become one. The same love that stirred us to prepare, stirs you to enjoy. You in your turn would work and feed hearts and brighten lives.

Then shall we not call it *our* work, to prepare and send abroad *OUR MAGAZINE* in order that we may reveal what may seem hidden—the one Light that *lighteth every man*?

Whatever phase of the work you are doing, in union or alone, be *hopeful, sure and courageous*, no matter *what* appears. Make the *unseen side perfect*. Do your part with *love*. This will bring the fruit. If you put the truth into *your life*, if *you* really find the secret of *Health, Happiness and Prosperity*, will it not be easy to sow the seed of hope that all may attain to the great gifts?

*Let us to work!* We want *OUR MAGAZINE* and its glorious fruits to be known *all over the world*; we want *OUR MAGAZINE* to be the prized and welcome visitor to every heart and home.

Now while the winds of February blow with stinging breath and the ice king reigns, shall we not fill our hearts with such love and zeal that words that burn shall fall from our lips, and thoughts of light reach to those who seek *just* the gospel *OUR MAGAZINE* has to give?

# OUR IDEAL HOME.

CONDUCTED BY HELEN VAN-ANDERSON.

### Self-Reverence

If it be true, as some of our critics say, that the young people, especially the young girls, of to-day, are tempted to think too much of their bodies, of their shape, and grace (or awkwardness), and above all, perhaps, of the ways in which they shall be clothed, it is also seriously true that in many cases too little is thought of bodies; they are handled carelessly, often contemptuously; some people seem to feel half ashamed of having them at all! The remedy for this state of things lies—where so many remedies do—with mothers. We do not begin early enough to teach that our bodies are very important and also very unimportant parts of ourselves.

Incidentally, it is true, many mothers teach quite early in their children's lives the importance of the body's covering. But yesterday I watched the fretting and fuming of a child of seven because her new dress, being fitted, was not low enough on the shoulders nor short enough as to skirt and sleeves to suit her cultivated ideas! If we could, in some way, clothe the little creatures becomingly, and keep them sweet and clean, without their having to think any more about clothes than the roses do about their leaves, wouldn't it be restful?

But that is not my subject. Never mind the clothes, just now; let us give heed to the bodies themselves. How shall we teach our children to reverence them?

I know how NOT to do it. It is curious how we learn by the mistakes of others.

I know a very sweet mother, one who is exceptionally wise in some lines, who yet makes a daily family exhibition of "baby in her bath." Not the aunties only, but the maids from the kitchen—and on occasions staid and dignified "Uncle Jim" himself—leave their employments and hurry up to the nursery at the fond mother's call to see her lovely little "Cupid" in her tub toss the water about in reckless glee, chuckling and gurgling the while, not like a water sprite but like a little immortal who knows that she is on exhibition. A pretty sight it certainly is, and yet—

How shall one voice one's objection to so apparently innocent an exhibition?

"You are a perfect prude!" an indignant young mother said to me, one day, when I tried to do so.

"The idea!" said another mother. "What is there more beautiful than the human body in its innocence and perfection? I want people to admire my baby's exquisitely molded form."

"It will be just as exquisite when she is sixteen," I said, "and aunts and uncles and cousins will remain, we will hope, pure-hearted and loving, but—Shall you make an exhibition then of your daughter in the bath?"

The only reply I received was an indignant: "What utter nonsense!"

It does sound like nonsense, I will admit, to thoughtless people who are entirely unable to appreciate the early hour in life in which cords of association of ideas begin to bind us. Perhaps there is no use in trying to explain the objections logically—at least to people who are not themselves close students of mental influences. There are some things that we can feel, but cannot reason about. Let us then try to cultivate in young mothers the feeling that from very birth the baby's body is a sacred trust, never to be used for purposes of exhibition however innocent, never to be needlessly exposed.

Not long ago I was a guest in a home where an unusually precocious child of three was being made ready for bed before the admiring eyes of three or four intimate friends. The proud mother took off even the little shirt to show the child's exquisite outlines; and the little one laughed, and patted her lovely arms, and enjoyed it all. What harm? I wonder if I am wrong in believing, as I assuredly do believe, that that mother will find it harder to teach her child lessons of self-respect, self-modesty, self-reverence than she would have found it without these early displays.

Not long ago a little child of four years was sharply reproved and finally whipped because she shrank painfully and persistently from an exhibition of her person to an intimate friend.

The object for the exhibition not being, of course,

serious and important, but to gratify a whim on the part of the guest.

If I had been in control in that house, the temptation would have been to whip the mother instead of the child.

From all of which you will discover that I have pronounced views with regard to very early beginnings in lessons of self-reverence.

A woman once told me that the proverb, "Evil be to him who evil thinks," she believed applied to me; that people who could think of anything evil in connection with the perfect form of a little child simply in its own exquisite flesh, showed what manner of persons they were.

But not even that stinging rebuke changed my belief. The truth is, I knew that the speaker was not only angry, but was also a little bit self-condemned, or she would not have so spoken.

But let me suppose that you as a mother are alive to all these advanced ideas with regard to the subtle laws of very early influence, and have guarded your child from all such avenues of possible harm, until now he reaches the age when you need to give positive instruction. How shall you begin?

I knew one mother who, before her son could speak the words plainly, taught him the Bible verse: "I will give thanks unto Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Then, every evening during their half hour of confidential talk she gave him in minute detail some proof of the truth of this Bible verse. He was much interested in "chu-chu cars," and had been allowed to stop and examine the great engines and to ask numberless questions about them. That evening his mother told him of the engine in his body that worked day and night at its appointed task. She interested him in the great water system of the city in which they lived; she went with him to see the reservoir, and they watched the

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 All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.—Aristotle.  
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laying of some of the pipes; and for several nights thereafter he was absorbed over the marvelous system of veins and arteries and transmitting pipes and what not that his own small body contained. He had a chance, one evening, to look through a small telescope, and saw wonders; and was led to think of the two perfect telescopes that he carried about with him daily. He was allowed, one day, to speak to a friend through that marvel of modern invention, the telephone; by that time he was ready to think for himself, and said, presently: "I've got two telephones to my house, haven't I?"

For days, for weeks, for months the marvel went on, given in serial chapters; the revelation of one small human being to his human self. Illustrated continually by the marvels that men had made—not created; for the boy came to see for himself that their work was copied from that wondrous creation of the Master, the human body. Every night he repeated with ever-increasing reverence the words: "I will give thanks unto Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

"But this requires special knowledge of physiology and kindred branches of study!" sighs some poor mother whose early opportunities were limited.

No, dear friend, it doesn't. The more knowledge the better, of course. If you have had the advantages of a liberal education, be thankful and use them. If you have not, take courage, and resolve to learn some things, first for yourself, then for your children.

The mother of whom I am speaking, who unquestionably succeeded in her object, had practically no book knowledge when she began. She had excellent common sense and observant eyes and a determination to teach her boy some lessons that he ought to learn. She bought a few books, a very few, for her means were limited. "The Man Wonderful," by Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, "Madame How and Lady Why," by Kingsley, and that inimitable book, "The History of a Mouthful of Bread."

These with the paper-covered manuals issued by the Woman's Temperance Publication House, for the teaching of temperance lessons, comprised her library. She found it all-sufficient. With scraps of time, almost stolen out of a busy life, she prepared each day her twilight lesson or story, and went on her triumphant way; leading her small son, and in after years, her daughter, step by step through the wonders of their own bodies; teaching at every step incidentally and almost of necessity—although there was deep design in her work—a lesson of self-reverence.

The day came when she was ready for an additional step in her work, and what she reckoned a rare illustration was given to her. A friend of her girlhood came to visit them, and among her belongings was a small, velvet-covered, velvet-lined, gold-clasped box that held a breast pin set with very costly diamonds. The mother's eyes, always on the watch for help in her work, seized upon it, borrowed the box and its contents for a twilight lesson.

As soon as the boy spied the box he exclaimed over its beauty.

"Careful!" said his mother; "are your hands beautifully clean? The box is very delicate, you see, it will soil easily."

"What is it for, mother?" asked the boy. "What does Mrs. Riedell keep in it?"

"What makes you think she keeps anything in it, Harry?"

The boy looked wonderingly at his mother.

"Why, mother, it is a box!" he said. "It was made to keep something in, of course; folks don't make boxes just for nothing. And it has a gold clasp! May I open it, mother?"

What delight he had in those diamonds! In their glory the box was almost forgotten. Yet he shut it with the utmost care, afterward, and handled it with new respect; it guarded a treasure. Tell me if you do not think that a boy so trained, so led up to thought, was ready for the words:

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

The body is, after all, only the box for the diamond to live in while it is awaiting the owner's call. But what a box! The very care with which it has been made hints at its use. With what care it should be handled since it contains an absolutely priceless gem! It is possible to injure those diamonds by rough handling of the box; nay, it is possible to lose the box, diamonds and all! The mother almost held her breath over the solemn possibilities of the illustration she had sought.

But cannot any teacher see how comparatively easy it was for that mother to press home her lessons about the sacredness of the human body, and to explain in detail just what would not only injure its delicate mechanism, but peril the diamond itself?

There is even a deeper truth than this, and a stronger verse. Does any Christian mother want to forget it? Should not it follow close upon the other two, and be the motive of motives for self-reverence? Listen:

"Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Ghost?"

ISABELLA McDONALD ALDEN.  
(PANSY).

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**Stabat Mater**  
 WITH calm, proud eyes the mother stood  
 And hushed the moan of parenthood,  
 And quelled her heart's blood-surge flame,  
 Deaf to the mob's mad shout of shame.  
 Her one thought—faith in him outcast,  
 Her one desire—to stay the blast  
 Of scorn and wrath and have the bliss  
 Of giving one last, loyal kiss!  
 What unto her could men's words spell?  
 What mattered paradise or hell?  
 Despair on earth or hope above—  
 She only knew a mother's love!  
 —William Struthers.  
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# For the Children

## Kisses Ten

"ONE for the lips that they may say  
The kindest things in the pleasantest way;  
Two for the cheeks that they may smile  
And never need blush at sense of guile;  
Two for the eyes that they may see  
The sweetness of love and charity;  
One for the forehead that you be wise  
And never earth's poorest ones despise;  
One for each hand that they may do  
Only the deeds that are good and true;  
Two for the ears that all day long  
They may be hearing the angels' song;  
And wishing you happiness once and again  
There is the end of the kisses ten."

## English Children at the Farm

"ONLY little children may play here: boys and lads are forbidden." This inscription is set up by a piece of wayside turf just outside the old Surrey town of Godalming. It shows a respect for the joys of little children most creditable to those who passed such a thoughtful rule; for their playgrounds and play admit no trespass. That is partly why the farm and the farmyard hold such an exalted place in their esteem, for everyone else there is always busy, and they can have all the animals and the place entirely to themselves. The animals alone, especially the young ones, from bantam chickens to the latest calves, would make the thing an unqualified success. But, when you have all the joy of "bossing" most of these animals, nursing, feeding, patting and putting them to bed, together with permission to lend a hand in the serious work of finding eggs and even making up the butter, the farm is first among all places of amusement, and the rest simply nowhere.

Children who are lucky enough to have a home farm "of their own," which means one in which they are allowed to do what they like whenever they go into the country for a holiday, look forward to their first day at the farm with more ardor even than the sportsman does to his first morning on the manor or by the stream. They know all the permanent animals personally, such as the farm cats, the bull (if there is one), and the turkey-cock, both of which they hold in dreadful awe, the farm dog, the horses, and their special pets among the cows. But then there is the huge excitement, first of seeing all the "new ones"—that is, the offspring which have arrived while they were away—and next of making discoveries of the most important kind of which (of course) no one ever knew. The absolutely first and most delightful search is for new litters of kittens, of which they are darkly told that people "think there are some about." The question is, Where? All the places where kittens were ever known to be are rapidly thought over, discussed and argued about—the hayloft, the sack-room, the horses' manger, the granary, the big barn, the little barn, the cowhouse, the woodstack. Then these are all thoroughly "drawn," till the mewling of kittens discloses where the family is lying. Of course, they are all caught up, cuddled, squeezed, carried in pinafores into the farm kitchen, dropped, stroked and generally made uncomfortable, and then allotted to the finders according to age and precedence in the family circle. As the cats naturally feel agitated when the kittens are overhauled about three times a day, they hide them again in fresh places at night. This leads first to breathless apprehension that they have been made away with, and then to further and exciting hunts, till the interesting family is re-discovered.

Puppies do not rank quite so high as kittens, neither are they common objects of the farmyard. But the poultry are an increasing joy. First, the eggs have to be found. This is real sport, for farmyard hens choose all kinds of odd places, or may do so, which is quite enough for the more adventurous to risk climbing on to the tops of strawricks, and gives an excuse for indulging in this forbidden luxury. The discovery of each nest is a further joy, and the place carefully noted for future visits, the individual hen using each identified and described, and all the eggs *with the nest-eggs* brought to the farm. Children never break the eggs they find—at least they never seem to. The farm-woman always points out the nest-eggs, and tells them to take them back, which they do, generally remembering which nest each of these belongs to, one "belonging" to "the nice little yellow hen under the pine tree," and another to the "horrid old black hen in the stable." They lord it over chickens, always being mighty fussy and particular that each brood shall keep to its own hen, and (if they are allowed to) catching those which stray to mamas not their own, to the infinite indignation of both hens, and amid protesting screams from the chicks. But they always enforce this nursery discipline with grave severity.

The "after-tea" interests at the farm are as engrossing as those of the day. All the cows are soon

due home to be milked, and preparations are made for their reception. In smart home-farms there is often bright red sand to sprinkle on the floor, a work which appeals to them very strongly. In fact, they would, if they could, sprinkle so much sand that the cows would be ankle-deep in it. Very small children think that this is an important daily function, like "doing" the drawing-room or sweeping the stairs, and one for doing which they will receive praise from the farm authorities. "What men say if we make cowhouse handsome?" was the inquiry of one good little girl who had been assisting at the sand-sprinkling. Very few children ever learn how to milk, though a few do. It is too hard work; and, though they patronize the cows at a distance, and even pet them, and put bits of cotton-cake into the manger for those they like best, to eat while being milked, they hardly dare to venture so far as to sit down on a stool beside them, and put their heads quite against their flanks. But they are always very keen on seeing how much the pails weigh which their special fancy cows have been milked into.

In places where there are pedigree herds which are occasionally sold by auction, children have a new game, that of holding cattle sales, and bidding fancy prices for the "lots" put up. But, on the occasion of real sales, they are generally in a fright that some special favorite will be parted with, and have been known to go off and weep when the animal was being bid for, and to be most demonstrative on learning that it had not "reached the reserve." They also test their wooden animals for tuberculosis, and weigh their milk. They are always distressed that so few animals in the farm lend themselves to decoration. You cannot decorate a chicken or a duck or a little pig, which they always long to nurse, or a kitten or a horse, which is too tall, or a goose, which they are afraid of. But the calves are very desirable from their point of view. They will stand quite still and can be combed, groomed and brushed with all the toilet implements kept to make the animals smart for shows, until those responsible almost fear that the calf will be brushed to death, and suggest that it might wear a daisy chain instead, which, when made and put on, either the decorated calf or another always eats.

The final act of the happy farmyard day consists in "putting the ducks to bed." Now, if this is done late, when the ducks *want* to go to bed, it is not very exciting, neither does it show the ducks that the children know better than they do what is good for them, which is part of the intellectual pride which children feel in acting as the Providence of the farmyard. But, if put to bed before they want to go, the ducks generally make for the pond; and, in heading them off and then working them round to the duck-house door, much skill and authority can be shown. It then only remains for each to make up a pat of butter for their particular friends among the "grown-ups" to have for breakfast next morning, and to say good night, for all the farm creatures are already thinking of going to sleep. It may be asked, "How do the animals like it?" On the whole they seem to be generally aware of the situation, and to distinguish between children and grown-up strangers.—*London Spectator.*

## The Spirit of Love

God is the spirit of love;  
He shines in the golden sun  
That smiles in the sky above,  
Till the happy day is done.

In the heart of every child  
That spirit of love we find;  
It makes him gentle and mild,  
Noble and loving and kind.

The spirit of love it is  
That makes the whole world fair;  
And the sweetest truth is this,  
That God is everywhere.

Anita Trueman.

I am going to be real good,  
and as kind to all the cats  
and dogs that have no home,  
as I am to my own dear pets.

## I'll Try and I Will

"I'll try" is a soldier,  
"I will" is a king;  
Be sure they are near  
When the school bells ring.

When school-days are over  
And boys are men,  
"I'll try" and "I will"  
Are good friends then.

Boys of spirit, boys of will,  
Boys of muscle, brain and power,  
Fit to cope with any ill,  
These are wanted every hour.

Not the dull and whining drones,  
That their troubles magnify,  
Nor the motto of "I can't,"  
But the noble one "I'll try."

The little boy who says "I'll try"  
Will climb to the hilltop.  
The little boy who says "I can't,"  
Will at the bottom stop.

"I'll try" does great things every day,  
"I can't" gets nothing done.  
Be sure then that you'll say "I'll try,"  
And let "I can't" alone.



**W**ELL, another month gone, and here we are again! I am glad, for I enjoy looking into your bright faces as we chat together.

You can't guess what I have been doing this month!

Playing snowball? Yes, and it was one of the pleasantest days I ever spent. It was with some country school children, and we had a jolly time, I tell you. I loaned my wings to the white balls that went from our side, for, of course, I had to take sides.

Once our side got beaten, but I think it was because I blew one of Lottie's curls into her eyes, so she could not see to throw straight. Lottie, you must know, was one of the best throwers we had, even if she was a girl. I believe girls are just as smart as boys although I have heard of people who don't think so.

Well, the minute I saw what I had done with the curl I whispered right in Lottie's ear, "Never mind if we are beaten, Lottie, we can put ourselves on the other side when it comes to crawling. Providing it's an honest hurrah, there's enough fun in it for both sides."

Then the dear child began to clap her hands and laugh till Captain Fritz grumbled that Lottie never knew when she was beaten.

But good nature prevailed at last (it was in the very wind and couldn't help it), so the game went merrily on till the school bell rang, when presto! in scampered thirty young feet, while I, the very life of the whole crowd, had the door shut square in my face! But I took the insult sweetly (I have learned that is the only way to deal with such things gracefully and *with* such dealing they are insults no longer) and bided my time.

It was but a few minutes when the window was thrown open and I distinctly heard the teacher explain that the greatest amount of pure ozone was to be obtained by breathing fresh air—the fresher the better. Now ozone is the principal part of my life, and I gladly hastened to the window with outspread arms and gave them the very best I had.

And they welcomed and loved me as I blessed and loved them. Didn't I go away happy, and didn't the dear old moon smile on me when she peeped over the top of the mountain that night?

Time's up. Good-bye, my dears.

HELEN VAN-ANDERSON.



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"Then tell me not upon that morn the angel music ceased,  
Its rich refrain is rolling yet through all the rising East  
Wherever hands and hearts are true and hope and high estate;  
Wherever peace has melted through the brazen bars of hate;  
Where'er the kings of coming years are born to love and pain  
We bend above the cradle still to catch the angel strain."

It is sunrise everywhere, and looking from the Window eastward the prospect is beautiful and full of promise.

Sunshine over the hills of earth where war is raging! Men die, but they do not all hate as they depart. Gentle hands minister to wounded foemen, mercy for the vanquished ends not till the utmost is done to make trouble bearable. Angels of helpfulness hover among the slain, and even as the great guns belch their missiles of death the strong of the earth prepare for universal peace.

Sunshine on the factory windows! Men are learning the gentle power of love. Co-operation, kindness, justice, peace are being seen as the bulwarks of industrial greatness, the keynotes of financial success.

Sunshine in the social realm! Common womanhood gains more recognition, common manhood more respect. Caste is the ruler of fewer and fewer lives and that broad charity which is the beginning of wisdom and spiritual growth is more and more discerned. Mankind in the mass is getting into the sunlight. Education levels false barriers, breaks down the walls of cold exclusiveness, and it is plain to an ever-increasing host that the children of God are wrong when they make distinctions that Christ would not recognize.

Sunshine in the churches! Where the symbol of the Carpenter of Nazareth was once colored with the blood of martyrs it now shines in the purity of Infinite Love. On the great high altars of our cathedrals rests the white sunshine of the open day. Pastor clasps hands with preacher and priest with clergyman and all with the unchurched toiler for the common good. We are learning to see

"That the dear Christ dwells not afar  
The king of some remoter star,  
But here, amidst the poor and blind,  
The bound and suffering of our kind,  
In works we do, in prayers we pray,  
Life of our life, He lives today."

Where men meet to toil they increase liberty, for men love more and fear less than of old. The sunshine has made them grow and lightened up the dark corners till the death damps of hidden places are turned to fleecy clouds that show like silver in the rising dawn.

"Behold, I make all things new," said the voice of love.

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

—Isa. lv, 19.

**BIBLE BREAD.**

For the bread of God is he (Truth) which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.—John vi, 33.

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing. The words that I speak unto you they are Spirit and they are Life.—John vi, 63.

This is that bread which came from heaven . . . he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.—John vi, 58.

When you feel at peace with all the world, and see the beauty of nature around you, and feel the grace of brotherly love within you, fail not to lift up your voice and praise God for the fulness and glory of life. Sing with David: *Know ye that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Sing, sing unto the Lord with gladness. If you will sing in this way with all your heart, you will be as a great light in the midst of darkness, and the Lord will call you His messenger.*

When you feel hemmed all about with darkness and heavy despair, declare in a firm, confident voice: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though wars should rise against me, in this will I be confident. . . . I will sing; yea, will I sing praises unto the Lord.*

When you feel the need of knowing more of the precious truth of God's presence, go apart in your chamber and say over and over with fervent and sincere yearning: *I give myself this day to do the will of my Father. It is God who worketh in me to will and to do His good pleasure.*

When you feel that you would like to do more and be more for God and Humanity, pray morning, noon and night with faith and fervor: *not my will, but Thine be done . . . Not my life but Thine be lived. Thy voice is behind mine ear, and Thou sayest: This is the way, walk ye in it.*

**Hopes for After Death**

So when Time's veil shall fall asunder,  
The soul may know  
No fearful change, or sudden wonder,  
Nor sink the weight of mystery under,  
But with the upward rise, and with the vastness grow.

And all we shrink from now, may seem  
No new revealing—  
Familiar as our childhood's theme,  
Or pleasant memory of a dream,  
The loved and cherished Past upon the new life stealing.

Serene and mild, the untried light  
May have its dawning;  
And, as in Summer's northern night,  
The evening and the dawn unite,  
The sunset hues of Time blend with the soul's new morning.

—John G. Whittier.

Our heavenly Father, we now come to Thee, with no confidence in our own strength, and pray that Thou wilt help us. Let Thy grace be sufficient for us. Come to us many times this day in holy thought and reverent feeling, and thus keep us near Thee, even in our forgetfulness.

It is a little thing to speak a phrase  
Of common comfort, which by daily use  
Has almost lost its sense;  
Yet on the ear  
Of him who thought to die unmourned, 'twill fall  
Like choicest music, fill the glazing eye  
With gentle tears, relax the knotted hand—  
To know the bonds of fellowship again.

—T. N. Talford.

Blessed is he who has found his work. Let him ask no other blessedness. He has a work—a life purpose; he has found it, and will follow it.—Carlyle.

"It is a vain thought to flee from the work God appoints us, for the sake of finding a greater blessing to our own souls, as if we could choose for ourselves, where we shall find the fulness of the Divine Presence, instead of seeking it where alone it can be found—in loving obedience."

Do that which is assigned you, and you cannot hope too much or dare too much. There is at this moment for you an utterance brave and grand as that of the colossal chisel of Phidias, or trowel of the Egyptians, or the pen of Moses or Dante, but different from all these.—Emerson.

**Look Up**

By Will K. Graff

ALTHOUGH the light is out, darkness around us;  
The sun gone down, the night succeeding day;  
Although the summer fades and sombre sadness  
Fills us with sorrow and dismay,  
We know God lives.

And when He comes to us and, gently bending,  
Kisses to sleep, as father would his son,  
The lad we love beyond our own life's ending,  
How can our aching hearts be won,  
To think it well?

'Tis hard to know, and seems beyond the mending;  
But then the comfort of the hope beyond  
Can make the pathway worthy the ascending,  
Till we can listen and respond,  
And reach his hand.

If I could speak as heart to heart in sorrow,  
The sympathy and love I cannot pen,  
If I should wish God's comfort on the morrow,  
'Twould not relieve your heart, but then  
I'm sure you'd know.

Dear heart, look up; the evening stars are shining;  
God is the same at night as in the day,  
And by and bye we'll know the silver lining,  
And walk in His eternal way.  
We know God lives.

God gives us light at every step we go,  
And tells us of His nature and our own;  
One certain law from all things here below,  
And from mankind is shown.

All must obey that edict from above,  
Which in the compass of each soul doth fall;  
Nothing to hate, dear child, and all to love—  
At least to pity all.

—Victor Hugo.

## ABOUT THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

THIS Club teaches the Mystic life, the inner spiritual life. It teaches the beauty of holiness and the gentle kindness that emanates from the consecrated soul.

To those who quibble or oppose, the true Mystic ever gives the soft answer that turneth away wrath. The Mystic life is the Godly life.

Sister Virginia Butterfield, Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mex., writes in love and gratitude, this splendid comprehensive testimonial of the many blessings she continues to enjoy since passing through the Four Degrees. Not alone this, but the sister wishes to stretch forth a helping hand to all those who have helped her realize these blessings; thus manifesting the Universal Law of Love and the Fellowship. Here follows the full text of the letter: "Dear and blessed members of *The Mystic Success Club*—Having some time since sent you the record of my work in the Fourth Degree, and having promised to write you of my further progress. I write this in affection and gratitude to tell you that to-day I have realized a great advance and received a great happiness. It has been given me to realize that the Divine Kingdom of God is omnipresent, and whosoever seeks to dwell therein may do so—and in all humility. It has been given me to feel that, as a child dwells in the house of its father, and is loved and sheltered, protected and taught, and, as it progresses in ability, is given work to do, so I dwell in the House of my Father, and all things of love and labor, and knowledge, all things that make for happiness and progress now and forever will be provided for me.

"Therefore I write this in love and gratitude to all my spiritual brethren who have helped, and are still helping me in my spiritual progress, and I pray that I may also help them—and all others—as they have helped me. I am yours in affection and good will." Truly this is Realization in its broadest and highest sense, and the promise of Life as it should be lived has been royally realized.

## SONG OF IMMORTALITY

"Arise, arise! O Soul and sing!  
The Lord of Life hath come in might;  
And all the world is blossoming  
Beneath His kiss of love and light.

"And thou, O Soul, with eyes to see,  
And ears that like fine harps are strung,  
With heart that thrones Divinity,  
And knows Love's universal tongue.

"Shouldst voice a rapture all divine,  
And fair as any flower be  
The garments that about thee shine,  
Thou Heir of Immortality!"

Brother J. G. Coddington, Greensfork, Ind., although nearing his threescore years and ten, has this to say concerning the renewal of his youth. He declares he feels as if he were but twenty again, that he has gained in the divine life, for he feels that he is a partaker of it. In truth, the Life of the Spirit is now his, and he freely testifies to the full enjoyment of this. This is part of his personal experience: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*—I have just completed my Fourth Degree, and I am truly thankful that I was ever directed to join you, mainly, however, through the reading and the study of *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES*. I did think when I finished my Fourth Degree I would not give any testimony, but duty demands something more. I admit I had my doubts as to the many benefits to be obtained through becoming a member of the Club. But I somehow felt it was worthy of a trial—a fair trial. I have never regretted this. I have been greatly improved in health. To be sure, I have not as yet gained the strength in my hands and arms I once had. But I am blessed with faith and it will come. My health in other ways is certainly as good as it ever was. I feel no pain whatever, eat heartily of the food provided, and sleep well. I am thoroughly happy, and feel as full of life and energy as I did twenty years ago, in spite of the fact that I am nearing my threescore years and ten, and work hard every day. I forget to count the years now, and although I am a farmer (considered by many to be the hardest kind of a life), I certainly feel since joining your Club, and following out, to the letter, the instructions therein contained that I have commenced to live life over again—a Newer and Better one. I have gained tremendously in the Divine Life, at least so it seems to me; I am turned round as it were, or living on a much higher plane than I ever before enjoyed. My faith in God appears to be unbounded. I have arrived at a high standard now, where I can return good for evil. I can lay aside all malice, hatred and differences; and unbounded love appears to occupy the places where these dreadful evils held full sway. My high temper is a thing of the past. The many little annoyances of life do not bother me now, for I can bridle my tongue and my temper, and I rejoice in unbounded love for all. Yet with all these happy conquests I have a hungering for higher attainment here. I have not as yet attained my higher hopes and ideals, which I feel will be realized in the future. The four little books, *my Degrees*, I prize them more highly than anything else I own. The instructions given in them are made very plain, easily understood by anyone. So plainly planned out are they that no one need err in starting right. I highly recommend to anyone by becoming a member of *The Success Club* the great benefits to be obtained. They are priceless—of inestimable value. *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* is always a welcome visitor. It contains so much information, always acceptable and agreeable, although I sometimes think were it a little more varied it would be still more acceptable. Still the Bible teachings in it are wonderful. In this way the Gospel reaches so many people who would not be caught reading the Bible, and many professed Christians at that. Of course, I am speaking mainly of *The Mystic Success Club*, and of what it has done for me. I speak whereof I know, for new doors of success have apparently opened to me recently (since joining this Club, I mean), in rather unexpected, new and different directions. I send you my thanks, love and best wishes for the success of the true Brotherhood of *The Mystic Success Club* in particular, and *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* in general, and to each and everyone who is in any way connected with this grand and noble combination of thought-work, with its great aim in all directions for the uplifting of the whole human family—the establishing of God's Kingdom on Earth, with this grand combined efforts of this blessed Club—all in one direction, all together, and God in all the result for good, will be such as the world has never experienced in any age. Look God's Word over for it. If the prayers of one righteous man shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, what must be the result of this Brotherhood in its aim for good? Certainly the greatest and most powerful combination of Thought-Work that has ever been conceived or entered the heart of man. Again wishing this noble Club all manner of success, and particularly for the Special message of Holiness and Love (it was so acceptable and soul-inspiring and of such great strength to me), believe me to be ever your Brother in friendship and love." Nobly spoken, brother. The divine spark has undoubtedly touched your soul. No wonder you desire to rise higher and higher, and so you will through further Divine aid, and your own honest efforts, to show forth to the world in which you live, the divine essence of a soul that heretofore, according to your own words, has lived in comparative darkness.

## THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

Health, Wealth, a Long, Useful and Blessed Career for You

"No Enterprise Is Too Venturesome, No Effort Too Daring"

To accomplish great things one must  
do the small and simple duties of life  
thoroughly.—A MYSTIC.



The whole world around us, and the  
whole world within us, are ruled by  
law.—THE DUKE OF ARGYLL.

Men of an extraordinary success, in their  
honest moments, have always sung, "Not  
unto us, not unto us."—Emerson.



Practice yourself, for Heaven's sake, in  
little things; and thence proceed to greater.  
—Epictetus.

Has this thought ever occurred to You?

That nothing is so Interesting—nothing so important as

*Your Own Individual Self?*

Nobody in all the wide world can possibly take as much genuine interest in Yourself as Yourself.

This stands to reason, and the final test you will see as we progress in the unfoldment of this subject.

How to touch Each Life so as to bring out the music that shall add to the Great Choir of Humanity in voicing thanksgiving to God, and inspiring *Enthusiasm* among the sons of men, is the greatest problem of the preacher, or of the Leader in any good cause.

God never requires of any of us that we shall accomplish the impossible.

A willing heart that does the best it can under the circumstances is always

"Sure of Divine approval."

