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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.—Isaiah 28:26.

Hicktown Inhabitants

A hicktown banker is one who puts you under life obligation for loaning you other peoples money and thinks he is a ponderous pillar of the community when he is only a leech sucking its life blood and sapping its vitality.

A hicktown merchant is one who carries a little of everything, not much of anything, and that all mused-up, who doesn't believe in publicity except when he has something to sell at a loss, when he peddles dodgers to newspaper readers because "advertising doesn't pay," yet like a faded strumpet, resorts to gaudy paint to attract suckers.

A hicktown attorney (there are mighty few lawyers in hicktown or elsewhere) is one who when not engaged in sand-bagging owners of bad debts, is sniggering, snitching, and skinning clients by shystering tactics and technicalities.

A hicktown preacher is one who preaches politics, polywogs and perdition, and most anything else except the gospel in the pulpit, and brethrens and sisterns the rams and lambs of his flock as he steps on the gas to bring home the bacon for the uplift.

A hicktown hotel is its most characteristic possession, one where the faucets leak, and the beds creak, and the doors have gimlet holes for the sneaks to peek, where the slang of the waitress tunes with the slam of the dishes and jibes with the slap of the chef, one where "unbidden guests, welcome when gone" hold merry midnight wassail with you and make you joyous to speed the farewell.

A hicktown garage is one where they monkey with the carburetor and it takes them hours and costs you dollars to adjust it again, one where they pull the motor to pieces on suspicion, put it together up-side-down and repeat the process at \$1.50 an hour, and cost plus, one where you store it overnight for joy-riding apprentices to tune-up and smash.

A hicktown—well you probably know about it, even if it is a thousand miles away. We'll tell you, maybe, more about it some day.

A Church Union

A union of churches is at last an actuality in Canada, where the United Church of Canada, a merger of the Methodist Episcopal, Congregational and Presbyterian churches held first services Sunday. A faction of the Presbyterian church refuses to unite and maintains independence.

It was originally proposed to unite all Protestant denominations, because it was thought there were too many small churches scattered about Canada. When the movement was launched years ago, every Protestant denomination was interested, but the world's war side-tracked the movement and all except the three denominations effected lost interest.

There are 375,000 Presbyterians in Canada of whom 108,390 voted against church union, representing but 700 preaching stations out of 3,904. The balance are automatically included in the merger. The Congregationalists, who are numerically weakest, were unanimous for union, as were the Methodists, under whose lead it was perfected.

The United Church does not mean fewer ministers although fewer church buildings will be required in sparsely settled communities and resources for church work trebled, the other ministers being sent to new parishes. The old traveling minister will be replaced by a permanent pastor. All told there will be 9,000 preaching stations and the nearest approach to a national church Canada has known.

The Canadian example could be followed with profit in the United States where the tendency of Protestantism is to constantly split over trivialities into new factions and denominations.

My Matrimonial Vacation

by Violet Dare

OUT OF THE PAST
The next morning after breakfast—which I really tried very hard to eat—I went to the various employment agencies whose addresses I'd taken from the newspaper the night before.
At the first one the woman in charge was rather snippy when she found that I had had no practical education whatever.
"Married?" she asked, as she wrote my name and address on a blank form.
"Yes—widow," I answered, and swallowed hard to keep back the sobs that were choking me.
She looked up sharply, and then went on writing, when I could control my voice well enough to tell her that I spoke French well and played the piano, and to give her the name of the finishing school I'd attended.
"If you'd have even a year at a good college it would be much easier to get a position as governess," she told me. "And there's very little call for companions. However, I'll see what I can do for you."
At the next agency the woman in charge was very kind, but she didn't see much chance of my getting a position either.
I wondered what in the world I could do. Maybe I could get a position as a chambermaid in some hotel, or as a waitress. I began to feel quite desperate.
Yet I was more determined than ever that I would not let Dad and Virginia support me. And I really wanted work, hard work, that I'd be obliged to do, so that I would have less time to think about my troubles.
I walked for hours, after I'd called at the last agency and left my name and address. I didn't want to go back to the hotel, and there was nowhere that I wanted to go. Finally I went to the railroad station where I was to meet Jim's friend at half-past four. It seemed as if, by getting there early, I could make the time pass more quickly.
As I was crossing the station someone spoke my name. I turned

know me, and had concluded that he'd met me at West Point, even though I didn't remember him.
The train drew into the station at last. I scanned the faces of the passengers who came down the long walk leading from it. I looked earnestly at all the men.
Tomorrow—A Changed Man.

