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Bible Thought. For Today

SAFE STEPS.—The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way.—Psalm 37:23.

EGGS.

Eggs have always been eggs. The consumer buys a dozen eggs and he gets a dozen regardless of size. But as a matter of fact there is a lot of difference in the size of eggs, and therefore eggs should be sold by weight in order to be fair.

C. D. Huffman has a strain of White Minorca hens which produce exceptional eggs. We saw six eggs from these hens recently that placed end to end measure nearly seventeen inches, the largest of the eggs measured six and one-fourth inches in circumference, and the six weighed one and a quarter pounds. Compare these with the ordinary egg offered in the market and you will at once note a vast difference.

As matters now stand there is no compensation for the hen that will produce a large egg, and except for home consumption the producer had as well have a hen laying a small sized egg as one that produces the large, meaty egg such as the Huffman hens produce.

To break a custom of selling and buying eggs by the dozen would be like trying to revise the Golden Rule or attempting to amend the Ten Commandments, but the fact remains that the large eggs are more for the money than the smaller eggs, and it does not take a college graduate to see this, either.

AMEN.

The Portland Oregonian in an editorial on the present political battle royal has the following to say of the direct primary as it works in Oregon:

"What the people of Oregon see now is that candidates are not being selected for office by them, but by themselves; that the primary is the refuge and opportunity of the cheap skate; that it is extremely difficult to get the best men to run for important office; that government is not more efficient, but less efficient, as measured in its cost; that taxes have doubled, tripled, quadrupled, quintupled; that individual or group control is the rule; that the minority prevails; that the majority party is an undisciplined mass, the minority party a shabby remnant; that election costs are enormous; that the standards of political morality have not been elevated; that the quality and strength of party leadership, have been weakened, and that courage, independence, vision in public life are becoming rarer.

Why not face present-day facts, and act on them?

SERVICE WITHOUT NOISE.

Down in Portland Mrs. F. W. Swanton, head of the Oregon Humane society, is rendering service without noise, and it is quite refreshing to witness a person so honorably engaged.

Mrs. Swanton loves every living creature and she will respond as quickly to a call from a dog with a broken leg as a policeman would to a hurry-up call. Her work is state work but most of her efforts are centered in Portland where she handles many cases. People might think of a Humane society as an organization dealing with animals alone. True, it does look after abused animals, but Mrs. Swanton also looks after children and old people who need her care. Recently there have been several blood-curdling cruelties brought to public attention in Portland. One was a girl tied to a bed and another was a boy whose father, who is both a fiend and a brute, had burned the little chap's fingers in order to torture him. Both of these cases were brought to light by Mrs. Swanton and her able assistant, Ross Churchill, who also loves this work and spends both days and nights in the cause of humanity and fair treatment.

The public hears little of Mrs. Swanton and Mr. Churchill but they are on the job all of the time and their work is so needful. Portland people will learn one of these days of these two good characters who think not of self but preferring rendering that silent service which is most admirable.

Will Europe Do It?

Another war, Lloyd George remarked recently, "would leave Europe a heap of ashes."

So it would, if it were a general war; for it would be fought to a finish, as the last war was not. It would exhaust the material and human resources of Europe. It would also exhaust the spirit of Europe. If we can judge from the supreme struggles of other civilizations, Europe, in all probability, would never recover from it. And though America might conceivably keep out, the resulting loss to America herself would be incalculable.

For 19 years, Lloyd George wants the 24 countries of Europe to sign a similar agreement for the same period.

It is an obvious remedy for the present woe of Europe, (and also opportunity in Europe, though by no means a cure. It would grant what Europe most needs just now—a respite in which to recover from the immediate effects of the war and do some clear thinking about the future.

Putting Labor's House in Order

Accordingly Lloyd George, as the most responsible statesman of Europe, is trying to prevent such a catastrophe by applying to that content the same policy applied in the Pacific treaty negotiated at Washington. For powers have agreed to respect each other's rights and forbear attacking each other in the region of the Pacific ocean.

Samuel Gompers, appearing before the Lockwood legislative investigation committee in New York the other day, was informed: "That the plumbers' unions of New York had been closed to candidates, except brothers and sons of members, since 1920; that plumbers refused to install certain modern fixtures because they require less labor hours than other kinds."

that one union had compelled an employer to pay his men several hours overtime because they waited ten minutes after the whistle for their weekly wages; that plasterers' unions forbade the use of molds for interior decorations in any building other than the one for which designed, in order that the mold makers might remain steadily employed; that more than 100 mantels installed for installation in a New York hotel were destroyed because they contained a package of cement, and the plasterers refused to install them; that an imitation marble wall in the same hotel was destroyed because it did not meet with the approval of a union delegate and his executive committee; that certain unions have a rule that when only one man is required for the job he shall receive a foreman's wages; or that contractors from other cities, on jobs in New York, are required to pay the union scale prevailing in their respective resident cities, if it is higher than the scale in New York.

