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A Prayer.
Powder and perfume and poodles
and paint,
And styles that would flummox
any saint;
Music that jizzes and ambles and
brays;
Lord! take us back to the old fash-
ioned days.

The dentist had just moved into
a place previously occupied by a
baker, when a friend called.
"Pardon me a moment," said the
dentist, "while I dig off those let-
ters of 'Bakehop' from the front
window."
"Why not merely dig off the 'B'
and let it go at that?" suggested
the friend.

A teacher in the public school
asked a little girl to parse the
word "kiss" which she did as fol-
lows: This word is a noun, but is
usually used as a conjunction. It
is seldom declined, and more com-
mon than proper. It is not very
singular, in that it is used, yea, used
in the plural. It agree with m-

Thanks.
The following was sent us by a
kindly contrib who neglected to
inclose his name:
Ig—Have you seen May?
Nutz—May who?
Ig—Mayonnaise.
Nutz—No; she was dressing
and wouldn't letuce.

If you really want a happy
thought for the day you might re-
flect upon the report that there
will be a coal famine this winter.

In Chicago, a magistrate recently
sentenced five young girls to
attend church regularly for a pe-
riod of one year. He seemed to
think that this was a form of pun-
ishment. Chicago people are very
worldly.

Serch Us, Tom.
Most of her deceased friends and
fraternal brethren were dead or
moved away. — Texas Pythian
News Nugget.
I have been wondering how her
deceased friends moved away.

In order that the home garden
may be a success the first thing it
must produce is perspiration.

Three Square Feet Per Man On Manhattan

New York, Aug. 6.—Investigat-
ing committees recently found
that the number of workers who
daily flock into the financial dis-
trict of lower Manhattan exceed
1,500,000. If they were assem-
bled in an open field of equal
area there would hardly be room
for any of the sleepy clerks to
stretch their arms and yawn.

There is less than one square
mile in the tip of the island be-
hind Chambers street, or only a
little more than three square feet
of ground space for each person
working in the district. But sky-
scrapers have so multiplied the
accommodation nature furnished
the first settlers that instead of
having less elbow room than an
imprisoned criminal, everybody
can chew gum without distracting
the sensitive ears of the occupant
of the adjacent desk.
Although 1,500,000 persons
work each day in this small
space, the number who live in the
area total less than 18,000. Sub-
ways, elevated trains, ferries,
automobiles and street cars rush
the others in and out every morn-
ing and evening. Some of the
commuters live 100 miles away.

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Courts and Common Sense

The Corvallis Gazette-Times, whose veneration for courts is exceeded only by its idolatry of corporations, takes exception to the assertion of the The Capital Journal that the decision of Illinois courts holding that there is no divine right of kings statute to shield a governor from answering for crimes, was "remarkable for its common sense" and declares:

We don't think there is anything remarkable about it. All court decisions that finally become the accepted law of the land are founded on common sense.

Court decisions are based upon precedent and pressure of public opinion and common sense is not considered as any part of judicial training or practice. When an occasional judge, like Henry McGinn, replaces precedent with common sense, in order that justice may obtain, he is regarded with legal horror. Common sense is so rare in courts that its exercise is news—news consisting in the presentation of the unusual.

What some bewigged jurist held some musty centuries ago is of more moment in most any American court than common-sense; conflicting opinion of 40 different courts in as many states is more important; in fact the lawyer that can dig-out the most citations of previous decisions to favor his stand, wins his case and the lawyer who bases his appeal upon common sense is predestined to failure.

Courts were primarily devised to protect vested rights and feudal privileges. Administration of justice rested with the king and the first duty of the court was to shield the divine right of kings and their appointees, including the courts. Though the evolution of democracy has gradually altered the character of courts to conform, they have never entirely lost the old view-point as reflected in the prestige of precedent and in the super-importance of technicality and quibble.

When a court holds that the divine right doctrine does not apply to the executive head of the state, who must be held accountable for sins as other citizens are, it is a commonsense decision—although doubtless highly displeasing to the Gazette-Times, which probably views it with consternation and dismay as an attack upon vested rights and the sanctity of authority.

Then and Now

Mark Sullivan, political writer, has discovered that "The naming of America's representatives in the coming international disarmament conference at Washington is wholly President Harding's prerogative, and that the senate does not have the privilege of 'advice and consent'."