Who takes for his motto, "I'll do what I can,"

Shall better the world as he goes down life's hill.

The willing young heart makes the Capable man;

And who does what he can oft can do what he WILL.

"There's Strength in the Impulse to help things along,

And Forces undreamed of will come to the aid

Of one who, though weak, yet BELIEVES he is strong,

And offers himself to the task, Unafraid."

The law of Progress never swerves from the Truth. *It cannot.*

Men who give themselves resolutely to Work always find that they are able to accomplish more than seemed possible while they were idle. The horizon widens as the traveler climbs upward.

Many a Christian who feels that he is not able to accomplish anything in the Lord's vineyard will be astonished at his achievements, if he would only

Go to work in the *Right Spirit*. A bit of work of the *highest quality* is a key to a man's life, because it is a product of that life, and it brings to light that which is hidden in the man, as truly as the flower lays bare to the sun that which was folded in the seed.

What you *do* is therefore an authentic revelation of what you *are*, and by your works you are fairly and rightly judged, as a rule.

For this reason you cannot live in any real sense if you fail to *Give Your Individuality Expression*, through some form of Activity, for action in some field is the final stage of development, and to stop short of action is to miss the highest fruits of living.

If you happen to be one full of aspiration and energy, but do not *know* how to expend the one or utilize the other, then has the time arrived for you to join *The Mystic Success Club*, and so find out what is best for you to do.

You may be an Undeveloped Power! It is more than probable that you are.

There are millions of such people in the world, because they do not sufficiently *Interest themselves* in what is within Them.

Perhaps you are largely ignorant of your own capacity, because you have never enjoyed the advantage of *Inward guidance toward a vocation*.

Rest assured of this, you have some gift, perchance some splendid talent, waiting for the *Ripe Hour* and the *Real Opportunity*.

In such a crisis, sympathetic comprehension and intelligent Guidance are invaluable. If this is not given, then you must work out your problem alone, and that sometimes means a long and hard road.

*The Mystic Success Club Is a Practical Organization.*

It has given courage, help and cheer to thousands, and thousands to-day are rejoicing because they have joined *The Mystic Success Club*.

Read the testimonials. Everyone is a truthful and carefully prepared statement of the personal experience of the writer. It is interesting to watch the various stages of high endeavor and progress.

We make or unmake ourselves by and through our work; marring our material or spiritual fortunes, or, *Discovering and Possessing them all*.

Fidelity, skill, energy—the noble putting forth of one's power in some worthy form of work, never fails of that Unfolding of the Whole Man, in Harmonious strength, which is the *Only ultimate and satisfying form of success*.

If your life is intelligently ordered, you are always preparing yourself for the Highest demands of your work.

You are not only doing that work with adequate skill from day to day, but you are fitting yourself in advance for more exacting and difficult tasks.

The Days which come so unobtrusively, and go so silently, are opportunities in Disguise, and to enable a man to penetrate that disguise and discern the royal figure in the meanest dress, is one of the great needs of that education, which must always in some form precede *real success*.

For nothing which endures is ever done without some kind of preliminary training, and

That Preliminary Training we feel confident we can give you. Men do not happen by chance upon greatness; they *achieve* it.

Noble work of any kind is the fruit of laborious apprenticeship, and from the higher forms of success the idler and the amateur are forever shut out.

"The gods sell everything and to everybody, at a fair price," says Emerson; and he might have added, that they give nothing away.

Whatever a man secures in the way of power or fame he pays for in Preliminary Preparation.

Nothing is given except his native Capacity.

Everything else he must pay for.

To recognize Opportunity when it comes, or to make the highest use of it when it is not recognized at the moment, involves constant enrichment and education of the whole nature.

It is one of the secrets of the Higher kind of Success to make life Interesting. And this secret is committed mainly to those who get the *Educational value of Events, Conditions and Relationships.*

The man who can rationalize his entire experience is in the way of learning the deepest lesson of life, and of keeping the keenest interest in all its happenings.

A mass of facts exhausts and wearies the student, but when *They fall into Order, disclose connections, and reveal Truth, They awaken Enthusiasm.*

The Body of Fact, without soul of Truth, is a dead and repellent thing.

But if the Soul of Truth shine through straightway, it

*Becomes Vital, Companionable, Stimulating.*

Now the most fruitful preparation for opportunities and tasks of *All Degrees* of Importance is that Attitude toward Life which habitually secures from it the Truth *behind* the Experience, and the Principle behind the *Fact.*

Some men are enriched by everything they *touch*, because they seem instinctively to get at the *Spiritual Meaning of Events.*

Other men get nothing but material results from their dealing with the world.

He who is to win the noblest successes in the world of affairs must continually educate himself for larger grasp of principles and broader grasp of conditions.

Finally, through *Work*, which is the true salvation of every heart and soul, you accomplish your destiny, for one of the great ends of your life is attained only when you make yourself skilful and creative; when you master the secrets of your craft, and when you pour your Spiritual Energy like a great tide into your work. The Master-Worker learns that the Secret of Happiness is the Opportunity and the Ability to express *nobly Whatever Is Deepest In His Personality*, and that supreme task comes to him who can lose himself in some generous and adequate task.

The real profit of a day's work—of a *Life's* work, in the world can never be estimated in terms of money;

It can only be estimated in *Terms of Character.*

Anyone desiring perfect health, strength and grand success should fellowship with *The Mystic Success Club*; if you doubt this statement send at once for a free copy of our booklet entitled, "From Disease, Poverty and Drudgery, to Health, Wealth, Power and Success."

After reading this book your faith will be great, because you will be confronted with facts!

But *you* must read and re-read the mystic writings we send with each Degree and do your best to fully *realize* Success.

Much time and money have been expended in organizing and formulating our plans and preparing the Four Degrees that they might be simple and comprehensive to *anyone.*

A child can comprehend them.

From this you will know how *You Can be Successful.*

Thousands of letters are pouring in, speaking in glowing words about the wonderful blessings that have come to members since they enrolled their names as life members of this Club. Read some of these letters printed on these pages devoted to the Club.

Distinctly understand, *The Mystic Success Club* is in no way a money-making organization. We have set aside a large sum of money to make it a grand success, and in turn for what we do for *you* in helping to make you successful and happy we expect you to help us to *partly pay* the expenses of supporting the Club (printing, postage, clerks, etc.).

To that end each member becomes a yearly subscriber to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES at one dollar, and gets *three* (3) friends to subscribe for the Magazine at one dollar a year, sending us the three subscribers, with three dollars. Upon receipt of the three subscribers, with three dollars, you are entered on our membership books as a *full life member*, with no further dues or payments of any kind whatsoever. We then mail you the First Degree (Health Degree), which, if you will work out, giving to it a little time each day, will put you on the road to perfect and permanent health. At the end of thirty days we mail you the Second Degree (for Receptivity); in thirty days more the Third Degree (Attractiveness; or, Personal Magnetism); and in thirty days more the Fourth or final Degree, which prepares you for full Realization. It takes four months to work through the Four Degrees, and *you* are then in a far more healthy, receptive and attractive condition than you ever thought of being here on the earth plane of existence. Some will develop the most perfect clairvoyant and clairaudient powers, which are always helpful to success; *all* will be more successful than they ever thought possible.

Read this department each month, which we will print about success, the growth of *The Mystic Success Club*, special success and achievements of individual members, etc.

In conclusion, remember *you* become a life member of *The Mystic Success Club* (and will receive our daily vibrations that we send out in the Silence) upon becoming a subscriber for one year, at one dollar, to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and securing three more subscriptions from three friends at one dollar each. If you are already a subscriber then send three subscribers, with three dollars; if not, then send three subscribers and your own subscription, with four dollars. We will immediately enter your name as a Life Member on our books and send you one Degree each month. There are no further dues, assessments or payments to be made.

We want your help and co-operation in the spreading of this blessed gospel of peace, hope, high endeavor and good-will toward all, just as we feel you need the help we have offered.

We help you to make your Life, *now* and *here*, larger, broader and grander in every way.

With holy love, peace and good-will to *all* beings in the universe, we are, always for grand success, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, care of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, 22 North William Street, New York City, U. S. A.

N. B.—We desire members from all parts of the world.

#### MINISTRY

*"Did we but know the Truth  
And what we may become,  
Our feet would forward press  
To Life and Heaven.  
Then let us haste  
To render such our aid  
As we can do to  
Such an service need,  
That serving others, we  
Ourselves may grow divine."*

Sister Margaret Grant, No. 679 North Clarke street, Chicago, Ill., writes that although she has traveled through the wilderness, she now walks safely and without fear. "The sister says in part: 'To THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, Dear Friends— I herewith inclose my report, the appearance of which, I expect, will cause you to think that I have not given it proper attention. But allow me to explain. I began by holding thought number One, and the next night number Two, and so on taking them in rotation as they came each night until I had taken all Seven, and then began over again with number One, intending to so continue for thirty days, but I was taken suddenly very ill with muscular rheumatism. I was helpless and my suffering was intense. Indeed, I have been afflicted for a long time with very poor health. I also became almost totally deaf this past summer and fall and had been treating for it, but without even a small amount of success. In this state I could not continue keeping the record, but I did manage to continue with the Degree as best I could from memory. So I want to tell you that in about a week after I began the First Degree, my hearing was entirely restored to me, and the soreness and pain gone from my head and during that time I neither used medicine nor took treatment from the doctor. I cannot be too thankful for the regaining of my hearing, notwithstanding I was still stricken with rheumatism, and continue to suffer in many other ways. But I feel confident that all my present ills will pass away in the course of time. I desire health very much indeed, almost above all things, with the single exception, perhaps, of Spiritual growth and advancement, and, as I said before, I know that soon I am to enjoy it.

Another good thing I feel the Degree has done for me. It has given me a sweet, calm feeling, and I also feel more cheerful, courageous and patient, although at times the clouds of adversity seem hovering over me. If you think I am deserving of the Second Degree, I shall be pleased to receive it; but should you think otherwise, I am ready and willing to abide by your decision, feeling that you know best. I enjoy the Magazine so much. It helps one to good, pure, kind and cheerful thoughts and actions. With love and abundant success for each member of *The Mystic Success Club*, I am your grateful sister." Fear not. All will be well. Have you forgotten the promise of the Lord? Listen, for He hath said:

*"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed" (Isaiah lix, 1).* And again:

*"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord" (Jeremiah xxx, 17).*

Brother Frank M. Hinman, Bethlehem, Pa., writes he has been a close follower of our blessed Lord (in so far as he was able), for many years, but since becoming a member of the Club he sees how much his mind has broadened, for his wider appreciation and love for all the things that God has made has greatly increased. He further says: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*— Having completed the Fourth Degree, I cheerfully send in my last statement. I, for one, cannot find words to express the benefits I have received through becoming a member of this blessed Club, and having fellowship with the Beloved Brothers and Sisters, who through God's help are accomplishing such grand and good results. I am satisfied God is the author of this good work—that it was He who put it in the minds of the founders, and that He is ever leading all sincere members into greater light and grander success. I have been a Bible student and a great lover of nature. But, since I became a member of *The Mystic Success Club*, my love for all has been greatly increased. At first, during my work on the First Degree, I noticed but little change. "However, I was soon encouraged, for it was not long before I realized help in many ways. And although there were times when things looked dark, yet these would not last. I would like to describe my feelings now and again, but I hardly know how to do so. I can only say that there are times when I feel as though I were not living on this earth. It requires an effort to keep on my feet. I feel as though I should have to put stones in my shoes to keep from rising in the air. It is a spirit of exaltation, I suppose. But then everything is changed. Never in my life did things look so bright as at present. Money and work seem to come from all directions. A great reformation is taking place in our home, and this is the greatest change of all, and the one I have most desired. It will be a great pleasure to me to be the means of helping others. I will ever use my influence to secure subscribers to the Magazine, and members for the *Success Club*. I am perfectly willing to relate my happy experiences to anyone who may want to know about them, for remember, I have here related but one. But there are many yet to be told. I am your Brother in love to all."

#### Peace

WHAT is this that thou art seeking.  
Is it peace of mind?  
Bearing Peace unto thy brothers  
Thou shalt surely find.

Is it Peace within thy household?  
Speak the living word  
In the silence of thy Temple,  
And it shall be heard.

Is it Peace for thy loved Nation?  
Peace for all the Earth?  
Live the Life! Peace but awaiteth  
One of Peaceful Birth.

Peace that passeth understanding  
Dwelleth in the Soul,  
From the Tropics of man's nature  
To its frozen Pole.

Through the smallest to the greatest,  
Earth to Heaven above—  
Peace endureth, Faith abideth,  
Over all is Love.

—Brother C.

The wonderful work of the Mystic Success Club grows. The hundreds that are being helped into the true and happy life only prove *how many more can be helped.* Send for our Success booklet.

About the Mystic Success Club

To be strong, joyous and free from all bonds, financial and otherwise, is the secret of success, for it is the result of knowing your True Self, which can never fail. If your body is diseased seek the Source of Health—the High and Only One. If you are poor, friendless and weary, go to the Universal Friend, the Heavenly Father from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. The Mystic Success Club bases its teachings on the Bible *Love of Life*, which is the basic element of success.

Brother Edmund G. Cheesman, 1702 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo., speaks of his delight in passing through the Degrees a second time, and he heartily recommends the practice to others. This is his letter: "To The Mystic Success Club, Gentlemen—I wish to write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting on. I am now going through the Degrees a second time. I am halfway through the Second Degree again, and lately I have experienced wonderful benefit. I am now doing well at my insurance business, am losing all fear of addressing people, and only a month ago I was hunting everywhere for work. I have had three good offers of positions lately, but have decided for the present to remain where I am. Another thing I have found a source of great help is the affirmation of our Divine origin. I have most certainly had wonderful help at times when perplexed and uncertain how to act by affirming that 'I am Spirit and I am wise with the wisdom of the Spirit.' My health is very much improved, and at times I have wonderful feelings of happiness and contentment that are changing my whole life, and now I know that all things are working out for my good. But, brothers and sisters, it has been a hard fight, but I am confident that I have at last won. I cannot thank you all enough for the help you have given me, and I ask for your prayers that I may never backslide, but always keep advancing. I am ready to try and accomplish any work that you may have for me to do. I pray for the success of the Club night and morning, and that its influence and help may be extended to all humanity. I wish you every success and help." It is pleasant to have you chronicle your success amid so many adverse circumstances. Still, it is not so all surprising your blessings seem greater than ever before, for the reason that you have entered upon the study of the Four Degrees for the second time, perhaps with even greater zest than you did for the first. Your mind has evidently been enlarged and enriched by beauties that have never before been revealed to you until now. To seriously meditate upon the testimonies of the wise is certainly food for thought.

CONSECRATION

"In Thy service, Lord, enlisted—  
Blessed bond that makes us free—  
By Thy power and grace assisted,  
May we true and faithful be.  
To our service set Thy seal,  
To our hearts Thy will reveal.

"Naught of self be in our serving,  
Not from fear, nor for reward;  
Never from one motive swerving—  
Love to Thee, our King and Lord,  
To all creatures Thou hast made,  
Every nation, every grade.

"So may we in ceaseless striving  
Spend our lives for Thee and Thine,  
Till the longed-for time arriving  
Human shall become Divine;  
Love the victory shall gain,  
Earth, as Heaven, shall own Thy reign.

"May this humble consecration  
Of ourselves and gifts to Thee  
Be for us a new creation;  
Haply we may soar and see  
Glimmerings of the light that lies  
'Round about Thy Paradise."

Sister S. C. Casey, Box 373, Amarillo, Tex., writes: "Dear Brothers and Sisters—I now return the report filled out hoping it may prove satisfactory. I have so much to thank you for, it is useless to attempt to, no matter how good my will may be. I have tried to live a Christian all my life, but I was only groping in the dark trying to find a something that I needed; now I know what it was, and the Magazine, or, rather, *The Mystic Success Club*, found it for me. Do you know what that need was? It was trust, and, thank God, through you, that is mine now. You have also taught me how to pray and listen for the answer in the 'Silence.' Oh, how much you have taught and helped me. You have taught me how to ask for what I need, and that is for Light, Hope and Courage, Knowledge and Wisdom, and I am trying with what knowledge I have to make myself just what I desire to be, and that is a true and faithful child to our Father and to our Club. Please send me the Third Degree, and then I wish you would remember me in all your prayers and vibrations. I feel so much better since being under your special care. I am able to do an immense amount of household work without feeling tired out. May the great Father bless the Magazine and the Club. It is wonderful what can be learned from the study of both, particularly of the Degrees, for they have completely changed me from a weakly, nervous, fretful, grumbling being into a kind, calm, thankful woman. I could see my faults plainly enough, but I felt so helpless and hopeless that I had not the courage to even try to get out of the rut, but now I am out of the Slough of Despond, and I am well up the hill. The world for the first time looks beautiful." Surely you have

much to rejoice over, for if you have learned how to pray and to listen for the answer in the "Silence" you have accomplished what thousands are striving to do every day.

"He loveth much; He faileth never,  
So trust in Him to-day, forever."

Brother Louis Foss, 910 1/2 Pacific avenue, Tacoma, Wash., is happy to acknowledge all the gifts of heart and mind that have been bestowed upon him since reading the Magazine, and through that being led to join the Club, for, as he says, it proved to be the turning-point of his life. This is the letter: "Dear Brothers and Sisters of *The Mystic Success Club*—I have just finished the Fourth Degree, and send inclosed my record sheet. My soul is filled with love and thankfulness to God and every member of our blessed Club, who by their great love and powerful and permanent prayers are sending out vibrations of strength, love and peace to us all. I bless the day when I first picked up *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES*. It was the turning-point of my life. I had been seeking for the truth for some time without being able to find it. After reading the Magazine for some time I began to see the Light, and it is getting brighter every day. I have learned that spiritual growth does not always come with lightning speed, but I find that if we are patient and try to love God and all of His creation we will surely grow in strength, in wisdom and in spiritual knowledge from day to day. So do not be discouraged, brothers and sisters, if your growth is not so rapid as you would wish. If we try honestly and earnestly to come into harmony with the Infinite our prayers, if slow, are absolutely sure."

We receive many letters stating great blessings received, asking us to print same, but not use their names. There is a twofold purpose in printing these testimonies: (1) To show the world the power of God to bring peace, joy, health, strength and success to His children when they love, trust and live with Him; (2) for the good of the soul of the writer. When God has helped us we should fearlessly and with joy and delight acknowledge it to our brothers and sisters, that it may praise and honor and glorify Him and at the same time help lead others to seek Him. God does not need praise nor does He require it, only in so much as it always blesses the one who praises Him openly and freely. "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for praise is comely for the upright." Never be afraid to praise and acknowledge God.

Sister Sarah Later, Lakeview Farm, Huntsville, Ont., has this to say: "Dear Brothers and Sisters of *The Mystic Success Club*—I herewith inclose the record of the First Degree. I have worked upon it as faithfully as I could, and certainly my reward has been great, because I gave of my best. I have been enlightened in various ways, for which I heartily thank you. I am or was a great reader of love stories. It was my weak point, or one of them. On page 459—October number of the Magazine—my eyes fell upon this verse of poetry, beginning

"When thou hast thanked thy God for every blessing sent,"

it changed me completely. It seemed to wake me up to the fact that I now had no time to read novels or worldly stories. I opened my Bible in one of my trying moments of temptation to read a story. But after sitting in the 'Silence' for a few minutes I thought of the teachings in the First Degree; then I carefully read I Chronicles, twenty-eighth chapter. It was too plain not to understand. And so I bless the day I read the verses, and may God bless *The Mystic Success Club*. I was like the blind man sitting on the wayside, calling upon the Son of David to have mercy upon me. Jesus came to me by way of *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* and the Club. The Magazine to me is perfect, for it has helped me to rely on the only true source of strength. My heart was yearning for this, but I was unable to find it until led by you. I rely largely upon the Second Degree's work to enable me to see my way clear and be healed of my headaches and other troubles. I feel that I shall not be disappointed. I feel better even now as I write. I ask your prayers."

Brother Edwin C. Bills, Hedrick, Okla., thinks our Club is a real Club, that it was organized for the benefit of men and women who yearn to grow purer in spirit from day to day, that it has more than carried out this promise, both in the letter and the spirit of the Divine law. The brother says: "To My Brothers and Sisters of *The Mystic Success Club*—I have just received one of the Special Messages. I was so glad to get it. It filled my heart with love and gladness, and every time I read it over it is with renewed joy. I think these Special Messages are the best helps of all. They seem to be written in a way easier to understand than the Degrees; but perhaps it is because we have to study the Degrees and answer the questions that the Degrees seem harder. But the Special Messages, to me, seem to sink into the very soul, and I for one grasp more at a time in the Messages than I do in the Degrees. They make one want to pray for our members. This is the greatest Club that was ever organized, and I rejoice that I belong to such. I did not belong to any religion when I joined. It has made a man of me. Before I was a wreck without hope. Now I have unbounded faith in and love for all men. I was sick all last year; could not work, but since joining the Club I have improved so much, and I have worked all this year to some purpose. Another great improvement.

I do not worry and fret, and there was a time when I pestered everybody with my useless fretting about everything. I will try to do all I can for our Club, and get the Magazine into every family I know, for do I not know from personal experience that it is a blessing to any home? I shall be glad to receive any Message or Text-book that you may see fit to send me, and may the blessings of God be with you all forever." It rejoices us to know the Messages have brought you such peace and comfort. It is wise to review them often.

Sister Elizabeth Howell, Yohoghany, Pa., tells of the broadness of mind and peace she has gained as a member of the Club. A part of the long letter follows: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*—I am happy to say I have finished my Four Degrees and that I am now entitled to the life membership promised. A year ago I was so utterly downhearted I could hardly finish my work. Indeed, I thought life was not worth living until I began to study the First Degree, and after that, of course, I made greater strides in progress with each succeeding Degree. I want to take this occasion to thank you all for your vibrations and prayers. They have uplifted me wonderfully. The Four Degrees are so plain and simple that anyone can understand them, if a little time and thought be given them. The Magazine, too, has been a wonderful help to me. I am now started in my third year's subscription. While out driving the other day my mind was carried out over the broad universe. Everything seemed beautiful. I saw God everywhere. There is height and depth to attain yet, but I am glad I am what I am. There are loving brothers and sisters all over this broad land, from the East to the West, and from the North to the South. This is my first thought while in the 'Silence,' 'Peace, be still, and know that I am God.' 'God is my strength and shield, in Whom I trust.' May God bless every member of Our Club, is the wish of your sister who has been given a helping hand."

Brother L. F. Stobel, 173 I street, Salt Lake City, Utah, writes this: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*—Inclosed please find record of my Fourth Degree. I received Special Message Number One some days ago, and was delighted with it. I have been using it, you might say, every hour, for I needed just such help as it gave. I don't know when anything has done me so much good as the Four Degrees. I have just finished with them. From the very start I felt a change for the better, and it has increased all the time. The Degrees have not only helped me, but I know that everybody I have come in touch with has also been helped. All that I have gained can only be realized by those who have had similar experiences. Every day I see where I am being directed as to different things. While matters have not changed materially for me as yet, I know they are going to just from the way everything feels around me. The change seems to be in the air. It is a greater love that I now hold for everybody and everything, and especially for all the brothers and sisters of this great Club. May I, too, be a help to those in need. May many blessings rest upon you all is my prayer of thanksgiving for the various benefits I have received at your hands."

"The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting; give me understanding, and I shall live."

Sister Clara Belcher, Putney, W. Va., says she has heard the "still, small voice," and is happy. The letter reads: "Dear Brothers and Sisters—I will try to tell you as best I can of the tremendous good that has come to me in the working of the Degrees. I have passed through darkness into light, and from sorrow to happiness. My health is much better, although there is room for further improvement here. The 'still, small voice' whispers within that there is great light before me. I wish to live the Christ life, and I therefore ask an interest in your prayers to that end, brothers and sisters, that I may never fall back where I was when I joined the Club. Help is coming to me every day. I have not yet gained self-control completely, but the old habits are dying. If what I have written will help one poor aspiring soul to want the light of peace, love and happiness, I shall consider myself blessed in a double sense. 'My peace I give unto you' are the words of the blessed Master, and I feel He has given it to me. I can work at anything now with ease, and do more than ever before. Inclosed you will find my record for the Second Degree."

TO MANY INQUIRERS: The Mystic Success Club is in no way connected with any so-called religion or with any so-called religious denomination. It gladly welcomes to membership and fellowship brothers of all religions, no religions, all nations. We are all children of one God. We teach universal love, tolerance, charity, progress and prosperity. Our religion is love of God and all His children, love for this world while we are here, and love and admiration for the countless other beautiful worlds and spheres comprising His universe. We teach the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God, the All-Father. But our main aim is to inspire and awaken souls, so that they may be healthy, strong, vital, progressive and prosperous here and now. These are only "hard times of oppression" to those who are asleep spiritually, mentally and physically.

We find a number of persons prefer sending us \$3 for three subscriptions to be sent free to friends or public institutions, and thus earn the privilege of being enrolled as a life member of the Club. While we prefer all members to secure three subscriptions from friends or acquaintances, we have concluded to accept yearly subscriptions that may be given as presents to persons whom you may think need such a cheering and uplifting Magazine to smooth their path of life for one year. No doubt you can select three persons who would be glad to receive the Magazine for one year as a present from you, who would thus be reminded of your interest in their welfare each month for one year. So, if you will send your own subscription for one year and the names of three persons whom you desire it sent to for one year, together with \$4 to pay for same, we will be pleased to enter you as a life member and forward the Four Degrees. You can do good by sending copies to the reading-rooms or some home for aged people, some society, club or public hospital or other similar institution. Many of our regular subscribers often send us subscriptions for homes and institutions of this nature or to some poor "shut-in" invalid or cripple. Your own soul will tell you what to do in the matter. In no way will we receive mere money for a life membership in this Club.

Brother Walter E. Emmons, Nashua, N. H., writes as follows: "Dear Members of *The Mystic Success Club*—It is now about seven months since I sent in my last Degree, which I worked out to the best of my ability. I want to tell you, dear Mystics, that when I first saw *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* I was about the sickest man any mortal ever saw, who managed through sheer force of will to work every day when not down sick in bed, which would be from two to three times a year. I learned so much from *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* that I decided to go through the Four Degrees, and I thank God that I did, for I have left off taking medicine of all kinds. To tell you the plain unvarnished truth, I have taken headache powders for the past eight or ten years, and the more I took the more I had to take. It became a habit and nothing else, and I thought I could not break it. Just like all habits they deaden the nerves, and you have no chance to take up a new thread of life. You are obliged to take more medicine, or so you think, in order to feel like your old self again. But, bless your heart, medicines of all kinds work like that, if you take them constantly. My advice is, drop medicines, and subscribe for *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES*, and learn the great Truth—how to live in peace and joy—free from all pain and worry."

To him who really desires to find the Truth, and earnestly works toward that end, Faith, through prayer and works, will surely lead him to that goal. The power of worship to banish and dissipate the doubts and fears that beset our minds and hearts is beautifully described by Longfellow:

"And when the solemn and deep church bell  
Entreats the soul to pray,  
The midnight phantoms feel the spell,  
The shadows sweep away.

"Down the broad vale of tears afar  
The spectral camp is fled;  
Faith shineth as a morning star,  
Our ghastly fears are dead."

Sister Elizabeth Stiles Lawrence, No. 23 Kingsdale street, near Dorchester Station, Boston, writes: "Dear Members of *The Mystic Success Club*—I herewith return my records of the Fourth Degree, which came to me in New Hampshire, at my old home, forwarded from the present home. The month was a broken one, and whether from that reason or others, I feel I have not realized what I ought. Still I never can be sufficiently thankful and grateful for all the help rendered me by the dear members of the Club, and those connected with it.

"The moment I took the little book in my hand I felt the healing vibrations from it. The benefits received are more than I can adequately express. *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* fills my whole soul with delight.

"Within the last six weeks I have had an old trouble reappear in my hands and back, which has not troubled me for seventeen years or more, but which was born with me, and I always suffered with it until the time mentioned. It left me as suddenly as it has now appeared. Whether my faith can conquer it or not, I do not know. But I do not fear for a moment, for I am so much better mentally and physically that I cannot express my thanks."

Brother P. S. Durr, Batavia, Ia., is happy to acknowledge before the world that he is now one of God's children, for the reason that he has been enabled to see the true light of Christianity as revealed to him through the simple teachings of the Club. He says: "To *The Mystic Success Club*, Dear Brothers—Inclosed please find my record of the Fourth Degree. Although I have no more Degrees to work out (and I regret this in a way), we shall still be closely united in our works, thoughts and love—in a universal love for all. I always felt that I had some other work laid out for me, aside from my duty toward my family, before I was called away to my Spiritual home. I want to work for the glory of God and the benefit of mankind, yet I never could understand in what

way I could be of help, until I joined the Club.

"The true study of the Bible is the road to the Spiritual Life. Paul uses a very graphic illustration of the penetrating force of the Word of God when in his letter to the Hebrews he says: 'For the Word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.'

The Bible has this power wherever men read it, in all climes and under all types of heathen life. It has the power to uncover the human heart to itself, and then it instinctively cries for God.

A PLEDGE

I promise Thee, my God, that I  
Will never cloud the light  
Which shines from Thee within the soul,  
And makes the reason bright;

Nor ever will I lose the power  
To serve Thee by my will,  
Which Thou hast set within my heart  
Thy precepts to fulfil.

Sister Ida F. Wright, Washougal, Wash., writes a long, enthusiastic account of the manifold blessings she now enjoys, and dwells particularly upon the restoration of her eyesight. In part we print her testimonial. "Dear Mystic Success Club I feel I must tell you of my wonderful success. I took the healing vibrations for five months, and I cannot thank God enough for the good they did me. Furthermore, I can now treat myself with splendid results, which is a great step gained, I think.

"My eyesight failed to an alarming extent in the last year (I am in the Post-Office, and do all the writing and bookkeeping). On the morning of the 10th of August, a few minutes before two, I treated my eyes, and when the clock struck two, I began to hold the positive thought, and continued to do so for just a half-hour. I wore my glasses that day, but thanks to God 'who forgiveth all our iniquities, and healeth all our diseases,' I've not worn my glasses since that day.

"I do all my writing, and read a great deal, even the testimonial letters printed for the Success Club, which is quite fine print. Now, who has been able to do more than that in the short space of twelve days? I had not been able to read at all without glasses for a long time, even to look over a few letters. I feel confident that God will fully restore my eyesight in time.

"My head heretofore, was bothered and pained me nearly all my life. I am now free from pain on that score, and I no longer am obliged to swathe my forehead in bandages, a habit of mine for twenty years past. My back used to be very troublesome too. Last Sunday I walked nearly four miles, and it did not hurt me in the least.

"My desire and sincere prayer is, that Love, Peace and Calm may be with all. Your loving and thankful sister."

These remarkable letters are spontaneous and come unsolicited from those who have been lifted from disease to health by the power of God who healeth all diseases, for those who ask in faith. The Mystic Success Club teaches how to attain this childlike faith, and how to become acquainted with God. Can you wonder at the great works wrought and the throngs of eager souls who are so earnestly seeking the key of life? What a splendid work to spread abroad the tidings of Health, Joy and Courage, so that all may be led into the right way. Help us, Brothers!

THE DAWNING OF THE GOLDEN AGE

He gave the choice of good or ill,  
Implanted in thy mind and soul;  
To thee He gave a sovereign will,  
The sacred birthright of control.

O'er all the earth and all it yields,  
Wings of the air, and beasts that tread  
From snow-capped mounts to verdant fields,  
This is thy heritage from God.

To thee, and only thee, He gave  
The image of His Spirit form,  
A soul to culture or deprave,  
A conscience vigilant to warn.

