

# THE AMERICAN CONSERVATION OF BELLS

Mankind Has Advanced  
With Constant Accompaniment of Peal, Toll and Chime—Historic Bells of America and of the World

"The old, untroubled pagan world of beauty," as Gilder calls it, is to be restored, according to Frederic J. Haskin's program of the revival of the dances of the ancients. In his letter to The Journal that will appear in tomorrow's issue Mr. Haskin justifies the revival of a wonderful art, so nearly lost that for centuries it has been known only to be loathed and reviled by the orthodox of Europe and America. The proposal to teach dancing to school girls, as a means of physical culture is also to be discussed.

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Washington, Feb. 19.—Few inanimate things have been so closely associated with the religious and social progress of man as bells. They jangled on the horns of the earliest armies, tinkled through the ritual of Judaism, they sounded in the Greek garbisons and camps, and they announced the hour of death to the Romans. Today they toll out warnings on lonely, treacherous coasts; they warn us of the approach of a railway train and trolley cars; they call us to meet friend or collector at the front door, or to talk on the telephone. They cheer the gallies of the senate for executive session, and amuse the baby when they decorate his rattle. Bells have celebrated national victories and have been tolled to signify defeats. Their merry peals have announced the holiday, the wedding, and the christening. The church bells of St. Bartholomew followed the signal of a bell. Things solemn and things sacred, things social and things secular, things trivial and things useful are all associated with the bell, yet around it hangs a graceful sentiment and old tradition.

**Bells in Churches.**  
Bells are most closely associated with churches. During the days of persecution, and until the church was firmly established, the Christians gathered together with little ostentation as possible. Tradition credits the first use of bells in convoking church congregations to Paulinus, bishop of Nola, in Campania, about A. D. 400. Though Jerome mentions one at an earlier date than this. In the time of Pope Sabastus, early in the seventh century, the use of bells in religious worship was well established. The venerable Bede tells us of the introduction of bells into A. D. and the churches throughout Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands, especially Belgium, were using their bells in calling the faithful to worship. Ritual speaks of the bells. He tells us they were rung at the birth of a monarch, at the death of a monarch, at the coronation of a monarch, and at the death of a monarch. In the eighteenth century the Bishop of Chalons baptized a peal, speaking of it as a "happy and blessed peal."

**Bells Converted Into Cannon.**  
Except in Scotland, the reformation spared the bells. Even the "passing bell" was preserved. But while the peal was preserved to the bells and preserved them, even though associated with a faith other than his own, the soldier was less merciful. The few medieval peals which did not mourn the loss of some of their great bells, many have been used in the manufacture of cannon as were those from Rouen cathedral. Even less worthy causes offered to explain the disappearance of others. Henry VIII lost a peal of bells that hung in Farrington Without in a game of dice with Sir Miles Partridge. The knight himself was soon afterward hanged, fitting retribution, although his fate was due more to his having outwitted his wife than to his having robbed the benefactor.

**Celebrated American Bells.**  
The first big bell brought to America was one purchased by New Haven, April, 1681. Trinity church, New Haven, now has one of the largest chimes in this country, consisting of 10 bells, from 2 flat to E, weighing 1850 pounds and costing \$5250. The chimes of Old Trinity, New York, are undoubtedly the oldest, though nothing definite can be learned of them except that they came from England. Christ church, Boston, has a beautiful chime, and Christ church, Philadelphia, has a set of bells of historic interest. During the Revolution they were taken down from the tower and sunk in the Delaware to avoid danger of their capture by the English. At the close of the war they were restored to the old belfry. Tradition says that Myrtilla brought these bells from London, and that afterward whenever her bells whitened the harbor the bells were rung in her honor. Philadelphia treasures also the famous Liberty bell, which, converted into a cannon, was cracked when proclaiming the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Old St. John, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, has a bell that was cast by Paul Revere. It was recast from the famous bell that had been brought there by the brave Pappey after the sinking of the Louisiana cathedral in the French and Indian war, and was injured later in a fire. The bells of St. Mi-

## Roosevelt Tells Pan-American Delegates Scope Is Still Too Narrow.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Feb. 19.—World wide conservation of resources was the theme of an address delivered yesterday at the White House by President Roosevelt to the delegates to the North American conference on conservation. The President said in part:  
"This conference represents one of the many steps that have been taken of recent years looking toward a harmonious cooperation between the nations of the earth for the common advancement of all. In international relations the great feature of the growth of the last century has been the gradual recognition of the fact that, instead of its being normally to the interest of one nation to see another depressed, it is normally to the interest of each nation to see the others elevated. Fundamentally, it is the same with nations as it is with individuals. In commercial relations, the trade of one nation is greatest not with the poor and backward nation, but with the rich and the progressive nation."

