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## Bible Thought For Today

**USE HEAVENLY BANKS:**— Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.—Matthew 6:19-21.

## Medical Responsibility

A Massachusetts doctor who had agreed to make illegal use of his knowledge was apprehended and his license for the practice of medicine was revoked by the State Board of Registration in Medicine. He appealed to the Supreme Court of the state. The Supreme Court upheld the board. The decision of the court emphasized the "paramount right of government to protect the public by any rational means," and continued: "Soundness of moral fibre to insure the proper use of medical learning is as essential to the public health as is medical learning itself. A physician, however skillful, who is guilty of deceit, malpractice or gross misconduct in the practice of his profession, even though not amounting to an offense against criminal law, may well be thought to be pernicious in relation to the health of the community. He has no vested right to prey upon society. His license to practice constitutes no contract of that nature." "Fortunately for society and for the dignity of the medical profession, the high opinion of medical responsibility is common to doctors. The exceptions are in the minority. Where such exceptions exist they should be driven from practice for the safety of society and for the sake of the profession itself. The doctors in general do not need warning. It is the public which constantly urges the doctor to turn bootlegger, to traffic in narcotics and to perform illegal operations, which needs most to consider the menace of skill, brains and authority directed to evil purposes.

## Scrapping Diplomatic Calls

One of the many surprises about this Washington conference is that the delegates have dispensed with the "formal and official call." So passes an institution sacred from time immemorial in any place where diplomats have gathered together. In comparison with the scrapping of this ancient rite, the scrapping of navies seems almost negligible. Possibly it was the former innovation which led to the latter. While the diplomats were breaking with the past they decided they might as well go the limit—and proceeded to limit armaments. Washington stationers are lamenting. It is estimated that in the formalities thus relinquished, more than 40,000 calling cards would have been used. The public rejoices that those 40,000 calls were abandoned and the time they would have taken was given to constructive work. Now let the diplomats go ahead and scrap their silk hats and frock coats and French phrases, and diplomacy may have a new lease of life.

## Furniture and Education

The effect of the furnishing of a home on the development of the children is often lost sight of by parents. Yet few things are more important factors in the environment. Beauty and harmony unconsciously mold the growing spirit. Inharmonious creates nervousness and discontent. It is not always a question of money. Taste is all-important. Simplicity and lack of confusing detail are always to be sought first and last. The school child who has a desk of his own, and is required to keep it in order, a dresser of his own and required to keep that in order, grows up with a lively regard not only for neatness, but also for the property and personal rights of others. He has as much right to a place of his own for his own papers and booklets as he has to his own toothbrush. Anyway, burning corn for fuel is more defensible than a certain atheism, which, because of a stern resolution to lay off the prohibition joke, we forebear to mention. We never understand Germany. Just now the Germans are sore because foreigners are coming in and buying German goods with German money that isn't worth anything.

## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



TOM FOLEY—ELMER TWITCHELL AND ED WEAVER CAME DOWN FROM THE CITY TO SPEND THANKSGIVING WITH THE FOLKS

## Week Day Holiness

The Mayor of Philadelphia has proclaimed Sunday, Nov. 27, "Better Citizens Day." All Philadelphians are urged to gather in their places of worship on that day. "To discourage those things in our public and private life that are debasing, and to uphold those things that tend to elevate us in self-respect and citizenship. If the idea is merely to emphasize church-going as against Sunday amusements, the day is well chosen. If the hope is to overcome debasing habits and to stimulate self-respect and good citizenship more broadly, the way to make the day effective is to bang it right into the middle of the week. Most people, whether they go to church or not, are better behaved, more conscientiously self-respecting and better citizens on Sunday than at any other time. It is in "deeds of week-day holiness" that the average citizen falls short. Call his attention to it on a week day and the chances are better for making an impression.

## Thinner But Happier

Fat people are generally supposed to be good-natured, but a canvas of the homes of the New York women who have been in a weight-reducing competition has brought out a united opinion that happiness has increased as fat decreased. The women themselves testify to a better enjoyment of life and their families testify that home life is pleasanter. Women who were unable to enjoy walking or other athletic sports are becoming active companions of husbands and children in many a ramble and game. Women who had not laced their shoes for years no longer summon long-suffering mates and patient little ones to perform this homely task. One fat lady who had to be pushed and pulled up the stairs now mounts them alone, freely and lightly. If the reducing squad were good-natured to start with, it was the good nature of laziness and inertia. The family enjoyed it, but always with a touch of derision or toleration. Now these same women have sound and self-respecting cause for their good nature.

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**HERE'S TO HIM**  
 Here's to the man whose laugh puts the sombre clouds to rout. The man who's fair. And kind and square. To the one that's down and out.

**RAZ-Z-Z-Z BERRIES**  
 Dear Office Cat:—The other day friend wife hawled me out because I turned the fly over my head and let a mauler have it all. The wife insisted I had the right of way. So I am sending you this little poem in the hope that some other erring wife will see it.

**HERE LIES THE BODY OF WILLIAM JAY.**  
 Who died maintaining his right of way.  
 He was right, dead right, as he sped along.  
 But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong.

**REAL DISPENSATION**  
 West—What sort of a place for amusement is Middleburg?  
 North—"Oh, great! There are two places to go—home and to bed."

**IT WAS MOVED AND RECORDED**  
 "Monday a year ago, fell on Sunday."—Bank statement in Lima Ohio Times Democrat.  
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**GETTING BY**  
 Mr. Goodsole—"Well, what do you want?"  
 Benny the Bum—"I wanna know kin I borrow a red lantern off'n you? I find I gotta sleep in the street tonight an' I'll hafta warn the traffic to drive aroun' me."

Brian says Frances will divorce if properly protected. Well, under those interesting conditions, who wouldn't?

"I simply detest people who are always blowing their own horn," remarked the Grouch.  
 "That so?" replied his friend.  
 "Indeed, you blow yours pretty loudly at intersecting streets."

There's nothing new under the sun but you can't say the same for the moon.

**A FALL DUTY**  
 The garden gate is now at rest. As it were, 'tis on the shelf. But the parlor sofa squeaks aloud. And the gas bill humps itself.

Thus the southsayer: As a cushion which sheds its feathers, yea, even as moulted dog which leopeth upon thee, so is a woman who continually asketh "Why makest thou love to me?"—Verily, she under-

standeth not even a symptom of thy acts, however she nickers continually.

In their anecdote the veteran aviators will go into a tulp spln on the slightest provocation.

**A TRYING SITUATION**  
 "I wish my name wasn't Adaline"

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