Professing ignorance of such abuses, Mr. Gompers nevertheless freely declared that the practices in question were "unwise, unjustifiable and regrettable," and urged only that legislatures and courts keep their hands off and allow the building trades unions to put their own houses in order.

That there has been great need of such "redding up" generally is shown by accumulating evidence. It is also gratifying to observe that the process has already started, and has gone far in some cities.

Needs Revising

All the recent-to-do in New York about the merits or demerits of the statue representing "Civic Virtue" serve as a reminder of the great value of present-day art. Our pretensions, art, especially our sculpture, is made to be "symbolize" something or other, and gets so cluttered up in the process that no normal human being knows what to make of it. That is why people nowadays care little for sculpture.

Whenever an architect or an art commission determines upon sculptured figures or groups for a courthouse, city hall, library or other public building—and that is nearly always—somebody immediately starts to work out some abstract idea in marble. The sculpture must represent the Triumph of Justice, the Progress of Science, Education Enlightening the World, the Might of Transportation, or some other conception so vague or general or complex that it is almost impossible to work it out in a way that is at once artistic and self-explanatory.

As one of the foremost art critics in America says, "Art that needs to be explained isn't art." Art speaks direct to the soul, and doesn't demand education or brains, because everybody has a soul. But the language of the soul is simple. The old Greeks, who did such things better than anything else, would never have carved figures of a pale-browed cave-man tramping on a mermaid's neck to represent Civic Virtue. They would have carved a man who, merely by his posture and expression, symbolized intelligent strength and virtue, and let it go at that. He would have been a perfectly recognizable man, too.

Symbolism? Is there anything in the world more symbolic than just a human figure? Surely the face and form of man or woman can tell all that it is necessary for sculptor or painter to tell, if the work is well done. And all great and simple. When the sculptors get back to carving just human beings as we know them, typifying familiar human qualities, the public will take a real interest in sculpture again.

If Gen. Doyle doesn't mind, we'd like to know, too, whether they eat and drink in the spirit world, and whether there are alcoholic spirits there.

"Arbuckle Sent to the Biscuits." Yes, and a little bleaching of that sort will be good for the films.

A NICE GIRL STILL

Pearson's Weekly (London): Candid Hostess (on seeing her nephew's fiancée for the first time)—I never should have known you from your photograph. Reggie told me you were so pretty.

Reggie's Fiancée—No, I'm not pretty, so I have tried to be nice, and it's such a bore. Have you ever tried?

PERFECT REST.

There was an old man who always was tired,
He lived on a ranch where no help was hired.
His last words on earth were: "Dear friends, I am going
Where plowing him done or harrowing or sowing,
And everything there will be just to my liking,
For there they have wings, I'll be rid of the hikin',
There'll be no cows to milk or no ewes to feed,
And as they can't cook no wood will they need.
Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn for me never,
For I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever."
—Grace Rose, Starkey.

Weddings, No Bridegrooms.

Polynesia is probably the only place in the world where the marriage feast takes place without the presence of the bridegroom. For some unexplained reason the young man is "sent into the bush" when the bride becomes a member of his family, and he invariably remains there during the subsequent festivities. It is only when the guests have departed and the girl is left alone that messengers are dispatched for him.

THE OFFICE CAT



O culture, what infernal drive! people try to read in thy name!

The summer breeze blows through the trees and welcomes back the breeze.

After a girl finishes her education, her mental equipment enables her to annex one of the boys who dropped out at the ninth grade.

Greenville, S. C., Piedmont: The Chicago Tribune exclaims: "The ladies! God bless them!" Well, God did bless the first one.

Nashville, Tennessee: "Never kiss your wife before a crowd," says Social Hints. Should the crowd be kissed first?

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2 tablespoons Kingsford's Corn Starch
1 Egg
1/2 cup Milk
1/2 cup Sugar
1/2 teaspoon Vanilla

Mix the cornstarch and the salt and mix to a smooth paste with one-fourth of a cup of the milk. Scald the rest of the milk, and add to the cornstarch. Cook in a double boiler twenty minutes. Add the beaten yolk of the egg and cook long enough to set. Remove from the fire and add the vanilla and Karo. If the mixture is too thick stir while thickening it will be smooth. If lumpy, strain, cool and fill the cold puffs.

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1/2 cup Maida

Put Maida and boiling water in a saucepan, add the flour and cornstarch well mixed. All at once, and cook, stirring constantly, till it leaves the side of the pan. Remove from the fire, cool by beating, and when cold, beat in, one at a time, the unbeaten eggs. Line a baking sheet with oiled paper. Drop the batter in rounds on it and bake in a hot oven for thirty minutes. When cold, split and fill with whipped cream or the cream filling.

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