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THE MASTERPIECE

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How marvelous and perfect is the universe! And this old world of ours, how wonderful it is; the heavenly blue of its endless skies matching the blue of its oceans! How grand and inspiring its mountains, how beautiful its plains and smiling valleys, its rivers and meadows, its trees and flowers, its birds and glorious sunshine, and all of its other varied forms of life!

Yet God's masterpiece is man. You are the most wonderful of all His creations. Even your body is a most wonderful and perfect mechanism, capable of building itself up from the smallest beginnings to be the "human form divine," with all of its organs, activities and capacities.

God has given you a more wonderful and precious gift than body or mind. He has given to you a part of His own life, a spark or divinity, which we call the soul.

God has also bestowed upon you the power to do what you will with all these great and beautiful gifts. You can throw away your body; you may weaken or destroy it by ignorance, sin, dissipation.

You may even sear, scar and deform your immortal soul, if you live to no purpose and put aside the promptings of the divine in you.

be an independent, self-governing, eternal individuality, not a merely physical being without responsibility or choice or power, like the trees, the birds and the beasts.

What are you doing with this masterpiece of the Creator, yourself? Are you keeping your body clean, pure, strong and perfect, so that it may be a fit dwelling place for a child of God? Or, forgetful of its Giver and of His purpose in giving it, are you weakening, abusing, defiling, polluting it?

Are you developing that mind which God bestowed upon you and filling it with the highest truth that you can reach, or are you burying your talents in a napkin, like the unprofitable servant? Are you striving to give your soul a chance for growth by giving it action and supplying it with daily spiritual food; or are you burying it under a load of worldliness, selfishness, bestiality and sin?

"He liveth long who liveth well; All other life is short and vain. He liveth longest who can tell Of living most for heavenly gain. Waste not thy being, back to Him Who freely gave it freely give; Else is that being but a dream, 'Tis but to be, and not to live.

"Be thou in truthfulness arrayed, Hold up to earth thy torch divine; Be what thou prayest to be made; Let steps of charity be thine. Fill up each hour with what will last; Buy up the moments as they go; The life above when this is past Is the ripe fruit of life below.

"Sow truth if thou the truth would'st reap, Who sows the false shall reap the vain. Erect and sound thy conscience keep; From hollow words and deeds refrain. Sow love and taste its fruitage pure; Sow peace and reap its harvest bright; Sow sunbeams on the rock and moor, And find a harvest home of light."

The fans will have Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis all to themselves now.

If the fruit prospects pan out as now indicated, there is a busy time ahead for the manufacturing and shipping concerns of Salem.

Hollywood, Ill., is following tradition in agitating for a change of name because of the unsavory reputation of the California "movie" town.

The Russian ruble has reached a new low record in actual exchange value of about 1-600,000th of a dollar.

Lord Northcliffe finds a disquieting amount of friction in Palestine, and an American observer notes that recent immigrants from central Europe are "unnecessarily arrogant."

Jacob, but I'm Saul, son of Tish, who was sent forth to look for his father's asses, and, lo, they are found!"

THE PRELIMINARIES The Episcopal bishop of Nevada is going to require a seven-day notice before a wedding ceremony can be performed.

LIKES AMERICANS Pope Pius XI has expressed his admiration for the energy and efficiency of the American people as well as for their progressive Catholicism.

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FUTURE DATES

- February 18 to 19 inclusive—State Christian Endeavor convention. February 19 and 20, Sunday and Monday—Meeting of Episcopal diocese at St. Paul's church. February 20, 21 and 22—Convention of State Retail Dealers association at Roseburg. February 21, Tuesday—Convention of Oregon Retail Clothiers' association in Salem. February 21, Tuesday—John D. Mickle to address South Salem Parent-teacher association at Leslie Methodist church. February 21 and 22—Tuesday and Wednesday, Apollo club in concert with Gideon Hicks and Gertrude Hunteley Green, pianist. February 22, Wednesday—Charles Hall, candidate for governor, to address Rotarians at Marion hotel, in evening. February 22, Wednesday—Seventeenth anniversary program by Rotarians at Marion hotel. February 22, Wednesday—Washington's birthday. February 22, Saturday—Wrestling bouts between Oregon City high school and Chemawa Indian school grapplers, at Chemawa. February 25, Saturday—Marion county Holstein cattle club meets at Commercial club. February 27, Monday—Professor James Matthews, Waller hall lecture. "Love, Courtship and Marriage." March 2, Thursday—Annual Elks Election. March 10, Friday—Intercollegiate oratorical contest at Pacific college, Newberg. March 17-19—Meeting of county Sunday school convention in Salem. March 17, 18 and 19—Marion county Sunday school convention, Salem. March 20, Monday—State convention Oregon Tax Reduction league in Portland. April 16 to 23—"Better Music" week in Salem. April 16, Sunday—Easter. May 19, Friday—Primary election. June 29-30, July 1—Convention of Oregon Fire Chiefs' association at Marshfield. July 8 and 4—Monday and Tuesday. State convention of Artisans at Woodburn. September 21, 22 and 23—Pendleton round-up. November 7, Tuesday—General election.

in Africa and one was a Hebrew. The name of the late Pope, Benedict, is commonly associated with domestic life. In literature and the drama Benedict is the typical married man. But, of course, in the papacy this was different.

