

TRACELESS TABLETS

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A newspaper item stated that at a meeting of the G— Medical Society Dr. Blanchard, who had just returned from a trip to India announced that during his stay there he had made a study of poisons. A certain rajah whom he had visited possessed the secret of a certain poison that left no trace, though it was very deadly. The rajah had given him the name of the poison, but the doctor declined to make it known.

Blanchard became the recipient through the mail of stray requests for the name of the poison. Some professed to be scientific men, some physicians, while some desired to get rid of vermin and insects. The doctor, who attributed these requests to a desire to get rid of some enemy, was astonished at the number of would be murderers. The idea occurred to him to give out the prescription with a view to discovering how many persons would use it and for what purpose. He consulted with the chief of police, who was friendly to the idea, then inserted a small advertisement as follows:

Dr. Blanchard's traceless tablets. This is a drug the name of which was given Dr. Blanchard by a rajah of India. It is beneficial in exterminating vermin, leaving no disagreeable results—no trace whatsoever. Address Box 140, P. O.

The number of persons who desired the traceless tablets for exterminating purposes was remarkable. The doctor could have made a fortune in a very short time by supplying the demand. He simply read the letters, then put them in a pigeon hole in his desk to be submitted to the chief of police. How many of them occasioned police investigation the doctor never knew.

There was one that interested the doctor especially and which he kept to himself. It was, or at least purported to be, from a young girl who was afflicted with a long and painful illness, who desired to die. But she shrank from giving her parents the shock that would attend her suicide. She had read of Dr. Blanchard's announcement to the medical society and inferred that the traceless tablets were the poison there referred to. She might use them and her dear father and mother would suppose she had died a natural death.

Among the number of applications for his tablets this was the only one the doctor credited with the truth. There was something so pathetic and frank in it that he at once set down the reason given as genuine. At any rate, he determined to call upon the writer for a personal interview.

He found Miss Ethel Ames a young lady of twenty. There was in her pale face a very spiritual expression. Her eyes were really windows to a pure soul, and it was plain that if blessed with health she would have been comely. The doctor, not caring at once to appear in his true light, told her that he had come to see her about one of his tablets, but owing to the great risk incurred in such a trade his price was \$100. He hoped that by putting the price so high to put her off, at least till he could diagnose her case. But he failed. She asked him to hand her a check book in a drawer near him that she might close the trade.

Blanchard, unwilling to risk disabusing her mind as to his intentions, took the check, put it in his portmanteau and, taking a tablet made of sugar and four from his pocket, laid it on a table beside him. Then he asked the girl to give him her symptoms. This she did, and after a great many questions and answers he made up his mind that hers was one of those cases where mind dominates matter to the disadvantage of the latter. In other words, she was unconsciously producing upon herself an imaginary disease.

There is no physical ailment that is so rarely treated successfully by physicians and so often put to flight by the various methods that are dependent upon faith alone as this. Dr. Blanchard saw an opportunity for an experiment. When he had gained all the knowledge of the girl's condition he desired he said:

"The rajah from whom I received the name of this drug told me that one of his household who was ill and whose symptoms as he described them to me were exactly the same as yours was so much troubled without being of any use, even to herself, that he directed she be poisoned. She was given a tablet such as I furnish you and went to sleep. She awoke, to the surprise of every one, and was completely cured of her disease. All other persons who had taken it slept the sleep of death. I would advise you to take the tablet tonight, and you will either wake up in heaven or a healthy woman. I prophesy the latter to be a certainty."

"Why are you so sure of that, doctor?" asked the patient eagerly.

"Because my friend the rajah had it tried on 164 cases similar to yours, and every one was cured."

The doctor left his patient with the understanding that if she took the tablet she would be well, but to guard it from others, for they would surely die under its influence. He told her that he would call on the morrow and as surely expected to find her alive and well as that the sun would rise and set.

He did not sleep a wink that night, but the girl did, and in the morning her mind, which had been holding her body as in a vise, relaxed its grip, and she was well.

Stone Cannon. The Chinese discovered gunpowder at least 800 years ago and made stone mortars that threw heavy projectiles.

Strikes. "Never strike a man larger than yourself." "Better still, never strike a man who is short"—Life.

