

Household Questions

Add a tablespoon of cream to roast beef or lamb gravy. It makes it a delicious brown.

Some folks use a small, round goldfish bowl with a small opening at the tip as a spatter-proof place to whip cream, beat eggs, etc.

Place a glass pie plate over the top of the kettle when making a stew. The stew may then be watched while cooking without lifting the cover or allowing steam to escape.

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Odd Occupation

In New York city, Clarence E. Willard, 61, has for an occupation, the "stretching" of men who need added height to help them pass civil service and police examinations to obtain employment. Willard's ability to stretch his own height seven inches has given him the name of "India rubber man." He is 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches high, normally, but can stretch this to 6 feet, 5 1/2 inches at will and can maintain this height for hours even while walking, swimming, etc.

He declares his ability to stretch has been one of the prime factors in maintaining his good health. "Animals stretch for the same reason," he says. Are we in for a new health fad?

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Presidential Straw Votes.

BHEMIAN GROVE, CALIF. —Every baby, as I've always heard, is born with a soft spot in its head, and once in a while there's one who never gets over it, but grows up and, in presidential years, goes around taking straw votes on railroad trains in order definitely to find out which ticket will be elected.

He is a kindred spirit to the other fellow, who, to settle the whole issue right now and avoid crowding at the polls in November, offers to bet you a cool thousand that his man beats your man, and then, before leaving, tries to borrow five dollars from somebody so he can get his laundry out of hock.

Having met both types within the ten days before coming here and being fearful that both species is going to multiply rapidly during the ensuing three months, I'm thinking seriously of taking the veil until after the campaign ends. Politics certainly does breed its ticks.

The Little Red School House.

YES, in my early days we also had the little red schoolhouse. Maybe the reason we liked it then was that it got its red tone from the paint on the outside and not from the teaching staff on the inside.

Likewise, in those unprogressive times, we thought the youth of the land should be taught to cherish the American flag for something besides private hissing purposes. Hopelessly old fashioned, eh, what?

The Dictator Business.

IT LOOKS as though, when the battle dust lifts from that distracted country, Spain will have a dictator, dictators being fashionable.

It seems to be comparatively easy to make a success of it, too. Just follow a formula:

Make it a blasphemous violation of the first commandment for anyone to assign you second place.

Be sure all sentences personally uttered begin with the capital letter "I" and end with the pronoun "me."

Convince yourself that, in order ever to behold any human being who is your equal in moral and mental stature, you must carry about with you a mirror.

Never permit yourself to be photographed in your nightshirt, but always in full uniform.

On arising, lock the jaws and clench the fists and leave 'em that way all day.

And—this is very important—have a dependable police force and somebody to pick on.

Political Claim-Alls.

SHRINKING JEEMS FARLEY announces the Democrats will carry every division of the Union, although privately he is said to be a little bit doubtful of two very backward counties in Vermont. While generously conceding the central part of Mississippi and the western end of Kentucky to the enemy, diffident John Hamilton is sure the Republicans will sweep everything else.

Congressman Lemke, most modest of the claimers, is certain he'll win in 40 states. Really, he doesn't need that many, but 40's a nice even number. If the shy Dr. Townsend also should run, he counts on 20,000,000 votes in this country, besides clean-cut majorities in Sweden, New South Wales and the Island of Yap.

Oxen Versus Onions.

WITH no aim to set up as a specialist in human behavior, I think I've stumbled on a significant, timely discovery. I found in a scientific work this statement:

"Each living growth has to begin in a single microscopic cell. Moreover, every future thing of either animal or vegetable kingdom contains in that first cell a fixed number of even more infinitesimal bodies called chromosomes. In the ox, the guinea pig, the man and the onion, the number is the same invariably."

I contend this natural kinship in classification may explain why, in campaign years, some of us are bellowing oxen, some are docile guinea pigs and most of the rest of us are just plain onions.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for August 16

SOWING AND REAPING

LESSON TEXT—Galatians 6:1-10.
GOLDEN TEXT—Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.—Galatians 6:7.

PRIMARY TOPIC—How to Behave.
JUNIOR TOPIC—When We Choose.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Sowing and Reaping. (Effects of Alcohol).
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Sowing and Reaping. (Effects of Alcohol).

Satan is "the god of this world." And as such he has wrought confusion in every realm and particularly in the field of moral distinctions and responsibility. Instead of clear-cut lines of right and wrong, white and black, he has managed to befuddle the minds of many so that they see only a twilight gray of moral indifference. He has lulled many a man and woman into a false security that somehow sin may be yielded to with impunity. To some he says there is no God, and no punishment for sin. To those who will not yield to such a bold attack he more subtly suggests that God is love and that there will be no judgment. Some there are who think that formal association with religious organizations will somehow atone for all their carelessness of life. How great is the need to emphasize the truth of this lesson that "God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" (v. 7). These are eternal and immutable principles.

The epistle to the Galatians expounds Christian liberty as based on justification by faith. This life of liberty is a life in the Spirit, and this means walking in the Spirit.

I. The Christian's Attitude Toward Others (vv. 1, 2).

The spiritual concerns of life are far more important than the material, therefore the writer points out that the believer is

1. Considerate in spiritual matters (v. 1).

Sin is in the world. Men, even Christian men, fall. Who is to help them? and how? Fellow sinners and spiritual weaklings cannot help. Sanctimonious and "holier than thou" folk will only criticize and hinder. The spiritually strong must help the weak, doing it gently, not judging severely.

