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SELF-MASTERY:—Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.—Psalm 19: 13, 14.

NOT WHAT, BUT HOW

Every once in a while these days one is reminded that in a little while Christmas will be here. Of course the merry season is still more than two weeks away, but many children and grown-ups have already begun to make their plans.

To do the kind of things that old Kriskringle does takes a lot of planning if it is to be done well; in a manner of speaking you have to get ready for it. Not that this planning is ever hard work, even if you go at it with all your might and main; because as every boy and girl knows when you do anything to make anyone happy, it is never hard work, and the more patience and skill you have to employ in doing it, the more fun it is.

If you were to ask him face to face, Santa Claus would tell you that a lot of people miss half the fun of Christmas because they forget that it isn't what is given that counts, but how the thing is given. He would tell you that what a thing costs, or how much it shines, has nothing to do with it. What really counts is how much affection and kindness and well-wishing you put into it. It's what you are, and not what the gift is, that counts.

That's why Christmas is such a wonderful season; and that is why most people who like Santa Claus and Christmas try to plan and get ready for this great day, so that they may have most of themselves to give when that day comes.

Santa Claus never yet waited till the last minute and then scurried around and wondered what he would do about this and about that. You can guess from the stories they tell about him, and from the way he looks, that he is the kind who does things when they ought to be done—quite a while before the last minute. And in these things it is well to follow Santa's example.

BUYING THE TOYS

Some little girls will have big, flaxen-haired dolls smiling from their stockings on Christmas morning. Some little boys will have toy airplanes, bomb-throwers and all the other paraphernalia of modern nursery warfare.

Some other little boys and girls won't. But those whose daddies are the ordinary sawdust kind with eyes staring, it must be confessed rather stupidly, in front of them, and those whose toy soldiers are just everyday fellows, are to be congratulated.

The toys have known it all along. They have known, too, that the humbler ones of their assemblage, now so shiny with new paint in a thousand toy shops over the land, are due for a far happier life than their portentous brothers and sisters who are destined for the homes of the rich. For a toy's happiness is measured by the love that is lavished upon it. And the child who has one simple toy thinks far more of it than he or she who has a new trinket for every mood.

Psychologists are beginning to find this out. They have worked out a whole involved system of toy teachings, in which the child mind dwells principally on simple objects, plain contours and brave, not delicate colors.

So if a momentary sigh comes to you because you cannot afford to have Santa Claus bring "the best there is" to your little lad or lassie, smile instead. They will be all the better for it.

THE HUNTER'S REWARD

"Many hunters returned unsuccessful," says a news report, commenting on the hunting season.

No real hunter ever is "unsuccessful." He may not bring game back to the city, but he returns a better man physically for his outing.

There is more to hunting than the killing of game, just as there is more in fishing than catching fish. The stay-at-home giggles inanelly when he sees an angler or gunner trudging home at twilight with empty reel or bag, but if he only could get it through his obtuse skull the laugh is really on him. Of course, there are pot-hunters and fishermen who hoggish practices bar them from the ranks of decent sportsmen, but they are not the men who come home from stream or woods empty-handed.

The true sportsman delights in the game rather than the score. A full reel or a well-filled bag is his trophy of success. But he knows that no man can hope to win all the time and he is quite content when he returns empty-handed, for he has had healthful recreation and has communed with nature in a manner that only the outdoorsman knows. He has learned new lessons from brooks and trees, from fishes in the streams, from animals in field and woods; he has smelled the sweet odors of the forest, he has in his nostrils the tang of field and moorland, he has seen pictures artists have striven in vain to paint, he has found:

"Books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones,
And good in everything."

There is no such thing as an unsuccessful hunting trip.

THE MODERN INDIAN

No longer is it the universal sentiment of the white man that "the only good Indian is a dead Indian." From one of extermination the Indian policy of the white man's government and the white man himself has changed to one of friendly aid. Instead of warfare there is education, for destruction has been substituted protection. From a condition of naked savagery and of cruel exploitation by unscrupulous white men the American Indian has been raised in less than a century to an appreciation of modern civilization and to relative safety from encroachment on his rights and property.

The Indian has now been brought into constant contact with the white man's civilization. His children are being taught the English language and he himself is learning the white man's trades. The life on the reservations has been preserved but not isolated. The result has been that the red man has been brought into competition with his white skinned brother economically and forced to adjust himself socially.

While the Indians were left to themselves they slowly cast off their native traditions, customs and culture for the white man's. He preserved his art, religious rites and language only on the reservation and in the tribal tepee. But when certain well-meaning individuals and groups sought to hasten his assimilation into the white man's civilization by forbidding to him his ancient traditions and culture he rebelled and with justification. Efforts to abolish their ceremonial dances were made in the spirit of benevolent ignorance of the fact that the Indian's culture is intimately bound up with his religion and that the Indian expresses his religion in his dance. Those who have described the Indian dances as immoral may be astonished to hear that the Indian makes the same charge against the dances of the white man.

The only really serious Indian problem which confronts the nation today is that which the voluntarily-interested have constructed for themselves in their missionary zeal. All that the red man wants is to be left to live his own life. All that the white man must do to grant the Indian his wish is to be tolerant. It is the will of the general public that the Indian be left to his pottery, basket-weaving and snake dance for the sake of his own racial salvation, the preservation of his art and culture and of one of the most interesting heritages of the American people.

Emma Goldman longs to get back to the United States. Her conversation appears to be fairly complete, but there is no demand for her return.

In forbidding political meetings in Italy Premier Mussolini appears to proceed on the theory that this will prevent opposition from consolidating.

