

THE GIRL'S DAD

A Picture of the American Hodge and His Luxurious Home

The girl on stilts was one of my "scholars," this is how I came to be on speaking terms with her.

She had an elder brother who was impudent and rebellious. I had found it necessary to apply the discipline that was fashionable in those days.

I knew at once that someone had been stringing him, but when I met him at the gate a change had come over him.

"G-d dammin givem hell every time he deserves it, and I'll give him more when he comes home and tells it."

Then he turned back to the house. About half way there he turned again.

I don't know what caused him to change his mind. Either it suddenly flashed on him that some one was stringing him, or else the boy had been acting mean with him and he turned this into a bluff to scare him and give him a lesson in good manners and morals.

It was customary at that time and probably it is yet for a parent to call in the teacher and give his hopeful son a good substantial cursing in his presence to instill into his mind a wholesome respect for authority.

There was compulsory education then as there is here. This was a sample of it. Some time I would like to show what a perversion of truth and of nature this compulsory education is.

The Mitchell children would have been all right if they had ever had an decent home-life. The girl was clever and good-looking. It is true her face was always smutty and her clothes were never clean and she never had enough of them.

The younger boy was an angel-child in his little ragged overalls hatched over one shoulder with a string. He moved about as lightly and silently as a spirit.

boy was good looking too, but he had a vicious, resentful expression such as dogs acquire in the course of time when they are cursed too much and fed too little.

Mitchell was a "hired man" or farm laborer, and there is no language that can adequately describe what that means. It is to be the slave of a slave. It overwhelms me with shame not to think how little I knew at that time.

The Mitchell family HOME stood in a ploughed field about thirty yards from the road. I don't know how dirty it was inside as I never was in it but I know there was nothing but dirt outside.

It was an old rotten log house that some poor farmer had lived in until the place was sold over his head on a mortgage. The place was bought by another farmer who was well enough off to have a hired man.

A few centuries ago the word villian meant a farm laborer. All farm laborers were villians. Some of them are yet. Every few days we read of a farm laborer murdering somebody. I don't wonder at it.

The transient laborer who works by the day, can stand it for a month or two, which is as long as his job lasts, but the fellow who works by the month or year has no time he can call his own.

Mitchell's wages were about \$25 a month. Out of that he had to support a family, buy clothes and school books, and bring his children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

I want to tell you that in the very near future you will have to get off your stilts and out of your pulpits and cushioned seats and face this man and show cause why you are not infinitely more guilty than he is.

What is it that has shaped him to the thing he is but your laws and your preachings and hypocrisies? How are you going to stand in judgment before him?

away from you. Keep her in mind. There are millions of her. We are not done with her yet—we are only beginning. But for the present I am going to put the stilts in storage and send the girl to a school for young ladies, where she will be transformed into a duchess or a million-heiress.

J. L. Jones.

Gladstone W. C. T. U.

The reception held at the Christian church on Friday, Feb. 5, was a very pleasant affair. The membership was fairly represented and many visitors were in attendance notwithstanding bad weather.

She threw out many suggestions which would be well for us to heed. She emphasized the need of holding mothers' meetings, and doing legislative work, urging upon our members careful attention to the proceedings of our legislative bodies.

At its close Mrs. Andrews, our county superintendent, gave a short talk on the importance of gaining new members. Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned to meet in two weeks at the school building for our mother's meeting.

A good program will be presented, and a full attendance is desired. A cordial invitation is extended to all, especially mothers.

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INSIDE MORMONISM

Facts Concerning the Latter Day Saints and Workings of Church (W. T. Milliken)

Who Are the Latter Day Saints? Editor Courier:—

At the present time two "Missionaries" of the Latter Day Saint organization are working in Oregon City and vicinity. Of course I believe it is the right of every man to believe anything he desires religiously.

Have you seen the Mormon articles of Faith? I shall present some of them, together with the Latter Day Saint explanation of the same. Article I—"We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and His son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

Latter Day Saint Explanation—Catechism, page 12—"Are there more Gods than one? Yes, many."