In thee alone the power lies  
To rein those passions well bestowed,  
To rend the galling chains of vice,  
To choke the seed ambition sowed.

Look to thy soul, and live each day  
Unbridled passions to assuage;  
Each man who conquers self makes way  
For the dawning of the Golden Age.

Brother A. A. Simpson, Bakersfield, Cal., says: "Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Club - I am happy in the first place to use the privilege of writing you that I have been wonderfully blessed by joining The Mystic Success Club. In fact, I am happy all the time, and I feel a great change has been wrought throughout my entire being.

"I am now starting in on my Fourth Degree, and at this writing have finished one week so far. Last night I was so happy I could not sleep. I am thankful I took the step I did when I joined this Club, for its teachings lead men and women to a higher and better life. May blessings rest and abide with each and all of you."

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so," is a good motto for thanksgiving at any time. It is not enough to feel thankful in our hearts; we should bear open testimony to God's goodness to us by the praise of our lips. We

know that God likes to have thanksgiving expressed. The birds express their gratitude by their cheerful songs, the flowers by sending forth their perfume. And we should make known the pleasure that we feel at God's goodness, not only by voicing it in prayer and praise, but by talking to each other about it.

The Mystic Success Club is opening wide the doors to New Life to many men and women in all parts of the world who heretofore have led a narrow life - lived in ruts, limitations, disease, poverty and general failure.

The most enduring kind of success which will make you permanently healthy, peaceful, progressive, prosperous and a noble child of God.

This Club is growing at a tremendous rate and numbers its members by the many thousands.

Our mail is very large, and we select a few letters each month and comment on them in these columns, as many persons ask the same questions.

For instance, a large number of persons write, "Can I join The Mystic Success Club when I already belong to a Success Club?" Certainly, and with great advantage; our plan in no way interferes with or antagonizes any other good plan of life. A membership in our Club makes your mind all-comprehensive to the All Good, in the All. We open and train the mind for the highest and noblest success. So, beloved souls, come and join this great and mighty society, no matter what may be your nationality, your religion, or whether you belong to one or many other clubs or organizations - you are sure to get spiritual uplift that will lead you on to a full realization of your hopes or ideals.

Sister Lizzie Gould, Griswold, Ia., feels she has conquered one of her greatest faults - that of brooding over the follies of the past. Now her chief thought is to work for progress in the true spirit of its meaning. We give the important items of the letter: "Dear Brothers and Sisters I have finished the Four Degrees, and I feel much better. The greatest change has been made in my mind, and there seems to be some help in controlling my thoughts, since I have subscribed to your Magazine. Had I known more of the Truth as you teach it a few years ago, my life to-day would have been so different. The remorse I feel over the past has been a constant worry, and it almost drove me mad. But the world holds many such people, who know little of the Truth, and are often being duped.

"How I wish sometimes we could be more sympathetic, and have no sorrow in the world. Spiritual teaching is doing a great work in demonstrating that transition is merely passing into a higher and better plane of action in spirit and in truth. I cannot say, as some do, when they complete their Degrees, that all my troubles have left me, still I know there has been a mystic and a silent help that has held me back and kept me from rash acts - no telling what.

"I am trying to endure a great sorrow all alone, and quietly, and if I had not had your help and prayers, I might have been a complete failure. The greatest trouble of my life is to control my thoughts, and I am succeeding.

"I am constantly striving to live a life of Love for God's works. I do not feel as if I ever had real genuine love, purity and compassion, and that is about what all humanity is longing for. But I am heartily thankful for the hope and courage your teachings have brought unto my weary soul. It brings a supreme happiness when one thinks of being soothed by ministering angels. Please always remember me in all of your prayers, for I know they are effectual."

Surely, there is no chance for despair now, for you are on the right path to insure just the progress you need. Let that courage which you know you have, be ever uppermost, and all will be well. Always remember that "The Eternal God Is Thy Refuge, and Underneath Are the Everlasting Arms" (Deuteronomy xxxiii, 27).

KEEP SINGING

"Don't let the song go out of your life;  
Though it chance sometimes to flow  
In a minor strain - it will blend again  
With the major tone, you know.

"Don't let the song go out of your life;  
Though your voice may have lost its trill,  
Though the tremulous note should die in the throat,  
Let it sing in your spirit still.

"There is never a pain that hides not some gain.  
And never a cup of rue  
So bitter the sup, but what in the cup  
Lurks a measure of sweetness too.

"Then do not despond, and say that the fond  
Sweet songs of your life have flown,  
For if ever you knew a song that was true,  
Its music is still your own."

Sister Alice J. Calhoun, Fort Worth, Tex., writes thus encouragingly of the progress she has made through the study of the First Degree: "To The Mystic Success Club, Dear Brothers and Sisters - To-day ends my First Degree in this blessed work. I enclose my Record sheet, which I have tried to keep correct.

"My health is much improved. Though I

am not well, I am not discouraged with the work, and will continue the work of the First Degree until I hear from you. I would ask special prayers in my behalf for the healing of the body. I have found great comfort and consolation in the lessons as well as in the careful reading of the Magazine.

"I hope you will deem me worthy to continue with the next Degrees. I anxiously await your reply, while I continue to rehearse the First, for it is sweet to me when I retire, and oh, so refreshing when I awake in the morning to repeat the Invocation.

"I am working for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and I think before long I will be able to send you some more subscribers. May God forever bless The Mystic Success Club. I am your sister in Love, Peace, Happiness and Prosperity." Just keep singing in your heart - and then watch carefully for soulful results.

CHRISTIANUS SUM

"I believe in Human Kindness  
Large amid the sons of men,  
Nobler far in willing blindness  
Than in censure's keenest ken.

"I believe in Self-Denial  
And its secret throb of joy;  
In the love that lives through trial,  
Dying not, though death destroy.

"I believe in Love renewing  
All that sin hath swept away,  
Leavenlike its work pursuing  
Night by night and day by day.

"In the power of its remolding,  
In the grace of its reprieve,  
In the glory of beholding  
Its perfection - I believe.

"I believe in Love Eternal,  
Fired in God's unchanging will,  
That beneath the depth infernal  
Hath a deep that's deeper still!

"In its patience, its Endurance  
To forbear and to retrieve,  
In the large and full assurance  
Of its triumph - I believe."

Brother William Persson, 207 Chambers street, Montgomery, Ala., sends this terse, short but thoroughly convincing testimony: "To The Mystic Success Club, Dear Brothers and Sisters - Enclosed please find the report of my First Degree, and I sincerely trust you will be pleased and satisfied with it. I was rather down in spirit when I received membership, but with your blessed help I am a different being now. I simply found those thoughts beautiful and inspiring, and I managed to keep most of them in mind and heart during the day, so that now I feel a fine calm and peace as never before experienced in my life.

"As far as the question about 'Special Help from unseen forces' is concerned, I felt it right along, even before becoming a member. Therefore, you will understand my answers on Record Sheet. Trusting you will send me the Second Degree, that I may further progress along the lines prescribed, and looking forward with much anticipatory pleasure in the receipt of it, I am your Brother, as I feel you are mine, with best and sincerest thanks and greetings."

You have awakened to your own soul's possibilities; and later on you will clearly see there is no end to what the soul may achieve, for the soul is infinite. To-day is to be lived on the spiritual plane, on which alone is our real life.

These remarkable letters are spontaneous writings from many who have been quickly and permanently lifted from disease to health by the mystic power of the Eternal Spirit. It will be seen at a glance that these voluntary expressions are made in holy, universal love, and clearly indicate the power of this Club to help its members to realize quickly and permanently new life, new hope and new courage.

Sister Mary E. Collins, Department of the Interior, United States Indian Service, Lincoln Agency, Idaho, writes this interesting and pathetic appeal to us: "Dear Brothers of The Mystic Success Club - It is with deep gratitude I write you for the help I have received through the Club. It seems to me that I have only now learned how to live, or rather am learning, since I joined the Club almost a year ago.

"During the last month I have borne burdens and gotten along with my work in a way which would have been impossible a year ago. Another thing, I am gradually gaining more confidence, and learning to rely upon myself more, although I still feel the need of more poise and dignity.

"Pray for me that I may have tact and wisdom in dealing with these people here, as some of them are very uncongenial indeed, and I am afraid I am inclined to show too much resentment, which causes them to give me more annoyance. I am yours gratefully, indeed."

Yes, we pray that your environment may be more and more congenial. The profession of teaching is a noble one, perhaps the noblest of all, and we will gladly do all in our power to speed you on your way. Keep up your courage, for you have many messages of cheer to give, and much more noble work to perform - and may God bless you in the undertaking.

Only God's free gifts abuse not,  
Light refuse not,  
But His Spirit's voice obey;  
Thou with Him shalt dwell, beholding  
Light unfolding  
All things in unclouded day.

Whoever you are, be your name, race, sect or religion one thing or another, we gladly welcome you among the Success Workers. We emphasize oneness of family because there is oneness in all human-kind, of nature, life, interests and possibilities. The One Father is over all and in all. The One Love will work through all. The perfect recognition of the One Father, the One Love and the One Life makes perfect unity. This means co-operation. Co-operation with God and man brings success in its fullest sense. Forget differences. Remember unites, and be strong, fearless and free. Come into the Success Circle where you can find teaching, encouragement, fellowship and real brotherly help to live your highest and best. The Path is before us. The Light shines for all.

Brother W. S. Jordan, Clarinda, Ia., Box 187, attributes his mental and physical improvement entirely to the faithful study of the First Degree. He furthermore says in part: "Dear Friends - Enclosed herewith you will find Record sheet for the First Degree, which I submit for your consideration and approval or disapproval, as the case may be. It is a moderate statement, not colored in the least degree. I feel free to say, however, that I feel very much better, both mentally and physically, which is due entirely to the study of the First Degree. I feel greatly interested in the work of these Degrees, and will take up the work of the Second Degree with greater zeal and an abiding faith in the results to be attained. Receiving the Second Degree yesterday, and intend to commence upon it at once, for no time should be lost when the chance is mine to improve myself to the extent I believe I can. I also feel sure that I will make a better showing at the end of the Second Degree than I did in the First. I am yours in Truth." You will certainly gain the end you are seeking if you continue to hold that "abiding faith."

"Why should the spirit peer  
Through some priest-contained orifice and grope  
Along dim corridors of doubt, when all  
The splendor from unathomed seas of space  
Might bathe it with the golden waves of Love?  
Sweep up the debris of decaying faiths;  
Sweep down the cobwebs of worn-out beliefs,  
And throw your soul wide open to the light  
Of reason and of knowledge. Turn your ear  
To all the worldless music of the stars  
And to the voice of Nature, and your heart  
Shall turn to Truth and goodness, as the plant  
Turns to the sun. A thousand unseen hands  
Reach down to help you to their peace-crowned heights,  
And all the forces of the firmament  
Shall fortify your strength. Be not afraid  
To thrust aside half-truths and grasp the  
Whole."

Sister Mattie A. Newton, 106 Retreat avenue, Hartford, Conn., speaks of the universal love that is now hers for all of God's creatures, from the highest to the lowest, believing that everything that has a spark of life in it is more or less divine. In part the letter reads: "Dear Brothers of The Mystic Success Club - You request me, in the Fourth Degree, which I am now going through, as soon as I begin to realize the blessings that come to me through membership in this blessed Club, to write. I gladly do so, although I find it hard to express in words the entire change that has taken place in me. First, I would say that I commenced the First Degree in such poor health, full of fears, of deep sorrow at the loss of so many loved ones. Now I am fully restored to health - was never so happy in all my life, so free from every fear. Such love to God - the All-Fatherly-Mother - and such a tender, deep Fatherly love to all humanity and all God's creatures. Yes, I love all that God has made - even the tiniest ones - and I cannot do them harm or take the life that is the same as my own. A part of God's thought expressed in all the varied forms of life I see about me. In the Second Degree I was so impressed with the following: 'That the Almighty and Eternal God is never absent from our Souls from Everlasting to Everlasting, to soothe and calm and sober our minds, that we cheerfully and willingly rejoice in everything that comes from Thy Loving and Fatherly Hand.' I can never express what that did for me. I felt that I could bow in sweet submission to His Divine Will in all the sad events of my past life, and could thoroughly trust and love Him for all the future. I can add nothing more. I know God walks with me day by day. I trust His Providence with Holy Love." There never was a fine soul that did not seek Incarnate Love, for Christianity is love incarnated in human life. No one has expressed it better outside the Bible than Coleridge in these words from the 'Ancient Mariner':

He prayeth well who loveth well  
Both man and bird and beast.  
He prayeth best who loveth best  
All things both great and small;  
For the dear God who loveth us,  
He made and loveth all.

Every six or eight weeks a special message is mailed to each member who has completed the work of the Four Degrees. We desire not only to keep in touch with our members, but give them fresh courage and inspiration as time goes on.

# The Mystic Healing Circle

## LET US GIVE YOU HEALTH

"Your Body is the Garden, Your Soul is the Gardener, Your Birthright is Health."

### HOW WE HELP THE SICK

All those who are suffering from sickness of any kind are requested to write a personal letter to our Mystic Adept Spiritual Healer. Tell him candidly the nature of your disease, that he may immediately give you SPECIAL TREATMENT, surrounding you with HEALING VIBRATIONS, also giving you TRUTHS that will UNFOLD THE KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE'S LAWS, revealing the secret of PERFECT HEALTH and LONG LIFE.

This is truly a spiritual work. IF YOU ARE SICK YOU WANT OUR HELP, AND WE ARE EQUALLY ANXIOUS TO HELP YOU. We wish everyone to be HEALTHY, STRONG and vigorous. If you are sick or suffering, let our MYSTIC ADEPT SPIRITUAL HEALER RESTORE YOUR HEALTH. We now find that we can carry on this great work for the small sum of \$1.00 a month for each person (husband and wife as one person). We are pleased to make this announcement, as it shows how little money is required to do good and help each other when the right spirit is manifest.

When writing for vibrations always send GIVEN NAME FOR SELF AND OTHERS, instead of initials.

Jesus taught us how to pray the prayer of faith when He gave us the affirmation, "FATHER, I THANK THEE THAT THOU HAST HEARD ME," even though He had not yet said to Lazarus, "LAZARUS, COME FORTH."

So, also, when you send your given name you are spoken to personally by that name AND RESPOND MORE QUICKLY.

We print a few of the many letters received from grateful hearts who have been blessed by the work of Mystic No. 12. Should you wish to aid in this great work and help and encourage the sick, please send in a few words that we may publish.

In writing, please inclose a two-cent stamp for reply. Address Mystic Adept No. 12, MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, 22 North William Street, N. Y. City.

## "LET THERE BE LIGHT"

### Peace

By Mystic No. 12

THIS letter, recently received, speaks for itself:  
"I open myself every morning to the inflow of 'God's Love,' and I can see the dawning of it; now I will feel unbounding love and joy for perhaps an hour or two in the day, and then the door is closed and all love is gone."

Let us get our answer from God's Word.

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James and John, his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart.

And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here; if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

And when they had lifted up their eyes they saw no man, save Jesus only (Matt. xvii, 1; Luke ix, 33). And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.

Not knowing what he said, therefore not knowing what was best for him.

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.

Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Galatians v, 22). Now let us consider the word Peace. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men (Luke ii, 8).

Now let us read Matt. x, 34:  
Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

For an explanation of these words let us read Matt. xiii, 33:

Another parable spake He unto them: The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

You know what a fermentation leaven or yeast makes. Now, I wish to give you a word that will calm this fermentation, and this word is—PEACE.

In the silence of your own room speak the word Peace, intone the word Peace, chant the word Peace, sing the glad word Peace.

Audibly say to yourself Peace . . . Peace . . . Peace flows through my heart and mind and Soul and Spirit. Peace, like a river, flows through my heart and mind and blood and nerves. Peace, Peace, Peace.

Chant the word Peace to the tune, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Peace, Peace, Peace, Peace, Peace, Peace, Peace.

"For many friends cannot profit, nor strong helpers assist, nor prudent counselors give a profitable answer, nor the books of the learned afford comfort, nor any precious substance deliver, nor any place, however retired and lonely, give shelter, unless Thou Thyself dost assist, help, strengthen, console, instruct and guard us. For all things that seem to belong to the attainment of peace and felicity without Thee are nothing, and do bring in truth no felicity at all.

Thou therefore art the end of all that is good, the height of life, the depth of all that can be spoken; and to hope in Thee, above all things, is the strongest comfort of thy servants.

To Thee, therefore, do I lift up mine eyes; in Thee, my God, the Father of mercies, do I put my trust."

And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you FROM THEIR COMPANY, and shall reproach YOU, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy; for behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets (Luke vi, 20).

### Insomnia

AGAIN I call your attention to these words of wisdom: "Keep the head cool, the feet warm and the bowels open."

The feet can be kept warm at night with a hot soapstone or jug or rubber bottle filled with hot water, placed at the foot of the bed.

### THE SITZ BATH

"The tub may be of metal, porcelain or wood. It is usually of such form and size that the patient may be comfortably seated in it by leaving the feet outside, the feet being placed in a separate and smaller tub during the application."

The room in which a bath is taken should always be comfortably warm. The bath itself should always be pleasing. I wish to give you no rules, but tell you the principle and let you work out your problem as best suits you.

First fill Sitz tub and foot tub with warm water. Sit from ten to thirty minutes. Then change the water to cold in both Sitz and foot tub. Sit again ten to thirty minutes. The exact temperature of hot and cold water cannot be given to suit all, but the person taking the Sitz bath can regulate this; also the length of time required; also the number of baths per week.

The Sitz bath should be taken just before retiring.

Some years ago I found a very good bath could be taken by using two sheets. Place one sheet in very hot water; wrap this hot-water sheet quickly about you. Then place the hot-water sheet in cold water and wrap quickly about you again. Use the other (dry) sheet as a towel. Wrap it about you and dry yourself quickly and easily. This sheet-bath requires but little expenditure of strength. A bath should never tire one.

### Constipation

I HAVE told you how good bran is, and you have told me how much bran has helped you. But now I wish to tell you that the real principle, the real cause of your being helped was because the bran could not be absorbed or digested; therefore it was hustled out. Eat more food that cannot be absorbed or digested. You will find the skins of apples, grapes, cherries, plums, pears, etc., just as good for you as bran.

A good substitute FOR TEA OR COFFEE, ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR THE CHILDREN:

Florida and California oranges are now in market; pineapples also. Slice pineapples and boil in water thirty minutes; add enough sugar to make a heavy syrup. Take the juice of oranges, mix with the pineapple syrup, and dilute with water to suit the taste.

### The Experience Circle

ALL past and present members of the Mystic Healing Circle should know and appreciate the fact that the space of The Experience Circle is yours.

"Words live forever."

"The fields are white," ready for the harvest.

Your brother or sister thousands of miles away is waiting for your word, telling of new hope, new courage, new life, new strength, new knowledge of God's laws and how "The Simple Life" has brought you peace.

### Your Vibrations Began to Help Me Instantly

Dear Mystic No. 12—Your healing vibrations for the last month have helped me wonderfully. They have aroused in me a lightness, strength and power of well-being that keeps me unworried, and care free as I never remember having been in my life before. I am sure your vibrations are teaching me the laws of life and helping me apply them. That is why your vibrations began to help me instantly, and I am going to have another month's treatment. My weariness, nervousness and all tired out feeling have all passed away. So many people speak of the wonderful improvement in my appearance. It is so true, too, for I have an alertness and poise I did not have before. My eyes seem to have developed an especial brightness and beauty. I inclose a dollar for another month's treatment, and hope I shall then be able to live "alone with God" as you express it. I want to be thrilled and filled with life and energy, and do something with my life, and not be hampered with seeming adverse conditions. I ask God to bless you and keep you. I thank you sincerely for the help you have given me.

Very truly yours,  
M. H.

### The Sense of Smell Has Returned to Me

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find two dollars for another month's treatment for myself and my brother. It seemed strange to me to be able to smell. The sense of smell has returned to me and I can breathe so much better. Thanking you and wishing you success in your noble and wonderful work, I remain,

Gratefully,  
A. R.

### Am Gaining in Strength

Dear Mystic No. 12—I thank you very much for your kind letter. I am improving slowly but surely. Am gaining in strength, and I seldom have the headache now. Since I began eating bran and graham mixed together, as you advised, my bowels have been better, for which I feel very grateful to you, Dear Mystic. Will inclose \$2 for vibrations.

Very sincerely yours,  
F. C.

### I am Like a New Person

Dear Mystic No. 12—It is with pleasure I write you of my improvement in health, and wish to express my thanks for the benefits received from your valuable treatment and advice. I am like a new person; I am happier, more cheerful, more hopeful, and thank God for all blessings. I am feeling so nicely that I do not think it necessary to continue in the Healing Circle, but I do want to join the Success Club, and shall try hard to get three subscriptions by the first of Janu-

try I don't have much time, but think I can by working a little harder. Wishing you success in your good work, I remain,

Sincerely,  
A. E.

**I Have Been Under Your Care More or Less for Two Years**

Beloved Mystic No. 12 I am anxious to add my testimony of the wonderful power you possess for the healing of disease. I have been under your care more or less, for two years, and during that time, your treatment has brought me out of a very serious attack of nervous prostration, and many minor ailments. Whenever any member of our family is ill, I immediately appeal to you for help and it has never failed to bring prompt relief. How I wish there were many such unselfish souls as willing and faithful as you are, to work for the health and uplift of suffering humanity. With gratitude deeper than words can express to the God of love, for giving us your beautiful healing vibrations, I am,

Most affectionately,  
Mrs. A. C.

To be published in the "Healing Circle" of our beloved MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.

**I Have Given up Tea and Coffee and Pork**

Dear Mystic No. 12 I inclose you herewith \$1 in stamps for my fourth month's treatment. I have not had the pain around my heart this month but once or twice, and it lasted then for only a second. I had a terrible cold which is not well yet, but wonderful to tell I did not have the neuralgia with it, and I have not had headache in so long I have forgotten how it feels, and I used to suffer constantly with it. I have given up tea and coffee and pork, though I still eat beef and other meats, not often, however. Thanking you for your kindness during the past, and hoping that you may have a very happy Christmas, I am, Dear Mystic No. 12,  
Your sincere friend,  
M. H.

**He Says He Feels Like a New Man**

Dear Mystic Brother No. 12 I am again requested to write you for W. C. ago 74. He says he feels like a new man, and wishes to continue in your vibrations, so please find inclosed one dollar for same.  
With love and best wishes,  
A. B.

**All the Cells in My Body Have Been Healed**

Dear Mystic No. 12 Again I inclose a dollar for another month's treatment, which I hope will be my last. In fact, I am sure it will be. When I joined your Circle I was in a general run down nervous condition, and also suffered from catarrh. My improvement has been very gradual, but sure, and I feel all the cells in my body have been healed. My general health is much better, but I still have traces of catarrh. However, I have learned how to cure myself and realize that "my own vital force does the healing of all my physical ills." I shall show my gratitude by trying to induce my friends to gain the blessing I am enjoying by membership in the Club. With love and prayers for you and all members,  
Sincerely,  
M. S.

**Thankful for First Copy of Magazine of Mysteries**

Dear Mystic No. 12 Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's treatment. Both my husband and self have been feeling brighter and better for the past thirty days, for which we are truly thankful. How thankful I am for the dear one who sent me the first copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. I could not express how much it has helped me in my sad bereavement.  
Yours in love,  
E. G.

**The Quickest and Surest Cure**

Dear Mystic No. 12 I certainly am grateful for the health vibrations you have been sending me the last three weeks. I believe they are the quickest and surest cure for any trouble either physical or mental.  
Sincerely,  
S. G.

**I Love The Magazine of Mysteries**

My Dear, Dear Mystic—I am coming on so beautifully. I am so full of joy and I love THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and all the dear Mystics, and, in fact, the whole of creation beyond any words in the human language and am filled to overflowing with perfect adoration of the Blessed Eternal One. I inclose a dollar in stamps for another month in your healing vibrations. Have had the vibrations very nearly a year now. Yesterday I received the first degree of the Mystic Success Club. Now God bless you and everyone. With much love,  
Yours,  
A. K.

**I am Feeling Just Fine**

Dear Mystic No. 12—It is now quite a while since I wrote you asking for your vibrations of health and strength. I have intended writing you several times to thank you for all the good you have done me, but I was away from home, and have been very busy and delayed writing you; but I wish now to thank you sincerely, and to tell you that I am feeling just fine. I weigh more than I ever did in my life before. Of course my stomach is weak yet. I am very careful what I eat, and in that way keep it in order. I will not require any further treatment. God bless and reward you.  
Ever your loving sister,  
C. M.

**God Alone Can Reward You**

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's treatment. I have indeed been greatly benefited in the three months you have been treating me, and desire to continue in your vibrations. God alone can reward you for all you have done for me, mentally, physically and spiritually.  
Yours truly,  
E. H.

**Is Made Easy by Divine Aid**

Mystic Adept No. 12, Dear Brother—On Sunday I saw my mother and she was so much better—better than she has been since first I wrote you of her. Dear Brother, I wish I could impart to you the gratitude I feel for all the good you have done for me and mine. God bless you a million-fold shall always be my prayer. I want to thank you also for the printed messages you sent me; they always help, cheer and comfort me so much. In a paragraph written by a Mystic Adept, in the January number of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, it says: "What to human nature or carnal mind appears impossible, is made easy by Divine aid, which can always be obtained through silent prayer." I say these words over and over again. They have given me so much faith, hope, courage and comfort. During the day and before I go to sleep, I calm myself and say, "God is Spirit—Love," and picture in my mind my dear mother and sister strong and well again. I feel sure this prayer or mental attitude will help to bring such a blessing. Am I right?  
Yours with sincere gratitude,  
M. J.

**A Great Change Has Come to Me**

Dear Mystic 12 I have received your messages. I sincerely thank you for the blessing. A great change has come to me. I once felt like a spirit in bondage—oh, so forcibly now I feel free, free, as I walk, my body feels light as air. I only realize it is a body as I feel the touch of my feet on solid surface. I feel, if I were to lift my feet, I would float into space and the quotations which I received are beautiful. I am full of life, I feel there are greater things in store for me. I am greatly interested in Divine Healing, and often read "The Right Knock." May God bless you in your work. I am,  
With sisterly love,  
L. W.

**My Peace of Mind is Marvelous**

Beloved Mystic No. 12 My time is now almost up, and I do not wish to lose your healing vibrations yet. You will find inclosed \$1 for another month's treatment. I am slowly but surely reaching the heights. I am so much improved in many respects. Some of your messages I have almost worn out from constant reading. My peace of mind when things come that once troubled me is marvelous. I feel that God does love me, and will care for me if I will trust in Him. His will and does supply my every need. His promises to the faithful are sure. Oh! bless His Holy Name forever. I must stop, for your time is valuable, but I could write you pages of good things. My husband has always been troubled with his liver, but since he and I have been under your treatment, neither of us has taken a dose of medicine. My little daughter, who has been in delicate health so long, now enjoys perfect health, and I hear her gay laughter all through the day. Surely God has blessed us; and I pray God's blessing on you. I shall always feel grateful to the Mystic Club and you for the good things that have come to me and mine, through your blessed teachings. With a heart full of love and gratitude, I am,  
Your loving sister,  
L. W.

**May the Blessed Father Speed the Time When His Glory Shall Fill the Earth**

Dear Mystic No. 12 May the dear Lord be praised! Ever may His blessing rest upon you and us all! Both my husband and I are better, and I am deeply grateful to God and yourself for the improvement. I will endeavor to make good use of better health in doing His work. Pray for us both, and I will pray for you and the others of the Mystic Healing Circle. May the blessed Father speed the time when His glory shall fill the earth. I sent another dollar last week for your treatment for my husband and myself, and I hope it reached you safely, that the good work may continue. With best wishes for you, and the other Mystic Adepts,  
Sincerely yours,  
E. V.

**True Happiness**

Dear Mystic No. 12 Inclosed find one dollar for one month's treatment. Will you kindly include my husband in the vibrations for the coming month? He is a little nervous and tired. You have done me so much good during the past year that I feel sure your vibrations will help him, though he does not know about them. I am very grateful to you for helping me to understand what true happiness means.  
Sincerely,  
N. J.

**I Feel God Nearer to Me**

My Dear Brother—It is with a grateful heart that I write you to-day. Thank God I am feeling better, and feel God nearer to me. The Bible seems more precious to me and I understand it better, can take the promises to heart and

feel they are meant for me. My one great desire now is to seek God and His righteousness and know all things will be added unto me. My daily prayer is "Lord be merciful unto me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee." May God bless you in your good work. With love, peace and harmony, I am  
Yours,  
S. L.

**Both Have Improved**

Dear Mystic No. 12 My husband and I both have improved so much since joining the Mystic Healing Circle, I will send you another dollar for another month's treatment. The greatest trouble with me is concentration. I am trying to help myself, but do not understand it all yet.  
Yours respectfully,  
W. H.

**May God Bless You Abundantly**

My Dear Mystic No. 12 Inclosed please find one dollar for which surround me another month with your healing vibrations. My health has improved so much, that I think I shall be entirely well in the very near future, and again thank you for the noble work you have done for me, through your wonderful healing vibrations. May this letter be the means of bringing many who have given up hope of ever getting well, to realize the noble cause for which the Mystic Prophets are working. May God bless you abundantly.  
With love,  
L. C.

**Gratitude for the Good Done Me**

Dear Brother Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's vibrations. I am feeling much better, and I know by continuing in your vibrations for awhile I will soon be strong and well again. You cannot imagine how grateful I am to you and God for the good done me, for I was a perfect nervous wreck when I began with you, but now I hardly have a nervous spell. Thanking you and wishing you wondrous success in your good work, I remain,  
Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. H.

**Mother is Better**

Mystic No. 12, Dear Friend Inclosed please find \$1 for another month's treatment for my mother and myself. My mother does not know that this is being done for her, and it is very gratifying to see her feeling better. I think that I can truthfully say that I am better in some ways than for over ten years. With prayers and love, I am  
Yours very truly,  
R. G.

**Spiritual and Physical Benefit**

Dear Mystic No. 12 Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's treatment. I am gaining in health slowly but surely under your vibrations. I am trying to follow your instructions, and feel both spiritual and physical benefit, for which I am very grateful to the Giver of all Good. With love for all men, I am  
Very sincerely yours,  
P. C.

**I Feel a Decided Improvement**

Mystic No. 12, Dear Sir Inclosed please find one dollar for renewal of vibrations after December tenth. I feel a decided improvement, and realize that I am coming gradually into the light for which I am very thankful. It is my most earnest wish that the truth may be revealed to me more and more fully, and that I may grow in wisdom and understanding. I shall continue in your vibrations for some time longer.  
Very sincerely,  
C. C.



WE WANT EVERY PARENT TO REALIZE WHAT WE ARE DOING FOR THE CHILDREN. TO THOSE WHO HAVE A CHILD SUFFERING WITH DISEASE OF ANY KIND, MORAL OR PHYSICAL, we say: DO NOT DELAY, BUT WRITE AT ONCE, GIVING FULL NAME, AGE AND ALL PARTICULARS. YOUR PROMPT ACTION NOW MAY MEAN A WHOLE LIFETIME OF JOYOUS HEALTH AND USEFULNESS TO YOUR CHILD. LET EVERY CHILD HAVE HEALTH. AN EARNEST, GREAT-HEARTED WOMAN OF LONG EXPERIENCE, WHO IS KNOWN AS MYSTIC MOTHER, IS ASSISTING US IN THIS WORK. PUT YOUR CHILD IN HER CARE. DO NOT BE AFRAID TO SEND TESTIMONIALS. WE WILL ONLY PRINT YOUR INITIALS. For further directions, write, inclosing \$1.00 for ONE MONTH'S TRIAL TREATMENT, to MYSTIC MOTHER, 22 North William Street, New York City, care of New York Magazine of Mysteries.