The movement that you gentlemen are beginning, of national cooperation for the conservation of a national and international resource, marks another stage in the advance along these lines. Each nation will be left absolutely free, of course, to express its own wisdom in doing with the things that concern itself, but it will be given the chance to profit by the wisdom of other nations; and I know of no nation or no individual, that cannot profit by the wisdom of others."

"In addition, the opportunity will be given to all of us to join together in doing the work that can best be done in union. By all of us, we can do more than we can do separately. We are beginning, with nations whose boundaries march along a great extent of land frontier, with Canada, the United States and Mexico, there are necessarily large tracts of land in which the welfare of one people depends upon the action not only of that country, but of the neighboring country. This, of course, is especially true where our streams are concerned. You cannot cut down the forests on the headwaters of an international stream without having it hurt both nations."

**Largest Bells of America.**  
In Vredvick Flipse's old brick church in sleepy Hollis, in the Hudson valley, still hangs the bell with the date "1655" on its side, though its pealing has long been still. One bell, not so old, but still as this, are those that compose the chime in St. Louis cathedral, New Orleans. These are not only rung for ritualistic ceremonies, but are rung every Saturday night in memory of Don Andres Almonaster y Roxas, whose munificence made the edifice a peal. The largest single bell in this country is probably that of Montreal cathedral, which weighs 23,600 pounds. The bell in the New York city hall weighed 23,000 pounds, but was recast into five smaller bells. Washington, D. C. possesses a chime of 11 bells in the tower of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church, made famous through the interest in their installation by Mrs. Grant, wife of President Grant. They were dedicated on November 30, 1871. New Orleans has, in addition, Old Trinity's chimes, carillons at St. Thomas and at Grace church, Troy, Albany, Montreal, Toronto and several other cities possess excellent sets of bells.

**World's Largest Bells.**  
Russia has long claimed the largest bell in the world, though a recent traveler in Burmah states he has seen a still larger one, which can easily hold 50 people. The great bell of Moscow was first cast in the region of Boris Godunov and recast in 1654. It then weighed 130 tons and was 54 feet in thickness. The value of the material which it contained was estimated at \$1,000,000. The bell was again cast in 1733, when the nobles in their enthusiasm threw into the molten metal three furbes being employed and imperfect and, although the bell was never hung, a fire in the shed in which it was housed found the flaw and a great 11 ton wedge fell out of the side, leaving an opening as large as a church door. The great bell at Pekin is nearly 15 feet high and weighs close to 54 tons.

**Largest Bell That Swings.**  
The largest swinging bell in Great Britain. It took eight hours to melt the 20 tons of material of which it is composed, three furnaces being employed and it cost \$3000. Big Ben, at Westminster, weighs between 13 and 14 tons, and was cast in 1858. In addition, it is said to owe their names to the sound they emit. Since the night of Dec. 31, 1858, Tom of Oxford has been tolled 101 times every evening at five minutes past nine, the strokes representing the original number of scholars in the university. The bell is the largest bell in England, takes 16 men to toll it, but it is struck with a mechanical hammer 12 times each day at noon and is also struck at midnight of each December 31. It is being literally beaten to death, for beneath it lie scattered fragments loosened by the strokes of the heavy hammer which is necessary to make the sound.

**The Chime of the English.**  
The chime, or carillon, is native to Belgium where Peter van den Gheyn put up a modest octavo of bells at Louvain. Now large carillons of forty bells and more are common there, and are heard for vast distances over the flat fields of the Netherlands and the flat of St. Peter's reach the ear across the Campagna from Rome. While the carillons of England do not compare in size with those of the continent, they are not less beautiful in tone. The bells of Christ church, Oxford, were greatly admired by Handel, and Queen Elizabeth once paid tribute to the beauty of those at St. Leonard, in Shoreditch, by stopping to listen to them as she returned to London. The largest peal in the English island is probably that of St. Paul's, consisting of 12 bells, of which the tenor weighs 6400 pounds. The English have filled each hamlet with peals and every town with chimes until the island has been styled, "the ringing isle."