The Mormon sacred books include the Book of Mormon, the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, the Pearl of Price, all of which they place above the Scripture as later revelation. The Catechism and the Compendium of Theology, and Joseph Smith's doctrinal works, how do these explain the above article of faith?

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HOW ARE MEN SAVED ACCORDING TO THE MORMON CREED? Brigham Young, J. of D. 1-50, says of Christ—"He was not begotten by the Holy Ghost."

In other words, God is a sensual polygamist; our God being no other than Adam, who begets all souls in the other world from one of his numerous wives before they can be born in flesh upon earth. And this progeny, in turn, can learn to become Gods by adopting the "New and Everlasting" Covenant of Joseph Smith, the covenant of polygamy.

The Mormon who does not dare to openly take a plural wife in this cold and unfriendly world because of the opposition of the United States government to such procedure can escape, and yet win Godship with a world to populate with his own celestial-born progeny by "sealing" to himself, with the mystic rites of the cult, any woman not already claimed by a "Saint," whom he so desires.

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Let us look at the Scripture for a moment by way of contrast. Isaiah 42: 10-11. "Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am Jehovah, and besides me there is no saviour." Isa. 45: 5-7. "I am Jehovah, and there is none else; besides me there is no God. I will gird thee, though thou hast not known me; that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the West that there is none beside me; I am Jehovah and there is none else. I form the light and create darkness; I make peace and create evil; I am Jehovah and doeth all those things." Isa. 45: 21. "Who hath declared it of old? have not I, Jehovah? and there is no God else beside me, a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me."

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kept for the Saint's own use. A copy with it in fell into my hands several years ago, so I am making accurate quotations:

"For behold I reveal unto you a NEW and EVERLASTING COVENANT; and if ye abide not in that covenant, then are ye DAMNED." The above explains why the United States Government cannot stamp out polygamy in Utah.

"And again, verily I say unto you, if a man marry a wife by my word, which is my law, and by the new and everlasting covenant, and it is sealed unto them by the spirit of promise, by HIM WHO IS ANNOINTED (the Mormon priest), unto whom I have appointed this power, and the keys of this priesthood * * * they shall pass by the angels, and the Gods which are set there, to their exaltation and glory in all things, as hath been sealed upon their heads, which glory shall be fulfilled, AND A CONTINUATION OF THE SEEDS FOREVER AND EVER (eternal fecundity)."

"20. Then shall THEY BE GODS because they have no end (in other words their conception and generation shall have no end); therefore shall they be from everlasting to everlasting, because they continue (to bear seed); then shall they be

"And again as pertaining to the law of the priesthood; if a man espouse a virgin, and desire to espouse another * * * if he have ten virgins given unto him by this law, he cannot commit adultery, for they belong to him, and they are given unto him, therefore he is justified." This is the "Covenant" obedience to which makes man a "God," and disobedience to which is punished by damnation.

The Compendium says, p. 125—"If plural marriage be unlawful, then is the whole plan of salvation through the house of Israel a failure and the entire fabric of Christianity without foundation. THIS IS THE SOUL OF MORMONISM, and MORMONISM, ACCORDING TO ITS OWN STATEMENT, CAN NO MORE EXIST WITHOUT ACTUAL OR SPIRITUAL POLYGAMY THAN THE BODY CAN EXIST WITHOUT A SOUL. I am not criticizing; I am only stating facts."

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Now I return to Section 26, which reads: "Verily, verily I say unto you, if a man marry a wife according to my word, and they be sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise, according to my appointment (meaning the Endowment House ceremonies), and he or she SHALL COMMIT ANY SIN or transgression of the new and everlasting covenant whatever, AND ALL MANNER OF BLASPHEMIES, and if they commit no MURDER WHEREIN THEY SHED INNOCENT BLOOD—yet shall they come forth in the first resurrection, and enter into their exaltation." If a man accepts the covenant of polygamy he may be a thief, a liar, an adulterer, and even a murderer—provided he sheds no INNOCENT (Mormon) blood, and his Godhead is sure.

Now this is the essence of Mormonism, quoted from the Mormon's own secret texts. I have a number of these in my possession, and have also the Endowment House ceremonies, and hence know whereof I speak. W. T. Milliken.

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