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"DEAR MYSTIC MOTHER: I must tell you that since you have been treating Annie for cutting teeth we have not called the doctor at all, and she sleeps right through the night. My husband says you have helped her so much. Please keep right on until she is through the worst of it.  
Yours gratefully,  
"Mrs. A. R., Jersey City."

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"DEAR MYSTIC MOTHER: Our little Maud's ear has not discharged any for a couple of weeks, neither has she complained of its paining her, but she says, 'It's all well now.' With heartfelt thanks,  
"CHARLES AND ELLA B."

"HIS EYES ARE VERY MUCH BETTER."

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"DEAR MYSTIC MOTHER: With a heart overflowing with love for you and your work, I am able to tell you that my little granddaughter, Marion, under your treatment, is controlling her violent temper and is not nearly so disobedient and unmanageable.  
"Mrs. M. L. P., Stamford, Conn."

"BEGAN TO GET BETTER FROM THE TIME WE SENT WORD TO YOU."

"DEAR MYSTIC MOTHER: Willie is about well of the mumps and able to go out of doors again. He began to get better from the time we sent word to you.  
"Mrs. E. W. S., Northport, L. I."

# HEART TALKS

By Helen Van-Anderson

Written especially for  
THE NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF  
MYSTERIES

**H**ERE is a letter from one who says: "Do not let go of me; your help means so much." It is merely the voicing from many hearts. No, we will not let go, but you must do your part, dear friends, and you must learn not to give way to moods of discouragement. Sometimes these moods sweep over you like storm waves at sea, but you must learn to ride on their crest and be still until the storm calms down. No one can make satisfactory progress who does not first learn to master himself. This may be difficult at first, and yet the first step is to believe that it is possible.

There are times when the world is so bright and beautiful, when every task seems easy and every condition pleasant. Then there is no need to cry out for help, for there is a sufficiency within, but when the days are dark and things go wrong there is a tendency to let go all effort and even the memory of the brightness.

"Yes, but how can we help it," you say, "when everything seems to vex and oppose, and the way seems so dark?" First, say to yourself, "I will look above the clouds, I will see the brightness by remembering brightness. Yes, even now in my mind's eye, I can see the brightness and joy and harmony that I have seen and felt before."

These words are enough, dear hearts, for a beginning, but you must act upon them *instantly*. There can be no hesitation, there must be no delay. At once recall the occasion when you saw beauty and felt gladness. Recall the strength and courage that possessed you, and keep on seeing yourself in the midst of this bright picture. After twenty minutes or half an hour, possibly before, you will actually feel as you felt the time when that memory was made. You will begin to be light-hearted and to feel strength and reassurance coming to you. In proportion to the darkness of the clouds will be the brightness of the joy, if you will persist. Can you not see that this is actually the clue to overcoming, yes, to overcoming any mood that is dark or sorrowful?

A dear lady, who had once been wealthy, but had lost everything, came to me one day with her eyes ready to overflow, and such a sad note in her voice as she said: "My heart is so heavy, it seems as though I shall die. I am overwhelmed with sad memories, for this is an anniversary, and I am plunged into the depths. Nothing looks bright to me, and I have so many hard things to do. I have tried to be cheerful, even when I had to get on my knees and scrub the floor, but the tears would come in spite of everything. Everything seems to be against me."

"Stop right there," said I; "let me tell you something that will help you if you will only practice it. Instead of saying you are overwhelmed, say that *nothing* can overwhelm you. Keep right on declaring that you are *above* the clouds, that you are *in the light*, and are free. Say that you *will not look into the past*. You *will not remember* dates and occasions of sorrow. Keep right on, no matter what your heart feels or eyes see, declaring that you are *full of joy and gladness*. Moreover, about your work, look upon it as an opportunity, not a disaster. It is an opportunity—*your* opportunity to learn the greatest lesson any mortal can learn. The lesson of being as a little child. What if you do have to scrub the floor? Somebody has to scrub it. If it seems your turn, do it cheerfully and willingly, and in this way you will remove the stigma of the work. Just as soon as this is removed, just as soon as you really feel that it is as honorable and dignified to scrub the floor as to do anything else, you will have learned your lesson, and will be promoted to some other work."

Then I told her about a certain lady I knew who was a teacher, in fact, the principal of a high school, and who found it expedient one season to do her own housekeeping. This required that she get up at five o'clock in the morning, get the breakfast, and do whatever was necessary to put the house to rights before she went to school. In order to discipline her rebellious mind, she decided to sing a little statement while she was about her work, so she sang in as cheerful a voice as she could: "I have to do what I love to do, and I love to do what I have to do." She kept it up morning after morning while she was about the house, until after a short time she found that she really enjoyed the work and could do it very easily and quickly.

"Well, there!" exclaimed my friend, "I will try that, too." So she went out with a beaming face saying to herself, "I have to do what I love to do, and I love to do what I have to do."

A few days later she returned, saying: "Those words acted like magic. I found myself by the time I was ready to scrub the floor, feeling like a princess, and I really believe I scrubbed it like a princess."

Now all this is a hint for you. What one person can do others can. That is really the consolation and beauty of truth. When you find yourself in a contrary mood go right to work with words and speak them until you get the result. You may not take *these* words, perhaps some others will suit you better, but choose such as will be suitable if you do not like these, and sing them and say them until you really feel their effect.

Another very good way to overcome a mood is to sing. Nearly everyone knows the old-fashioned tune of Dennis or "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds." I have known people to find the greatest benefit from singing to this air these words:

I'm free, praise God, I'm free,  
Through Christ, the Truth, I'm free;  
Through God, the Everlasting Good,  
I'm free, praise God, I'm free.

If you are weak, you can substitute the word "strong" instead of "free." If you are ill, you can substitute the word "whole" or "well." Keep on singing, and you will find most wonderful results. It will not be long before you will say, "I know I can master my moods, for I have really found a way. I will be faithful."

My friends, nothing you could say would please me better than this. God speed you!

## Alone

ALONE! ah, no, it cannot be,  
I'm not alone, Thou art with me;  
In my heart of hearts Thy voice I hear;  
I am never alone, for Thou art near.

I am never alone; in the darkest hour  
I feel the presence of Infinite Power;  
Where'er I go, on land or sea,  
I know Thy Presence goes with me.

O Infinite Power! O Love divine!  
I know I am Thine and Thou art mine!

At home or abroad, in crowded halls,  
The voice of the Infinite ever calls;  
When the wind murmurs, I hear His voice,  
In sunshine and shadow I rejoice.

Serenely placid, my soul remains,  
Thy presence will banish all its pains;  
In woods and fields, or crowded street,  
Love, joy and hope, the strains repeat.

O Infinite Power! O Love divine!  
I am never alone, if I am Thine!  
*O. L. Harvey.*

To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly, to listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common.—*Wm. Henry Channing.*

"Love, pure love, is the main factor of success. The old teaching has been otherwise, until many are sunk deep in the mire of failure."

"There are no imperfections in my soul, because it is made in the similitude of God, and godlike it is in every department of its existence."

"Character, character, is what the world now demands in men as never before; it is what the world needs. Each aspiring soul must strive to build character, and thus help himself and the whole. The strongest and best character is constructed when we do not ask of an act will it help self, but, is it a good and right act; is it a good and right act, that will injure none, and help all."

## Love and Its Promise

Love is a perpetual proof that something good and earnest and eternal is meant for us, such a bribe and foretaste of bliss being given us to keep in the lists of time and progressions; and when the world realizes what love urges it to obtain, perhaps death will cease, and all the souls which love has created crowd back at its summons to inhabit their perfected world. *Leigh Hunt.*

To do the right in a quiet way  
Is to be a hero every day.

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Reason's whole pleasure—all the joys of sense—  
Lie in these words—health, peace and competence:  
But health consists in temperance alone.  
*—Pope.*

A power which we refuse to use is gradually taken away from us. Are you deaf? Have you heard and heeded the voice within? Are you troubled when you strive to see? Have you lifted up your eyes and seen the spiritual realities that you may better behold the material world? Are you limited in activities? Have you remembered the All-Action, the Universal Manifestation? You have no right to complain to God, bitterly, of material infirmities if you have voluntarily allowed yourself to become spiritually limited and dead.

Perhaps our longings for closer touch with the other world and its spirits are not wise. If we know that plane more intimately we might get a good deal of trouble from ignorant individuals who have passed beyond our earthly sight. Hamlet's ghost made much misery and little gladness.

Do not let acquaintances drag you into entanglements with affairs which they themselves should manage.

One touch of posing for effect destroys a thousand hours of effort to attain to the wisdom which brings power.

Believe not that your poet is the world's poet, or should be. Life has many interpreters but each hears best his native tongue.

Life is repaid by the joy of living it.—*David Starr Jordan.*

To a good man nothing is evil, neither when living nor when dead.—*Socrates.*

A man is rich in proportion to the things he can afford to let alone.—*Thoreau.*

The arena of the new standpoint of science is that of the pupil's own mind.—*Blmer Gates.*

## Valentine

Trouan Winter rules the year,  
Dear heart, have vernal cheer,  
For Spring, with all its golden promise, waits  
The unbaring of the gates!  
Then after weary days of doubts and woes,  
Perchance Love's perfect joy—who knows!  
who knows!

*—Clinton Scollard.*

Many are the grateful words for the great good received through *The Mystic Success Club*. "The most wonderful and far-reaching spiritual work in the world," is the verdict of some who have reason to know.

FOR THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

Thought to be held at 12 M.

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Psalm lv, 22.

Thought to be held at 9 P.M.

"My soul, wait thou upon God. All thy expectation is from Him." Psalm lvi, 5.

**D**ID you ever realize how much it means to have a friendly word spoken and friendly advice given in the time when your burdens seem harder than you can bear? If you have found the blessedness of having an earthly friend speak such words, how much more may you appreciate those words which come directly from the One who never falleth? This is a wonderful text. One that will be powerful not only in the lifting of burdens, but in the establishment of faith in the Lord. See how much is implied. **CAST THY BURDEN UPON THE LORD, AND HE SHALL SUSTAIN THEE.** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, if you can **REALIZE** this, you will be burdenless. You will be sustained, upheld, comforted. This is the **PROMISE OF LOVE.** The latter part of the text is the **STATEMENT OF THE LAW.** Besides taking your burden, giving you strength, and sustaining you in your position, **HE WILL NOT SUFFER YOU TO BE MOVED.**

Do you believe this? Look a little closer. See what it means to be righteous. It is not the unstable, the faithless or the fearful who will not be moved. It is he **WHO IS RIGHTEOUS.** This means whose thought is right or in accord with the Infinite Love and Justice. It means he whose heart is **FIXED** upon **PRINCIPLE;** who cannot be shaken by doubt or be made to judge by appearances.

Are you one who is willing to abide in the assurance that the Lord, the Omnipotent, is your burden-bearer, your sustainer and comforter? Then you are righteous. It follows, therefore, that you will have the Law as well as the Love, for the Law is sure and the Love is the fulfillment of Love as surely as Love is the fulfillment of Law. Be faithful with this noonday speaking of the text. During the whole month that is to come, as the hour strikes at noon, no matter what your work, stop, if only for a moment, and think fervently, earnestly these beautiful words. You will be strengthened in every way, and you will find the joy, the lightness and glory of living. Let this be a month of growth, of earnest longing for a deeper, fuller life. It cannot be otherwise if you are faithful, and especially if you supplement the noon meditation with that which is for the evening. Instead of letting the thought wander toward some personal avenue from which you may expect help, say calmly within yours-elf with a childlike faith and fervent expectation: **MY SOUL, WAIT THOU UPON GOD, not any human being nor any human condition, FOR MY EXPECTATION IS FROM HIM.** Say these words fully ten minutes before you retire. Go to sleep with them in your mind, and you will find a deep, holy faith growing within you, and a consciousness of the power and presence of the Father. May the whiteness and hope of all the New Year's prayers be with you.

No. 3.

The Bible as the Great Light

By the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst

THE Bible is a kind of moral and spiritual sunrise, in the brightness and beauty of which the Gospelized portions of the world are walking with faces always brightened when lifted to its warmth. This is what we want to celebrate, not going about and protesting against the people who say that there is dust in the air, blemishes in the Bible and spots on the sun. Only a man intellectually tainted would be led into claiming that the sun is black because it is variegated with patches that are only imperfectly luminous. There are astronomers who devote their lives to the study of these patches, and if they enjoy that species of investigation, what is the harm? The point is that whether or not there be spots on the sun, investigation does not interfere with the sunshine.

And as to that other sun, this luminary which we call the Holy Word, that brightens with a brightness to which the solar splendor is but an approximation. Put the worst interpretation on it that you can, smudge it with human interpolations, the world's spiritual atmosphere is bright, and it is bright with a brightness that has emanated from the Bible—brightness that argument cannot blacken, even though the entire scholarship of one generation were to convert itself into adverse criticism. I do not argue that there are not things in the Bible that God never put there and that He Himself would prefer to see eliminated. But I do claim that the Bible has been recognized as connecting that which is truest in man and most fundamental in his structure, and in that fact lies no mean part of the hold it has gained upon the public mind and character, and, for anything that yet appears, will continue to maintain.

"When thou hast thanked thy God for every blessing sent, What time will remain for murmurs or laments?"

"Who comes to God an inch through doubtings dim, In blazing light He will approach a yard toward him."

"No help! nay, 'tis not so: Though human help be far thy God is nigh, Who feeds the ravens, hears His children cry, He's near thee wheresoe'er thy footsteps roam, And He will guide thee, light thee, help thee home."

Cast forth thy Act, thy Word into the ever-living, ever-working Universe; it is a seed grain that cannot die; unnoticed to-day, it will be flourishing as a banyan grove after a thousand years.—Carlyle.

This Moment Is Divine

I REALIZE the full measure of Divinity that the present moment holds for me.

I realize the Good that God offers me this moment.

I live in the now, poised in the realization of my eternal nature.

This moment is overflowing with unlimited life.

This moment holds inexhaustible strength for me.

God is this moment blessing me with His fulness of love, wisdom and power.

I hold my mind poised this moment in the realization of the eternal truth, that all the goodness and power of God are NOW mine. Thus I open the way this moment for the entrance of the Spirit of Truth. These moments of realization are precious. In them the mind grasps more and more of the GREAT REALITY, the fadeless light of eternity. My mind is stilled in the contemplation of the Presence and Power that is always here, and bows to receive the blessing of the merciful, peaceful Spirit of Truth.—Walter de Voe.

Aspiration

Sunlight of souls! Creator dear, It is not night if Thou art near; Oh, may no earth-born cloud arise To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes.

THIS Soul has brought into outward expression, this body, this timent of clay, in order that it may declare the living Light and Goodness of the unsearchable ONE!

"But a better type thou art Of the strivings of the heart, Reaching upward from the earth To the Soul that gave it birth, When the noiseless beck of night Summons out the Inner Light That hath hid its purer ray Through the lapses of the day, Then like thee, thou Northern Morn, Instincts which we deemed unborn, Gushing from their hidden source, Mount upon their heavenward course, And the spirit seeks to be Filled with God's eternity."

—J. P. Cooke.

You, child of earth, are heir-heir to all the blessings of heaven, if you will only prove yourself able to live the heavenly life. To do this, you do not need to die nor think of death. You only need to turn your face to life and to God's wonderful, beautiful earth and sky, which are the floor and ceiling of the mansion He has given you to live in. You only need to be glad and go to work right here, and at this moment, in order to find heaven.

An Inspiration

OPEN thy face outward unto the Sea of Light to the Sea of Glory. The Crystal Lake of Purity awaiteth thy immersion. The Rainbow Seat of Truth is empty and longeth for thee. Until thou hast set thy face toward the Sea of Glory; until thou hast rested in the Rainbow Seat of Truth; until thou hast been immersed and bathed in the Crystal Sea of pure Knowledge, thou shalt not be certain of anything; thou shalt be consumed with the thirst of Doubt. But when all those things have come upon thee, and thou shalt have accomplished them, then shall thine eyes be opened, and thou shalt see Him whose Form is shaped in the Glory and Likeness of the unsearchable Essential.

Then shall the fragrant Dew of Love fall upon thee and be as the mountain air to the dried nostrils of him who has crossed a sandy desert and wandered in waste places.

Gird thyself with the fervor of earnestness, and thou shalt draw into thyself the Spirit of Strength and the Fire of Inspiration shall descend upon thee.

Be thou steadfast and the King of Glory shall wait upon thy desire and feed thee with the Dews of His Mercy.

Give thyself unto thy Creator in the days of thy youth; thy youth is over upon thee in the eternity of the soul, and thou shalt yet stand among those who are anointed with understanding. Fight thy fight bravely and with that great courage which issues from the Unknowable places of the Spirit.

Thou art in the place of request; thy speech is lettered with wings; even as the book hath wings to him who is impelled by spirit.

Thy request shall save unto knowledge; thy desire shall lift thee to the skies of Understanding. None may enter into the Silence of Peace wherein stands his attainment and over which God hath His Sanctuary, until his request is pure and his desire clean.

He who sitteth behind the curtains of Night, heareth the speech of thy request and feeleth the pulse of thy desire, which are as two wings of the sacred Dove which alone hath access to the Presence. He alone, openeth unto His Conquerors His Book of Wisdom; even unto thee openeth He the Book, and thou shalt be fed upon the Manna of His words, and thy request shall be as the honeycomb, and His Love shall be as the filling of honey, and thou shalt be no more hungry; thou shalt wander no more, far and alone.

A Pilgrim of God, thy feet shall not meet or feel the dusty way; thou shalt walk safely in the ruby of clover and rest in dewy fields of refreshment, even where his knowing ones are.

Peace be unto thee, my children. Thou art covered with the palm trees of God; the dews thereof shall revive thee and shine upon thy action.

Peace be unto thee.

HAFIZI.

About Ben Adhem and the Angel

ABOUT BEN ADHEM (may his tribe increase) Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,

And saw within the moonlight of his room, Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom, An angel writing in a book of gold, Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,

And to the presence in the room he said, "What writest thou?" The vision raised his head,

And with the look made of all sweet accord, Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."

"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"

Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low, But cheerily still, and said: "I pray thee, then,

Write me as one that loves his fellow-men." The angel wrote and vanished. The next night

It came again with a great awakening light, And show'd the names whom love of God had blessed,

And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

Oh, man! Know that the way to power is girt With thorns. Endure the smart if you would win.

Fear not to take new paths. Defy the hurt. Set new ideals. Boldly enter in.

There is but one life, one inspiration, one hope and one surety for all men—God.

There is only sublimity and grandeur in the spiritual life.

Put your trust in the living God, who "giveth us abundantly all things to enjoy."—Cardinal Gibbons.



Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.—*Matt. v, 4.*

**O**UR heart is filled with love and compassion. We would sing cheering and comforting words to the sad and mournful. Take my hand, weary pilgrim; it is a brother's. Off with all masks; away with reserve. Tell me of life's uneven voyage—its blighted hopes, piercing thorns, trials, losses, defeats, struggles and disappointments. There is great profit in the confessions and agonizing outpourings of the soul, saith the blessed Pilgrim. Listen! Neither of us has secrets. All lives are unrolled scrolls, open to God and the Angels. Each is his own recording angel, and memories are immortal.

What you are, I am, or have been. What you have felt, I have felt in my dual life-experience along some segmentary portion of the endless cycle of being.

Come, cheer up! Go on! I sense, feel, your life-history. It is wild, sad, weird, witching and big with the blessings of suffering.

Now, all told, the good and ill measured, with their necessary compensations, has it not been glorious to live—to live a thinking, reasoning, conscious and immortal individuality, with infinite possibilities before you?

Could you, beloved, afford to lose the rusted links even from the chain that connects past and present?

Have you not gathered and treasured rich experiences, that will serve, through you, to strengthen others in their weakness and their peril?

Have you not seen more flowers than thorns; smiles than tears; suns than clouds? and have you not heard more blessings than cursings, and a thousand merry peals of laughter for a single groan?

Has thy life been stained and blemished? None is perfect. Who can cast the first stone? The best have their failings. Despair not! Aspire on! Hope on!

The good of earth, and the sainted in the heavens, and the Angels, delight to aid the aspiring soul. "Come unto Me," said the blessed Jesus to the sad and mournful and restless. The Angels echo the song, "Come, up higher."

Come, but look not back. Look not to the past with painful regrets. Look to the ever-present Christ within and the Angels above.

In ascending a ladder, the wise never look down to the broken rounds. Every step the prodigal son took in the outward from his father's house was spiritually a step toward it. Husks helped bring him to "himself." The good father loved the repentant son none the less for his wanderings. God, the Angels, all good men, love the erring. A mother's prayers pierce dungeon bars. The real God-lover, filled with Christ, hopes for *all*, loves *all*, and has faith in *all*.

No oak, lifting its head, catching and kissing the sunbeams, regrets that it was once an acorn, and fell—fell into the mud, the muck and mire, to be buried, bruised, chilled and frosted with snows. Progression implies a lower condition to progress from. It was wisdom not to commence conscious life on the physical side, perfect.

Those fixed stars that gild measureless distances shine and sing all the sweeter from having once been nebulous fire-mists, floating in oceanic space. So noble-purposed souls, tempted, falling like the little child in the effort to walk, yet rising, wiser for the pain, stronger in will-power, treading the wine-press of the world's wrath alone to-day, stopping by the wayside to-morrow to help the more unfortunate, will find their path ultimately widening, brightening and opening at last into the shining portals of immortality, where angels sing and peals of victory shall blend with the grand orations of souls long housed in the heavens:

"Men saw the thorns on Jesus's brow,  
But angels saw the roses."

The Nazarene, though ever attended by ministering angels, shrank from the pain of the thorn-crown. Father, "Let the cup pass"; thus He prayed; thus ever prays earthly weakness. "Not my will, but thine, be done," responded the divinity, the Christ-principle within.

Carbon shrinks from the fierce chemical fires that transform it to diamonds. Flax fields tremble at the transitional methods necessary to make white linen; and youthful sailors would fain shun the rough ocean's requisite to making them skilful mariners. Mortals are but children in the eyes of the Angels.

Beautiful is God's plan with its infinitely diversified methods of soul-discipline. There was never

a birth without agony; a beautiful bloom without an aching, swelling bud; a musical instrument—lute, lyre or harp—without grating tuning processes; and even "Craftsmen," and mystics and sages and seers and prophets in their upward pilgrimages meet with "ruffians," rough roads, repulses and fiery ordeals ere they pass the "veils," take the "degrees" and sit in the council chambers of the worthy, or rest in heaven.

Love, aspiration and effort amidst all kinds of suffering are the soul's jewels. Courage, brother! The gods and angels help those who try to help themselves. Oh, it is grand to build the road we travel on; erect the ladders by which we ascend; carve our own mental statues on living, conscious forms; and construct our own homes in the upper kingdoms of beauty and blessedness!

Come, then, barbed arrows and dark-winged sorrows! Ye are all masked angels, leading souls oft by strange, inverse ways through thorn-encircled doorways into the inner courts of the beatified, the golden temples of the gods, whose every soul-tear will be transformed to a pearl; every groan die away into music; every sigh prove to have been a foregleam of a seraphic smile, and the sweetest, divinest ideals of earth, the imperishable realms of eternity!

Courage, then, fainting soul! Every winter hath its spring; every ocean, its glittering gems; every frost, its shining crystals; every thunderstorm, its compensating health; every cloud, its silver lining; every ruin, its twining vines; every wave-tossed ark, its dove; every blood-stained cross, its flower-wreathed crown; and for every paradise lost, there are thousands to be gained!

Patiently wait, then; wait and labor; wait and trust. Yea, be courageous, brave, hopeful, joyous, happy; for a good and great God reigns, and the angels are ever nigh.

Eternity with its infinite glories is stretching in mellowed radiance before you; ministering angels are beckoning you onward, upward; and loving archangels, standing upon evergreen mountains, and amid the matchless splendors of summer-land scenes, with wreaths, palms and glistening robes, are inviting and singing, "Here's rest for the weary, and crowns for the worthy."

"All these, and infinitely more than tongue can tell shall be thine, O children of earth!" saith the Angels.

Come, beloved, mount on the stepping-stones of thy sorrows to the Most High!

"Oh, the spirit is free!  
It descendeth on me  
Like a torrent of fire,  
And beckoneth higher,  
And still higher and higher;  
And the notes of my lyre  
Chime out my desire

To mount to the skies on the pinions of song."

There is nothing so cheering to the soul as to dwell on eternal things, and to observe and think much.

Let the sad and sorrowful one but look out into God's boundless and limitless universe and meditate but a moment on its vastness, and he or she will at once get a spiritual uplift that will dry the tears and exalt the soul.

So all great souls, when in sadness, have always had resource to the observation of the grandeur and magnitude and magnificence of God's Works.

To look into the heavens on a clear starlight night is most uplifting to the soul.

To observe the workings of God's Hand in Nature is always cheering and uplifting.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

Much of our cheerfulness comes out of the observation of life and nature; our corroding and multiplied sorrows are often effaced by a mere observation of the eternal power of God in life and nature.

Observation, meditation and contemplation are great factors in lifting the soul out of the ruts, muck and mire of life.

The more divine or spiritual we are, the more we observe life and come to know its meaning. The more we observe, the more we come to see how purposeful, orderly and eternal is life; in observation is much wisdom and glory.

All the wise and cheerful souls of earth have been keen and patient observers of men and things, but more particularly of eternal and universal things.

An observing man cannot long remain a doubter or a scoffer of spiritual or eternal things.

He who thinks and observes cannot fail soon to

see and realize all the radiant beauty shed everywhere through the glorious works of God.

And how all this radiant beauty will soon rouse the mind and the soul out of their lowest depths of despond.

Walk in the leafless woods now with its snow-covered earth and observe no signs of life in the trees, and then think how in only a few months all this will be changed, and it will set you to thinking about that one eternal changeless power which is eternally changing all things. Perchance your life is as seemingly dead as the winter forest. Think of the coming springtime, and your hope and courage will be aroused.

Many an unbeliever in God has been brought into the light of truth by some simple observation on life or nature, and from hence has become a fervent God-lover.

And to be a fervent God-lover is have all hope, courage, peace and power.

In observation we find that all great souls have not had plain sailing by any means. Life to all is a continuous striving. We pass from crises, to crises, each a step upward, onward, forward.

"What's best in life, O busy brain?  
'Tis the glad power to strive again,  
'Tis inspiration's joyous thrill,  
And work, the balm for every ill,  
Work's best in life."

When we begin to observe life in a divine way—and all observation is more or less divine—we begin to take a more cheerful and hopeful view of life.

Emerson said: "All things are engaged in writing their history; the air is full of sounds, the sky of tokens; the ground is all memoranda and signatures, and every object covered over with hints which speak to the intelligent."

The observant soul is not long cast down, because it soon sees the Hand of a Mighty and Blessed God in all things, all times, all events.

"Be not cast down, my soul,  
But sing thy song in peace;  
The God that is over all  
Hath granted thee to sing,  
And the music of thy soul  
In the harmony of life  
Shall rise to the Oversoul,  
The Master of us all."

In observation we find that the brave, patient and trusting soul overcometh all adverse conditions. That in looking to the eternal inner Christ for our light and strength, guidance and comfort, we soon rise to the Most High when all is peace, power, joy and bliss.

"My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

An observing man hath much to delight his soul, while he who lives without much observation, especially of spiritual matters, is filled more or less with anxiety and apprehension.

Observe all men carefully, and it will be found that it is their spiritual nature which alone gives tone and vigor to their make-up.

Observe thyself above all else and you will come to that blessed truth which frees us all. The blessed Jesus taught us to look within our own souls for all light.

But all minds are not constituted alike, so it is taught by wise and good men to look both within and without for the light of truth.

Indeed, a wide range of observation teaches us that truth is God and all-pervading and there is no place, no thing, no time or no event that cannot but enlighten us if we are of an observant and meditating mind.

And with all true observation there is meditation. Observe and meditate much and you will soon realize the full blaze of the pure white light of the Eternal Spirit which will lead you Christ-ward.

And to be perfect in peace and bliss we must have fully awakened the Christ within and come into oneness with the blessed Eternal One.

### Prayer

A PEACE which passeth understanding,  
A Love so boundless and secure,  
A Light which gleams from out the darkness,  
A Faith divinely pure.  
A Guide for weary feet entangled,  
A Fountain in a desert land,  
A Balm for wounds that arrows pierce—  
These joys for those who understand.  
M. A. Patch.

Home is the sphere of harmony and peace,  
The spot where angels find a resting place,  
When, bearing blessings, they descend to earth.  
—Mrs. S. J. Hale.

It was the policy of the good old gentleman to make his children feel that home was the happiest place in the world; and I value this delicious home feeling as one of the choicest gifts a parent can bestow.—*Washington Irving.*



## St. Valentine's Day

By ENID C. THOMAS

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WARM garden soil produces many beautiful flowers, and the instinct for mating is like a corner in Paradise, full of beautiful creations. That the Fourteenth of February should be marked by the sending of love tokens is a good thing for the world. Little rhymes and fancies painted in fantastic forms to tell the same sweet story that has pleased every heart since Eve noticed that Adam liked her, are good for us all.

After all, love between two very human beings is the stalk upon which grows all other loves. Even the love of man for woman, though it has brought about tragedies, wars and evil without end, is so close to the Divine Love that without the heavenly thought no family love is complete. And from the mating comes other affections. That for home being one of the greatest.

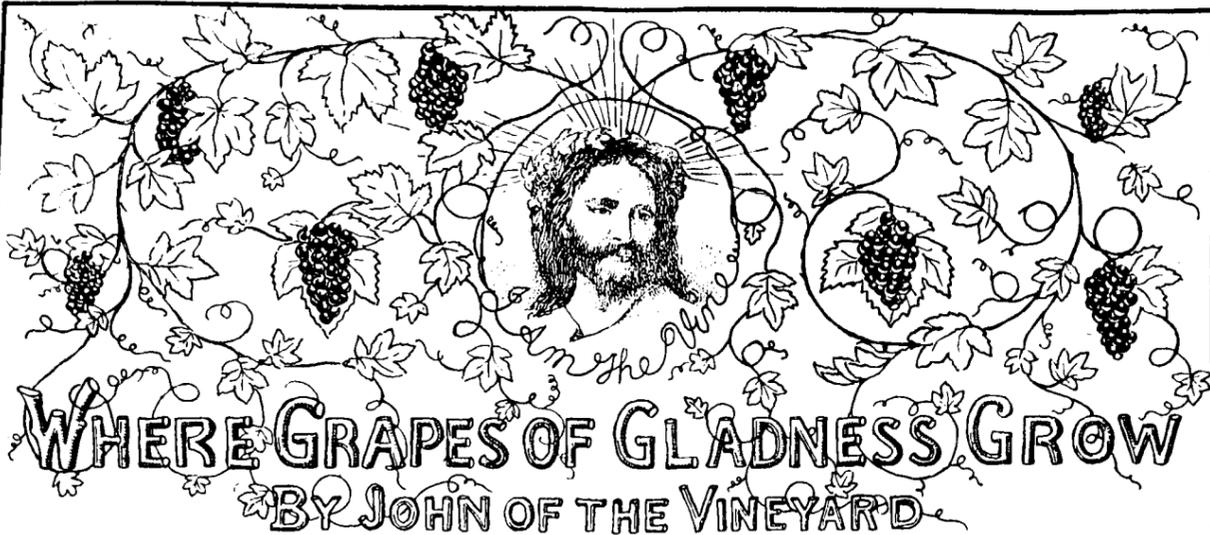
In our own house, in our "own hired house," as St. Paul wrote it, there is a chance to grow and learn and enjoy and live as life is known by those who make it an art.