Just Like a Whale. Why is a water lily like a whale? Because it comes to the surface to blow.—London Telegraph.

A Prehistoric Monster. Eighty feet long and thirty feet high, the atlasaurus was one of our prehistoric animals.

PLUMMER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE.

Portland livestock interests are enthused over the coming meeting of the National Livestock Association, which convenes in Portland in June during the Rose Festival.

At the annual meeting of the Portland Livestock Exchange \$350 was appropriated to pay for premiums at the fat stock show.

O. M. Plummer, secretary of the Portland Union stockyards, was elected president of the exchange. J. L. Sterretts and J. L. Burke were elected directors. Two directors, W. H. Daugherty and R. B. Caswell carry over, making the completed staff. At the first meeting of the exchange during the coming week the secretary and vice president will be elected.

A departure of the exchange is the determination to hold a luncheon at the hotel in the stockyards every Wednesday, during which business conditions and the improvement of the livestock industry will be discussed.

Prevailing Oregon City prices are as follows:

DRIED FRUITS—(Buying)—Prunes on basis of 6 1/4 pounds for 45-50's. Fruits, Vegetables.

HIDES—(Buying)—Green hides, 7c to 9c; salted, 5c to 6c; dry hides, 12c to 14c; sheep pelts, 25c to 75c each.

Hay, Grain, Feed.

HAY—(Buying)—Timothy, \$12 to \$15; clover, \$8 to \$9; oat hay, best, \$9 to \$10; mixed, \$9 to \$12; alfalfa, \$15 to \$16.50.

OATS—(Buying)—Gray \$30; wheat, \$28 to \$29; oil meal, selling \$53; Shady Brook dairy feed, selling \$1.25 100 pounds.

FEED—(Selling)—Shorts, \$26; bran \$25; rolling barley, \$39; process barley, \$40.

FLOUR—\$4.50 to \$5.25. Butter, Poultry, Eggs.

POULTRY—(Buying)—Hens 11c to 12c; spring, 10c to 11c, and roosters 8c.

Butter—(Buying)—Ordinary country butter, 25c to 30c; fancy dairy, 40c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch eggs, 20c. SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots \$1.25 to \$1.50 per sack; parsnips, \$1.25 to \$1.50; turnips, \$1.25 to \$1.50; beets, \$1.50.

POTATOES—Best buying 85c to \$1.10 per hundred.

ONIONS—Oregon, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hundred; Australian, \$2 per hundred.

Livestock Meats.

BEEF—(Live weight)—Steers, 5c and 5 1/2-2; cows, 4 1/2-2; bulls, 3 1/2-2.

VEAL—Calves, bring from 8c to 13c, according to grade.

MUTTON—Sheep, 3c and 3 1/2-2c; lambs, 4c and 5c.

MOTHER KILLS SELF AND FOUR CHILDREN

SALEM, Or., March 2.—Mrs. J. F. Jellison, a divorced woman, aged about 49 years, residing at 469 North street, poisoned her four children and herself. The first intimation of the tragedy was a letter received by Chief of Police Hamilton this morning. The letter begins abruptly: "I know the law requires an inquest. Do as little as possible. Plain fact is I cannot earn enough alone to keep my family. So the one I induced my boy to leave and I am too ill to work. I cannot see them starve. There is a little money \$21 in my purse; make it bury us altogether. I am very sorry to make so much disturbance, but am too confused to think."

An officer was hurried to the house and found all in bed as though asleep. The cause of death was cyanide of potassium.

The woman also left a note saying she was sorry she "had to lie to get the stuff." The children are two boys and two girls and their ages range between 9 and 15 years.

Mrs. Jellison was married four times and was divorced last July from her last husband who resides near Lebanon. The children seemed comfortably dressed and there were considerable provisions in the house as she had \$21 in money of which she spoke to the police in her letter.

