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THE ELASTIC TRUTH.

THE SUBJECT considered at the Marshfield Christian Science service Sunday was "Truth." What a wide, all embracing topic it is. The writer did not hear the views expressed there but he knows they must have been interesting for it is at all times and in all places an entertaining topic.

"Truth, crushed to earth will rise again; For the eternal years of God are hers; But error, wounded writhes in pain And dies amid her worshippers."

In courts of justice where the truth is always desired and expected it is not always found. Somehow one desires to thank the Tennessee prosecuting attorney who rushed to the defense of a woman witness in the night ridor trials when, after she had flagrantly perjured herself for the sake of her husband and corrected her testimony when the latter confessed, was branded by his lawyer as a liar.

Mrs. Bud Morris was the woman's name, and in order to clear her husband from the grave charges which he faced, she did tell, under oath, a palpable untruth; that he had not left the family residence on the evening of the murder of Captain Rankin, to-wit. When Morris afterwards admitted that he had not only been out all of the night in question, but had participated in the crime, Mrs. Morris could do nothing more than repudiate her first assertion. She did so, and was rewarded by the forementioned sneering remark from the attorney for the defense, concerning her wicked mendacity.

It was then that Attorney General Caldwell, a lawyer of shrewdness and skill, and a gentleman of rare courtliness, strove to excuse the woman with the remark: "I want to go on record with the statement that a woman or a child cannot lie. It is abhorrent to nature to say such a thing. They may be mistaken or misled. I say that Mrs. Morris was misled when she testified yesterday, and she is entitled to our reverence and respect for her bravery."

This sounds more like the old south—not the south of night riders, and leashed convicts and radical reform—but of gentleness, and chivalry and tenderness for women. Paradoxical as it may seem, the attorney general's happy statement is entirely admissible. It is frequently remarked that on occasions a man may perjure himself like a gentleman, without being stigmatized by the short and hideous word; whereas it is not possible for a woman to falsify like a wife or mother, without opening herself to insult?

It is doubtful if women really do lie on the witness stand, in spite of the falsehoods to which they so frequently lay their tongues. It is so easy for a woman to be mistaken, especially when such a mistake may bring liberty or life to one she loves. There never was a woman who really understood the famous lines, "I could not love you half so much loved I not honor more." Honor means so little to a woman when it conflicts with love. For her husband or her children the normal

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING!

Best of all is to preserve everything in a pure, still heart, and let there be for every pulse a thanksgiving, and for every breath a song.

GESNER.

"Shut Up!"

When you're real down-hearted And are feeling blue, When your friends pass by you And appear untrue,— Shut up! quit growling! Stop acting cur or pup! There's plenty 'nuff of dogs So you, shut up!

When you're sick and tired Feeling for a fight; When your pride is soaring To inflated height, Shut up! Quit swearing About your doggoned luck, Be gentleman enough, To just shut up!

The door of hope swings both ways.

Good luck is seldom displayed on bargain counters.

The world is wide, but there are lots of narrow people in it.

Most Coos Bay women keep a lot of ready-made sympathy on hand.

If a pair of androns cost \$7.75, what would a ton of coal come to? Ashes.

Even a musical alarm clock is seldom appreciated in the early morn.

A lazy man is on the wrong side of humanity's profit and loss account.

Why is a camel a very pugnacious animal? Because he always has his back up.

It's what people don't know about religion that causes all the arguments.

And the Coos Bay man who can let it alone seems to have it on the water-wagon passenger.

The heiress who marries a man to reform him may make good by using plenty of the gold cure.

If a woman wants a man to throw himself at her feet she should not throw herself at his head.

Why would some Coos Bay women make good postoffice clerks? Because they know how to manage the mails.

The evident admiration of a strange man makes a Coos Bay girl almost as indignant as his failure to notice her.

The woman who has been married two or three times ought to be well fitted to write an authoritative book on the habits of animals.

Coos Bay girls may worship novel heroes, but in real life they prefer men who can provide them with three square meals a day.

Hope is born, and dies, at least seventeen times in a man's breast before the woman who is calling on his wife, and has risen to go, reaches the front gate.

"What is the most awkward time for a boat to start? Dr. Dix asked Frank Parsons.

Twelve-fifty, as it's 10 to 1 if you catch it," Frank replied.

Mrs. Leonora Lake of Salt Lake City, says bachelors are the greatest evil in this country. We take it, therefore, that Mrs. Lake is a widow and wants to marry again.

There is a railroad in China with the right kind of a name. Any man can relieve his feelings fairly well when his train is late, by saying "Dog-dang-Lungchou" rapidly and with the right emphasis.

Mr. Champ Clark says the average woman will sacrifice anything, willingly accept the guilt of any sin of omission or commission, for their sake. This is the love absolute, and is as little understood by men as the honor inflexible is understood by women. It is because she is capable of such a love that Attorney General Caldwell, and all true men, revere a woman.

price of a woman's hat is just about \$3. It is to be hoped Mr. Clark knows more about the business of leading minorities in congress than he does about the millinery business.

"Why is a ship like a woman?" Fred McCollum asked Capt. Magenn and the Breakwater's master quickly replied. "Because she is often tender to a man-of-war, often running after a smack, often attached to a buoy (boy) and frequently making up to a pier (peer)."

That Chicago man who beat his wife because she insisted upon answering a night telephone call will not be able to plead justification as a defense before any jury of married men. A woman who will answer the telephone at night rather than arouse and compel him to answer the call deserves a medal—not a beating.

A falling tree at East Aurora, N. Y., miscalculated its distance and dropped on Elbert Hubbard, severely rumping his calm exterior with its upper extremities. This is about the first time anybody has had anything on Fra Albertus, and unkind paragraphs will remark that "death loves a shining mark" as much as the Fra loves an easy one.

A Coos Bay man in crossing the street, slipped on the muddy crossing and hastily sat down.

In an equally unpremeditated manner he made a few hasty remarks as he rose to his feet. His wife said nothing until they had walked another block. Then she spoke.

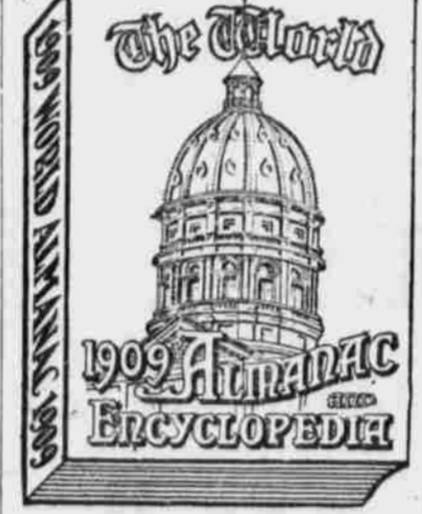
"My dear," she said, "I never knew you had such a magnificent vocabulary."

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