From the mating comes, too, the beautiful child-life of the world. Let the cold heart talk as it will of the spiritual excellence of him who "marrieth not," the fact remains that the most spiritual experiences of common humanity come from the establishing of homes wherein families are reared. From the cradle comes the unanswerable messages of peace on earth and universal joy. From the tiny lips of innocent babes, as they play about the door, is the sure testimony given which encourages the man to believe in God, the woman to look for love as an eternal part of the Plan of Existence. Take childhood from the world, and men would make religion into a cold set of propositions, burn one another over points of doctrine and lose the sense of sweetness born of beauty undefiled.

It is well that the "natural" man loves personal affection. To deny love is a mistake. It is in vain that Puritanism frowns on St. Valentine. It is in vain that staid old people declare the sending of love thoughts to be silly. The sweet communion of heart with heart will go on forever. It is born of the spirit of youth, the sense of eternal creative power. It is given to bless a weary world and comfort many a disappointed soul.

It is a beautiful love festival, a matching of arrow to bow-string on Cupid's bow to help decide where best the shaft may be sent which is to wound, that it may inspire to new life. As the millions of dainty notes flutter over the world, let us partake of the thought of giving, the outpouring of pure love, the joy of receiving assurances of tender passion.

If it were not a part of the Eternal Good there would not be so much of good born of the season of secret confession and blushing acceptance of the tokens of the hours dedicated to immortal St. Valentine.



TRUTH is the kindness God does to us.

This is the word the vineyard tells me, tells me in the fact of its vines, that they are always themselves and nothing else. The vine is not an oak; therefore it gives me grapes. It is not soil; therefore it turns rains and dews into wine. It is not wandering wind; therefore the truth of its love for the light turns sunshine into this purple of life.

Capriciousness is not in the vine. The seed of the grape is true. Therefore when I give the dream of its heart to the mystery of sleep in the soil I know that, when to the whisperings of the sunshine that dream awakens, it will be vine and grapes. It will not disappoint me, coming up a thistle, stinging me with a lie. In it God keeps faith with me. So, toiling for grapes, expecting grapes, I am never disappointed. No lie mocks my labors, nor has mocked the labors of man through countless centuries since man's eye first caught this glow of purple and found a sweetness ministering unto his life.

It is God's truth in His world which has made human life possible, human progress come to pass. It is in this truth of God that man's life achieves. In all the fields God keeps faith with man. In rocks and soils is His truth; in skies and rivers; in sunshine and cloud; in winter and summer; in every fibre of this round earth.

Suppose it were otherwise. Suppose that mocking falsehood held sway. Then might the sea to-day turn into land, the land into sea, and man be wrecked in the confusion. Suppose some mocking caprice enchanted winter into summer and summer into winter; there were an end to man, none of his endeavor issuing into achievement. Suppose when he cast his wheat into the keeping of the furrows that the harvest came forth tares. Suppose when his hand gathered the peach it turned into bitterest poison. Suppose when he built his house the granite turned into mist. Suppose that the steel which the fires of his genius burned out of rocks turned into ice, melting in his hands. Suppose the horse became a ferocious lion; the lamb, a tiger; the dove, a serpent; the cow, a wolf. Suppose the marble, when he had carved into it the great beauty of his soul, became snow. Suppose the colors, when he had put his great picture into their keeping, went insane, changing themselves into each other, in a thought of gloom becoming black. Suppose numbers were lies. Suppose the flesh of a little child turned granite. Suppose the kiss of a woman became the jaws of a shark. Suppose God Himself were a lie. If uncertainty so reigned, then creation were cruelty, and nowhere the grace of kindness. In such supposition creation could not be, man were not and the universe no thing.

So you see a lie has no existence. There is no substance in it. It has no reality. It is nothing. It can do nothing. It cannot build a rose. It cannot fashion an oak. It cannot compact the granite. It cannot grow a grape. It cannot round a world. It cannot light a star. It cannot lift a mountain into the sky. It cannot sing a river to the sea. It cannot rhyme the seasons. It cannot gentle into a dove. It cannot love into a little child. It cannot think into a man. It cannot build a railroad. It cannot spread a sail. It cannot carve a statue. It cannot paint a picture. It cannot build a house. It cannot play a violin. It cannot invent. It can do nothing. It is not.

Truth made the world. Truth lit the stars. Truth compacted the granite. Truth wrought the steel. Truth built the rose. Truth spread the sparrow's wings. Truth forged the thews of the horse. Truth set the rivers among the hills. Truth chanted the seas. Truth gentled into the lamb. Truth loved itself into the child. Truth thought itself into the man. Truth spread the sail. Truth fashioned the engine. Truth carved the statue. Truth painted the picture. Truth builded the house. Truth plays the violin. Truth invents. Truth rules the world. Truth is sovereign in man. By truth is man's progress. Of truth civilizations are born. Truth is the revelation of God. Every discovery of truth is a discovery of God.

Truth is the kindness God does to us.

Is He kind to you in the grape? By His truth

is that kindness; for only by His truth can grapes become. Through the door of truth grapes enter into the world to do their works of kindness. Whatever climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. Is He kind to you in the steel? By His truth is that kindness. Is He kind to you in the water? By His truth is that kindness. Is He kind to you in the granite? By His truth is that kindness. Is He kind to you in the rose? By His truth is that kindness. Is He kind to you in the sunshine? By His truth is that kindness. Is He kind to you in the horse? By His truth is that kindness. Is He kind to you in your mother? By His truth is that kindness. Is He kind to you in your child? By His truth is that kindness. Is He kind to you in the Christ? By His truth is that kindness. Is He kind to you in the grace of life that lives in others, that lives in you? By His truth is that kindness. In every joy is the smile of His truth. In every kindness that greatens your life is the ministry of His truth. Everything that you achieve is by the grace of His truth keeping faith with you, whether in word or metal, in the flesh or soul of your fellows.

Oh, how wonderful! Truth everywhere, in everything! God's truth keeping tryst with me! God's truth loving me! God's truth serving me! I cannot touch a thing but I am touching His truth. I hold a stone in my hand. It is His truth my hand compasses. Light is on the hills, in my eye. It is His truth a-shine for me. I eat a peach. On His truth I feed. I drink at the spring. It is His truth that quenches my thirst. I rapture in the violin. It is His truth that enchants. I ride the horse. It is His truth that bears me as on wings of the wind. I marvel at the sunset. It is His truth that is the beauty. I wonder at the marbles like those in which the Greeks are not yet dead, but ever beautiful. It is His truth that has taken me in the surprises of His beauty. An engine flashes by me like an archangel of toil, thrilling me with its glory. It is His truth keeping faith with man I see and wonder at. In my arms I hold my child in an unspeakable gladness. It is a benediction, God says, by the grace of His truth. In the great love of my life is the great truth of His love. By the kindness of His truth I am. I breathe. It is His truth in lung and air that gives me that grace. I think, discover, create. It is His truth in me and in His world that gives me that grace. I love and am loved! It is His truth in me, in her, that makes the grace of that loving a reality. Every moment I exist, I am by the fact of His truth. Every movement I make is made in His truth. I sleep in His truth. I awake in His truth. I journey in His truth. In His truth my heart is a-beat. In the truth of His being is mine. His truth in me certifies of eternity.

Why not, then, enter into the joy of His truth? Why not trust it absolutely in spirit, as we must in everything we do, though because of our blindness we do not call it His truth, when we trust our handiwork to the iron or the wood? Why not call confidently upon the spirit of truth to heal our diseases, confident that sickness is a lie which cannot stand against His truth any more than a shadow can gloom out a sunbeam? Why not command His truth, so freely and joyously given by Him to us in everything, to give us peace and power, to achieve in us and for us the very highest we yearn? Oh, beloved, believe it! By His truth you can overcome every evil in you and in the world as His sunshine overcomes the darkness. By His truth you can master yourself unto the beauty of holiness! By His truth you can master your fate, no matter how hard, until it turns into what beauty you desire, even as granite may gentle into the garment the rose wears. By His truth you can actualize your ideal, becoming the beauty you yearn for yourself. By His truth you can live the life, the very thought of which enchants you. By His truth you are undefeated of any desire; for in His truth is your desire and in His truth that desire comes to its blossom. The truth does make you free, free from sin, sickness, death, everything that tends to defeat your experiencing perfect life in the perfect love of God.

Truth is the kindness we do to God.

We, too, can gladden the great Over Heart. The Psalmist said that he would bless the Lord at all times, that he would give bliss to the being of God by delighting to do the will of God. If in the grape I find God's truth a mercy and a grace, I answer grace with grace when I am true to God, when I think true thoughts of Him, give Him a true love, serve Him with faithfulness. When I let the truth of God make me true in all my conscious life, that He may get the answer of my faithfulness to His, then am I kind to God, giving Him a mercy for mercy. When I so learn how to look upon life, how to use it, as to realize that God is perfect, true, and desire to give Him truth for truth, then am I entering into my heritage of childhood to him and becoming perfect like my Father in the heavens is perfect. When I find truth to love it and be true in it, I am giving joy to God's heart as when by any kindness I give joy to a friend.

What do the grapes say unto you, the grapes that are the gladnesses of God and the gladnesses of you, because that truth is in them and in you—what say the grapes of gladness, but just this: In the simplest way be true, true to yourself, false to no man, and so will you be experiencing the truth of God which will be your eternal beauty. As God is faithful in the seed of the grape whose glory no man saw, so be you faithful in the least duties which no one will appreciate, for which no one will give your praise. The joy of God's life is in being true, not in being praised for His truth. He is just as true and happy in His truth in unmeasured continents where man's foot has never trod as in the peach which at fairs may delight a thousand eyes. Truth is its own reward. In its beauty is praise enough. It is the song of praise itself, simply delighting to be. Just be true, as simply, as naturally as the sparrow sings, the daffodil blooms, the brook flows, the dog barks—true in your feelings, true in your thoughts, true in your words, true in your deeds, true in your life; and that is the best prayer you can say to God, the best psalm you can sing unto Him. In that His heart delights, even as it delights in the truth of everything He has made, finding it very good because finding it very true. Where grapes of gladness grow, there is the God of truth, fashioning a communion cup and filling it with wine that we may have fellowship together with him—the same cup, the same wine that has kept faith with man through countless centuries. By truth you can enter into God and realize that integrity which is the strength of worlds and the certitude of eternal love and life.

### Through Peace to Light

By Adelaide Proctor

I do not ask, O Lord, that life may be  
A pleasant road;  
I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me  
Aught of its load.

I do not ask that flowers should always spring  
Beneath my feet;  
I know too well the poison and the sting  
Of things too sweet.

For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord, I plead,  
Lead me aright—  
Though strength should falter and though heart  
should bleed—  
Through Peace to Light.

I do not ask, O Lord, that Thou shouldst shed  
Full radiance here;  
Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread  
Without a fear.

I do not ask my cross to understand,  
My way to see;  
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand,  
And follow Thee.

Joy is like restless day; but peace divine  
Like quiet night;  
Lead me, O Lord—till perfect day shall shine—  
Through Peace to Light.

Flowers are loved because they are incarnations of beauty, and human lives win affection by the same rule.

Never be quick to believe that the life of another is too troubled to allow of happiness. From any other planet the world we live on must look wholly uninhabitable, the rushing masses of clouds, like water or smoke, and the winter must make the earth look dead. So, too, the surface appearances in other lives may not be as bad as they seem.

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If thou return to the Almighty thou shalt  
be built up; thou shalt put away iniquity  
far from thy tabernacles.—Job xxii, 23.  
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# TEMPLE TEACHINGS



One thing have I desired of the Lord; that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire into His temple. —PSALM XXVII, 1.

**D**EAR One of My Heart, thou art cast down because thy Light is hidden. Despair not, for e'en when thou thinkest not, behold it will suddenly be with thee, and envelope thee with its glory. Only do thou keep thy heart pure and let no doubt of evil or condemnation lodge therein.

Canst thou do well, and be thy best when one shadow of another's condemnation rests upon thee? Canst thou do well when thou condemnest thyself? Nay, thou art divided against thyself. Thou art wrought upon with discord, if so be thou harborest e'en one thought of criticism. From this learn thou the law, My child. Love alone maketh harmony and causeth Light to abide within thee, for love is light as love is life.

Thou art in darkness this fair morning because thou hast judged and criticized thine own act. In a moment of weakness thou wert wroth with one near and dear to thee. Thou didst let remorse enter into thy mind, and give thee dark thoughts. Moreover, thou hast given thyself to brooding upon thy unhappy lot and thy ill temper, and its treacherous wrong-doings.

Is this right? Is this loyal to My law and Me? Thou quickly answerest, nay, 'twould be most wrong if my judgment and harshness touched another.

Canst thou not see that unto thine own self thou must be true, and that as tenderly as thou wouldst judge another shouldst thou judge thyself? Art thou different in My sight from any other of My children?

Thy province lieth not in judgment. 'Tis I, not thou, shouldst judge, and when thou hast cause to be displeased with any act of thine, or its dire consequence, turn thou to Me, and place both act and consequence upon the Altar.

There in the light of My law and My love thou canst trace all back to motive; if in thy heart of hearts thy purpose is most pure and thy desire is to live as I would have thee live, thou wilt see

speedily thy failure was from lack of strength or lack of knowing. Then thou wilt be able to place thyself once more in touch with Me and in line with thy motive, and thou wilt look upon thy failings as but the dust and chips from the block of marble which the artist moldeth into perfect form.

I have given to thee, Beloved, an image of thy perfect self and perfect life. With thy inner eye thou seest it in perfection. It is thy ideal. If thou wilt look upon it and love it, it will help thee, for e'en unwittingly will it mold and fashion thee according to its own fair pattern.

Can darkness blind the eye of the spirit? Can time or condition destroy what I have created? Then, My Heart's own, remember! This ideal made by Me, and placed before thine eyes, can ne'er be hidden from thee, if thou but hast the will to look upon it and to love it e'en as thou lovest thyself. Darkness cometh only when thine eyes are turned away from light. To look upon thy fault, to linger e'en in grief upon what thy fault hath wrought, is but to turn away from Light and thus invite the darkness. In the very moment when thou wouldst cry out against thyself, and give voice to thy regret, thou shouldst think upon the pattern, the ideal, and look upon it both with thy will and heart. Thus will thy Light return and thou wilt be filled with peace. Will this mean that thou shalt grow arrogant and forgetful of the havoc thy fault hath wrought?

Nay, Beloved, but it will unveil thy love, and cause thee to make what reparation thou canst make, and then begin anew in love's white light and tender warmth, to serve thy friend and make thyself a Light in thy world. Thou wilt be humble as a little child and sorely eager for the opportunity to prove thyself master of thy fault.

Thou wilt become, as thou lookest upon it continuously, entranced with thy beautiful ideal and wilt learn to love it as thy life. Then oh, Dear One of My Heart, thou wilt find thy feet upon the path, and thou a traveler duly prepared and equipped to fare forth upon the journey of Life and to find at last the city that lieth four square and the Palace of the King.

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# PARSIFAL

By Louise Downes

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THE vision of an entire world is centred upon the opera of "Parsifal." "Parsifal," in English, is booked for a tour covering two years through the United States.

By the work of Edwin A. Abbey upon the walls of the Boston Public Library and the music of "Parsifal" a world is commanded to look, revere and study "The Legend of the Holy Grail."

It is the morning of a new cycle in the evolution of the planet Earth. The Twentieth Century is "a third day" in the evolution of Christianity. Revelation belongs to the morning of "a third day," "while yet it is dark."

Art, the revelator and preserver of truth in all ages, speaks. Art in revealing truth reveals that truth. Art exists for "ears that hear" and "eyes that see."

Man asks to-day for new revelation. What will that be when he gets it? What can it be save knowledge of the Law of Life?

It is to Art, not to Higher Criticism, that the world is to look for revelation. That which concerns Art is Nature. Science is but a detail of Art.

Art is the preserver and revelator of law for the World. Transmutation of life currents and absolute knowledge of the law of transmutation determined pose to the old masters. They knew the law of life.

Do you think it an accident that in Raphael's immortal picture of "Satan Cast Out of Paradise" the sword of the angel touches the left lobe of the lower brain instead of the right? No. These men knew that which the world has forgot. To find out what they knew we study the art of the past.

These men of old wrote the legend of the Holy Grail and buried in it the law of life, until time had grown the age which produces men and women who "ask a question" and revere Nature.

In Art Nature hides herself. Art is Nature's pen. In revelation nothing new can be told. That which is old can be interpreted. That which is immortal is natural. Whenever the student finds the immortal let him dig deep, for here is fact of nature.

The theme of "Parsifal," the legend of the whole or holy grail, is older than Christianity; it is neither young nor old; it is immortal. The laurel wreath is bestowed by the intuition of humanity. It is a wreath of law; it tells that law is fulfilled; a circle of lawful expression is finished; law is enthroned, and humanity writes, in every age: "This work shall never die." Art is lawful.

Every immortal work of Art rests upon and reveals a law of Nature.

"Parsifal" is revelation of the Law of Life. The intuition of humanity has crowned the work, not knowing. Intuition and reason are one. Man holds fast his intuition till reason uncovers to him the reasoning which enthrones intuition in law.

A world stands to-day in the presence of "Parsifal" with uncovered brow. The critic may howl and condemn, but the world enthrones. Beset by a longing to know himself man asks and asks: "What does it mean?" It means the might and majesty of natural law. It means knowledge of the law of life. It means life itself to him who will know. It means revelation of God and the Lord God. This legend was written for this hour by those who knew the law of God. Men who knew the physical law of evolution in its expression in manhood. Parsifal is a fool—a plane of action only. All the characters are in him. He is searching for the "sacred lance" which Amfortas has lost. When he has become possessed of the Lance he is no longer a fool, but a whole or holy man.

"Parsifal" is a personal plane of expression. The Lance is the Law of Life, not by individual interpretation or "notion" or "reading what one will into a thing." No—by a law as omnipotent and supreme in the creation of a word as in the creation of a world.

It is a sacred hour. A world listens upon bended knee, listens to remember, not to compare. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." "Parsifal" is the music of transmutation. "Parsifal" is the sound of Ascension. "Parsifal" is the Sabbath of the Law

One thought borne inward, one prayer uplifted, one echo of the Word within us and our souls are forever changed.—Balzac.

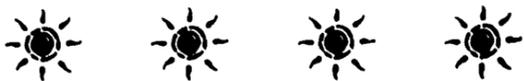
If you feel downcast and outcast, let the Master's words sound in your ears and touch your heart. Fear not, little flock, it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. This is for you and every one—yes, for all.



# Hope

Sweet-browed and beautiful,  
O Hope, thy angel face  
E'er glides before us like  
The star of morning, shining  
Unto day.

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## "AND IT WAS WINTER"

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**T**HE Carpenter of Nazareth walked in the porch of Solomon's Temple. It was at Jerusalem at the feast of the Dedication and there the cold hearts of the Jews questioned and argued as to the Living Word, the warm Life of the Spirit, which was among them. "Art Thou the Christ?" they said. "Tell us plainly." Jesus answered them: "Ye believe not because ye are not of My sheep." Well did the writer of the sacred record say, "And it was winter."

Not by the cold, formal examination of material evidence is the messenger of Truth known, but by that glowing sense of life which witnesses from within. The unenlightened and chilly consciousness of the people at the formal feast saw not the kingly signs upon his brow, the princely right to rule manifested in His quiet words. They waited for material flame from heaven while the glowing coals of Consuming Fire were kindling the blaze that should set the world alight and melt the Roman sceptre and cleanse the Greek temples as it swept onward from age to age to purify and save. When the humble disciples walked with Him to Emmaus they were not like those questioners. They longed for more of His companionship, they asked Him to tarry with them through the night. "Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us?" No spiritual life was held in check by wintry blasts along that highway, where love brought those of like mind to walk together. They needed no assurances as to the Life before their eyes. To those who are quickened by the Word the winter is an outer experience, whether it be an earthly or a mental season of coldness, they are not ruled by it.

Winter is the high tide of materialism; the flow of negation and the assertion of the power of all that is hostile to the growth of the things which are seen. It hushes the song of the sweet choir of the thickets and sends back to earth a million flowers in every field. It sweeps from desert places of unmelting ice and shouts above the graves it has made. From the gates of the North to the burning barriers of the South it has sway, and nothing grows or flowers or brings forth fruit where it dominates.

But note well this limitation of its power: *It comes not into the realm of spiritual forces and the unseen life.*

While the great mountains glisten with white-

ness under the frozen skies and the rivers are bound in steel and Niagara and the restless sea are bridled by the frost giants, even when the very snow cries out under the heel of the traveler, there is a renewed life in the homes behind the crystallized window panes. Never is love so strong as when it looks forth across the whitened pines and feels the breath of far-off islands in God's seas where palms of peace are fair and the fields of asphodel are abloom. Never is life's affection so stirred as when the wind outside complains of towering chimneys filled with warmth, while within loving hands wrap close the covering for little forms that pray and sing and drop to sleep, aglow with the joy of Paradise. The winters when we were young! Were there ever sweeter hours? "What matter how the nights behaved? What matter how the North wind raved?" the glow of fires not made with hands warmed us by that hearth.

How many a great soul has appeared upon earth while the February gales sang their songs of death and desolation! In the Old Dominion the mother of George Washington heard the trampling squadrons of the air go by as she first dried her tears of pain and kissed the little hands that were destined to build up a republic after the image and likeness of that Eternal Brotherhood seen by the prophets of all ages and made real in the "city which came down out of heaven" before the opened eyes of the seer of Patmos.

Again, in another century, the mother of Abraham Lincoln, lying by the glowing logs in a little cabin, drew the coverlets of her ragged couch over a prince of the Everlasting Kingdom who should make his days as gifts to the people and cause his life to shine above lesser lives till he was seen and loved by nations that had not heard of his commonwealth, and by mighty ones to whom the births and deaths of that community on that wintry day would have seemed as trifling in interest as the lowing of their kine.

Out of the rough simplicity of that garden of spiritual fruits he went forth to make real the liberty he was born to know. There was no winter in his life.

So, too, did the household of the great poet of New England, Lowell, greet the new-born child while the drifts piled about the doors and on the low coast the chill waves were whipped by the spirits of the Northeast seas. Born to that joy in action which his birth season brings, he sang no weak songs and led no trifle's strain. Like Longfellow, who appeared among the pines of Maine in this same short month, he found music in the storms of human achievement, and gladness lingered in his heart because he had known it when the world was new and he had time to lie beside the great wood fires of a Massachusetts kitchen and learn that he was native of a sturdy land.

Out of the bitter denial of ease come the spiritual giants. Moses was slave and son of a slave; David was born a peasant and became an outlaw before he joined his conscious life to the Living God. The prophets of Israel were keepers of sycamore trees and herdsmen in Tekoa. The apostles were trained in the damps of the night as they watched their sheep or strained at the sagging nets. Jesus was the son of a carpenter and attained his victories after years of toil with humble men, under the burning sun and in the chill rains beside the turbid Jordan.

Even in other pursuits men have been born from hardship into life. To the people of his age Shakespeare was a "sturdy vagabond."

What, then, shall your answer be to the challenge of the cold? February shakes the timbers of your dwelling. Shall you open the doors and invite it to breathe upon your treasured flowers and gathered fruits! Rather do you pile high the logs upon the hearth and sing of summer and bursting flowers and sunny skies.

With the snows has come the cold within, the chill which makes tombs warm and graveyards comfortable to the overmastered and blinded soul. Will you open the doors of your life and let that desolation in? Where are the flowers of love? Have you left them all to wither? Not yet. That never yet happened to any child of God.

Where are the harvests of the years? Have you saved none? The grapes of righteousness, the apples of Paradise, the golden store of kindness, which never decays nor is lost from the storehouse of Love—are there none of these to prize?

Where are the children of your heart's household? The great and small of that company that hold you dear? Shall you open the doors and let in the blast of cynicism and doubt and fear and materialism?

Not yet! "Children of the Living God, take courage!" shouts the voice of saving faith. Close up the doors and feed the fires of Eternal Affections till they make the whole house warm! These snows are but dreams, which spring will find and smile and smile upon till they vanish. These rough days are but the outward forms of bitterness, and in the heart of the Universe beats the throbbing pulse of joy.

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good!" Already the days of your life begin to lengthen. The sun has come back from the gates of darkness and strikes the hills till all the great trees of the wood are glorified. Love lays her hand upon the harp of earthly being and the music of thanksgiving is heard by the open ear of those who have learned to understand.

Even now, if you have the grace to receive it, spring is in your heart. The winter is over and gone, and the voice of the dove is heard in the land.

## "Not As I Will"

**B**LINDFOLDED and alone I stand  
With unknown thresholds on each hand,  
The darkness deepens as I grope,  
Afraid to fear; afraid to hope;  
Yet this one thing I learn to know

Each day more surely as I go,  
That doors are opened, ways are made,  
Burdens are lifted or are laid  
By some great law unseen and still  
Unfathomed purpose to fulfil,  
"Not as I will."

Blindfolded and alone I wait,  
Loss seems too bitter, gain too late;  
Too heavy burdens in the load,  
And joy is weak and grief is strong,  
And years and days so long, so long;  
Yet this one thing I learn to know  
Each day more surely as I go,  
That I am glad the good and ill  
By changeless law are ordered still,  
"Not as I will."

"Not as I will;" the sound grows sweet  
Each time my lips the words repeat;  
"Not as I will;" the darkness feels  
More safe than light, when this thought steals  
Like whispered voice to calm and bless  
All unrest and loneliness.  
"Not as I will"—because the One  
Who loved us first and best has gone  
Before us on the road, and still  
For us must all His love fulfil—  
"Not as we will."

—Helen Hunt Jackson

## The Heavenly Light

My God, my heart is full to-night,  
Of thankfulness and praise,  
For I behold the Heavenly Light,  
With healing in its rays.

Within this Light my soul stands up  
And dares to claim its own;  
It shows me wheat which I may reap,  
Not tares which I have sown.

My life was marred with many a pain,  
God knows I've had my share—  
His light has taken off the stain,  
And left a trophy there.

And now I know this way was best,  
Which led me to the Light.  
For who could call the sunshine blest,  
Who ne'er had known the night.

'Tis not reproach nor cruel slight,  
That mends the sinner's ways;  
He has a soul—hold high the Light,  
He'll see the goal some day.

Rose M. Williams.

We are no aliens in a stranger universe governed by an outside God; we are parts of a developing whole, all enfolded in an embracing and interpenetrating love, of which we too, each to other, sometimes experience the joy too deep for words. And this strengthening vision, this sense of union with Divinity, this, and not anything artificial or legal or commercial, is what science will some day tell us is the inner meaning of the Redemption of Man.  
—Sir Oliver Lodge.

To the receptive soul the River of Life pauseth not, nor is diminished.—George Eliot.

Nor knowest thou what argument  
Thy life to thy neighbor's creed has lent  
—Emerson.

**YOU are Beloved of the Father  
if you are His obedient child.**

**Spiritualizing the Home Life**

By J. P. Cooke

Written especially for THE NEW YORK  
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**I**t will be granted that there is no fear of the world becoming unduly saturated with affection and kindness. But still the human world progresses.

Among the spiritualizing elements—may I not say the sacraments of the home?—there is the sentiment of duty.

It is a *sentiment*—a feeling saturated with thought. But the sentiment is heavenly. The Love that is really divine is the tender Light that shines into the heart to warm, to cheer, to illumine and to bless.

The home is built on mutual respect, affection and mutual obedience. And this mutual respect implies a recognition of mutual rights; not rights on one side and duties on the other, but rights on both sides and duties on both sides. Rights of wives as well as husbands, of children as well as parents, and corresponding duties.

They who are one by association must be one by honor, by the sentiment. There is a certain amount of letting alone to be done under the law of freedom, as well as a certain amount of helping to be done under the law of kindness.

Seek to foster Individuality. Individualities live by the Divine Light, the "Christ Principle" within, and in the thought vibrations of Truth.

The hardest lesson to learn is respect for Individuality; and it is hardest for those who most need it—those whose individuality must be most frequently thrust forward. The "Home" should be a school for this high education. Persons are there thrown together to foster one another, not to crush; that cannot be tolerated. The old law allowed parents to crush children, but forbade children to crush one another.

The new law declares that none shall crush and none be crushed, that there shall be the heartiest recognition of qualities, the friendliest tolerance of peculiarities, and the most willing furtherance of aims, and the sincerest congratulation on varieties of taste and talent.

The old law said, "Wives, submit yourselves to your husband as unto the Lord;" "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the Church."

But the new law says: "Husbands and wives be mutually considerate, honor and love one another." Think how God has loved you, through all the wintry past.

In the Cosmos, all are under Law: from the least to the greatest. The sun obeys the planet, while the planet obeys the sun. Under Cosmic Law, the distinction of great and small disappear. All are great. The sun serves a system, every planet, every meteor, every atom of dust feels the touch of the constraining, invigorating beam. They who have most to give, must give most. They must sacrifice who have most to offer.

Think how touching and tender is the sway of this law! The little child comes and goes, sleeps and rises, eats and drinks, plays and studies under appointment, having no discretion, yet learning by use and habit to become a law to itself. The mother sits patiently with her needle, or busily goes about her household work under the law that makes her the servant of her child, cutting, knitting, darning, cooking or sweeping; giving up the pleasant day, the sweet walk, the friendly visit, the favorite book, the tempting recreation, laying the sweet freshness of her life on the altar of her household duty.

The father toils and saves, stints his indulgences, undergoes penance in the noise and dust of the city, tangles himself in a network of business cares, sees youth and manhood pass away in hard, perhaps scantily rewarded labor, abandons cherished plans of culture and accomplishments, but he does it, cheerfully, for his children's sake.

Since the days of the Declaration of Independence, how many millions of unsung heroes and heroines have worked and saved that a son or a daughter might get the collegiate education which they themselves had lacked and felt the need of?

How is the dear earth beneath our feet saturated with humanity?

What is all this? But a long training in obedience, a long discipline in sacrifice, not of the worthy to the unworthy, but of the unworthy, the selfish to the unselfish part—sacrifice, in the learning of which many a passionate wish is set aside, many a dear prejudice abandoned, many a darling hope resigned in order that sweet, pure, human qualities may be preserved, that minds may not be unduly bent and characters unjustly warped.

To how many is this discipline in love a sacrament in the deepest sense. Sometimes it is a husband tied to the chair where his wife sits a hopeless invalid, his life patiently revolving about hers; he is her nurse. Fond of asserting himself, capable, perhaps of shining in "society"—gifted so as to attract the public eye, yet he contents himself with a secluded lot. If he goes into the world it is that he may pluck flowers for her solitude.

As a youth, he anticipated a different life. But he has surrendered his choice and voluntarily placed himself under law, and if obedience does not bring him joy, it brings him the dignity and the calm beauty of character. Yet what a schooling is all this in the spirit of loving kindness and the holiest affection. There is none too much love in the world, even in the places where affection is strongest, even in homes and among kindred. The minds lack expression and the hearts, therefore, lack warmth. We do not call into exercise the breadth of our faculties. As we learn the vast resources of our mental and motive powers we shall, let us hope, reflect the Love of the Most High, who holds us all in His everlasting arms as the ocean holds all of its seeming-separate waves.

It is ever the song of His Love in our hearts that gladdens life's weary hours, as the Rays of His Light make glorious the holy heavens of Eternal distance. From His Breathing Light flow forth time and space into the infinitude of Being and Becoming.

His spiritual Life fills us with wonder and praise, blossoming in the Inner Life and soul of each. Flowering in the earth-blossoms and flaming in the Heavens. The Life of the sunshine! Who purifies the earth air by the thunderstorms and blesses all creatures with life?