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American statesman is bracketed with Washington and Lincoln. John Hay in his oration before congress in 1901, said that the three supreme figures in American history would be Washington, Lincoln and McKinley.

THE SOUL'S HOME If this earth life were all and then the end— After maddening rush for wealth and fame, then All done, all finished, after three and ten; If parting at the bier from kin and friend Were final, and, to never more extend Caresses to our loved ones, or listen To their voice, or see their dear face again!

God's purpose man could never comprehend. Disintegrating elements this earth, The planets incubator of the soul, God's kindergarten nature made for man, Inortal... , not distanced by a span. We enter not apart, but as a whole, And judged alone according to our worth. —Samuel R. Cone.

SILK AND WOOL HOSE New Spring Shades at SHIPLEY'S

CLARK'S CRUISES by C.P.R. STEAMERS Clark's 2nd Cruise, January 22, 1922 ROUND THE WORLD Superb SS "EMPERESS OF FRANCE" 1961 Gross Tonn. Speedily Chartered 4 MONTHS CRUISE, \$1000 and up including Hotel, Food, Drives, Guides, etc. Clark's 19th Cruise, February 7, 1922 THE MEDITERRANEAN 3500 Gross Tonn. Speedily Chartered 65 DAYS CRUISE, \$800 and up including Hotel, Food, Drives, Guides, etc. 19 days Egypt, Palestine, Spain, Italy, Greece, etc. Europe view-overs allowed on both cruises. Europe view-overs allowed on both cruises. Europe view-overs allowed on both cruises. Frank C. Clark, Times Building, New York.

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In The Pirates' Cave

THE WRECK OF THE GOOD SHIP "VINDEX" You can't really realize the terrors of a ship wreck unless you have been through one yourself. But you can get an idea of what it is like by having some one tell you about it. At the last meeting of the Pirate Six, Squee Mather, our chief, with his red bandana around his head, pirate style, got up and read us a part of a letter he had received some time ago from an uncle of his who used to be a sailor, years ago. It was about a ship wreck that his uncle had been in. I got the letter from Squee after the meeting, and here's the ship wreck part of it: "The 'Vindex' was a medium sized sailing vessel lying in the Kipara Harbor, New Zealand, laden with heavy kauri logs, squared up for the Australian market. Crew Short-handed "I had been doing cook's work in the lumber camp." Captain Slater of the Vindex came to me the day his ship was to leave the harbor, and asked me if I would do him a favor. "I'm short-handed," said he, "and I can't leave without a full crew. Will you sign up for Sydney, Australia, with us?" I thought a minute. Then I had no more than completed arrangements when the signal went up for a fair wind, and the crew of the Vindex got busy setting sail and raising anchor. "When we left the harbor little did any of us think that our good old Vindex was a doomed ship. We had no more than reached upon sea when a large black cloud came up from the southeastern horizon, bringing with it a tornado.

ONE REEL YARNS

THE MYSTERIOUS SIGNS "I'm very much worried," said Professor Stebbin, as he came down to breakfast. "Last night when I came home from the laboratory, just after dark, I discovered some mysterious signs in front of the house." "Gracious!" shivered Mrs. Stebbin. "Mysterious signs?" "They pointed toward the house," continued the professor gravely. "I examined them carefully, but they had no meaning that I could see." "How very strange," Mrs. Stebbin gasped. "Have some more muffins, Elmer," and she passed the plate to her nephew, who was staying with them, and who was listening, open-mouthed, to the conversation. "I got to thinking about it," the professor went on, "and it looks very serious. You know I have been working for some time on a formula for a very powerful poison gas." "Yes, I know," sighed his wife, "and I've been so worried, think last night you working all the time with that dangerous stuff. But what does that have to do with the signs?" "Don't you see," said the professor, "that a formula like that is very valuable? I have intended to turn it over to the government. I have taken great pains to keep secret the fact that it is almost completed. I am afraid that someone has discovered the fact and some secret society is making an effort to get it. I have read of such things." "My goodness! I suppose they think you keep it at home in a safe and have marked the house so they can surround it or something. You don't carry it around with you, do you?" "No, indeed. It is in a safe place at the laboratory. But I must investigate this strange matter further. However, let us not talk of it now. We are frigh-tening the boy." "About an hour later Peter Grant came trotting over to see Elmer, who was out in front. "What are you doing?" he asked. "I'm washing off those chalk-rabbit signs we made last night," said Elmer calmly. "Say Peter, I wonder where folks get that idea about professors being so wise?" TODAY'S PUZZLE Hidden in the following sentence are three sports spelled backward: "I was worried when I asked for a pile of logs, but five or six obligingly helped me fix the fire." Answer to yesterday's: "All's well that ends well." Answer to today's: Row, golf, box. Table Talk Every family should have a rule not to quarrel or discuss disagreeable things at the table. There are so many pleasant things to talk about. And it is not good manners, either when invited out or eating at home, to criticize the food, or to talk about things to eat during the meal. "Are the pictures in the Rogne's Gallery framed?" "Yes, in gilt." Scientists tell us that the north pole is moving south. Well, what other direction could it move?



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