**The Art of Bell Ringing.**  
Bell ringing is an art. In England, where the bells are the most part hung with rope and wheel, pealing and ringing the chimes is accomplished by a band of men, each with a separate rope to pull. In Belgium the bells are rung by means of a rough key board, a clavichord, resembling in appearance the base of a piano. The clappers of the bells being attached to the free end of each clavier. In the older days, when the bells were rung by monks and clerics. As a class they grew to have an unenviable reputation, and Bunyan, in his "Pilgrim's Progress," has a chapter on the "Bell-ringers of Elstow," who, in the occupation for the good of their souls, were taken down from the tower and sunk in the Delaware to avoid danger of their capture by the English. At the close of the war they were restored to the old belfry. Tradition says that Myrtilla brought these bells from London, and that afterward whenever her bells whitened the harbor the bells were rung in her honor. Philadelphia treasures also the famous Liberty bell, which, converted into a cannon, was cracked when proclaiming the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Old St. John, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, has a bell that was cast by Paul Revere. It was recast from the famous bell that had been brought there by the brave Pappey after the sinking of the Louisiana cathedral in the French and Indian war, and was injured later in a fire. The bells of St. Mi-

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## ISSUE DRAWN ON FISHING GROUNDS

Decision on Hecate Strait and Dixon Entrance Enrages Americans.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Seattle, Feb. 19.—News from British Columbia that the Canadian government has decided that the waters of Hecate strait and Dixon entrance are within British territory has aroused much indignation among fishing interests here, and it is said the matter will be presented to the state department at Washington.  
The ruling, if strictly enforced, would drive a large number of halibut

## Best Recipe for Catarrh

The logical treatment of catarrh is through the blood, and the following is sure: To one-half pint good whiskey, add one ounce syrup sarsaparilla and one ounce Toris compound, which can be procured of any druggist. Take in teaspoonful doses before each meal and before retiring.

A bottle of this mixture should be in every family medicine chest on account of the manifold ills that it will cure, being a perfect tonic and system builder, the good results are felt after the first few doses.  
It is an exceedingly simple mixture, but one that will bring quick results and put the system in a normal condition.

## CORVALLIS WOMAN IS STILL MISSING

Four Days' Search Fails to Reveal Trace of Mrs. Hetzel.

Corvallis, Or., Feb. 19.—One of the strangest cases on record here is the disappearance of Mrs. Hetzel, mother of Professor Ralph D. Hetzel of the O. A. C. She vanished from her home Tuesday morning and, although large parties of students, citizens and officers have searched the surrounding country, no trace has been obtained. She was reported to have been seen on the Corvallis-Albany road Tuesday morning, and between Corvallis and Granger Tuesday night.  
Mrs. Hetzel had just recovered from a nervous breakdown and it is thought she was mentally unbalanced. Many are of the opinion that she has committed suicide. Her sons are leading the searchers, in the hope that their mother may be found wandering along the roadside. Her physical condition was delicate and it is thought that she

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will soon succumb to the rain and cold, being thinly clad.  
She is described as being tall and slender, having fair hair and appearing about 50 years of age. Those who claim to have seen her state that she wore a long black cloak and a black scarf over her head.  
**OLD MASON PROTESTS FAVOR SHOWN TAFT**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Cincinnati, Feb. 19.—Jedediah Clure, an honorary thirty-third degree Mason, regarded as the most influential Mason in Cincinnati, has made public a letter written to Grand Master Hoskinson of the Ohio grand lodge, in which he protested against allowing President-elect Taft to become a Mason at sight.  
The letter, which is a lengthy one, declares that the action violates the ritual of Masonry, which prescribes that a Mason must make the first three degrees at monthly intervals.  
"We're taught," writes Clure, "that Masonry regards no man for worldly power, wealth or honor."  
Clure refused an invitation to attend the initiation of Taft.  
Only one "BROODER QUINCE" was seen at the initiation of Taft. Clure, who is a prominent Mason, is known for his opposition to the initiation of Taft. He is a member of the Ohio grand lodge, and his letter is considered a significant statement in the Masonic community.