In our blindness we must come to Him for sight. In our deafness we come to Him to speak to our Inner ear, that we may hear and heed. In our ignorance who shall enlighten us but He who gives us a soul as a free gift? In our weakness who shall breathe strength into our souls but Thee—our Light! our Life! our Love! our All! Let us PRAISE THEE as we rise to—

"The lucid interspace of world and world  
Where never creeps a cloud nor moans a wind,  
Nor ever falls the least white star of snow  
Nor lowest roll of thunder moans  
Nor sound of human sorrows mounts to mar  
The sacred, everlasting calm."

Remember, that Love is the Great Friend of all the world.

**A Vision**

I FLOATED in the summer breeze,  
In happy, calm content;  
Past fragrant fields where flower-crowned  
trees  
O'er shining waters bent.

The drowsy hum of insect life  
Fell softly on the ear;  
Far, far away were care and strife,  
For only joy was here.

Bright-plumaged birds in glorious song  
Poured forth their merriest lays;  
Good fairies seemed to linger long  
On earth those blessed days.

Set here and there like clustering gems,  
Fair homesteads met the eye,  
As if the gods had fashioned them,  
And dropped them from the sky.

While over all there flashed and gleamed  
Clear lights with diamond tints;  
Methought the Dome of Heaven teemed  
With coin from God's own mints.

"What is this glen where lurks no fear,  
Is its all-glorious name  
Idyllic Eden, fair and dear,  
Before the serpent came?"

"Oh, this the land where Love is King,  
Where the subjects wise and good  
Do on the breeze joy-banners fling  
Of loyal Brotherhood!"

H. E. Toothaker.

Do you think there is *one* law in the universe that is not for *you* to profit by? Everything was made for you, just little every-day *you!* Can you ever be too grateful?

See how carefully and wonderfully all living creatures are provided for! Intelligence enough to get their food, to defend themselves and to fulfil their destiny.

Have you been less endowed?  
Nay! More, a thousand times more! Live up to your light.

*You*, dear heart, are precious in God's sight, and kept in the hollow of His hand. If you are ever tempted to forget this, remember that not even a sparrow falls without His knowing it.

Within oneself must be the source of strength, the basis of consolation.—*Marcus Aurelius.*

The hour is not wasted that brings with it tranquillity of mind and an uplifting of the heart.—*Bradford Torrey.*



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Prayer

By James F. Hannesty

For whatsoever purpose, Lord,
Thou hast created me.
I question not Thy wisdom, Lord,
But leave my end to Thee.
Yet as I've dealt with others, Lord,
So dealt with would I be.
If I've been just to others, Lord,
Thou wilt be just to me.

Oh, Lord, I ask
Not that I may retain,
But give to me
That I may give again.

Butcher, do you really know that God is your
Friend and Comforter in every troubled moment?
Can you prove this? Only by living as if you be
have it. Try to face about this very moment and
realize the Presence.

What a privilege to look up to the star-strewn
spaces and realize that on one side even of the phys-
ical universe we are not hemmed in, that we are
free—free to soar as far as thought can carry us.
How it lifts the burdens and comforts the heart to
realize these other mansions in the Father's house!
Try this road of realization and see how it will
expand your mind and thought and character.

Many a man dares not to examine his heart, and
cowardly he trembles when no longer he can avoid
facing the question what he has done, what he
made out of himself, what he now is.—Schleier-
macher.

To know one's ignorance is the best part of
knowledge.

Every personal consideration that we allow costs
us heavenly state. We sell the thrones of angels
for a short and turbulent pleasure.—Emerson.

Wisdom is of the heart rather than the intellect;
the harvest of moral thoughtfulness patiently
reaped in through years.—F. W. Robertson.

Treasures

The Sea is lord of Sands,
The Moon to Heaven belongs,
The Fields are rich in flowers—
And Humankind have Songs.
—Spanish Folk Song.

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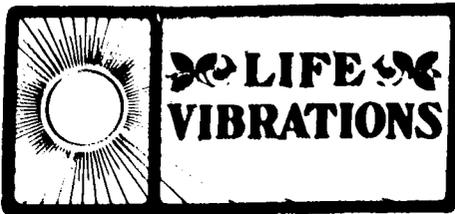
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AND now the heart begins to yearn for
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"Pale is the February sky,
And brief the midday's sunny hours,
The wind-swept forest seems to sigh
For the sweet time of leaves and
flowers."

Courage! sweet soul; there's always summer in
the soul.

The eternal God is thy strength!
Within thy soul is eternal summer!

"Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at
peace; thereby good shall come unto thee."

Come, rouse thee! The summerland is always
nigh.

Cold and dreary! Well, and what of that?
Didst fancy life one summer holiday.

With lessons none to learn, and naught but play?
Go, get thee to thy task. Conquer or die!

It must be learned. Learn it, then, patiently.

No help! nay, 'tis not so;
Though human help be far, thy God is nigh,
Who feeds the ravens, hears His children cry,
He's near thee wheresoe'er thy footsteps roam,
And He will guide thee, light thee, help thee home.

God giveth grace and strength and light and
hope, in all seasons, to the humble and patient.

With God we are always in the summerland!
Love warmeth the world and melteth away all
coldness and bringeth to the soul perpetual summer.

And how to love? Our love is measured by our
love and life for all.

So love doth spring, so love doth grow,
If it be such as never dies,
The bud just opens here below,
The flower blooms on in Paradise.

'Tis winter on earth, but June in the heavens!
God's love is always warm!

So what care we for winter's frosty blasts? 'Tis
winter on earth, but June in the heavens!

Aye, more! 'Tis always June in the soul.

Slow through the light and silent air,
Up climbs the smoke on its spiral stair—
The visible flight of some mortal's prayer;

The trees are in bloom with the flowers of frost,
But never a feathery leaf is lost;

The spring, descending, is caught and bound
Ere its silver feet can touch the ground;

So still is the air that lies this morn,
Over the snow-cold fields forlorn,

'Tis as though Italy's heaven smiled
In the face of some bleak Norwegian wild;

And the heart in me sings—I know not why—
'Tis winter on earth, but June in the sky!

Rejoice! Within thy soul is one eternal summer.
What carest thou if it is winter on earth? 'Tis June
in thine own soul and the Angel World.

June in the sky! Ah, now I can see
The souls of roses about to be
In gardens of heaven beckoning me,
Roses red-lipped and roses pale,

Fanned by the tremulous ether gale;
Some of them climbing a window-ledge,
Some of them peeping from wayside hedge,

As yonder, adrift on the airy stream,
Love drives his plumed and filleted team;

The Angel of Summer aloft I see,
And the souls of roses about to be!

And the heart in me sings—the heart knows why—
'Tis Winter on earth, but June in the sky!

In Anger

Put away the curt reply,
Check the frown instant,
Place your sneering manner by—
These won't aid the matter.

Kindness is the weapon to
Turn the tide of battle—
Sunshine, garbed in words, will do
More than ugly prattle.

Stacy E. Baker.

There is a great difference between the wisdom
of an illuminated and devout man, and the knowl-
edge of a learned and studious clerk.—Thomas à
Kempis.

Unhappy is the man for whom his own mother
has not made all other mothers venerable.—Richter.

The instruction received at the mother's knee, and
the paternal lessons, together with the pious and
sweet souvenirs of the fire-side, are never effaced
entirely from the soul.—Lammennais.



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I am John Mackintosh, The Toffee King of England.
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English candy Mackintosh's Extra Cream
Toffee tickles the palates of my millions of subjects.
I was crowned by the lovers of good things to eat.
My Court Jester's name is Appetite. My most loyal
subjects are the dear little children. I rule over the
Kingdom of Health and Happiness. There is no
oppression in my domain. My regime is one of
enjoyment and delight. My throne is guarded by an
Imperial Unarmed Army of Candy Makers. My corona-
tion took place some fifty years ago. I am an unusual
monarch all my subjects are knighted. Those who
become members of my Royal Court must eat Mackin-
tosh's Toffee at least once each day in the year.

It has been two years since I introduced Mackintosh's
Toffee to the American public. I was told that Americans
would not take kindly to a plain, old-fashioned candy—
that they demanded something fancy. I thought the man
who told me that was wrong now I know it. Although
you Yankees are busy piling up your dollars, you still
have time to appreciate an honest product. I take
this opportunity of thanking my American subjects
for their generous patronage. You Americans like
sweetmeats I have proven it to my own satisfaction.

I hear a great deal, these days, of the commercial
invasion of the Yankees. If your modern, progressive
concerns come to England after business, why should
I not retaliate by going over for the same purpose?
"Turn about is fair play." I took the bull by the
horns and tried it. I find this "Commercial expansion
business" to work both ways. I was the first English-
man to advertise English candy in the United States.
I must say that I have been treated with the greatest
consideration. Old Mother England taught her children
well—they believe in fair play.

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Toffee is the most delicious and popular candy in
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Through the valley so lone and  
drear;

And it seem'd, in my soul's deep  
anguish,

Not a helping hand was near.

For I know not the path of glory,  
Of the yielded, spirit-filled life,

Which leads us, on wings as of Angels,  
Far away from this vale of strife.

I had studied the works of Science,  
Had departed from Nature's lore;

But, alas! as I glimpsed their myst'ries,  
My pathway darken'd the more.

And I cried from the depths of my  
spirit,

My God—if a God there be—  
In Thy wisdom, Thy love and Thy  
mercy,

Reveal Thyself now unto me!

Louder and louder, in anguish,  
Were my cries to the Unknown  
pour'd,

But only the dismal echo  
Of my voice was what I heard.

And it seem'd that all was darkness,  
Both around me and within,

Till my very heart seem'd broken  
With the weight of sorrow and sin.

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Then a quietness fell upon me,  
Like the sunshine after rain,

And there came to my heart that  
moment

Such a feeling of exquisite pain.

For there, before and around me,  
Were the tokens of Infinite Love;

And I felt, even down in the Valley,  
I could taste of the joys above.

So I ceased from all complaining,  
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And deep in my heart there enter'd  
The spirit of peace and rest.

So that now, whether down in the  
valley,

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Looking into the face of the Father,  
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Be as a little child in your faith, that every moment is the Father's hand extended to His loving children, and so to you. The haughty, the proud, the self-righteous fail to see it, and by their blindness and hardness of heart bring all their ills upon themselves.

Except ye become as a little child ye cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. This means now, here in this world, amidst all conditions.

The soul of man is a sunward bird, With wings that were made for flight, To pierce to the fount of the shining day, And float through the depths of night.

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A lady who had been lame from childhood, but who was noticeable for her cheery ways and pleasant smile, was asked if she was naturally of so sunshiny a disposition. "Oh, no," she replied, "I used to feel very heavy-hearted and sensitive about my condition, but I began to force myself to smile and act cheerful, and after awhile it became something of a second nature."

We, each and every one of us, should be eager to contribute something toward the betterment of this world, and a smile and a cheering word, given regardless of our own feelings, may, like the widow's mite of sacred record, be of greater value in the eyes of Infinite Love, than many a richer offering from an abundant store. And, after all, smiles are often the costliest possible gifts. To smile when the heart is aching requires training that costs tremendous effort in the beginning; but it can be done, and the results are worth the effort it costs.

"Good morning," said a lady, in a cordial tone and with a kindly smile, to a child as she passed on the street, and the little face brightened in loving response as she returned the salutation. So deep was her heartache that the lady was scarcely conscious of speaking till roused by the sound of her own voice, and to herself she exclaimed: "How did I do it!" The marvelous results of her own determined training surprised even her. Of the same individual a young lady said: "I wish I could always be as merry and happy as Mrs. C—." Yet she had, apparently, far more reason for being happy.

"Don't wear your heart on your sleeve for daws to peck at," is very sensible advice. No one should be a walking monument of woe; it doesn't help matters and even your best friends tire of continual gloom. We are all human, and human nature likes to have its efforts rewarded by at least a show of appreciation.

We can train ourselves to smile, and the smile will help to bring sunshine into other lives and in the reflected light we may find a blessing. We can do it, and "What we can do we ought to do." Smile! smile! SMILE! Fannie Herron Wingate.

Life is a leaf of paper white, Whereon each one of us may write His word or two, and then comes night. Greatly begin, though thou have time But for a line, be that sublime— Not failure, but low aim, is crime.

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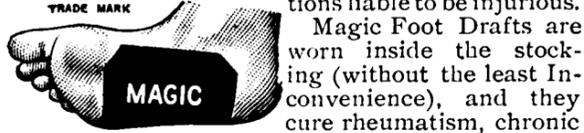
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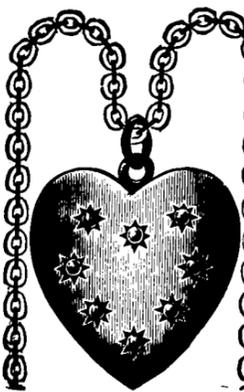


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If at thirty or thirty-five you expect to be an old man or woman at fifty-five, you will be one, because the mind makes the material correspondence of whatever it sets itself permanently upon. Any person continually in fear of something will bear the marks of such fear graven in his or her face. If you so look forward to such decay of the body as a thing that must come, it will come. People who keep young in their minds show it in the condition of their bodies. Three-fourths of our people look the old man or old woman at sixty because they have always received it as an inevitable necessity—from which there was no possible escape—that they must be on the downhill side of life at that age. It is to them "a law of nature." It is for them only the law of ignorance. There are still a great many "laws of nature" of which we know little or nothing. To say "impossible" to the idea that people cannot live longer than the present average of life and at the same time be strong and healthy at a "great age," is to put ourselves in the long catalogue of past dunce who said it was impossible for steam to propel cars and ships or for electricity to carry news. Every generation finds out some new power in Nature, and not all of Nature's unrecognized powers are confined to the propelling of machinery.

It is a great aid to the preservation of youth and vigor to be able to sit still and keep still in mind as well as in body when there is really nothing to do, because in such condition mind and body are recuperating and filling up with new force. The body is not fed with material food alone. There are other elements, now little recognized, which act upon it and give it strength, and the grand source and means of receiving these lie partly in that mental and physical quietude of mind which acts only when it has full power to act. If, then, wisdom guides action either by brain or hand, a great deal more is accomplished and a balance of life's forces is kept in reserve.

In this age of rush, hurry and tumbling over each other, thousands imagine it is necessary to be doing something all one's waking (or, we will say, business) hours to attain success. Leisure is almost a sin. This is a great mistake. Thousands on thousands are so "doing" all the time. What does their "doing" amount to? A pittance, a bare subsistence, and why? Because there is no discretion as to what the person's force is put upon. One woman wears her body out at forty in polishing stoves, scrubbing tinware and in hundreds of other little jobs. Her mind is all absorbed in these details. Another one sits quietly and an idea comes to her whereby all this work may be accomplished without any physical effort on her part, and by those who can do nothing else. She is the more likely to preserve her health and vigor. Health and vigor are the belongings of a relatively perfect maturity that is even more attractive than what is generally called youth.

It is this habit of mind which keeps people perpetually swinging their legs and feet or beating tattoos with their finger-nails. All this is useless outlay of force, as much as sawing wood. To sit still and centre yourself on what is going on, or, if you can, when there is nothing to do, think as nearly nothing as possible, and, if you can, doze or go into a waking dream, is to store up strength for future effort, be that effort mental or physical. —Prentice Mulford.

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"Tell me, brothers, what are we?  
Spirits bathing in the Sea of Deity.  
Half afloat and half on land,  
Wishing much to leave the strand,  
Standing, gazing with devotion  
Yet afraid to trust the ocean.  
Such are we."

J. F. Cooke.

True power is of the spirit and nothing else brings satisfaction, and the first thing to do is to seek the spirit and its righteousness. When we have these we have all power; then shall we be able to say with Jesus: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." Note, that it is given unto us. All good and perfect gifts are from the Infinite Giver. All power is given unto us when we have given ourselves unreservedly to All-Power, otherwise we are not worthy of it.—F. E.

Remember the Dumb Animals

KEEP not the helpless animals in insufficient shelter, and leave no crevice through which the wintry air, perhaps driven by a biting wind and laden with driving snow, may penetrate. Animals insufficiently housed require more food. Nature is not deceived. Forthwith she takes a due portion of the food consumed, and which might otherwise be converted into strength-giving muscle, and converts it into a fuel food, the purpose of which is to keep the body warm.

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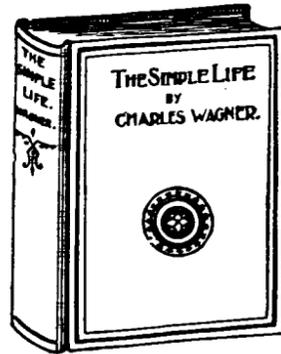


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 And every life shall be a song  
 When all the earth is paradise.

There shall be no more sin, no shame,  
 And wrath and wrong shall fettered lie;  
 For man shall be at one with God  
 In bonds of firm necessity.

—John Addington Symonds.

To mind our own business seems to be the hardest thing in this world for us to do. You know everything about your neighbors, but nothing about yourself. What we need is to come right home to ourselves—out of the finite of things to our own infinite being. Then things of the world do not trouble us. We can create, bring forth, what we will.

But we must learn how.

Someone has to tell us the notes in music before we can play them. In art we have to learn to use the brush and paints. Now, if we want to be able to keep in tune this body of ours, we have to be able to make use of all its senses. We must hold our own, never lose our individuality, never force ourselves to do anything against our will or conscience.—Mazdaznan.

Once begin to act with penitential, loving purpose, and there will be unexpected satisfaction, there will be newly opening needs continually coming to carry you on from day to day. You will find your life growing like a plant.—George Eliot.

**The Modern Lady**

THE modern lady sat down to her luncheon. The principal dish was a young squab that belonged to an extremely interesting and beautiful family of pigeons. The father and mother pigeon had met their fate a day or so before at a grand shooting match. As for the squab, not having any father or mother left, it was better, perhaps, that he should fulfil his mission by satisfying the hunger of such a charming human being as the modern lady is.

After she had finished her luncheon, the modern lady called her maid and directed her to go upstairs and get her winter coat. This coat was made of baby lamb's wool. The lives of a great number of baby lambs had been sacrificed in order to make this coat. And it was natural for the modern lady to say to the maid:

"Now, Katy, when the furrier calls hand him this for storage, and tell him to take good care of it, as I am greatly attached to it."

Then she went upstairs to get ready to go out.

She put on her soft walking boots, furnished by an affectionate young kid; also her gloves, furnished by another kid. She put on her hat, upon which was poised a beautiful bird. This bird had once been alive and had sung in a Southern forest, but one day he had been shot down and now the modern lady was surveying him critically in her mirror.

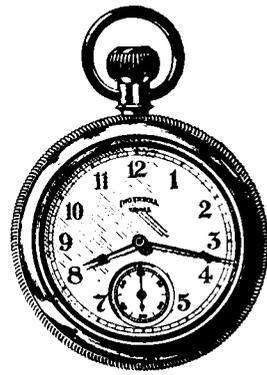
As she stepped out of her door and paused a moment for her carriage to come up, if she had been of a reflective turn of mind, or if the subject had specially interested her, she might possibly have considered for a moment the number and variety of animals that had been murdered to make her surroundings more luxurious. Through the window in the hall was the dim outline of a magnificent moose-head, shot last year by her son in a Canadian forest. On her floor was a tiger-skin rug brought from India. On the shoulders of her coachmen were monkey-skin capes. In fact, no matter where the eye rested, the remains of some dead animal or bird testified to man's wonderful skill and ingenuity of slaughter.

But the modern lady was pursuing no such reflection. On the contrary, her observation was directed solely to a stray dog that had wandered incontinently upon the premises and was looking up at her from a safe distance with strangely pathetic eyes.

She rang the bell again.  
 "Katy," she said to the maid, "I left part of a squab on my plate. Won't you coax that dog round to the door and give it to him? Poor little thing! Someone has been dreadfully cruel to him."  
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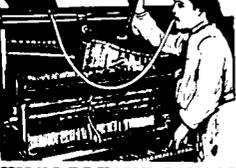
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## Consecration and Service

BY MYRA G. FRENYEAR

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**J**ESUS also having been baptized and praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily form as a dove upon Him, and there came a voice from heaven saying, "Thou art My Son, the BELOVED, in Thee I delight."

Like a beautiful living etching every act of our Lord Jesus Christ illustrates some part of the Way of Regeneration, and baptism is a solemn and imposing initiation into one of its hidden springs.

He gave thirty years of silent, mysterious training for His work and for centuries preparation had been made for it! Indeed, it began with Adam; was more specific in Abraham's time, and increased in intensity during the hundreds of years the Hebrew nation so longed for the Deliverer. And but for this earthly preparation, by progressive consecrations, would not a longer period have been necessary to adjust a celestial perfect to a human perfect, and that, in turn, to a materialistic, although a chosen people? Real preparation is mostly silent, and always mysterious, having its roots in the beginnings of things with God. This past was essential to Anna's motherly devotion and to Mary's consecration. Therefore the Virgin could come, a clean temple, a sanctified door through which the Lord of Life might make His advent among men.

He came gladly from His celestial sphere, the heaven of heavens, to live this parable of love before the eyes of prepared people. God sent Him to Egypt, not only for protection from Herod, but that He should contact with the Temple mysteries of that wonderfully scientific and religious nation. Their symbols of truth made the definite suggestion to His outer consciousness, which drew to Him great waves of infinite knowledge.

When twelve years of age He made that memorable visit to the Temple in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of the Passover. And what more natural than that God should use this great commemoration of deliverance to reveal to Jesus His mission to save men from a greater bondage than that of Egypt—the bondage of self?

Again He went into retirement and silence until the fulness of time was accomplished, on that glorious morning, when He found the Baptist, in his strange garb, voicing his powerful call to new ideals and baptizing in the sacred river Jordan. Immersion was, and is, an honored custom throughout the East. All ancient scriptures attest, by their words and the truths concealed in their symbols, to its mighty import to the devotee.

Our Bible has its threefold meaning to be applied practically in this day on the physical, intellectual and spiritual planes. Indeed, it holds a sevenfold revelation for seeing eyes, having ears and understanding hearts; therefore, let us make friends anew with our Bibles.

We, too, have come from a heavenly sphere, and this Book, more than any other, will open our memories to those blessed truths spoken unto us by Christ during the ages. Translate the word "water" into "thought" and behold, what an illumination! John knew that Jesus needed not His baptism into new standards of right, but he was convinced that to fulfil all righteousness it must be performed.

Moses received this initiation in some Egyptian Temple. He, too, was consecrated to deliver his people, and was led to Mount Sinai for his baptism by the Holy Ghost and Fire. Then he was able to sanctify them, also, when in the wilderness they washed their clothing and purified themselves in order to endure the promised Presence of the Lord. That is, by Moses's help and the symbol of washing, they fasted for two days from every thought except that of beholding their ever-present but invisible Lord. The Law required Aaron and his priests to wash before entering "into the tabernacle" or going near the altar lest they die.

But Jesus felt the deepest depths of this rite and knew that He could not omit one smallest detail from this Living Way. Therefore He bathed for us, not instead of us, but that His followers might know how to enter into the mind realm, the Hall of Preparation, and control the thoughts and keep them clear and accurate.

And think you it is possible for us, in this new day, to understand sacred things except we are purified in our thinking? Naaman had to wash his mentality seven times in Jordan before the leprous thoughts of his inmost soul were cleansed. It may be some minds will have to be washed more than seven times before they will be free from all unwholesome imaginings. But be not weary in well-doing, for we know that if we keep a stream of clear water, however small, flowing into the slimiest pool it will some time become clear and sweet. "Yet I show unto you a more excellent way."

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We remember the unclean spirit who returned to the house out of which he had been cast. "He findeth it empty, swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man was worse than the first." The Spirit never intrudes. But the many evil thoughts, with which the race has vitiated the atmosphere, rush into any emptiness while the angel thoughts which, also, fill the air, would not enter uninvited. The emptiness which God fills with Himself, is, contradictory as it seems, already filled with a yearning to do His work. Hence the wisdom of linking closely in our experience, Consecration and Service. We must be both sacred and useful.

Our Master was not baptized simply to conform to a righteous custom, but because He knew its relation to secret purification and its power to generate real consecration—that is *con*, to know intuitively, and *sacer*, sacred—to know the sacred. Whatever rite we take outwardly, the real initiation is within in the River of Living Thought. Let us enter here, daily at least, for power to discern the sacred, the secret which is in all things.

From thirty years of living in God-thought, Jesus came to the external rite of immersion. Out of it He came praying and consecrating Himself, soul, mind and body, to Brotherhood ministry. The very abandon with which He gave himself—emptied Him of self, opened the heaven of His inmost being to the Highest—God, and God never fails to open His heaven and pour His Spirit into such emptiness. Thus the heavens were opened and the Holy Ghost (Breath) in the form of a dove descended upon Him. His prayer was one of such perfect thanksgiving and giving, that as a magnet, He drew upon Him that holy Motherhood, anointing which is for teaching and healing. Henceforth His hands are stretched out to His followers, his heart saying continually, "Behold My mother and My brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of My Father who is in heaven, the same is My mother, and sister, and brother."

The followers of John and of Jesus were initiated by water; the former into the new lives, but the latter into the Life. To the soldier John said, "Oppress and falsely accuse no one"; to the tribute-takers, "Collect nothing more than what is appointed for you," and to those of means, "Help the needy." Jesus said to His initiates, "Go preach, saying, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils—freely ye have received, freely give."

Sanctify, make whole or holy both mind and body, for "Know ye not that ye are the temples of the living God?" We are no longer common and unclean. The real man is consecrated by Him who made us out of His own substance. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear (in all His living reality of Love), we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is now."

Knowing that we are sacred to God, we give ourselves to individual Christlikeness; to some service sanctified by us; and finally we give all—life, service and will to God even as Jesus did in Gethsemane.

And with Him we may be able to say, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted; to publish a release to the captives; the recovering of sight to the blind; to dispense freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim an era of acceptance with the Lord."

This was His sacred work, His meat and drink, as prayer was His recreation. It is our sacred work also, although we may not yet be doing it. But whatever it is *now*, it is sacred, then consecrate it to your own mind and heart, and make it an act of worship to Him who inhabits all things. Make every morning's bath a rite of reconsecration, and let Him who lived the Perfect Way be your guide and helper.

**Hold On**

**HOLD** on to your tongue when you are ready to swear, or speak harshly, or use any improper word.

**Hold** on to your hand when you are about to strike, or do anything wrong.

**Hold** on to your feet when you are on the point of kicking or running away from study, or pursuing the path of error, shame or crime.

**Hold** on to your temper when you are angry, excited or imposed upon, or others are angry about you.

**Hold** on to your virtue—it is above all price, at all times and in all places.

**Hold** on to your good character, for it is now and ever will be your best wealth.

**Hold** on to your good name at all times, for it is much more valuable to you than gold, high places or fashionable attire.

**Hold** on to the truth, for it will serve you well, and do you good throughout eternity.

**Toujours Amour**

PRITHEE tell me, Dimple-Chin,  
At what age does love begin?  
Your blue eyes have scarcely seen  
Summers three, my fairy queen,  
But a miracle of sweets,  
Soft approaches, sly retreats,  
Show the little archer there,  
Hidden in your pretty hair;  
When didst learn a heart to win?  
Prithee tell me, Dimple-Chin!

"Oh!" the rosy lips reply,  
"I can't tell you if I try,  
'Tis so long I can't remember;  
Ask some younger lass than I!"

Tell, oh, tell me, Grizzled-Face,  
Do your heart and head keep pace?  
When does hoary love expire?  
When do frosts put out the fire?  
Can its embers burn below  
All that chill December snow?  
Care you still soft hands to press?  
Bonny heads to smooth and bless?  
When does Love give up the chase?  
Tell, oh, tell me, Grizzled-Face!

"Ah!" the wise old lips reply,  
"Youth may pass and strength may die;  
But of Love I can't foretoken;  
Ask some older sage than I!"

—Edmund Clarence Stedman.

"Daily deed and daily thought  
Slowly into habit wrought  
Raise that temple, base or fair,  
Which men call our character.  
Build it nobly, build it well;  
In that temple God may dwell."

How wonderful is freedom! Did you ever realize what it would mean to be shut away from light and air and Nature's beauty?

It may be proved, with much certainty, that God intends no man to live in this world without working; but it seems no less evident that He intends every man to be happy in his work. It was written: "In the sweat of thy brow," but it was never written: "In the breaking of thy heart.—*John Ruskin.*

Human nature is naturally Christian when it is raised to its highest possibilities. Jesus never heard the word "Christian." It was his high humanity, and not his Christianity in any sense other than high humanity, that makes him the leader of men.—*W. G. Eliot, Jr.*

**Here and Now**

HERE, in the heart of the world,  
Here, in the noise and the din,  
Here, where our spirits were hurled  
To battle with sorrow and sin—  
This is the place and the spot  
For knowledge of infinite things;  
This is the kingdom where Thought  
Can conquer the prowess of kings.

Wait for no heavenly life,  
Seek for no temple alone;  
Here, in the midst of the strife,  
Know what the sages have known.  
See what the Perfect Ones saw—  
God in the depth of each soul,  
God as the light and the law,  
God as beginning and goal.

Earth is one chamber of Heaven,  
Death is no grander than birth.  
Joy in the life that was given,  
Strive for perfection on earth.  
Here, in the turmoil and roar,  
Show what it is to be calm;  
Show how the spirit can soar  
And bring back its healing and balm.

Stand not aloof nor apart,  
Plunge into the thick of the fight.  
There in the street and the mart,  
That is the place to do right.  
Not in some cloister or cave,  
Not in some kingdom above,  
Here, on this side of the grave,  
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It is not too much to say that this glimpse of the education of an animal opens up possibilities yet undreamed of. The time may yet come when educated animals may be able to speak to us. The language of the primal man was not very far in advance of the few sounds emitted by the horse or dog to express approval or disapproval. A child left totally uneducated would express itself by similar sounds.

Scarcely anyone has had the patience to educate animals that this old schoolmaster has exercised in educating his horse, for the reason that animals generally have been regarded as beneath human notice. Animals have been trained to do stunts in a circus, but this is probably the first time where a schoolmaster has taken up the education of a horse, and he has been richly repaid. The scientists say that his horse knows as much as a twelve-year-old boy.

What Luther Burbank, of California, is doing with vegetables, fruits and flowers, and Van Osten with his horse, are foregleams of unlimited possibilities that will be realized when man shall have attained spiritual understanding.

Oh, grant us that we bless; and so Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth so low as in Thy heavens high.—*Pastor Quiet.*

We all dread bodily paralysis and would make use of every contrivance to avoid it, but none of us is troubled about a paralysis of the soul.—*Epictetus.*

We know what we are, but not what we may be.—*Shakespeare.*

**Shakin' Hands**

SEEMS as if he'd always been old and feeble—kinder thin—  
Hair like silver, and a smile hangin' round him all the while;  
And the folks from fur and near, when they wanted help and cheer,  
Always stopped at Uncle Dan's—just for sake of shakin' hands.  
Never did a mite of harm—seems 's if a tune run down his arm,  
And before your hands could part it was singin' in your heart,  
Nothin' like the limpsy shake that some fellers always make,  
That firm clasp of Uncle Dan's made you happy—shakin' hands.

Once in gloomy weather he walked up and shook hands with me;  
I had wearied of the race; ruin stared me in the face;  
I was on the downward track, but that handclasp drew me back,  
And I felt my eyes grow dim after shakin' hands with him.  
Silver threads along Life's sands spun from out those wrinkled hands,  
And have shone and glistened through—all along the path he knew;  
Just because Hope's gospel-song echoed all the way along;  
Just good cheer, from day to day, scattered all along the way.

I would travel mile on mile, just to see that feller smile;  
Seems as if his stock of mirth is just keepin' him on earth,  
And I'll bet you—ten to seven—that when Daniel gets to heaven,  
All the shinin' angel bands will crowd around him to shake hands.