The drug store record shows she claimed she wanted the poison to kill a couple of old dogs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION HAS FINE MEETING

The meeting of the Sunday School Graded Union was of more than usual interest. The Beginners' lesson was taught by Mrs. W. A. White illustrating with object lessons. Miss Purcell, the president, gave the Teacher Training lesson, the subject being "The Intermediate Age and Characteristics." Miss Purcell made a study of Teacher Training while at the Chicago Training school and is well qualified to instruct. The Teacher Training course is for the benefit of all grades as well as for elementary teachers. Mrs. J. W. Wilkins of Portland, was a visitor and gave many good suggestions, one being the use of symbols in illustrating the lessons. The Union will hold an institute soon and requests teachers in all Sunday schools whose pupils are doing hand work to bring samples for exhibition. Hand work is also requested for the State Convention to be held at McMinnville April 25-27.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

First Baptist Church, corner Main and Ninth streets. S. A. Hayworth, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Owing to the illness of the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Whitcomb of Portland, will preach in the morning and the Rev. S. P. Davis in the evening.

Catholic—Corner Water and Tenth streets, Rev. A. Hillebrand pastor. Residence 912 Water; Low Mass 8 a. m., with sermon; High Mass 10:30 a. m.; afternoon service at 4; Mass every morning at 8.

Congregational Church—George Nelson Edwards, pastor. Residence, 715 Center Street. Phone, Main 395. Morning worship at 10:30. Morning sermon topic, "A True Preparation for Communion." Communion and reception of members. Christian Endeavor, 6:45; evening service at 7:30. "Jesus in His Last Words," a Lenten study.

First Church of Christ, Scientist—Ninth and Center street. Services Sunday, 11; Sunday school immediately following service; Wednesday evening meeting at 8. Topic, "Christ Jesus."

German Evangelical—Corner Eighth and Madison streets, Rev. F. Wiewelck pastor, residence 713 Madison; Sunday school 10 a. m. on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Gladstone Christian Church—Sunday Bible school at 10 a. m. Preaching by Rev. L. F. Stevens of Portland, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mountain View Union—(Congregational)—Sunday school 3 p. m. Herman Schrader, Monroe street, superintendent; morning service 11; Young People at 7 a. m. and preaching at 8 p. m.; prayer meeting, Mrs. J. H. Quinn, superintendent; Bible Study every Thursday afternoon.

First Methodist Episcopal Church, "The Church of the Cordial Welcome."—T. B. Ford, pastor. Residence 815 Center street. Phone Main 96. Study in the church, 9:45, Sunday school, H. J. Ford, superintendent. 10:45, public service and preaching by the pastor. Evening services 7:30.

The first in the series of the Open Forum meetings in the First Methodist Episcopal church this evening promises to be one of the greatest interest. Judge Campbell, one of the leading jurists of the state and the Hon. Gilbert L. Hedges, a prominent member of the

Oregon City bar, will deliver the addresses. The subject is: "Christianity from the Standpoint of a Lawyer." There will be special music. The young people's quartet, and the men's quartet, will each render a number.

Zion Lutheran—Corner Jefferson and Eighth streets, Rev. W. R. Kraxberger pastor, residence 720 Jefferson; Sunday school 9:30 a. m., Rev. Kraxberger, superintendent; morning service 10:30; evening 7:45; Luther League 7 p. m.

Healed. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45. Topic The Christian View of Patience, II. Thess, 3:1-5. Evening worship at 7:30. Subject, Bramble Authority. One half hour of sacred songs preceding the sermon.

Parkplace Congregational—Rev. L. L. Jones pastor, residence Clackamas; Christian Endeavor Thursday evening 7:30. Sunday school 10, Emery French superintendent; preaching services each Sunday, alternating between 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church—C. W. Robinson, rector. Holy Communion at 8 o'clock Sunday, and Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Holy Communion and morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Even-

ing prayer and sermon at 7:30. German Lutheran Church (Ohio Synod), Rev. H. Mau, pastor. Service at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Everybody is cordially invited.

Whittemette M. E. Church—Regular preaching at 2 p. m. Sunday school 3:15 p. m., Mrs. Fromong, superintendent. West Oregon City School House—J. O. Staats will preach at 3 o'clock. Sunday school conducted after service. Church of the United Brethren in Christ—Rev. F. Clack, pastor. Sabbath, 10:00 A. M., F. Parker, superintendent; morning service, 11 o'clock; C. E., 6:30 P. M., Alice Boy-

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