So was the naming of America's representatives at the Paris peace conference the exclusive prerogative of the president—yet because the president did not consult the senate on the appointments, the senate killed the peace treaty while denouncing the executive as a usurper and tyrant—and the republican press of the country echoed the charges.

It is to be hoped that President Harding escapes more fortunately than his predecessor and that when disarmament treaties are prepared that the senate will not kill them merely because the senate was not consulted in the appointment or procedure. In this instance the small minds of the senate should not seek to make history repeat itself.

Tabloid Sermons

For Busy People by

Parson Abiel Haile

"Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."—1 John 3:18.

Lip service has caused more shipwrecks than any other sort of mishap. Ardent tongue wagging devotion is the little playmate of lip service and they are marvls in their way. In his text we use today, John clearly defined treason, by inference. The law contemplates treason as the most abased of crime. Murder is a bailable offense; treason is not. The reason is that a murder may be done in the heat of passion, with great provocation either real or fancied. But treason never is done on the spur of a moment. Before one can commit treason to God, state or brethren, one first must have assumed the obligation of loyalty. Thus when treason is done, a trust is betrayed. A love for wife, or sweetheart is propriety, employer, state, country of God is a serious affair. Protestations of abiding affection are not novel—but it is a dangerous habit to acquire. It arouses the suspicions of the mentally alert when an associate in life punctuates time with declarations of love, and songs of adulation. But the really sincere husband, betrother, employee, soldier of state or church, or boy or girl, prove a wholesome and righteous devotion by deeds establishing loyalty, and an honesty of attachment. To the boy or girl starting in life's battle, no greater axiom exists than John's inferential admonition to sincerity. From cover to cover, the Word teems with adjurations to all to be straightforward and true, and in no text is it more forcibly put than in John's clear differential between the lip service of the faithless heart that fancies it will be considered loyal because of endless chatter of love, and that abiding dependable, all-the-way ruggedly enduring truth manifesting and proving itself by deeds without end. Be honest in deed and give the tongue an occasional rest. It is hard to listen to orations and have the task neglected during the oral efforts. "Not in word—but in deed."

ALICIA HAMMERSLEY

A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry

By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON
The Noted Writer

Mrs. Early's Husband Calls
Restlessly I tossed and turned, until when at last my eyelids were smarting from lack of sleep and my nerves were drawn so taut that it seemed to me that they were about to pull apart, I saw a soft grey light coming through my windows.

With the blessed notion that day was breaking and I would not really have to sleep at all, I started up and opened all the windows and threw up all the shades. Over the tops of the lowest build-ings I saw that soft grey light becoming the pink blush of prominent day.

I stood at my favorite window a few moments just waiting, for what I knew not. Suddenly it almost seemed that with a leap the sun appeared and the whole world was warm and bright. I stretched out my hands and took a long, long breath for quite as suddenly all my troubles and annoyances slipped aside. Those awful black shadows that come upon for going home right away

to us in the night's long hours were gone.
I went back to my bed, thinking I would just drop down on it to plan my day. Abruptly I found myself sitting up with a confused feeling that someone was ringing the telephone. "Who is calling?" I said to myself as I opened my eyes and found that the sun was pouring in and the clock on the mantel announced ten minutes to eleven. I had been asleep after all.

I took up the receiver and listened to Bart's voice.
"Alix, I have had news for you. Larry's mother has just learned that she must submit to a surgical operation immediately and he is leaving for home in five minutes. He is now packing frantically and asked me to call you up. I am going with him, dear, for he is nearly beside himself. His mother wanted him to come home instead of coming here with me, but she gave him no particular-

awful black shadows that come upon for going home right away

SAP AND SALT

BY Bert Moses

The race to get married and to get divorced looks like a dead heat.

If the breweries ever reopen, there will be plenty of experienced hands to run them.

Bad teeth keep some people from getting married, and other people from getting jobs.

Some men seem to be in business more to injure their competitors than to benefit themselves.

You can tell what sort of a fellow a man is by finding out whether he makes a living or just gets it.

Success comes from hiring folks who can do your work better than you can do it yourself.