—*Carabel Lewis Munger.*

If I cannot succeed in doing anything myself, I will not grudge another the doing of something noble.—*Epictetus.*

We cannot be too kind, gentle, patient and considerate with little children, and our older brothers and sisters who have returned to simple childhood again, in their old age.

"INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME."

"AND WHOSO SHALL RECEIVE ONE SUCH LITTLE CHILD IN MY NAME RECEIVETH ME."

Blessed is he who loves little children and old people and who looks after their comforts and needs.

**"Not As the World Giveth"**

O SWEET, abiding PRESENCE, calm, ineffable,

To human thought made manifest.

For Thy beloved rich gifts unspeakable.

Thou holdest, evermore the best.

"Ye shall find REST unto your souls."

Oh, blessed gift of REST!

"Ye shall have PEACE," enduring balm for all life's woes;

Though tempests rage, and darkness hides

The light, and briars line the toilsome way

Fear naught, for changeless love abides,

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*Irma T. Jones.*

All love is of God and will endure. We need not fear that our friend whom we have loved so much here will leave us there.—*J. F. Clarke.*

Do not fear to hope. Can poet's brain More than the father's heart rich good invent? Each time we smell the autumn's dying scent We know the primrose time will come again.

Speak a shade more kindly than the year before, Pray a little oftener, love a little more, Cling a little closer to the Father's love, Life below will liker grow to the life above.

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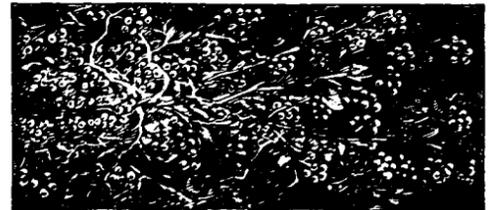
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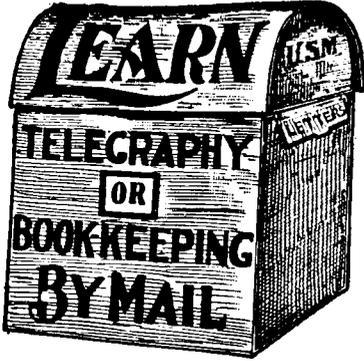


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**THE LAW OF SUCCESS**  
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IS there a law of success? Yes, undoubtedly there is. But it is not, to my mind, a thing that can be reduced to the convenience of an axiom, a sort of capsuled morality, predigested achievement, as it were, a thing that can be bought and sold and bargained for, from one to another.

The "law of success" is, in my opinion, the same law that governs all genuine growth, in which the lesser is included in the greater and the unfoldment is from inner to outer. The outer conditions must fall in line with the inner development. A confident assurance keeps pace with all true unfoldment. Distrust of oneself really means consciousness of wrong.

And we must pay for what we get. We must give a just equivalent for all the world gives us. Material power and possession can never be in themselves evil! It depends upon what they symbolize to us—what they stand for. Their good or ill is determined largely by the manner of their acquirement. The desire for them is natural and good.

On the lower planes of life competition and resistance are as much in order, are as truly laws of God and as necessary, as is non-resistance on the higher. Self-preservation is indeed the first law of nature, but it is not the last. Let us render unto Caesar only the things that are Caesar's and realize that true success for the awakened soul can never be attained in any but the one way—the way of true development.

The period of resistance, of struggle, is one of tuition—the crude scaffolding, one might say, of the temple of character later to be builded. It is necessary that we should pass through this period of storm and stress, but we should never lose sight of the fact that it is only an outward and temporary condition, that the innermost is always calm and steadfast; that "the heart of the flame is cool and the heart of the storm most kind," until at last we come to that desired haven of complete adjustment, that perfect achievement, when we know even as also we are known, when, indeed, we belong to the universe and the universe takes care of its own.

There is only one royal road to success, and that is through the true, inner success, the control of every faculty of mind and consequently of every organ and activity of the body—the perfect unfoldment of man's spiritual nature—the seeking and finding of the kingdom of heaven that is within. When we have the inner riches, as the Master promised, all things needful will be added.

The making of money has its proper place in the affairs of life. It is not to be frowned on or belittled. Every legitimate effort toward better circumstances will enrich not only the individual but all with whom he comes in contact. There is no virtue in being poor. Poverty is not a blessing to the race. It is the effort to "get rich quick," regardless of what the result may be to one's fellow-man, that is suicidal and brings more misery and degradation into human life than almost anything else in the world.

A man may be measured by his idea of success. Jesus had not where to lay His head, had no standing with the orthodox and respectable of His day, went on foot from place to place, eating of the grain of the fields as He passed, was accounted of no repute throughout His life, and yet—no man has ever lived on earth who called forth so much love from the hearts of the people of earth—not so much respect, reverence, worship—but love, the simple, human, personal love—the deeper impersonal devotion of the soul that would follow in His footsteps.

Each of us, however insignificant, has his share in the current of the time, each of us adds to it after his kind. Each of us who believes in the true success should hold to that belief and work for its fulfilment until the tide is turned toward the goal of incorruptible riches. A single honest worker, a man who lives and works as he professes and believes, who scorns an apparent success that is not the symbol of inward strength, wholesomeness and achievement, a man whose faith is tested in the alchemy of action—such a man leaves an ineffaceable impress on this time and all time.

To be an honest and effective worker one must have faith in himself, in his fellow-men and the power that brought him into being. That a man must work—must give expression to all the abilities with which he has been endowed, is the first law of soundness on any plane—the law written in the fibre and constitution of all things. This world of ours is no place for an idler.

"There is no easy, unearned joy on earth. Save that God gives—the lustiness of youth And love's dear pangs. All other joys we gain By striving; and, so qualified, we are That effort's zest our needs as much consoles As effort's gains. And ease that stretches far Beyond the space that labor's waste repairs Speeds to decay. Death lies hid in that, And seeds of every sin that rots the strength And stains the soul. Better when work is past Back into dust, dissolve and help one seed Climb upward, than with strength still full Deny to God His claim and thwart His wish."



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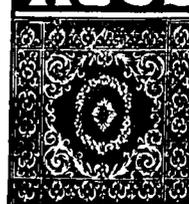
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We should work as well as pray without ceasing, for in reality work and prayer are one. From Kipling's viewpoint:

"One instant's toil to Thee denied Stands all eternity's offense."

The true attitude and relation is when the individual works for the whole and the whole in turn reacts in good to the individual. But even when the work at hand is not pleasurable—not one in which we can take genuine delight—never mind, let us do it honestly and it will serve as a stepping-stone, a guidepost to something better. When we live truly we live quickly. As soon as we have wrested the lesson from one condition another is presented to us.

True success is not only the manifestation of inner achievement and harmony, but in its expression engages the activity of the whole man. To be creating, thinking, acting, hand in hand with God—this indeed, and this alone, is the joy of living. The law of success is the law of life, of harmony, of love—the law of God.

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**FREEDOM**  
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FREEDOM is the keynote of mastery. In its essential significance, mastery is the dominion of the Adam or sense plane of consciousness by the Christ plane, or the consciousness always actuated by principle.

Dominion or mastery, therefore, is the aim and end of Life. And in its infinite and universal sense, Life includes all that was, that is and that is to be.

The mastery that is Life's goal is no essential part of, and has no direct relation to, the domination of one individual over another.

Freedom is the keynote of spiritual evolution. It is the keynote of wisdom. It is the keynote of Integrity. Upon Freedom depends man's moral and spiritual obligations and responsibilities, without the fulfillment of which he is neither wise, just nor free.

Unendowed with power of choice, man were a machine, an automaton. Possessing it, and with true conception of its import, and with proper and legitimate exercise of its function, man is master of himself and his environment; he is lord of heaven and earth. Misconceived and misapplied, what is regarded as Freedom is a fruitful source of pain, suffering, inharmony and disease.

Freedom exercised in consonance and harmony with Life's basic principle—Unity—results in peace of mind and health of body. It results in harmony with environment, the consciousness of which constitutes happiness. It results in soul unfoldment, and in growth into divine consciousness.

This should not be construed to mean that one whose consciousness has evolved to a perception of his real nature and his divine possibilities should endeavor to mold environment by tampering with effects. By no means. On the contrary, the one who fully conceives the divine significance of Life is in no way concerned with effects, as such.

Life is a matter of relations, and it will ever remain such for the reason that humanity is an organic, not a numeric, Whole. No individual is, or ever can be, the Whole. Yet the Whole would be incomplete, indeed could not exist, with the tiniest fraction omitted.

The supreme test of divine consciousness or of true spirituality is the more nearly complete realization of Unity which, in its actualization, accords to everyone his rights.

Freedom never exercises force. The initial thought of the freed Soul is to protect the rights of others. This is Freedom's first awakening. It is the first evidence of the consciousness of Unity, the revealer of Divinity.

Fundamentally and ideally every Soul is free; but one is free primarily and actually only to the degree that he earns it through dint of its exercise in the manifold relations of Life.

One's Freedom is most active when he interferes least with the freedom of others. The observance of the rights of others is the law of all relatedness. One is free to say to another, "Thou shalt" or "Thou shalt not." But in this choice and its subsequent practice is contained its harvest, which must ever be discord, pain, suffering and disease. Such method does not conform to the law and order of harmony and right relations. Disobedience to the Law of Life must result ever in discord, misery, wretchedness.

On the other hand, one is free to say to another, "Thou shalt love the law of the Good, and it only shalt thou serve if thou wouldst be true, and honest, and happy, and well." Or it is legitimate that one say to his own senses and to his emotions, when their exercise would interfere with the rights of others, "Thou shalt not," for in so doing he shall reap a harvest of good sowing, in serenity and poise, in health and happiness.

The practice of the protection and guardianship of others' rights would result in the kingdom of heaven on earth. This would be Freedom lived, and Freedom lived is charity revealed.

Through their misconception and misapplication of Freedom, many are tightening daily the clamps that bind them more firmly to conditions and environment from which they seek deliverance.

The spirit of the Inquisition is not dead. Its methods of torture and its persecutions; in some instances, have been but transferred from the physical to the mental plane. And many who would shrink in horror from the guillotine, the gibbet or the thumbscrew, yet shrink not from mental persecution and torture of those whose methods differ from their own.

But the freed Soul can never turn back, nor does he in any way desire to bind, to limit or cause suffering to another.

That man must eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil in order that he may become a god and thus attain mastery and have dominion, the freed Soul knows to be a necessity. Therefore he would not rob a fellow-being of that which

strengthens and induces development of the other's moral and spiritual muscles.

Were man born with full consciousness of his divinity, there would be naught to master and no occasion for effort; hence, growth and the joy and ecstasy of attainment would have no place in his life.

"A premium on evil," you say? By no means. The deepest and holiest conception of Freedom results ever in the highest ideals, the deepest reverence, and in a life of purity and sweet simplicity.

True Freedom has ever an element of restraint, the keynote of which is others' rights. To the degree that one protects and cherishes the rights of others in every relationship of life, to that degree alone is he free or can he know peace and harmony. And to the extent of his disregard of these is he bound and must he suffer.

All bondage, all limitations in fulfilling one's ideals and all suffering are self-imposed.

To live a life of Principle and Integrity, and thereby to teach others and still leave them free to employ their own methods of fulfillment, is the essence of Freedom.

The freed Soul accepts and even loves conditions as they are, though his best and noblest efforts may not find response therein. But he is consciously treading the path leading inevitably to conditions and environment that will respond to his desires, his requirements and his abilities.

Precipitous methods are no part of the freed Soul's life, nor does he attempt the manipulation of effects. He deals ever with cause, with Principle. He attempts no formulation of conditions. The Law formulates these. Their formulation inheres in cause. The freed Soul has heard the Master's voice: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many," and he steadfastly awaits the open door to further and grander possibilities of service and mastery.

The freed Soul knows no limitations save those he himself places upon the limitless opportunities for expressing and manifesting his divine attributes through the fulfillment of his sacred obligations to his fellow-men, the most far-reaching and enriching of which is to induce their own Self-expression by means of the exercise of their own inherent Freedom.

All this the freed Soul does and more, for the mightiest test of all is that which entails the silent, unremonstrative and unmoved witness of the inevitable disintegration of ties and conditions which result because of Freedom's realization.

This is Freedom's crucial test, when the Soul refuses to answer charge at the world's tribunal, and when in its own recesses and to its Self alone it pleads: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

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**THE HEALTHY SOUL**

By *Frederic W. Burry*

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**T**HIS is the age when we recognize the identity of the soul with the body, of spirit with matter, of the celestial with the terrestrial.

This is the age when the things of heaven are coming down to earth—or rather, when they are coming out into visible palpability from the depths of the long-veiled Infinite.

In other words, this is the age when the Soul is awakening.

There is but one real Soul, one Eternal Being, one Life; and the myriad personalities that portray and manifest this Divine Spirit are each vehicles for the whole. You cannot divide the Infinite. There is no division anywhere. There is the omnipresent Principle of Attraction, whose other name is Love, and this is you and me; all is united; all is one.

Yet we can speak of the Individual as a distinct Soul; for each one has a special phase of destiny to work out. But there is no separation; there cannot but be interconnection and co-operation.

A Healthy Soul is a Balanced Character.

A great deal more than appears at first is included in Soul and Character. Among other things, those conditions of Harmony commonly called Health and Success are included. Here, then, are some thoughts worth while for the man who is (reasonably enough) looking for tangible things.

Yes, a healthy soul means a healthy body; it also means achievement.

People who sneer at philosophy don't know what they are talking about. The so-called practical man is often anything but practical.

It is not practical to keep one's thoughts centered on mere things, to greedily keep acquiring more and more possessions—while neglecting the development of Personal Character, which can alone make it possible to enjoy or appreciate anything. And without appreciation, there might as well not be the "things."

Life is what we recognize; what we think; what we feel.

Here is a thought freighted with many benedictions for one who will receive it. Just think: to know that you make your days of happiness, health and success, by the simple method of taking an ideal mental attitude.

Your environment reflects the character of your thoughts. Things respond either to your smiles or your frowns. Give—and the law of attraction in one way and another duly compensates without stint or scarcity.

A healthy soul creates a healthy body. A strong character molds materials.

Thus there is a subtle forceful energy behind the whole realm of nature; and your personal will is an agency that sets this infinite power active.

Certainly everything has its own special orbit. Your personal scope is limited. But your awakened personality arouses others to go and do likewise in their spheres.

So a healthy soul is a contagious influence.

Would you save the world—save yourself. There is no method of propaganda so infallible in getting results as a Personal Example.

A soul that has made itself more healthy than before, more receptive to truth and ideals, more faithful and alert and poised, wields a sceptre of mystic and magic dominion—over the body that is its tabernacle—and over surroundings near and far. Such a soul is a Genius. A true representative of Glorified Manhood.

It is Glory that we are all, more or less consciously, reaching for—Happiness, Perfection, Enlightenment, Power.

Some are deluded for awhile by the acquisition of mere materials; and they make themselves ignorant and ugly and depressed if they can only get something to look at, something that glitters.

This is not Glory. Nothing is worth having un-

less it leads to an increase of Power. We are here to be actors, not all the time spectators.

Are you not tired of looking on? Don't you think it would be a welcome change to do something? A change both profitable and pleasurable for yourself and the world at large.

Few understand the joy of creatorship—or there would be more to assume the glorious privileges of their Manhood. There would be more who perceived the urgency of Spiritual Health.

Men and women are coming to the front, however, as never before—giving up Tradition for Truth.

Everywhere you can notice the growing desire for Light. People are turning from superstition and illusion. They want serious literature and practical talks. They want something to think about; even their amusements they want to be educational.

This is a healthy tone that is showing itself physically.

Wills are expressing themselves. Men utter their words of Faith and Self-reliance and Infinite Recognition; they take courageous steps forward and do something; they are transforming themselves bodily and they are renewing the face of the whole earth.

Health is wholesome. It is a condition of symmetry and beauty. The whole of Life is becoming daily and hourly more beautiful and desirable.

And healthy Souls are doing the work; minds which are casting out worries, fears, weaknesses of every description; which refuse any longer to be crippled and paralyzed by any false conventional standards of life whatsoever.

The healthy Soul is original. It stands erect; and refuses to grovel. It is dignified and superb—and, lo, the manifestation of physical health as well as surroundings of harmony.

Who will say that philosophy is unpractical in face of such provable statements? Life is nothing at all if philosophy is unpractical.

It is indeed worth striving for, this increase of health for one's soul.

One is then placed in an attitude at once impregnable and secure, masterful and indifferent—against which the strenuous incidents of so-called Fate hurl themselves in vain.

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The Soul that expresses itself is healthy. By works it is known; deeds are the signals.

Not many realize the possibilities of *doing*; the possibilities for happiness and for results. By exercising the creative power, inherent in each one, the power develops.

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It takes a little trouble to think, but it is worth while.

Any dissatisfied feeling that you may have is a suggestion that you may use your creative power.

It is exquisite to give birth to an ideal—not merely pondering or ruminating in the kingdom of the Imagination.

Consider the Soul, the Spiritual, the Ideal as realities containing immense resources, the only resources. Turn your gaze from the passing illusions; turn from the leaning habit, and recognize your Soul-centre as the real and vital thing.

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What a scramble this human life presents itself to be from morn to night—from century to century. No one considers it to be satisfactory. Look for the cause of the universal disease and misery, and you find it in the follies of selfishness and ignorance (which are really the same thing).

Men try (as far as it is possible) to split the race up into opposing factions. All their systems, as they call them, are built upon war and competition. In such a mix-up of general hostility, the only wonder is that the unity of Nature preserves itself at all, and Human Life does not cease to be.

But Love ever triumphs; this the only creative parent forever rises above the wear and tear of human strain, never ceasing to reassert its authority, even as the sun continues to shine with all its warmth and brilliancy.

Let the Soul bathe itself in Love; the intellect turn to Love's solar rays as to the real essence of Being, for this it is. Let the Ideas be baptized with its passion and so be transformed into Ideals.

Then Life will become a dream of beauty. Then shall the earth reach its destiny, and be a paradise.

The healthy Soul, with free Mind, strong Character—the truly regenerated Soul—is the creative power that is to do the work.

### Tell Him So!

If you hear a kind word spoken  
Of some worthy soul you know,  
It may fill his heart with sunshine  
If you only tell him so.

If a deed, however humble,  
Helps you on your way to go,  
Seek the one whose hand has helped you,  
Seek him out, and tell him so!

If your heart is touched and tender  
Toward a sinner, howe'er low,  
It might help him to do better  
If you'd only tell him so!

Oh, my sisters, oh, my brothers,  
As o'er life's rough path you go,  
If God's love has saved and kept you,  
Do not fail to tell men so!

### 'TIS BETTER FAR TO LAUGH!

Laugh! it is better far to laugh  
And fling life's cares away;  
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And then the laugh will banish pain,  
And soften every care;  
And loud will echo the refrain:—  
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Laugh! and the oftener that you laugh,  
The healthier you will be;  
So laugh and sing, and sing and laugh,  
Rejoicing merrily!  
And then the laugh will banish pain,  
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Laugh! and the World will also laugh,  
And joy will fill the earth,  
And Youth and Age alike will laugh,  
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And when my life has compassed its brief span  
I must return to that mysterious source.  
So let me gather daily on my course  
The perfume from the blossoms as I pass,  
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Back to God's sea, from which all rivers rise.  
Let me convey, not blood from wounded hearts,  
Nor poison which the upas tree imparts.  
When over flowery vales I leap with joy,  
Let me not devastate them, nor destroy;  
But rather leave them fairer to the sight;  
Mine be the lot to comfort and delight.  
And if down awful chasms I needs must leap  
Let me not murmur at any lot, but sweep  
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I thought it only happened so;  
But time this truth has taught me—  
No least thing from my life can go  
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It is the law, complete, sublime;  
And now, with faith unshaken,  
In patience I but wait my time  
When any joy is taken.

No matter if the crushing blow  
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—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

## THE INWARD LIFE

By J. H. Lucas

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ONE whose mind has never been awakened to the discovery and appreciation of interior and spiritual realities cannot understand the deep and beautiful import of the aphorism, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." And though it is a fundamental truth it is on a plane above the groveling, earthly mind; and for this reason the darkened understanding, swayed by material thought, does not relish it. But in order to arrive at a correct conclusion concerning it we should know what is meant by this statement—whether the kingdom of heaven is objective or subjective.

The life we now live in the material body, considered in its external aspect, has its temporary, physical and objective form. In a word, it is outward. It is subject to pain, turmoil and disappointment. The spiritually unenlightened, the natural man, has ever been looking for permanent satisfaction by the exploration and the appropriation of the objective and the temporary, because his thoughts and sympathy are in external and deceptive appearances. It, therefore, follows that as his loves and delights are derived from unsubstantial things they are as fleeting as the morning dew, because in the very order of things, material things and their relations to one another are ever changing, and as the foundation is perishable, so the joy is short-lived and disappointing.

But in regard to the Kingdom of Heaven, it is altogether different both in character and permanence. It is not material and temporal, but spiritual and eternal, and one cannot dwell therein nor have it within himself unless he think, speak and act from the true sphere of thought and affection, and, of course, the thought and affection are within. Those who in their inward life think from the earthly and sensual it follows that the Kingdom of Heaven is not within them. We judge of the interior character of a tree by its fruits. If the fruits thereof are good we say the tree is good. So of man in regard to his inward life, if he live the golden rule, if justice and uniform kindness and unselfishness rule his conduct and shine forth in his daily life toward his fellow-men, we know that we can say to such a man in truth: "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." When we give the outward life and works of such a man an intelligent, unbiased examination we have an assurance that they proceed from good thoughts and just principles.

In the light of these things no statement in moral philosophy is truer than the conclusion of one of the ancient wise ones, "As a man thinketh so is he." The thoughts come forth from the intellectual and moral state of the mind. Revengeful thoughts rankle in the hearts of those filled with hatred. Pure thoughts, like a wellspring of life, flow forth from the pure in heart.

Those who lead a moral life because of an inward desire and love of it for its own sake; those who practice kindness, live in charity toward all, and in their interior being delight in all goodness, these have the Kingdom of Heaven within.

## Heaven

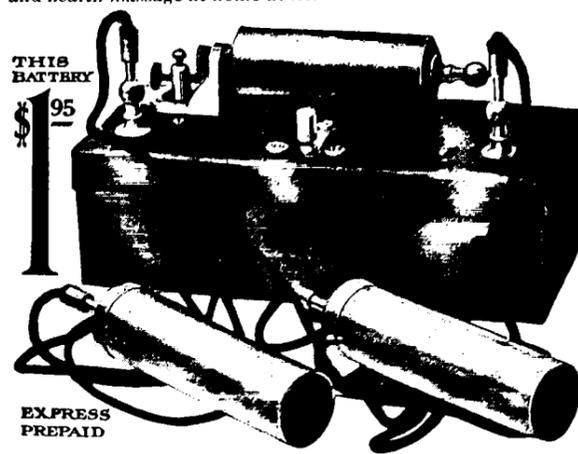
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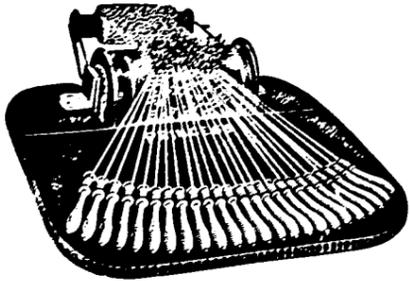
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When seething waters round me roll,  
When friends and kindred part,  
Hope still the anchor of my soul,  
The solace of my heart.  
And when life's joys grow daily less  
And dang'rous foes are near,  
With Faith, that always brings success,  
**I'll Hope and Persevere!**

When Fortune frowns, and folds her arms,  
And hides her smiling face,  
Hope gives to each misfortune charms,  
And to affliction grace.  
And when my Faith begins to fail,  
When fond hopes disappear,  
And efforts prove of no avail,  
**I'll Hope and Persevere!**

O Gentle Hope! how dear were life  
Without thy cheering rays!  
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I see the Golden Days.  
And if at times there come no rest,  
No friend to give me cheer,  
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The Road of Life

(AN ALLEGORY)

It was twilight. A stilly silence reigned. I sat alone under the spreading boughs of an old elm tree, listening dreamily to the last song of the birds. Hand in hand with memory I saw the first blush of youth, with its wild enthusiasm, with its hopes, ideals and aspirations. Then came the breaking of a dream which shattered beauty, love and truth, leaving in their place the cold, bare ruins of an ordinary existence. Then I fell asleep, and in that sleep I had a dream.

I saw before me a straight but rough road with many side streets, and people setting forth on a journey I knew not whither; I followed until I came to a street called "Fame." Here many were running, some were walking, others were resting by the wayside; at the far end of the street were some very steep steps, and having, after some difficulty, climbed them, I saw a throne, above which was written in letters of gold the word "Fame." Here a beautiful woman sat, whose perfect figure was draped in soft white folds. She could see the struggles of the climbers; she could see the weariness of the weak; she could see the utter failure of some of the laggards; but cold, stern, motionless she sat. Those who reached the throne knelt eagerly at her feet, but as soon as they received their crown of laurels I marked a sudden change on their faces. While enthusiasm, excitement and eagerness had been previously expressed, just as easily could one discern discontent, disappointment and dejection. I then found my way to the "Straight Road" again and walked quickly until I came to a street called "Wealth." Deep in thought I followed a crowd of eager men; some fought with each other; some ran, others were kept behind by the more determined; and when I finally arrived at the end of the street I saw a man, proud, selfish, gluttonous, seated upon a throne. His hands clutched greedily bags of gold; and as each man came up to him every coin that fell from his hands gave out sparks of fire. Suddenly there was great disputing; some were dissatisfied, some struggled with each other, but the god of wealth sat unconcerned, indifferent, pitiless. Men stole from their neighbors, they cursed their being, cursed their wealth, which burned and blistered the palms of their hands, cursed their fate; and utterly sickened by the sight I turned to leave when I found I had lost my way.

I wandered disconsolately to and fro not knowing which way to turn, when suddenly a bright light was cast across my path. I looked up and saw a tall woman, perfect in beauty, enveloped in a strange, mystic light. She smiled, and I asked her the way to the "Straight Road." Her eyes looked deep into mine, and she asked: "Do you truly desire to reach that road?"

"Yes," I answered.  
"The way is long and sometimes difficult. Are you prepared for the journey?"

"I know not whither it leads, but I found it straighter than these by-streets."

"You answer well; it is the only way to Peace, Knowledge and Love."

"Then direct me," I cried eagerly. "I am weary searching for Peace. I have tried Fame, but find that unsatisfying; Wealth have I had, but to me it was a curse; I have proved Pleasure, but find that an illusion. I am sick at heart; show me where I might find Love, for that I have missed."

"My name is Faith; if you will trust me I will lead you thither."

"I trust you," I cried.  
We passed many dark and dreary lanes; but at last the "Straight Road" came in sight, and my heart grew lighter. We walked in silence.

I was thinking of Love which I had scorned; and having pursued empty pleasures I now determined to have Peace in Love. As we walked on, musing, suddenly I heard a voice in my ear. Turning round I beheld a woman, radiantly beautiful, walking at my side. From her bewitching eyes she threw upon me a glance which seemed to penetrate to the depths of my soul.

"My name is Pleasure," said she. "I have come to take you to a land of song and laughter."

Faith looked at me pleadingly, and I answered: "Nay, I have already pledged my word to Faith. I am going to a land of Love."

"Love?" and Pleasure laughed scornfully. "If you come with me I can also take you to a land of Love."

I hesitated.  
Then out spake Faith:

"Decide now; choose between us. We can both give you Love. Pleasure can give you the Love of desire; mine is the Love of Purity; Pleasure's love fades away, but mine is infinite, unchangeable, eternal. Choose now."

I looked at Pleasure, who was now bathed in perfect beauty, but I turned to Faith and said: "I still trust you."

Pleasure gave an artificial, cynical laugh, but at that moment a brilliant light shone forth, and I heard a voice, gentle and loving, saying:

"Thou hast chosen wisely. This is the only way to Truth and Life."

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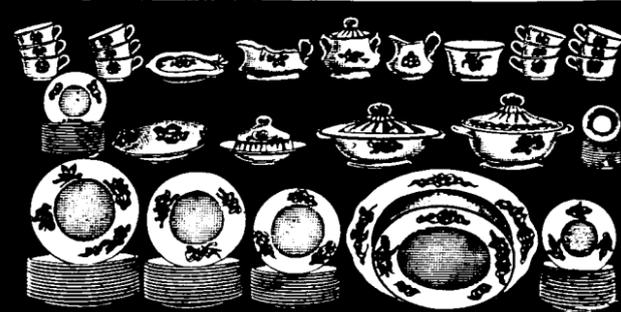
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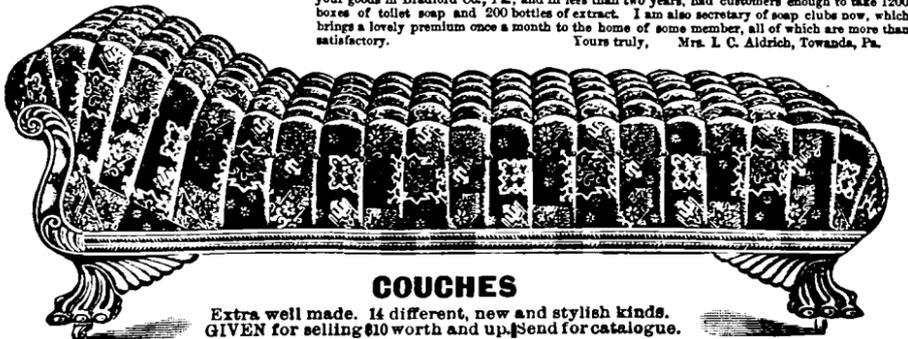
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ears; and as we came nearer the light grew strong—so that at times perchance I should have fallen not Faith upheld me. The music grew louder, heavenly voices chanted, and in my eagerness I clapped Faith's hand, and when I looked for her she had vanished. In her stead I saw three angels, who greeted me with great joy, saying: "Come, beloved, we will take you to the God of heaven. He waits for you. Come!"

The vision faded. I awoke, dazed and startled. The stars were looking down upon me, the birds had ceased to rest, and it was night—peaceful night. I was alone with nature and my dream. I realized that Faith was the first step toward that which is the best and best, namely, Love—realized that all her aims were vain if not dominated by a pure love.—*Lily Boyd.*

**Power**

COULDEST thou know Power? Know thyself and live  
One with the only Source that can true Power give  
You dost incarnate all the Powers that be;  
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forces, beyond all Earth's, in thee, thy earth provide:  
Greater than Ocean's, surge through thy unconscious tide.  
God's very Breath of Life, breathes in thy every breath;  
His Fire Consuming, keeps thy flame from death.

Thus Earth and Water, Air and Fire, blend  
One mighty Power, through each worthy end  
Ever onward, outward:  
Be silent! Use it well!  
And Truths man hath not known  
Thy life shall tell.

*Brother C.*

**When Two Are Old**

THEIR love-light still is shining,  
A tranquil afterglow;  
They scan the dim, sweet vista  
Of joyous Long Ago;  
Where outlived griefs and gladness,  
Past many a year and long,  
Seem shadows of a shadow  
And echoes of a song.

—*Grace Hodsdon Boutelle.*

"Oh, help us that these faces of our own be peace and joy and strength and sunny summer days to our friends."

