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Bible Thought, For Today

THE NEW COMMANDMENT:—Jesus said:—A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye have love one to another.—John 15: 12, 13.

Another Gift Embassy

The precedent established by J. P. Morgan in giving a house in London to the United States for an embassy may be followed in a few months or a year. Another wealthy American is said to be purchasing and refitting a former palace in Paris with the purpose of presenting it to the nation as an embassy. It is considered likely that the American government having accepted Mr. Morgan's similar gift, will also accept this one.

The United States needs all the embassies it can get, for that is one thing in which there has always been a shortage. Somehow we have managed to hold our own in foreign diplomacy, but it has been in the midst of adverse circumstances, with inadequate facilities for both the routine or clerical work and the vastly important work carried on through social channels. Poorly housed, poorly paid, our representatives abroad have done their best, and it has been creditable. There has been so much strength and power back of them that they have commanded respect in spite of the conditions under which they have had to work.

Now, however, it seems as though this nation ought to be about ready to drop the role of the eccentric whose shabbiness can be tolerated because of wealth and power, and to assume some of the outward signs of dignity and respect which belong to it.

If it seems advisable and proper to accept occasional gifts of fine embassies from wealthy citizens it should also be advisable and proper for the government to provide other suitable buildings in other lands to house its diplomats.

Motors and Morality

The automobile has been scored severely as a contributor to delinquency and an encouragement to extravagance. Now arises a salesman to point out that it is far oftener a source of true moral uplift and a means of thrift.

The salesman reasons something like this: If a man of limited means wishes to buy a car, he must give up his extravagance. In order that he may save, he stays at home at night instead of going out. This brings him under the influence of his wife, which inevitably makes a better man of him, and also generally induces him to get a better car than he planned originally. This means more saving and more staying at home; and then, when the new car is bought, friend wife goes out with him more, and so the moral cycle is complete.

The salesman is probably right about the situation in a far higher percentage of cases than the decryers of modern life would believe. The only pity is that he is not right in every case, and that sometimes when the self-denial and thrift are practiced to buy an automobile, they might better be exercised for other things first, such as a home or a well-established business, or sound credit with the merchants all around, with the car as a final goal when permanent possessions are assured.

The American Bible Society has contracted to have its printing done by outside firms hereafter. No alarm need be felt, however, as the contents will not change with the presser.

And are there shooting stars in the movies, too?

A boy has been admitted to the high school in Jamaica, N. Y., at the age of ten. Poor kid!

Germany wants more credit. France wants to heed Omar's advice: "Ah, take the cash and let the credit go."

Has sold the remains of a distant drum!

Since Henry Ford had the world that "Henry is back," people are going in for the auto as much as for the car.

And of poor people who insist on carrying the war into their homes seem to know just what to do.



HANK HIBBARD FOUND A PURSE ON THE STREET TODAY. HE KEPT HIS FOOT ON IT TWO HOURS BEFORE HE HAD A CHANCE TO PICK IT UP. THE PURSE WAS EMPTY.

THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIOR



WHY PAT WAS HAPPY.

The professor of sociology met Pat on the street one morning. The genial Irishman was whistling and singing by turns, apparently as happy as a lark. "Well, well, Pat, you seem to be happy. Would you mind telling me the reason for your happiness?" inquired the professor.

"Oh would not, sor," answered Pat. "Oh have just done three good deeds, and 'onny man who has performed three good deeds in less than ten minutes has reason to be happy."

"Indeed he has!" commented the professor. "But, pray tell me what three good deeds have you performed in such a short space of time?"

"Well, sor, as Oi was comin' past the cathedral this mornin' Oi saw a poor woman wid a wee bit infant in her arms, a-cryin' that hard 'twould melt a heart of stone. Oi asked her what the matter be. She said that for the want of three dollars to pay the fees she could not get the baby baptized, and it was a sickly baby at that, an' liable to die soon. Oi left that but for her Oi pulled out a tin dollar bill, all the money Oi had in the world, an' told her to get the poor child baptized and bring me back the change. She went inside rejoicin' an' soon returned, all smiles, give me back the change and went away heapin' blessings on me head. Now isn't that enough to make onnybody happy?"

"That's splendid," said the professor. "Now what were the other good deeds?"

"Others!" ejaculated Pat. "Why that's all."

"But I understood you to say you had performed three good deeds."

"An' so Oi did! Don't you see? Oi dried a widow's tears; that's wan. Oi saved a soul from purgatory; that's two. An' lastly, Oi got sivin good dollars for a bad tin."

Ever listen to one of these fellers that talk for an hour or more and leave you wondering what he said?

A little girl announced to her mother that she must be awful clean at school the next day for the visiting nurse was coming and was going to search her.

Both you-and your troubles will be forgotten in a hundred years, so why waste time worrying?

Isn't it astonishing how many "sweet poppies" of December realize after Christmas that they are only "wall flowers."

"But the only difference 'tween a naggin woman an' a buzz-saw, sez Al Snyder, is that a feller c'n stop a buzz-saw."

Every kid knows about half the blessings he gets are just to relieve his parents' overwrought nerves and not for anything especially bad he has done.

YOU NEVER CAN TELL.

"Mother, was your name Pullman before you married Daddy?" asked little Frances.

"No, dear," replied her mother. "What made you think so?"

"Well, I just see that name on most of our towels."

SHE KNEW A GOOD THING.