But not all the problems of the world are spiritual and the Christians will be

2. Helpful in bearing the burdens of life (v. 2).

The Christ spirit leads a man to bear his neighbor's burden.

II. The Christian's Attitude Toward His Own Life (vv. 3-6).

The true believer is characterized by

1. Humility (v. 3). The man who is wrapped up in himself is always a very small bundle.

2. Self-judgment (v. 4). Compare I Cor. 3:10-15. God will one day judge our lives. We do well to judge them now in the light of eternity.

3. Self-reliance (v. 5). The one who is quick to bear another's burdens is slow to ask others to bear his.

4. A sacrificial spirit (v. 6). The true disciple will honor his teacher and will share with him not only his material things, but also the good things he finds in God's Word.

III. An Eternal Law of Life and Conduct (vv. 7-9).

1. The law stated (v. 7). "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." We never question this law in the realm of nature. We expect no wheat when we sow wild oats. But, fools that we are, we think God is less exacting, less true to his perfect holiness and righteousness in the realm of the moral and spiritual. Let us awake before it is too late!

2. The law illustrated (v. 8). The flesh stands for self, self-will, or selfishness. The man who lives for himself and his own pleasures reaps "corruption" even in the present world.

3. Its obedience rewarded (v. 9). God is gracious. Well doing is not only its own reward, but in future prospect there is a reward at his hand for those who are not "weary in well doing."

IV. A Summary and Conclusion (v. 10). This gathers up the truth of the entire context, reminding us that "as we have opportunity" (and sometimes it really knocks only once) we are to "work that which is good" (and it may take effort and sacrifice) "toward all men" (even if we don't like their nationality, or color, or creed, or lack of creed), "and especially" (and now we come into the intimate family circle) "toward them that are of the household of faith."

Dignity

THERE are no arts, no gymnastics, no cosmetics which can contribute a tithe so much to the dignity, the strength, the ennobling of a man's looks as a great purpose, a high determination, a noble principle, or an unquenchable enthusiasm. The soul that is full of pure and generous affections fashions the features into its own angelic likeness, as the rose by inherent impulse grows in grace, and blossoms into loveliness.

Patience and time conquer all things.—Corneille.

The Meaning of 'Hot' or 'Bootleg' Oil

Most of the oil states, in an effort to conserve the supply or limit production, have passed laws making it illegal to pump more than a given amount from the ground. To get around these laws, some operators have resorted to pumping the oil out of the fields through secret pipelines and hauling it away in trucks. Such oil is called "hot," or "bootleg."

But Nature produces a hot oil. In the great petroleum fields near Tampico, Mexico, the oil is hot as it comes from the ground, at times reaching a temperature of 180 degrees.—Washington Post.

Tops in Forgetfulness

A husband's forgetfulness caused a man to inadvertently send an engraved invitation to his wife to attend his marriage to another woman, although there had been no divorce. He appeared before Magistrate Thomas Aurelio in New York accused of bigamy, and was remanded for the grand jury.

He was asked if he had sent the engraved invitation to his wife. "She must have been on the mailing list," explained Mr. Ryan.—Montreal Herald.

The Mind Meter

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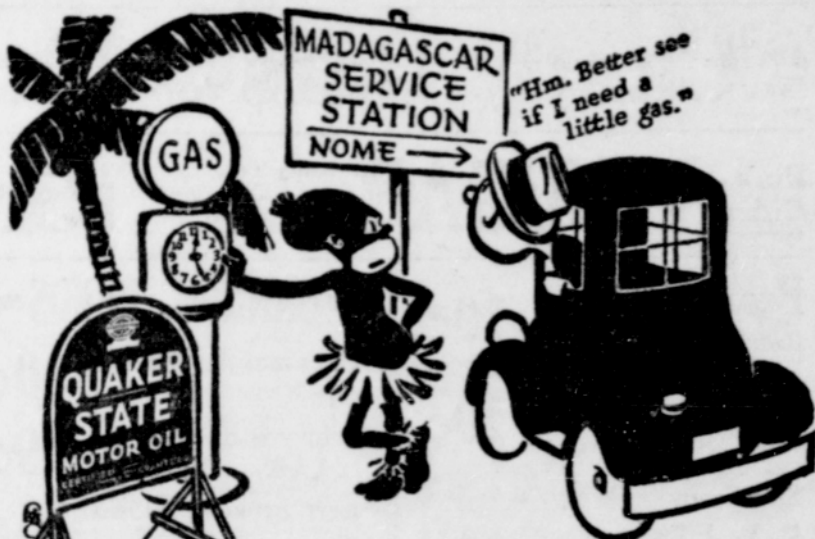
The Four-Word Test

In this test there are four words given in each problem. Three of the four in each case bear a definite relationship to one another; Cross out the one word that does not belong in each problem.

1. Holy, sacred, profane, divine.
2. Tall, squat, lofty, high.
3. Lob, double-play, net ball, ace.
4. New Hampshire, Vermont, Boston, Connecticut.
5. Vain, humble, modest, submissive.
6. Shot put, javelin throw, 100-yard dash, discus throw.
7. Hot, stolid, fiery, ardent.
8. Harvard, Princeton, Vassar, Yale.
9. Tallahassee, Sacramento, Chicago, Baton Rouge.
10. Running, swimming, walking, trotting.

Answers

1. Profane.
2. Stolid.
3. Double-play.
4. Boston.
5. Vain.
6. 100-yard dash.
7. Stolid.
8. Vassar.
9. Chicago.
10. Swimming.



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