

# It Is Blessedness

A little elbow leans upon your knee. Your tired knee that has so much to bear. A child's dear eyes are looking lovingly. From underneath a thatch of tangled hair. Perhaps you do not heed the velvet touch. Of warm moist fingers holding yours so tight. You do not prize this blessing over much. You are almost too tired to pray, tonight. But 'tis blessedness! A year ago I did not see it as I do today—We are so dull and thankless, and so slow To catch the sunshine till it slips away. And now it seems surpassing strange to me That while I wore the badge of motherhood, I did not kiss more oft and tenderly. The little child that brought me only good. And if some night, when you sit down to rest, You miss this elbow from your tired knee, This restless curly head from off your breast, This lispng tongue that chatters constantly; If from your own the dimpled hand had slipped, And ne'er would nestle in your palm again; If the white feet into the grave had tripped, I could not blame you for your heartache, then. I wonder so that mothers ever fret At little children clinging to their gown, Or that the footprints, when the days are wet, Are ever black enough to make them frown. If I could find a little muddy boot, Or cap, or jacket, on my chamber floor— If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot, And hear it patter in my home once more: If I could mend a broken cart today, Tomorrow make a kite to reach the sky— There is no woman in God's world could say She was more blissfully content than I. But, ah, the dainty pillow next my own Is never rumpled by a shining head; My singing birdling, from its nest has flown— The little boy I used to kiss is dead!

—Mary Ripley Smith.

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A Broader Sphere for Religion—New Field for the Rural Church.

By Peter Radford. Lecture National Farmers' Union.

The social duty of the rural church is as much a part of its obligations as its spiritual side. In expressing its social interest, the modern rural church does not hesitate to claim that it is expressing a true religious instinct and the old-time idea that the social instincts should be starved while the spiritual nature was overfed with solid theological food, is fast giving way to a broader interpretation of the functions of true religion. We take our place in the succession of those who have sought to make the world a habitable place for the children of man when we seek to study and understand the social duty of the rural church. The true Christian religion is essentially social—its tenets of faith being love and brotherhood and fellowship. While following after righteousness, the church must challenge and seek to reform that social order in which moral life is expressed. While cherishing ideals of service, the rural church which attains the fullest measure of success is that which ennobles as many lives as it can touch, and in no way can the church come in close contact with its members as through the avenue of social functions.

The country town and the rural community need a social center. The church need offer no apology for its ambition to fill this need in the community. If an understanding of its mission brings this purpose into clear consciousness. The structure of a rural community is exceedingly complex; it contains many social groups, each of which has its own center, but there are many localities which have but one church and although such a church cannot command the interest of all the people, it is relieved from the embarrassment of religiously divided communities.

#### Social Needs Imperative.

The average country boy and girl have very little opportunity for real enjoyment, and have, as a rule, a vague conception of the meaning of pleasure and recreation. It is to fill this void in the lives of country youth that the rural church has risen to the necessity of providing entertainment as well as instruction to its membership among the young. The children and young people of the church should meet where religion is not even mentioned. It has been found safest for them to meet frequently under the direction and care of the church. To send them into the world with no social training exposes them to grave perils and to try to keep them out of the world with no social privileges is sheer folly. There is a social nature to both old and young, but the social requirements of the young are imperative. The church must provide directly or indirectly some modern equivalent for the bustling bee, the quilting bee and the singing schools of the old days. In one way or another the social instincts of our young people must have opportunity for expression, which may take the form of clubs, parties, picnics or other forms of amusement. One thing is certain, and that is that the church cannot take away the dance, the card party and the theater unless it offer in its place a satisfying substitute in the form of more pleasing recreation.

#### Universal Instinct for Play.

In providing for enjoyment the church uses one of the greatest methods by which human society has developed. Association is never secure until it is pleasurable; in play the instinctive aversion of one person for another is overcome and the social mood is fostered. Play is the chief educational agency in rural communities and in the play-day of human childhood social sympathy and social habits are evolved. As individuals come together in social gatherings, their viewpoint is broadened, their ideals are lifted and finally they constitute a cultured and refined society. It is plain, therefore, that the church which aims at a perfect society must use in a refined and exalted way the essential factors in social evolution and must avail itself of the universal instinct for play. If the church surrounds itself with social functions which appeal to the young among its membership, it will fill a large part of the lamentable gap in rural pleasures and will reap the richest reward by promoting a higher and better type of manhood and womanhood.