During a dangerous epidemic in a small Western town every infected house was put under quarantine. As for the disease had been checked the health officers were taking down the quarantine signs, when an old negro protestant:

"Was, Aunt," said an officer. "You want me to take the sign down?"

"Well, nah," was the reply. "I've an' tek 'a tell 'em that the sign is down, but I want 'em to see 'em."

GOLD ROUTE DEAD MANY

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—When Ferdinand de Lesseps, French engineer, started the construction of a great canal from the Gulf of Limon to the Bay of Panama, Central America, in 1881, he is supposed to have happened on the rude graves of many travelers over the "gold route." They were the graves of those who had fallen and died on this route in the heart-breaking journey from coast to coast through the almost impenetrable jungle, while answering the feverish lure of California gold. Within the past few weeks the "gold route" which really reached from New York to San Francisco, has been opened again after it had been a memory only for more than fifty years.

Today's route leads by the graves of the hardy Argonauts and follows in a general way the jungle trails that they trod, but goes through the Panama Canal. The canal has blotted out the land lanes of the "gold route." The arrival of the steamer Venezuela in New York early in February completed the reopening of the historic old route.

The route was "blazed" when the side wheeler California left New York late in 1848 bound for a Puget Sound port. While she was still following the pathway of the galleons down the old Spanish Main, however, California blazed up on the horizon through the discovery of gold. At Aspinwall, now Colon, the hardy adventurers who made up her passenger list, heard the news, were lured by it, and disembarked with the hope that they could speed their journey by breaking through the 46 jungle-tangled miles that lay between them and Panama and another western port, Taboga.

History records that many of them got through after a desperate struggle, but others were not so fortunate. For some time thereafter the "gold route" held its own with the famed Overland Trail across the plains, but in 1855 a railroad was built across the isthmus and the old route was finally abandoned with the clearing of the Indians and kindred dangers from the all-land trail.

Some times the California and her sister ships, the Oregon and Panama, would discharge their argonaut passengers at Aspinwall, and after rounding the Horn would pick them up again at Panama or Taboga. The ships established the first regular all-water route between New York and San Francisco, and took a whole month in the passage. It was necessary at times to pick the passengers in rather closely because of their numbers, but there were no serious accidents reported.

Although never as well known as the Overland Trail or the route around the Horn, the "gold route" held as much romance and gave rise to as stirring tales as the other early travel lanes to the gold fields. History records that the first steamer to arrive over the "gold route" was given a tremendous ovation in San Francisco, the event being referred to as one of great historical importance.

Sweets to the Sweet
What is more acceptable than a box of fresh, hand-made chocolates from the Palace Confectionery.

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GERMANS CUT PRICES BADLY

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Scotland, Feb. 17.—German competition is even cutting in to the tombstone business and thereby affecting the granite trade, which is one of Aberdeen's leading industries.

Large English cities are reported to be buying tombstones and even war memorials from Germany at rates that are substantially cheaper than Aberdeen granite firms can produce them while paying present wages.

American wholesale agents who once bought large quantities of Aberdeen granite also are reported to have purchased \$50,000 worth of headstones from Germany, these being manufactured from Scandinavian granite.

In consequence there has been a great slump in orders received here for tombstones and mortuary memorials. Many Aberdeen granite firms have notified their workmen of an impending cut in wages.

NURSE CHEAPER THAN SOAP

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The monthly salary of a nurse in the municipal hospital in Moscow is less than the cost of a cake of soap in that city. This striking example of the disproportion between wages and the cost of living in the Russian capital is disclosed in a report just made by a special commission sent to Russia by the Health Committee of the League of Nations.

The commission says that a cake of soap in Moscow cost 8,000 rubles while nurses in the city hospital were paid only 5,000 rubles a month and that they had to be content with very scanty food.

The poverty and misery that prevailed in Russia as seen in the hospitals which the commission visited made a deep impression upon the members. Nevertheless, the commission stated, there is a high state of efficiency in the municipal hospital and the commission emphasized the spirit of sacrifice displayed by those entrusted with ministering to the health of the Russian people, especially of the children.

MILLIONS OF DAYS ARE LOST

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Feb. 17.—About 86,000,000 working days were lost as the result of labor disputes in the United Kingdom last year, says the Labor Gazette. This is the greatest loss of working time from that cause ever recorded in the British Isles and is more than three times that of last year. The number of workers involved was about 1,800,000.

This compares with a loss of 27,000,000 working hours in 1920 when about 2,000,000 workers were involved in labor disputes.

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Sale of
Ladies' Handbags
Every One New!
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The sale of ladies leather handbags began yesterday morning with many responses to our ad. These bags were secured in a special purchase at a price that makes possible their selling at less than half their value. Nearly all are genuine leather, some are tooled and fancy leathers in brown, black and gray. All are lined and fitted with mirrors. A great variety of styles and each a real value at \$1.19.

See window! See display inside, near entrance.

The New
Spring Footwear

This new two strap pump is of a very fine dark brown kid. It has a junior Louis heel, and turn sole. It is priced at \$11.00.

This pump is an "ARM-STRONG" our highest grade shoes. They are stylish, hold their shape and wear exceptionally well. Ask those who wear them.

Our entire spring stocks are now ready for both men and women. Prices start at \$5.25 and range upward to \$12.25.

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Coats for the smaller girls of 8, 10, 12 and 14 years, are among the new arrivals. All in bright spring shades. The materials and styles follow very closely those of her older sisters or her mother—belts, pockets and large collars.

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