HEZ HECK SAYS:

"Nothing much would happen in this world if somebody didn't raise hell now and then."

and he thought it would be all right if he did not go until next week. It seems she knew she was going to have the operation, but decided not to tell him about it until he got home. As soon as she received his letter saying he was here, his father wired him to come as soon as possible. Larry says to tell you goodbye.

Bart had not given me a chance to say a word before he hung up. I tried to get him again, thinking perhaps that he had been cut off by mistake, but found that he had gone.

I was selfish enough to feel a little relieved when I knew that I did not have the entertainment of the boys upon my hands. I was very sorry for Larry and I was glad that Bart was going home with him, but just at this moment my own affairs pressed heavily on my mind. Hurriedly, I rang for my coffee and Hannah, coming in, said: "I saw that you were asleep, Mrs. Hammersley, and did not even dare to shut your window blinds, for I knew it was very late when your caller left. In fact, I heard you when you opened your windows this morning."

"Has anyone called for me, Hannah?"
"Yes, about twenty minutes ago there was a call from your office asking if you would be down today. I told them that you were still resting for you had been unable to sleep until very late, and that as soon as you awakened I would ask you to call them."

"All right, Hannah. Call up the office and say that I will be down in three quarters of an hour."

As I went through the door of the bathroom I heard my telephone bell ringing again and presently Hannah came and called through the door: "Mr. Early wishes to know if he may call for you and take you down to the office."

"Please tell Mr. Early that that is not necessary; that I will be down very soon."
Hannah went back and quickly returned, saying: "Mr. Early says that he hopes you will stay here until he calls. He is very anxious to see you upon some particular business which will be impossible for him to transact at his office."

Thoroughly exasperated, I was at the point of telling Roland Early that I had always supposed that the only place a man transacted his business was in his office, when I remembered that such an answer would not do at all and again sent a message by Hannah saying that I would see him in half an hour.

Before that time, I had dressed myself in my most severe tailor-made but it was not with smiles that I greeted him when he came into my living room.

I could not tell whether he was looking very grave or very angry, but at his first words I could make no mistake.

"I cannot understand, Alix, what possessed you to make that exhibition of yourself in the hotel last evening. Surely if that light-headed boy didn't know better, you are old enough to have some regard for convention."

"Mr. Early, my name is Mrs. Hammersley. I allow no man on earth to speak to me in this manner. Will you explain yourself?"

Hot Weather To Cut Down Hop Estimates

Continuation of hot weather in this part of the country will force a reduction in the original hop crop estimate of 60,000 bales for this year, according to advices now being sent by commission houses to British buyers.

Upland yards are already showing some drought, and the crop in the hills will undoubtedly witness a deal of shedding before picking, and will largely be gained from the tops. Around Harrisburg, in the bottom lands, where the "earlies" will be mostly harvested, the crop is looking exceptionally good, experts who have been in the field say.

The price to pickers has been definitely set locally and in other centers as 50 cents a box, and common labor in the yard to \$3 a day. Word from Independence states that these are the prices agreed upon by growers there at a recent meeting.

Hop men affirm that this year's yield will be the cleanest ever produced in Oregon and should be exceptionally good in quality if clean picking is adhered to.

Planning Power Plant in Linn
W. L. Benham of Portland has filed with State Engineer Cuyper an application for permission to appropriate 300 second feet of water from Clear lake, Fish lake, Lava lake, Lost lake and McKen- zie river for the development of 22,500 horsepower in Linn coun- ty.

Other applications covering wa- ter rights have been filed as fol- lows:
By Knight Percy of Salem, cov- ering the appropriation of two second feet from Little creek for irrigation and power developmen- in Columbia county.

By the city of Dayton, by Frank Holmes, attorney for the enlarge- ment of the city reservoir and the appropriation of water from Miller and Lishop springs for municipal supply for the city of Dayton, in Yamhill county.

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Reduced Rates Upon Furniture

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—Accor- ding to announcement by C. W. Luce, freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific company, the interstate commerce commission has given carriers permission to publish reduced rates on furniture from eastern points to Pacific coast points based on the value of the furniture. Mr. Luce states this will result in reductions in rates that will range as high as 45 per cent on some articles.

Luce states that the decision of the interstate commerce commis- sion is of the greatest importance to Pacific coast merchants and jobbers as it will open new mar- kets in this territory for medium grade furniture and be helpful to the consumer by assisting the downward trend in the price of

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