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After distillation the refined oil is no longer green, but is as transparent as spring water and beautifully tinged with purple and blues. It is not yet ready for use, however, since it must be "washed." The fluid is emptied into a large circular tank in which it is treated with acids, these being poured in and mixed with it by means of powerful pressure from beneath. When it has been well shaken it is allowed to settle, and the acids then separate from it and sink to the bottom of the tank, taking with them some of the tar that remained in the oil.

The acids are then removed and the oil is washed with salt water. Finally it is bleached, and it is then ready for the market.—Harper's Weekly.

## TIGER PROOF HOMES.

Malay Houses, Frail and Flimsy, Sometimes Perch in Tree Tops.

The ordinary Malay house is built on posts from five to seven feet high, but one which I came across was perched high up in a tree. It was the home of a man, his wife and family, and they informed me that it was placed in this unusual situation so as to be out of the way of the numerous tigers which then infested the neighborhood. As tigers have been known to jump eighteen feet in vertical height somewhere about twenty feet is considered to be the limit of safety. The Malayan house is a frail and flimsy structure of sticks tied together with rattan lashed with palm leaves and walled with plaited bamboo or, as in this case, with the bark of trees.

It is therefore an easy matter for a tiger with its great strength to break into a house and attack the inhabitants. Many instances of this have been recorded in Malaya. In one well known case a whole family were killed except one man, who, climbing up into the roof and thus escaping the notice of the tiger, was a horrified observer of the cruel mauling and ultimate slaughter and devouring of his relatives.—London Strand Magazine.

## Life Without Microbes.

Microbes are not indispensable to all life if they are indispensable to any. The question has been definitely settled. A cage completely sterilized at 20 degrees was made and the openings of the cage closely stopped with cotton and protected from the outside by a hermetically closed metallic chamber. Such manipulations as were necessary in opening the cage were made by hands guarded by aseptic rubber cloth. Into such a sterilized cage three hens' eggs were placed after having been externally sterilized. The cage was fitted with a glass pavilion or chicken run, where the chickens could develop during their six weeks' sojourn in the cage. In the cage were sterilized air, pure water, sterilized sand and sterilized feed. The experiment showed that life does not depend upon microbes, but that the vital work of the organism is easy and natural when everything is sterilized.—Harper's.

## Relics of Pillories.

Though the pillory has been abolished, there are still to be found in various parts of rural England relics of this old time method of punishment. One of the most complete examples may be seen within a few miles of the metropolitan border. In the picturesque village of Royston, Essex, not only are the old stocks and whipping post still preserved, but close beside them stands also the wooden "cage" in which the rosterer of bygone days was incarcerated. Is there another such interesting relic of punitive relics to be found elsewhere in England?—London Graphic.

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## Becoming Diffident.

"Were't you shy when the judge asked you your age in court?"  
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## DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

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Miss Ruth Bancroft Law, the nervy aviator, has declared her intention of attempting a flight across the Atlantic ocean for a prize of \$50,000 offered by Lord Northcliffe of England.

Mrs. Mary Klump of Allentown, Pa., ninety-two years old, has been a drug-gist for seventy-five years and has not stopped work. She is the daughter of a druggist, married a druggist and at his death continued the business.

Miss Helene Mirapolskie, the prettiest member of the French bar, is engaged to be married to M. Gaston Strauss, a barrister of the French court of appeals. It is probable that Miss Mirapolskie will keep her maiden name for professional use.

Mme. Kin Seno, the only woman who has attained the position of bank president in Japan, aided in founding the institution in 1912. The bank is situated in Tokyo. Mme. Seno was born in 1842, converses well in English and has acquired many European customs, but still clings to her native costume.

#### Current Comment.

A new idea in ship furnishing is to make every mattress a life preserver. If we cannot have unsinkable ships we can have unsinkable beds.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Germans are planning another boat line for use of the Panama canal. The world seems to have taken us at our word when we said we were building the ditch for all nations.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It has just been found that the grave of Eugene Field, who delighted the hearts and minds of thousands, is without a monument. So soon the world forgets the men who in various ways have lightened its burdens.—Baltimore American.

