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Preaching and Practice.

Lord Lawrence, one of the famous viceroys of India, was an able and very simple man. He used to do his work in his shirt sleeves and discouraged, as much as possible all state and ceremony. He was inclined to treat the natives like children, although he always strenuously insisted upon their morality and receiving justice and kindness. Lord Mayo went to India to succeed him, and on the last afternoon before Lord Lawrence was to leave for home he took the incoming viceroy for a drive. On the way he impressed his doctrine of kindness very emphatically and solemnly on his successor. Lord Mayo thanked him for his helpful advice, and they returned in due course to Government House. The sycor, or footman, was slow and awkward in opening the door of the carriage, whereupon Lord Lawrence jumped out in a temper and gave his ear an unmistakable tug. Lord Mayo turned to the viceroy's aid with a smile.

"My first practical lesson in kindness to natives is undoubtedly an odd one," he whispered.

An Enemy's Courtesy.

When the crusaders under King Richard of England defeated the Saracens, the sultan, seeing his troops fly, asked what was the number of the Christians who were making all this slaughter. He was told that it was only King Richard and his men and that they were all on foot.

"Then," said the sultan, "God forbid that you should march on foot," and sent him a noble charger.

The messenger took it and said: "Sire, the sultan sends you this charger that you may not be on foot."

The king was as cunning as his enemy and ordered one of his squires to mount the horse in order to try him. The squire obeyed, but the animal proved fiery, and the squire being unable to hold him in, he set off at full speed to the sultan's pavilion. The sultan expected he had got King Richard and was not a little mortified to discover his mistake.

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The snake took about its cage in a frenzy. It lashed the glass viciously with its tail and its pure. "That's Joe's way of swearing," said the keeper. "He's got toothache."

"Toothache?"

"Sure, snakes suffer terrible from toothache. They're so reckless, ye see, with their fangs. They jab 'em into anything—shoe leather, wood, iron bars. They take no care of their fangs at all. In fact, there had ought to be a snake dentist to give his mates lectures on fang hygiene. Monkeys suffer from consumption. Consumption, too, carries off lots of our deer and antelope. Camels in captivity are troubled with the asthma, elephants with rheumatism, tigers to indigestion and various and various to melancholia."—Chicago Enquirer.

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THE COMET'S TAIL.

A Flume of Fairy Lightness and Ever Changing Dimensions.

A comet is distinguished usually by a nucleus, by an envelope called the coma, which surrounds the nucleus, and, lastly, by its luminous tail streaming behind the nucleus for perhaps a hundred million miles and more as the comet swings toward the sun. Occupying a volume thousands of times greater than the sun, the question naturally arises, how can a body with so vast an appendage sweep through every planet, without disturbing every planet? The answer lies in the composition of the sun system, a comet, so far from being a compact mass, is of ten tenuity. Stars have been distinctly seen without perceptible disturbance of brightness not only through the tail, but even through the nucleus. In structure the tail is a gossamer of molecules so thin that in comparison the thinnest of bridal veils is coarsely dense and the thinnest haze that hovers on the horizon is an impenetrable blanket. Indeed, the earth's atmosphere on the clearest day is far denser. Hundreds of cubic miles of a comet's tail are probably outweighed by a fall of air. A plume of such fairy lightness can hardly be supposed to remain permanent, and so it is not astonishing to find that during its swift journey around the sun a comet's outlines are incessantly changing. An interval of a few days or perhaps of a few hours may work wonders of its diaphanous texture. Its path is its only permanent characteristic, indeed the only characteristic by which it can be surely identified if it ever returns.

From all the known facts astronomers have concluded that the nucleus of a comet is merely a mass of meteoroids easily dispersed into small groups or distributed gradually along the orbit until eventually the comet is completely disintegrated and extinguished. Astronomical history offers considerable evidence in support of this hypothesis. Biela's comet, discovered in 1826 and carefully observed on each return, split into two parts and reappeared as a curious double comet in 1840. When it revisited the earth in 1852 the two parts had drifted apart each one or more separated about 1,000,000 miles. Since then the comet has disappeared. Every six and a half years the earth crosses the track of that lost comet. Meteoric showers then rain upon us. In these meteors we see all that is now left of Biela's comet. Similarly, the great comet of 1882 literally lost its head by breaking into four portions, each of which will some day form a separate comet. Another link in this chain of testimony is presented by the chemical composition of meteorites which have found their way to the earth, a composition which agrees exactly with that of a comet.—Waldemar Kaempfert in Cosmopolitan.

Preaching and Practice.

Lord Lawrence, one of the famous viceroys of India, was an able and very simple man. He used to do his work in his shirt sleeves and discouraged, as much as possible all state and ceremony. He was inclined to treat the natives like children, although he always strenuously insisted upon their morality and receiving justice and kindness. Lord Mayo went to India to succeed him, and on the last afternoon before Lord Lawrence was to leave for home he took the incoming viceroy for a drive. On the way he impressed his doctrine of kindness very emphatically and solemnly on his successor. Lord Mayo thanked him for his helpful advice, and they returned in due course to Government House. The sycor, or footman, was slow and awkward in opening the door of the carriage, whereupon Lord Lawrence jumped out in a temper and gave his ear an unmistakable tug. Lord Mayo turned to the viceroy's aid with a smile.

"My first practical lesson in kindness to natives is undoubtedly an odd one," he whispered.

An Enemy's Courtesy.

When the crusaders under King Richard of England defeated the Saracens, the sultan, seeing his troops fly, asked what was the number of the Christians who were making all this slaughter. He was told that it was only King Richard and his men and that they were all on foot.

"Then," said the sultan, "God forbid that you should march on foot," and sent him a noble charger.

The messenger took it and said: "Sire, the sultan sends you this charger that you may not be on foot."

The king was as cunning as his enemy and ordered one of his squires to mount the horse in order to try him. The squire obeyed, but the animal proved fiery, and the squire being unable to hold him in, he set off at full speed to the sultan's pavilion. The sultan expected he had got King Richard and was not a little mortified to discover his mistake.

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