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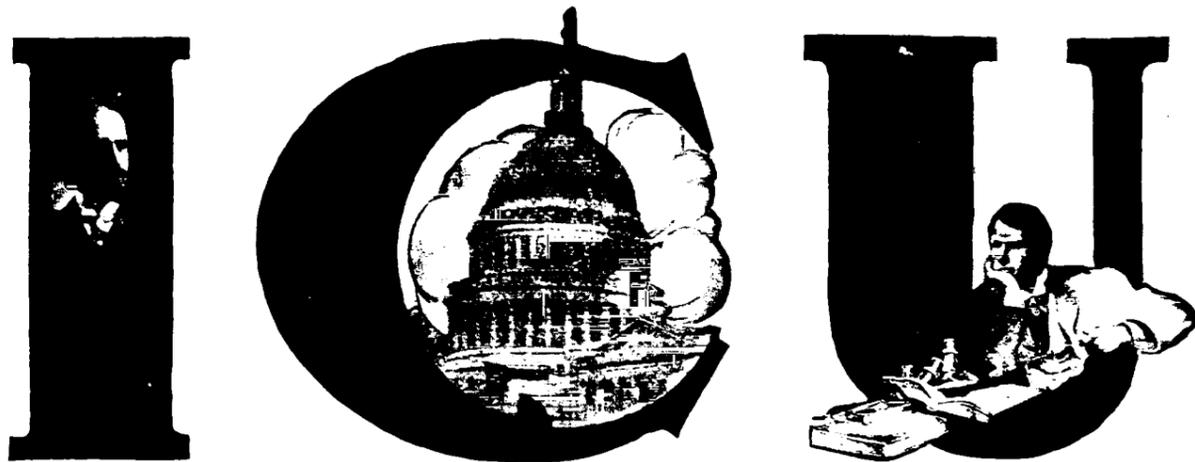
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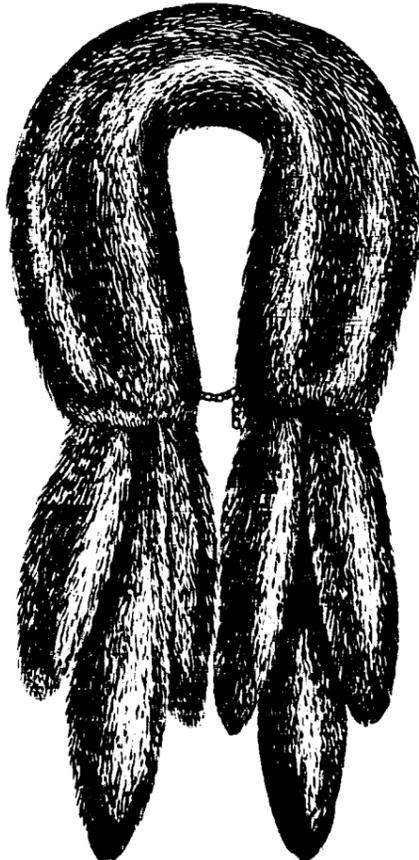
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"That which exists is one; Sages call it variously."—*Rig-Veda, I. 164. 46.*

INVOCATION

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, grant me understanding, knowledge and wisdom to write here words of Truth, Love and Hope. O blessed guardian angel! I ask thee for light from the Angel spheres, and may thy guides and controls guard my mind and hand, that nothing but the Truth may be written. All for the glory of God, the Holy Spirit and the Holy Angels. Amen.

**W**E are all eternal children of one Father, God.

Deep down in our eternal souls, wherein dwelleth the eternal God, the question is never asked what our religion is, whether we are Deists, or Atheists, whether Christians, Jews or Buddhists.

Knowest thou this one blessed truth: thou art eternal, without beginning or end: this is the one truth that will free thy mind from all illusions and delusions.

Thou art always (eternally) one with the Blessed One; that which is eternal and universal and remains unchanged and unqualified in all circumstances, which is not limited in time, space or being, which has no real personality and is yet present in all alike, in the sensible and the insensible beings. That continuous unchangeable substance which is above the relative world, whose consciousness pervades the whole universe, who is Infinity itself and whose eternal existence is the cause of this changeful creation—thou, beloved, art that.

Thou art really eternal with the eternal One, and not knowing this truth is wherein lieth thy captivity and all thy woe and misery.

The knowledge of this one truth of oneness with the All, produces freedom, peace, power, bliss and plenty; the thought of separateness and thought of individuality binds and grinds the soul.

My son! if thou seekest freedom and salvation, then put aside all thought that thou art separate or

attached to this or that, or that thou art separate from the One who ruleth and governeth all things.

The royal road to freedom, peace, power and supreme bliss is in our consciousness that we are one with God. As a matter of truth the essence of all is one with the eternal and universal God.

The notion of duality is the cause of all our woe and misery. The blessed state of eternal peace and bliss is reached only when we know we are all eternally one—all the Children of one eternal All-Father-Mother, of perfect love and compassion.

If thou canst love all and know all are one in God thou wilt repose in thy purer and higher consciousness and enjoy full and complete peace and bliss.

Oh, the bliss of knowing that thou dost belong one with the All! Thou art then free from everything and the real perceiver of the eternal universe.

All thy miseries are the mere thoughts of thine own mind: that thou art separate or apart from the Blessed One (God).

Thou art really the seer and knower of all, because thou art all there is. Thy misery cometh to thee because thou beholdest thyself separate and apart from the All. "Thou beholdest the seer (you) otherwise than it is, and therein lies thy captivity."

The sages and prophets say: "The seer is the universal 'I' or the Logos, and the individual consciousness is but a finite particle of it. The difference between the Higher and the Lower states of consciousness is that the Higher Consciousness (the God within each soul) beholds the universe as one with itself, whereas the Lower state of mind recognizes its own self as being limited by its *own body* and, therefore, apart from the rest of the sentient universe. The one *undivided* consciousness of the Logos or soul is alike reflected in all sentient beings, and it is the individual mind which, forgetting its true and higher self is attached to the perishable body."

So the mind when it merges completely into the eternal and universal Soul or Spirit, comes into consciousness of its oneness with all there is and forever rests in peace, power and bliss.

"Know thyself to be the One, the Pure and Ab-

solute consciousness, and by the fire of such determination destroy the meshes (cage) of thy ignorance. Thus saved from the hands of sorrow, be thou happy."

So all Masters and conscious Sons of God have always earnestly taught brotherly love, because through eternal and universal love we reach freedom and bliss.

O son! long, long hast thou lived in the notion of good and evil and been attached to the idea that some brothers are saints and others are sinners and have kept thyself bound and sorrowful. See all beings as one, as children of one great God of love, and soon all will be freed, and in the blessed blissful state. Thus you will perceive thyself and all selves as eternal and one with the eternal One which pervades all space.

And herein is all the truth that gods, angels, sages, seers and prophets have ever sought to teach: that we are all eternal children of one eternal God of perfect love; that as we live in love for *all*, knowing our oneness, to that extent we will be free and saved from all the woes and miseries of life.

And to reach oneness and peace and bliss there is no simpler or better way than to begin to live the Christ-life as taught by our blessed Lord and Master, Jesus.

*Take . . . no thought for the morrow.*—MATT. vi, 34.

Strength for the day is all that we need,  
As there will never be a to-morrow,  
For to-morrow will be but another day,  
With its measure of joy and of sorrow.

Then why be forecasting the trials of life  
With so sad and so grievous persistence?  
Why anxiously wait for the coming of ills  
That never may have an existence?

Far better to trust to the wisdom and love  
Of the Providence ever beside us,  
With no anxious thought what the future may bring,  
For He guides all events that betide us.

As in mercy He guides every bird in its flight,  
And gives to each lily its beauty,  
He will surely provide for our every need,  
If we trust and are faithful in duty.

—Philip Doddridge.

I trust him who trusts God.

To be good company for ourselves, we must store our minds well, fill them with happy and pure thoughts, with pleasant memories of the past and reasonable hopes for the future.



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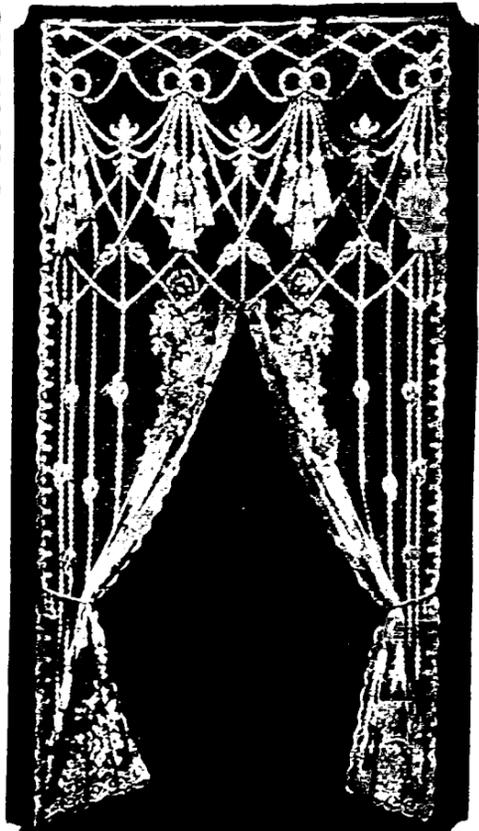
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"Who feels within his veins the throbbing pulse  
Of power and purpose bidding him to dare,  
And yielding to the message, treads down fear,  
Rendering in scorn his own innate despair,  
He is the nobleman!"

**I** WANT to tell you a true story.  
Upon a steamer homeward bound across  
the blue waters from Europe was a woman.  
She was alone but never seemed lonely.  
Majestic in face and figure, stately in bearing,  
with clear, steady eyes through which  
the soul looked out serenely into the outer world,  
she attracted the pleased attention of those around  
her, yet never familiarity.

The ship was crowded with passengers. The parting  
with friends over, they clustered together here  
and there, chatting and laughing gaily, while the  
shining sky above and the sparkling waters beneath  
and around seemed to give a buoyant sense of  
security. And then a change came swiftly.  
Through some misunderstanding of signals, or care-  
lessness, ere yet the shores they had left had faded  
utterly in the distance, there was a collision, so  
sudden, so unexpected, that after the first crush,  
all human life was stilled into a silence throbbing  
with its very intensity. It was broken by the rapid  
orders of the officers to the ship's men, mingled with  
the screams of the frightened passengers. The  
scene was—it must have been—an appalling one.

The smaller boat sunk immediately with all on  
board, and the sea rolled calmly over them. The  
side of the larger boat was crushed in, the question  
of moment was, whether with its cargo of life it  
could be kept afloat until help should come in answer  
to the firing of the guns that told the story of  
distress and peril. The ship was yet under control  
of the crew and was headed toward the shore it had  
left.

Through all of the confusion, the rushing to and  
fro of the terrified men and women, the loud out-  
cries of some, the quiet despair of others, the frantic  
appeals to God for help, the woman of whom I have  
written stood calm, serene, unappalled. When she  
spoke, as she sometimes did, it was in quiet, even  
tones that had their influence upon those she ad-  
dressed. She urged a reliance upon the ever-present  
love and care of the Father, but it was in a few con-  
fident words that carried with them a force which  
had its effect.

In the group around her quiet was restored, and  
to many courage appeared to return. When, as I  
am told, a moment came, that all hope seemed to go,  
still she remained undisturbed, and in her eyes  
shone the light of an unflinching spirit.

I will not stop to tell the story of their rescue, how  
all were saved from the scarcely floating steamer  
and carried to comfort and safety. Later when the  
flurry of landing had subsided, a man who was one  
of the passengers went to this woman at her hotel  
and asked an interview.

"I have come," he said, "to see if you will tell  
me the secret of the heroism which you exhibited  
yesterday. It was not simply that you were calm;  
not that you sought to calm the others, nor what I  
should call your religious sentiment, but you seemed  
in very truth absolutely unafraid, as serene as if  
seated in your own parlor, and I could not under-  
stand that kind of courage."

"I was unafraid," she replied, "and I will gladly  
tell you why. In my study of human life, I long  
ago became convinced that what the ancient philo-  
sophers taught, is absolutely true, namely, that  
fear is the destroyer of all which is worth possess-  
ing, of the hope that inspires, of the joy that is our  
natural heritage. It poisons everything. Under  
its deadening influence, the force of our efforts is  
diminished and oftentimes lost. I resolved, there-  
fore, to train myself to fear nothing. Out of my  
daily speech I cut that easily spoken and most  
common sentence, 'I am afraid,' entirely. I came  
to understand that if there is a Power which  
governs all things, and if it is true that 'in Him we  
live and move and have our being' I ought finally  
to obtain such a power of self-control that I should  
not fear even imminent death. And I did not, as  
you saw. The habit of not being afraid is a wonder-  
ful helper at all times, but especially at a critical  
moment like that.

"Then there was another thing, which, perhaps,  
you will not accept. If evolution be true—and who  
of intelligence doubts that now?—there are beings  
in the Seen and Unseen, who have gone far beyond  
the generality on the pathway of the soul. This is  
logical, for there must be the same differences of  
attainment all along the line of evolving humanity.  
Personally, I believe they guide and help us far  
oftener than we imagine.

"While I stood there on deck, surrounded by  
those frightened people, trying to realize that we  
were one with the Infinite Father, and therefore  
safe, suddenly I seemed to hear these words as  
clearly as I hear you speak: 'There is no more  
fear. Help is coming!' There was none in  
me, but as sure of the outcome as when we

**How to Wash Clothes  
in Six Minutes**

**H**ERE'S a Washing Machine that almost  
works itself.

The tub spins half way around, like  
a top.  
There's a pivot in center of Tub bottom.  
And there is a groove, around the pivot.  
In this groove, or track, there are ball bear-  
ings, like in a Bicycle wheel.

These Bicycle Bearings are little steel balls  
the size of small marbles. They roll in the track  
when the tub spins around on top of them.

All the weight of the Tub, and of the Clothes  
rests on these rolling balls.

That's why the Tub spins as easily when full  
of Clothes and water, as when it is empty.

So that a whole tub full of Clothes can be  
washed almost as easily and as quickly, with this  
machine, as a single garment could be washed.

"How does it wash Clothes, you ask."

See the two Springs under the Tub?

When you swing the Tub to the right (with  
handle at top) you stretch both these Springs, till  
the Tub goes half way around.

Then, the stretched Springs pull the Tub  
back from right with a bounce, and carry it  
almost half way around on the left side. Then  
the springs bounce it back to the right side again.

A little help is needed from you each time.  
But the Springs, and the Ball Bearings, do nearly  
all of the hard work.

Now, if you look inside the Tub you'll see  
slat paddles fastened to its bottom.

Fill the Tub half full of hot soapy water.  
Then spin it to the right. The slat paddles make  
the water turn around with the Tub till the  
Springs stop the Tub from turning further to  
the right and bounce it back suddenly to the left.

But the water keeps on running to the right,  
though the Tub, and the clothes in it, are now  
turning to the left.

Thus, the swift driving of this soapy water  
through the clothes, at each half turn, washes the  
dirt out of the threads without any rubbing.

Mind you, without rubbing, which means  
without wearing, the clothes.

It's the rubbing on washboards, and on other  
Washing Machines, that wears out clothes quicker  
than hard use at hard labor.

That costs money for clothes, doesn't it?

And the everlasting rubbing is the hardest  
work in Washing, isn't it? Rubbing dirty  
clothes on a metal washboard with one's knuc-  
kles, over a tub of steaming hot water, is harder  
work, and more dangerous to health, than dig-  
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through the clothes that takes all the dirt out of  
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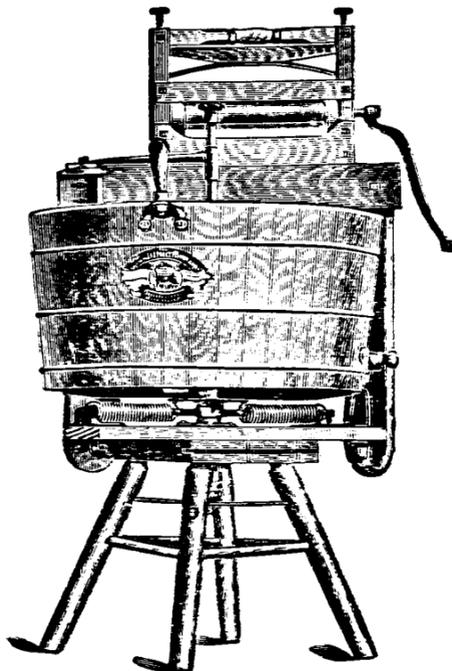
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pay us a cent till you have tested the "1900  
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will ship it to you free, on a month's trial, and  
leave the test to you. And we will pay the freight  
both ways, out of our own pockets. That shows  
how sure we are that the "1900 Washer" will do  
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If you don't find it does better washing, in  
half the time, than you can wash by hand, send  
it back to us. If you don't find it saves more  
than half the wear on clothes, send it back to us.  
If you don't find it washes clothes as easily as  
you could rock a cradle, or run a sewing  
machine, send it back to us. If it won't wash  
dirty clothes in six minutes, send it back to us.

Remember, we will pay the freight both ways  
out of our own pockets. You don't even say  
you'll buy it, till you have used it a full month,  
and know all about it. Isn't that a pretty  
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How could we profit by that offer unless our  
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Don't slave over the wash-tub any more.  
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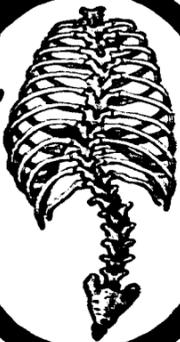
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This was the story as told to me by one who knew it to be true. I have repeated it here for a purpose.

What is that purpose?

We are entering upon a New Year, another cycle of that time included between what we call life and death.

Our progress along the evolutionary path toward the "secret place of the Most High" depends upon the growth of character we make during each of these cycles.

We can only grow in proportion as we dismiss fear out of our lives, and take in its place, Faith, Hope and Charity, the three together being included in, and identical with, Love.

The story which I have told illustrates the power which comes from the self-training that allows entrance to no thought of fear. It was the real experience of one known to many as a most earnest exponent of the old thought become new, which teaches the possibility of so mastering the lower self that the higher mind shall control the life. The degree of that control depends upon ourselves, our own effort.

The New Year is a good time to think about these things and to Resolve. We laugh about New Year resolutions, because too often their basis is sand that falls away when trial comes. And yet, even though this be true, I believe their making brings some good to the character. This is an old saying in the Voice of the Silence: "Learn that no efforts, not the smallest—whether in right or wrong direction—can vanish from the world of causes. Even wasted smoke remains not traceless."

Yet it is not necessary that resolutions bear no fruit. It depends upon the intensity of desire in the individual. This must be strong enough to concentrate the will upon the purpose. It must be held in the thought, must be the hourly and daily companion. If it be to overcome fear, whenever the "I am afraid" comes to the surface, its power must be instantly denied and the omnipresence of good be affirmed, and this must be done until the latter becomes the ingrained habit. It was this habit that held the one I speak of in the "region of calm"—this and the conviction that she was thought of and cared for by those who have attained the height and the access of power which comes with such attainment.

In the beginning of this New Year, then, RESOLVE: First—I will cease to say "I am afraid" of anything whatever, and will not allow myself to dwell with fearsome thought.

Second—I will endeavor to see the good in all things, in every happening, in the people whom I meet, even in the disappointments and the trials which may enter into my life.

Third—I will have the Faith which is certainty, that through obedience to the highest law of my being which I know, I may have health, prosperity and happiness.

In making these resolutions let us remember that there are forces upon the mental plane that will always cause us to suffer unless we conquer them, and then they become "our willing and obedient servants." When we realize this and put forth the power which is ours through the real presence of the Higher Self, there will be for us the dawning of the New Day.

Oh, human soul! so long as thou canst so  
Set up a mark of everlasting light  
Above the howling sense's ebb and flow  
To cheer thee, to right thee if thou roam,  
Not with lost toil thou laborest.

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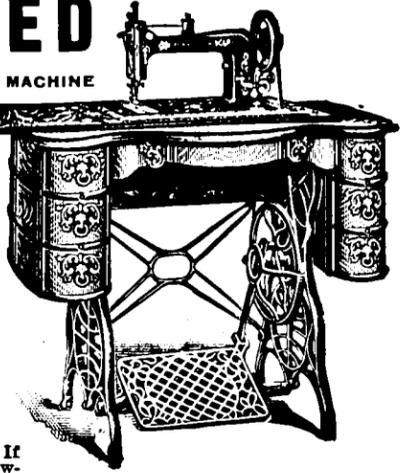
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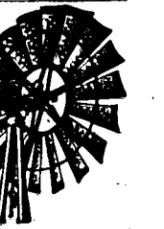


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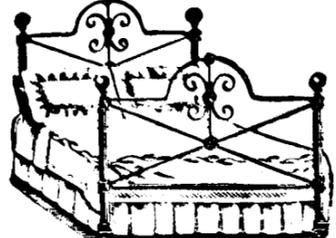
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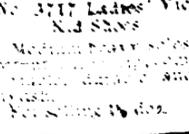
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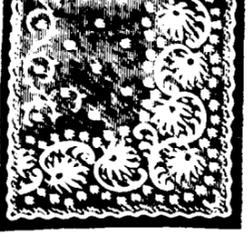
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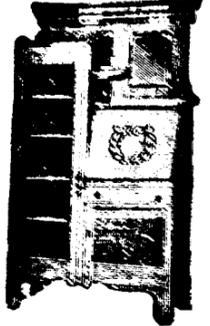
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None made better than the "Universal"; a household necessity. For selling 1 doz.



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Fine French felt, beautiful hackle breast, large velvet bow, fancy buckle, etc.; all colors. For selling 1 doz.



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Oak frame, finely polished, best stripe velour upholstery; a perfect reclining chair. For selling 1 doz.



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Fine quality, in white, 72x84 in., neat patterns. For selling 1 doz.



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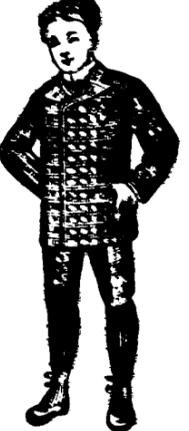
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2-piece, double-breasted, medium heavy cheviot, well made, neatly trimmed. For selling 1 doz.



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Large oval French plate mirror, base 20x24, weight 125 lbs. For selling 6 doz.



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**No. 4030—Reed Rocker**  
Full size, very comfortable, elegant finish, strongly made and perfectly balanced. For selling 2 doz.



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Good quality chenille, 3 ribs, long, beautiful patterns in red, blue or green. For selling 2 doz.



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Full size, beautiful mahogany finish, excellent tone, a genuine Lyon & Healy instrument. For selling 2 doz.



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Solid oak, well made and beautifully finished, new pattern top, 42x62 inches when closed. For selling 4 doz.



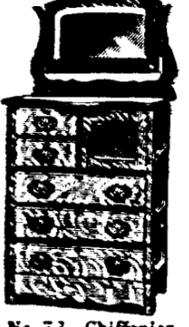
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8 day, half hour strike, correct timepiece, oak case, 22 in. high, 6 in. dial. For selling 2 doz.



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Patent spring extension, 14-inch hand decorated dome shade—20 prisms, complete. For selling 2 doz.



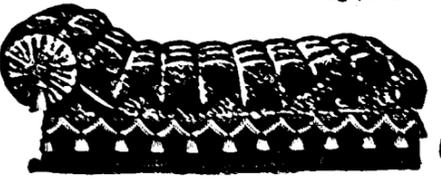
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Well built, beautifully finished, showy design, glass top, 22x44, bevel plate mirror 14x24, weight 180 lbs. For selling 7 doz.



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Neat shell pattern, good quality, wear forever; 6 knives, 6 forks, in satin-lined case. For selling 1 doz.



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Hardwood frame, best figured velour covering in attractive colors; size 28x76; spring edge, seat and head. For selling 3 doz.



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Send me six jars "Mother's Salve" and Premium List, both by mail, postpaid. I will try my best to sell them and select premium later.

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**A Dream**

I DREAMED, and saw a vast plain, scattered over which were large numbers of men and women, some busily employed, others standing idle. In the distant parts of the field the workers were few and far apart, but near at hand were many.

Somehow I knew this was the King's field, and the workers were His servants.

Close by were a group busily digging in an immense heap of mud, from which they took small and very dirty stones. These they cleaned and polished, till some of them shone brilliantly. These stones, I knew in my dream, were some of the King's treasures, buried by an enemy under this load of filth.

Hard, dirty work it was, and very tired some of the diggers looked. Many were helping—men, women and children; but many more were idly looking on. Close to me sat a young lady, working slowly and discontentedly at a piece of fancy work, which presently she began pulling to pieces.

"Why do you destroy your work?" I asked her.

"Oh," she said, "I am only doing it for amusement. I have nothing to do."

"Nothing to do? Why not join some of these people in their help? Help to polish the King's treasures, for instance."

"What! Hard, common work like that! I should not like it at all."

"It is the King's work. Are you not His servant?"

"Well, I suppose so." She spoke doubtfully.

No wonder she did not care to work, if she was not sure who was her Master.

I turned next to a man whose eyes were on a distant part of the field.

"They seem short of workers over there," I suggested. "As you are doing nothing you might go and help them."

"Charity begins at home," answered he, with the air of one quoting Scripture. "There is plenty to be done near at hand."

"Yes, indeed. This company of workers close by would be glad of your aid."

"No," said he very decidedly. "Their spades are not all the same shape. Some of them are of quite a wrong pattern. I could not work with them."

And I left him bemoaning because so little was done.

Another man was looking disapprovingly at my digging friends.

"They are working much too hard," he said. "They will be worn out. It is quite wrong of them."

They were indeed working hard, for the mountain of mud grew larger before our eyes, and it still held many of the King's jewels, which he was anxious to recover.

"Why don't you help them?" said I. "If you did your share someone else might rest a little."

"It's not in my line," said he. "I have no talent for that work." (What a pity fault-finding can be done without any talent!)

"But," he went on, "they really ought not to work so hard."

"Will the King be angry with them, do you think?" said I.

"Well, no," said he rather unwillingly. "I expect when the King comes He will say to them, 'Well done!'"

"And what will He say to you?" said I.

But he made me no answer. So I awoke, with my own question ringing in my ears.—*Herald of Peace.*

**Onward**

THE watchword of the age is "Onward!  
Onward to the goal!"  
To heights beyond, eternal Progress,  
Ever leads the soul!

Through the night of superstition  
Truth her lantern lifts,  
By its light man made discerning,  
Right from error sifts.

Wider grows the world's horizon,  
Uncouth fables fade,  
And the nations urged to honor  
Cannot retrograde.

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—Susie M. Best.

**THE KINGS OF THE SOAP INDUSTRY**



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The Wolverine Soap Co. are manufacturers, pure and simple.

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It is called the profit-sharing plan, and virtually makes you a partner in the business. It is the system that Andrew Carnegie, the Steel King, originated, and which made many of his employees millionaires by a stroke of the pen.

Financial backing is the greatest need of every ambitious man or woman who attempts to start in business. The majority of those who start with limited means and no backing go to the wall. It isn't every day—and it isn't more than once in a lifetime—that a great Manufacturing Corporation gives both men and women a chance to do business on its capital. But owing to the unusual conditions surrounding the Wolverine Soap Co.'s business, whose remarkable growth keeps everyone connected with the Company busy at the manufacturing end, the opportunity is open to bright, energetic men and women to practically go into business on the Wolverine Soap Co.'s money.

The Sales Department has been completely reorganized. A system of Branch Offices is being opened in all parts of the country, in charge of Local Managers, upon whom devolves the whole responsibility of employing, training and directing general agents, sub-agents, solicitors and canvassers.

These Branch Managers have no soliciting, no canvassing to do; they are the Authorized Representatives of the Wolverine Soap Co., with Full Power to Employ or Dismiss their subordinates, and to manage the affairs of the Company in their territory.

**Branch Offices Retain their Profits**

The goods are charged up to the Branch Offices at the manufacturer's wholesale price—a very small margin above actual cost of production. This gives the Branch Office the big end of the profit—a profit so large that we hesitate to state in this public manner what it is, but will be glad to advise you confidentially when you write us. Suffice it to say that it gives you a chance to make just as big a percentage of profit as the millionaire soap men—Swift or Fairbanks or Kirk—make, and it's all yours.

The volume of business of the Wolverine Soap Co. is so large that the very small manufacturing profit we make from the sales through Branch Offices reach a satisfactory total at the end of the year.

We like to have our Local Managers and agents make lots of money—we want them to get the big end of the deal, because that will influence them to stay in the business from year to year, and make them loyal to the interests of the Company.

Reports from the Branch Offices already opened up are coming in every day, showing the remarkable success of our new selling system. We never sell to stores, but our entire output is sold direct to the consumer through our own Local Managers and Canvassing Agents.

Mr. John M. Winslow, Manager of our Branch Office at Richmond, Ind., writes:

"I have several hundred customers who cannot be induced to use any other soap but yours, and I will sell at least \$5,000.00 worth of your goods within the next six months; so you can easily see what my profits will be. Ship me 50 boxes at once."

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"Enclosed find check for \$204.00 as pay-

ment for this order of soaps. I have a number of people canvassing for me, and my next order will be for a carload, as my trade is increasing daily. Hoping that you will make prompt shipment, that I can make delivery of goods as promised my customers."

But the letter that pleases us best of all is one that just came in from one of our Lady Branch Managers, Mrs. R. Q. Wisdell, of Hamilton County, Ohio, who says:

"Since opening up the Branch Office of the Wolverine Soap Co. here I have earned enough to support myself and daughter and pay off a mortgage on our home. I now have a regular trade established that brings me a steady income. The business is pleasant and very profitable."

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**Big Chance for Canvassing Agents**

Our new plan also makes room in our great selling organization for 5,000 Local Canvassing Agents, both men and women, on the most liberal profit-sharing proposition ever offered. The Local Canvassing Agency puts you in the direct line of promotion to the position of Branch Manager, and leads straight on to the highest salaried places in the Home Office.

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We manufacture a full line of the

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To-day the great Banks and Express Companies, the big commercial agencies of Dun and Bradstreet, and leading financiers everywhere, know of our success and will tell you all about us.

**How to Make Money**

Our free book, "How to Make Money," should be in the hands of every ambitious man and woman in America.

You can make \$2,500.00 a year just as well as \$1,500.00, and become a leader in business in your community by promptly taking hold of this money-making opportunity.

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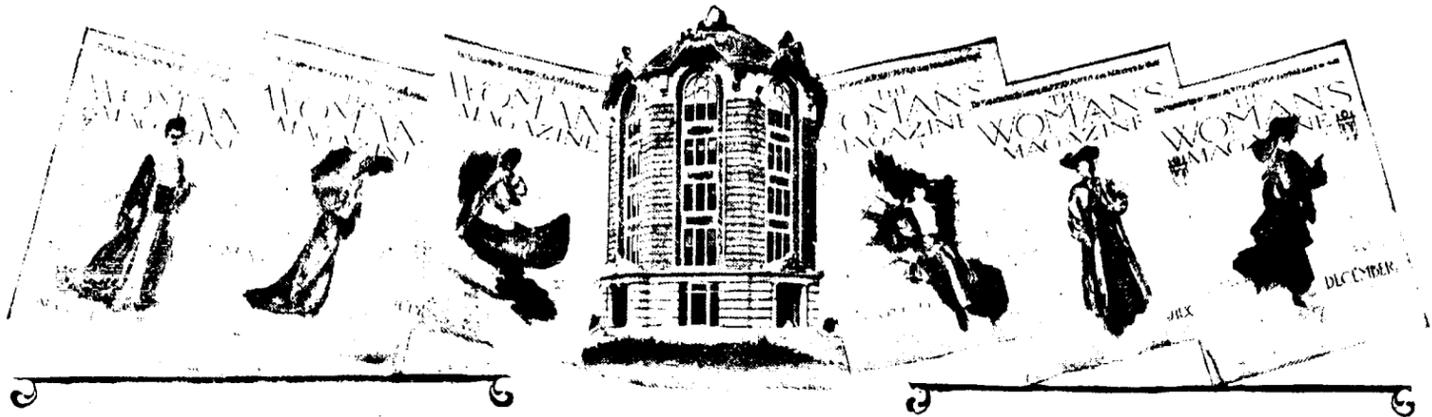
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