SAYS HUSBAND'S CHARGES FALSE

"Each of the wild, ridiculous statements made by the plaintiff in his complaint are without any truth whatever," is the legal reply of Mary Richter to the divorce plea of her husband, Edward Richter, contained in a motion filed in the circuit court yesterday for funds with which to fight his case. Richter in divorce proceedings filed several days ago charged his wife with cruel and inhuman treatment, with having several times attempted to poison him, and having plowed under 5000 strawberry plants belonging to them.

Replying to the charge that she had attempted to poison him and that he had been forced to take his meals away from home for three years through fear of poisoning, Mrs. Richter alleges that he has frequently taken meals with her since that time, and adds, "that plaintiff is not afraid of me nor to eat my food so long as I pay for it, cook it, and serve it."

"There are simply hundreds of incidents during our married life," she alleges, "where the plaintiff has mistreated and abused me," and she therefore proposes to file a cross complaint to secure the divorce herself. The strawberry plants, she says, were plowed under with his knowledge and consent.

OPEN FORUM

Contributions to This Column must be plainly written on one side of paper only limited to 300 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor: I do not understand why it is that broad minded professing Christians have so little tolerance for the opinions of others which may differ materially from their own. Why? Many science when it has lengthened the span of life, mitigated pain, extinguished disease, increased fertility of our soils, giving to the mariner new securities. By its application have great rivers been spanned with bridges of form our fathers would have been incapable of comprehending. It has turned our night into day, distance has been annihilated, all offices of intercourse correspondence friendly or business have been facilitated. It is by science that men have been able to soar into the air, descend into the sea or penetrate into the earth and by the discovery of a giant tooth or fossil in the depths of the earth or some far away place are we brought face to face with the fact of evolution. And thus it is that the explanation is made to us of the true origin of the hills and valleys which we today inhabit. It has been necessary for science to explain every day facts by generalizing others less frequent which form the exception.

The eruption of the volcano manifested the heat continually at work in the interior of the earth. As also the lightning reveals a subtle power constantly producing changes in the inorganic world. Are not accumulated facts valuable for nature's explanation?

It seems to me that the orthodox way of being satisfied with our portion, what ever it is, can not be compared with the modern idea. Ie. "The Father and I are one," and the "Father" is the creator, the universal mind, the original

substance of which all things proceed. That science has a right to the claim of evolution may be supported from Genesis 4-16. We find that Cain after he slew his brother Able went into the land of Nod east of Eden, and there took unto himself a wife.

Now since the Bible makes no mention of any living human creatures upon the face of the earth at that time excepting Adam, Eve, Cain and Able is it not possible to believe that there were people who were not created in the image and likeness of God living but had evolved from the organic life at that time.

I am not seeking to enter into a controversy but rather express myself as one who has an open liberal mind for the rays of light that others have proven to be true. I believe to deny science is to deny all the truths of all it has brought to man, and that we are unable to do. Romans 14-16 I find why judge thy brother? or why set at naught his brother? We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Romans 14-11. For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, thy knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. I eter 3-8 But Beloved be not ignorant of this thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

This brings to me the thought that to teach our children to live to help others, to use the powers they possess to benefit the weak, and endure bravely the adversities that may befall them, think not of them selves but of those who are needy and helpless and protect those who are not able to help themselves. That God is intelligence, power,

life, love, wisdom and present everywhere. That truth and reality can never be contrary to science and reason. That man is the son of God and to sin against man is to sin against God, and to bless man is to bless God, that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." That "as ye mete, so shall it be measured to you again." These are the more important truths for the mind to dwell upon. It seems to me and will have a more powerful controlling conscience than any other method.

FATALITIES IN TRAIN WRECK MOUNT TO 42

(Continued from page one)

When rescuers arrived the steam had spent itself. The suffering was intense. One man jerked a roll of bills from his pocket and begged a rescuer to kill him. Only four trainmen and a few passengers were killed instantly. One woman was decapitated. The others went through hours of agony before they died in hospitals at Easton, Pa., Dover, N. J., Philadelphia, Norristown and Hackettstown.