#### Automobile Runs.

The hardest thing for an inexperienced automobile driver to learn is why people can't keep out of the way.—Duluth News Tribune.

With modern improvements new tricks must be learned. We have seen men start a halcyon home by holding a fire under him, but that method isn't adaptable to automobiles.—Toledo Blade.

After the killing of 110 persons in Chicago this year by automobiles, the authorities of that city have taken measures resulting in a great decrease of casualties. It can be done.—Baltimore American.

#### The Cookbook.

When frying mush it improves the crispness if the mush is dipped in white of an egg before frying.

Put the grated rind of an orange and a tablespoonful or two of the juice into the sponge cake. It adds to the flavor.

Soup can be quickly cleared by pouring it when hot through a muslin cloth wrung out in ice water. Then heat again and serve.

If potatoes which are to be baked are first placed in a pan of boiling water for a few minutes they will cook more evenly, and the jackets will not become dry and hard.

#### Recent Inventions.

Bolts and nuts in which steel balls are introduced between the threads to make them turn easier are a French invention.

An ingenious implement has been patented by a Rhode Island inventor to enable the man to knit in cord around a parcel and cut the superfluous cord with one hand.

High speed telegraph apparatus invented by a Hungarian utilizes a keyboard like a typewriter for sending and reproduces the messages in letters like ordinary handwriting.

#### Electric Sparks.

The annual electric dry battery production of the United States has passed the \$10,000,000 mark.

Two of the largest cruisers carry their own electric plants, illuminating everything, from their largest to their smallest tents.

Because the microphone of a telephone transmitter becomes more sensitive in rarefied air German electricians are trying to make a practical application of the phenomenon.

#### Political Pointers.

Many are designated, but few are elected.—New York Sun.

Every city has its problems, and the saddest of them all is the good citizen who won't vote.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A good many political air castles now under construction will stand the shock of the November election no better than a wooden Pullman in a rear end collision.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### Aerial Flights.

The majestic eagle still rules the air, not punk man, not even a Zeppelin.—New York American.

Now an English aviator has outdone Peugeot by turning four somersaults in the air. How soon will the feat become a feature at country fairs?—New York World.

Though fewer Zeppelin airships than aeroplanes meet disaster, the large numbers of persons on board the former help to even up the average of fatalities.—Chicago News.

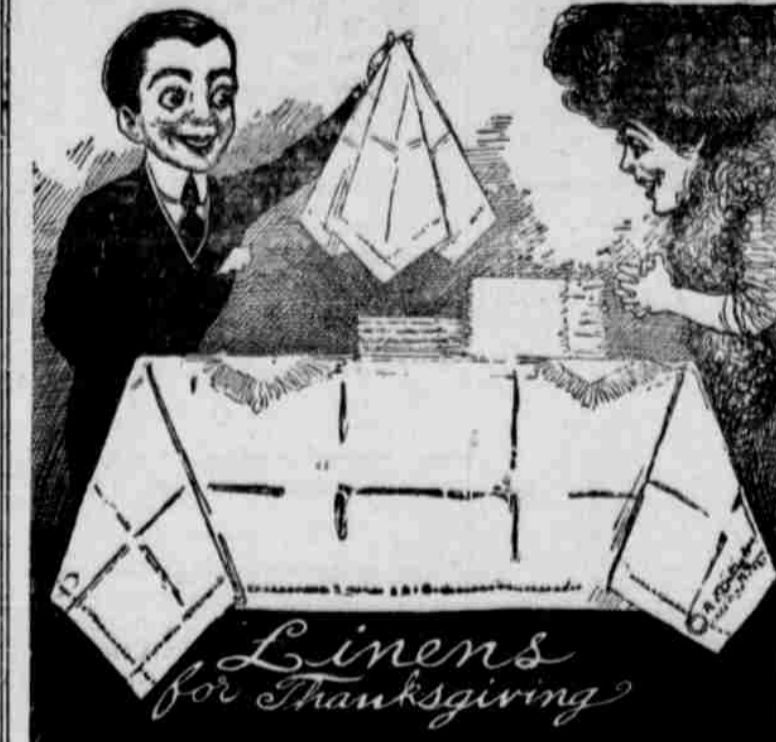
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