

TEACHERS WORK MIRACLE WITH GIRL

Do you believe that the age of miracles has passed? Then read the story of Ruby Miller.

Ruby Miller was born at Columbia, S. C. At the age of two years, as the result of an attack of scarlet fever, she lost her hearing and eyesight. Her parents kept her with them until she was six years old, and was then persuaded to send her to Cedar Springs, the South Carolina school for the deaf and blind. By this time she had forgotten the few words she had learned when she was stricken, and was, in truth, but a little animal, incapable of expressing any want or need.

Skilled, devoted teachers took her in charge. They made slow progress at first, and in fact made no progress at all for more than a year. But finally they penetrated the double veil, and behind the darkness and the silence they found a living, loving human soul and began to develop it. Ruby Miller is now about sixteen years old. She is as well educated as most girls of her age. She reads and writes proficiently; she has some knowledge of music; she knows history and geography and mathematics; and above all she is happy in being alive.

She talks with her vocal cords, having learned to do so holding her fingers on the lips and throat of others who were talking. Her friends talk to her by means of the finger alphabet. She is a well developed, normal, happy girl, with the exception that she cannot see and she cannot hear any sound.

She has the same feelings as other girls of her age. She knows love and jealousy and fear, and hatred—not of persons but of evil things. Do you know any greater miracle ever wrought than this in the case of this little deaf and blind girl? Was any greater thing ever done than to awaken a human soul in darkness and silence and develop it and bring into harmony with the world and to an understanding of God's love?

Truly, the loving, patient teachers at Cedar Springs have wrought a miracle.

BETTER NOT CALLED IF FAILURE RESULTS

If the disarmament conference does not result in an agreement among the nations of the earth to greatly reduce their armies and navies, it would have been better if the conference had never been called.

The hopes of the people of the earth have been raised to a high pitch. The rank and file of the people of every country believe that wars are no longer necessary, and that an agreement to end wars can be made.

Such an agreement will be made if those in charge of the government will be responsive to the people they govern rather than to selfishness and greed on their own part or on the part of those who seek to control them.

The disarmament conference started out well, but a feeling of pessimism has been growing during the past few weeks. There are suggestions of discord. We are told that one country will not agree to one thing, and that another country will not agree to another thing.

It is too early to give up in despair, but we repeat: If the conference is not successful it would have been better if it had not been called.

The failure of the conference to accomplish its purpose will mean that the world has gone backward and not forward since the armistice was signed.

PENALTY OF PAST SINS BEING PAID

A lonely old man, with a white pointed beard; civilian clothes topped with a fedora hat; every vestige of military trappings gone; an old man riding alone in the dusk at Doorn, a village in Holland. This is a picture of the war lord of Europe of only four years ago.

And lonely? The Dutch citizens at Doorn say he is seldom seen. His home is surrounded by a high stone wall. He does not mingle with the people of the village and he has few visitors from Germany or elsewhere.

Thus, the penalty of past sins is being paid by the little old man who formerly boasted that "Me unt Gott will rule the World."

COUNTY AGENT HAS BUSY MONTH

Although December is supposed to be one of the slack months in the office of the county agent, the report for the month as compiled by Agent Hollibaugh do not show this to have been the case so far as his activities for the month were concerned. The summary as compiled by him for the Extension Department at the O. A. C. show that he did ten days of field work and sixteen days were put in office work. There were 78 calls made by farmers and those interested in the work. During the month he traveled 751 miles by automobile. 35 farm visits were made and there were two demonstrations. A Farm Bureau Community meeting was held during the month and four acidity tests made. Three farms were laid out into a system of three-year crop rotation.

Two dairy meetings were held during the month on the demonstration farm plan. There was a total attendance of 125 at these two meetings. Considerable time was also devoted to organizing communities for tubercular testing of dairy cattle. The work was started in the county December 5th under federal supervision. Approximately six hundred cows have been tested and three reactors reported.

One pruning demonstration was held during the month and organization was perfected through the assistance furnished by the county agent to organize the Warren Vegetable Growers' association. Approximately 15 acres were signed up to be devoted to garden and truck crop production.

An order was placed for twelve tons of powder to be distributed among the farmers at a net saving of \$360 on the pool.

USED FIFTY-SIX MILES OF GAUZE

More than 56 miles of gauze have been used in the production workrooms of the New York County Chapter of the American Red Cross during the last year in the manufacture of surgical dressings of various kinds. Surgical dressings produced in the workrooms during the period numbered 31,298. This total does not include dressings made by the Red Cross volunteer units working in various hospitals. In addition, approximately 10,000 sewn garments, 10,000 knitted garments and 2,779 miscellaneous articles were produced.

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Starting Clover Explained.

Four common methods of starting clover were explained to the Oregon farmers by G. R. Hyslop, chief of farm crops at O. A. C. Experiment station. The surest way of getting a stand in western Oregon was said to be sowing in February on fall planted grain. This is adapted to soils in good tilth where clover grows successfully. Barley is the best nurse crop, wheat good, but oats desirable. Light soils may be seeded on fall plowed lands, but the crop is often damaged by freezing. Sown with spring grain clover often fails. Inoculation is needed where no native clover or volunteer plants are growing. An application of 50 to 100 pounds land plaster per acre will help the plant through the dry season. Early winter pasturing is advised.

Continuous Grain Crop Bad.

"Outside the dry farm districts of Oregon continuous grain cropping is not a money making enterprise," notes H. D. Scudder, farm management specialist at O. A. C. "The worn-out practice of unrotated grain growing holds down the labor income on Oregon farms. The selection of the enterprise is the biggest factor in determining profits. Crops, livestock and fruit are most common in Oregon. Cash crops such as potatoes, clover, vetch and alfalfa are popular and usually successful. Pure seed grains have limited sales."

Constipation.

Constipation of the bowels is a stoppage of the sewerage system that removes waste matter from the body. It is as necessary that your bowels move regularly once each day, to carry off this waste, as it is that the waste pipes of your home be kept open and carry off the waste from the house. If you would enjoy good health, keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed.

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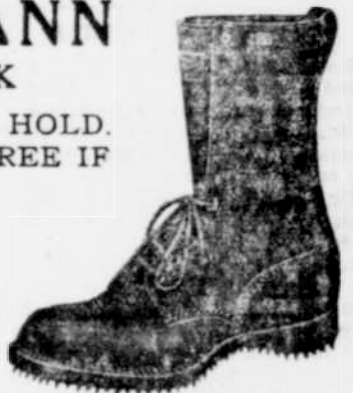
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