Survivors told of a slightly scalded Chicago woman who limped meaning through the wreckage until she found her missing wallet. Then she shouted joyously and helped the rescuers.

The Dead
New York, June 17.—(By Associated Press)—A revised death list of yesterday's wreck at Rockport, N. J., including hospitals at which the victims died or to which their bodies were taken, follows, all being from Chicago unless otherwise indicated:
Banker, Nathan J., conductor, Rockport, Pa., at Easton.

Bernhardt, Mrs. Antonet, at Dover.
Bernhardt, Anthony, private hospital, Easton.
Brechner, Mrs. George, at Morristown.
Brunner, Edwin, at Easton.
Brunner, Edwin, Jr., at Easton.
Brunner, Robert, 8, at Easton.
Cink, Mary, at Easton.
Daniels, Oscar, negro porter, at Easton.

Ernst, Mrs. Anthony, at Easton.
Fisher, Mrs. Barbara, at Dover.
Feininger, Sophie, at Easton.
Gantz, Karl, at Dover.
Gellner, Nicholas, at Dover.
Gottner, Michael, Warren hospital, Philadelphia.
Grundie, Mrs. Elizabeth, at Easton.
Haehn, Carl, fireman, Seranton, Pa., at Hackettstown.

Heine, Martin, Jr., at Easton.
Heine, Martin, at Easton.
Heine, Elsie, at Easton.
Iron, John, at Philadelphia.
Isimann, Mrs. Auguste, at Dover.
Darling, Mrs. Kathryn, at Dover.
Karmans, Mrs. Harmine, at Hackettstown.

Kroch, Mrs. Caroline, Warren hospital, Philadelphia.
Loomis, Frederick, engineer, Seranton, at Hackettstown.
Lafarge, Gustave, at Easton.
Lefarge, Mrs. Lena.
Meyers, Mrs. Anna, at Morristown.
Paul, George, no address, at Dover.

Scanlan, James, trainman, Seranton, at Hackettstown.
Schuster, Philip, at Easton.
Trioko, Rudolph, at Easton.
Trioko, Mrs. Louise, at Easton.
Weinert, Mrs. Caroline, at Hackettstown.
Wagner, Helen, 9, no address at Easton.
Two unidentified men at Hazelton.
Unidentified girl, about 8 years old, at Hackettstown.
Unidentified child, five, at Easton.

WIFE NO LONGER OWNED BY HUBBY SAYS LECTURER

Denver, Colo., June 17.—Recently the legal relationship of the wife has been changed so that the spouse is no longer "owned legally" by her husband and consequently the present legal rulings on marital relations are being constantly modified. Professor Sophronia Breckenridge of the sociological department of the University of Chicago declared today in an address before the national conference of social workers here.

But the law of status between husband and wife needs more elaboration she said.
Professor Breckenridge urged social service agencies and workers to assist in the clarification of laws dealing with marriage and marital relations so that children will not suffer from the present defects of the statutes.

Out of 40 children under eight years of age whose environmental habits were investigated by the Massachusetts division of mental hygiene, 80.5 per cent were found to lack essentials of successful upbringing in their homes. Miss Bertha Reynolds, Boston social worker, told the national conference of social work here today.

Of the 400 cases investigated, only 10 per cent lived in homes of poverty, Miss Reynolds said. The absence of American educational standards, of play opportunities and of normal affection were mainly the missing elements shown by the survey, Miss Reynolds declared.

By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

The Major Denies "Al Fresco"

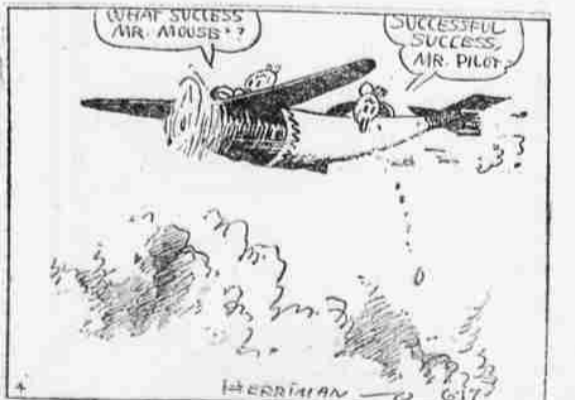
By Billy de Beck



KRAZY KAT

An Aerial Invasion

By Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

They're Off To See The Old U. S. A.

By Bud Fisher