A newly discovered minor planet is said to be moving away from the earth. Wishes to avoid being mixed up in any of its troubles, may be.

W. J. Bryan says he'll quit lecturing and write his memoirs. Then he'll still have something to unload on the public to bring in the money, he hopes.

Pioneering in Southern Oregon
by C. B. Watson

(Continued from November 15)

In preceding pages we have given narrative to the chief incidents between the Indians and whites prior to the discovery of gold in Southern Oregon, and the beginning of actual settlement south of the Callipoia mountains. There were other depredations of minor character, isolated parties were attacked and fatalities resulting. Many parties started out from their rendezvous and were not again heard from. To enter into all the details and minor incidents, many of which could not be strictly verified would result in tiring out the reader without adding value to the history of the region. It will, however, aid those readers who are not familiar with the geography, and topography of the country to give in a very brief way some of these facts, to be followed in a subsequent volume with a fuller exposition of the geography, topography and geology, of Southern Oregon, which is wonderfully rich in all these natural characteristics; including mineral resources, scenic attractions and wonderful forests.

Inasmuch as our narratives have taken us across the Cascade mountains into what is now known as Eastern Oregon, and will necessitate further journeys across this great barrier, we would become better acquainted with it and its significance to the early settlement of the country. When we come to geological exploitations we will learn still further the importance of this range. Suffice it for the moment, to say, that the Cascade mountains constitute a continuous barrier of magnificent proportions extending from California to and into, British Columbia. To the early pioneers who crossed the plains with ox teams this great barrier constituted a night-mare until the terrors of it had been placed behind them. Rising as it does from five thousand feet to almost fifteen thousand feet above the sea-level, it measures up as one of the great mountain ranges of the world, and contains much of the grandest mountain scenery of the continent. This range presents an impassible barrier to all rivers except the Columbia and Klamath. The Columbia rises in the Rocky mountains and finds its way to the ocean through this great barrier; the Klamath river rises in Eastern Oregon and has forced its way through the Cascade range to the ocean. The Rogue and Umpqua rivers rise in the Cascade mountains and flow, thence westerly to the ocean. At right angles to the direction of all great mountain ranges are "spurs" reaching out from the summit and declining as they depart from the summit. We see this exemplified in the "spurs" reaching out toward the west from the Cascades, each "spur" having an axis of its own and from its axis will be other, smaller ridges. Between these ridges are rivulets and small streams that gather at the main drainage, such as Rogue and Klamath rivers. Along these numerous streams are small valleys all converging

toward the main stream. Along these streams, large and small, the Indians had their lodges, and between the streams they had their hunting grounds in the magnificent forests that clothed the mountain heights. In the main valleys, such as the Rogue, Applegate, Illinois and others, they hunted deer, antelope and jack-rabbits and pastured their ponies in the splendid meadows that spread out in floral beauty every where. The Indians possessed their own sense of appreciation of the scenic attractions with which they were surrounded; their own sentiment of proprietorship; their happy-go-lucky manner of living and freedom of action. What ruthless awakening awaited and surprised them. When we realize their situation and then ponder upon what would be our recourse in such circumstances, we will better realize the stormy times that followed and which we will now attempt to narrate with impartiality.

(To be Continued)

ILLINOIS LEADING
EVEN CALIFORNIA
IN PAVED ROADS

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 28. — Illinois is out of the mud. Until recently notorious for its impassable roads, the State now has the most extensive system of concrete highway in the world, figures of highway authorities show. And at the recent general election, Illinois citizens voted overwhelmingly for a \$100,000,000 bond issue with which to build more roads.

During the past construction season approximately 1,200 miles of eighteen-foot concrete roadway were laid in Illinois, bringing the State's mileage of pavement up to 4,200 miles. California, long famed for its paved roads, falls short of this total, while New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, other leading paved-road States, trail California in concrete mileage.

An army of more than 10,000 men, equipped with several thousand teams and trucks and more than 100 huge mixing machines labored all Summer and Fall on the Illinois highways. An average of fifty miles of road was completed each week, and single crews, working with one mixer, laid as much as one-half mile of the eighteen foot concrete ribbon in one day.

Practically all Illinois cities of consequence are now linked by "hard roads," as they call them here, in contrast to the roads of soft, black earth which formerly made Illinois the horror of tourists. All main tourist routes are concrete. It is possible to motor from the Great Lakes on the north to the Ohio on the south, and from the Wash on the east to the Mississippi on the west, without touching tire to dirt or gravel.

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The average cost of road building has been \$30,000 a mile. This figure includes grading, building of bridges and pouring of the concrete slab. Roads built in 1919 cost \$45,000 a mile.

Illinois is buying its roads on the "pay as you ride" plan. "We want the roads while we are here to ride on them," is the sentiment of its citizens, and they are willing to go into debt for them. The two bond issues represent a \$760,000,000 mortgage on the State. This vast sum is to be paid, interest and principal, out of auto license fees, which are now rolling into the State Treasury at the rate of \$10,000,000 a year.

GINSENG AS DRUG
NOT USED IN U S

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 28. — Believing that ginseng, which is product in large quantities in Ohio and exported to China, possesses properties which prolong life, Chinese are protesting because it is not recognized as a medicine in the United States Pharmacopoeia, which has just been translated into Chinese," said Theodore D. Wetterstrom, secretary of the Ohio Pharmaceutical Association.

Ginseng is a perennial plant with an aromatic root — called "sen" by Chinese — for which the Chinese pay \$16 a pound, according to Secretary Wetterstrom who stated that, although American pharmacists do not believe it has any medicinal value, the Chinese esteem it very highly.

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Second Robbery—

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There's a message in The Tidings Want Ads.

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