

CONVERSION OF A MONEY MAKER

Love Cures Cynicism of a Worldly Minded Man.

Hinckley, my chum at college, was one of those fellows who cut every question to the quick. One of his favorite hair splitting points was the denial of spontaneous good. He granted there are good people in the world, but maintained that they are good because it is their interest to be good.

I did not meet Hinckley for several years after our leaving college, and then, curiously enough, it was at a meeting of the Salvation Army.

"Why, Hinckley," I exclaimed, "whoever would have thought to run across you in a place like this! Surely you must have got rid of your cynicism."

"Not at all," Hinckley replied.

"But what brings you here?"

"Wait awhile and I'll show you."

Presently Captain Ida Sherwood came upon the platform and began to speak. It seemed to me that if I had not seen her—had only listened to her voice—I would have been convinced of her love for her work. But that heavenly face contrasting with the poke bonnet which surrounded it, her expression and her accounts of her work in rescuing the lost—it seemed to me that an angel in woman's form had come to earth.

"I am glad," I whispered to Hinckley, "that you have found one who is capable of breaking down that misanthropy of yours."

"She hasn't broken down what you call my misanthropy," he replied, "but she is capable of breaking my heart."

When the meeting broke up we went off for a little supper together, and Hinckley told me that Captain Ida Sherwood would soon have an opportunity to show her preference for her work to him, for he intended to propose to take her to a comfortable home and make her his wife.

"But suppose," I said, "she declines to marry you unless permitted to follow the life she has chosen?"

"She won't do that," he replied. "She loves me."

The next time I saw Hinckley he was bitter against the Salvationists. "The whole thing is a fraud," he said. "There is but one among them who is not making all they can out of it; she is sincere."

"Captain Ida Sherwood?"

"Yes."

"Why do you except her?"

"Because she loves me as I love her, and she won't leave her work because she loves it better than either me or herself."

"H'm," I replied musingly. "Well, having found one sincere person among them, perhaps in time you will find others. But if you love her and wish to marry her why don't you permit her to go on with her work after marriage?"

"She says that a marriage between a Salvationist and one absorbed in getting rich would be no marriage at all."

I met Hinckley on the street not long after this, and I scarcely knew him. He was walking abstractedly, with his eyes staring vacantly before him, and did not see me till I tapped him on the shoulder.

"Why, Hinckley," I exclaimed, "what's happened?"

"Nothing."

"Nothing?"

"Jim, I'm wearing out," he said, his reserve suddenly breaking down.

"Business matters?"

"No, I'm getting rich. Everything I touch seems to turn to gold. It's in the heart."

"The Salvation lassie?"

"Yes."

"Can't you strike a compromise?"

"A woman doesn't know what the word means."

"Can't I help you?"

He shook his head mournfully, broke away from me and went on.

One night I passed the Salvation Army headquarters and, seeing a great crowd entering, went in with the throng. I listened to services much like those I had heard in company with Hinckley for awhile, then went out, but, hearing one or two Salvation lassies who passed me pronounce the words Captain Sherwood and thinking Miss Sherwood might speak, I returned to the hall. I had no sooner entered than I saw there on the stage the captain, and beside her in a flaming red shirt stood my old friend Hinckley. I was rubbing my eyes to make sure that it was he when a Salvation officer advanced and announced that Recruit Henry Hinckley and Captain Ida Sherwood would solemnize the bonds of matrimony. I waited for the service to be over, then left as quickly as possible. I did not care to meet Hinckley or to have him know that I had witnessed his change.

When I saw Hinckley again there was a great change in him. He had become one of the principal commanders in the Salvation Army and was wholly engrossed in his work. I called on him at his office in the headquarters building and instead of looking humiliated he looked triumphant. He insisted on my going home with him to dinner, where I found his wife much occupied by their first child, who was by no means neglected for the good of suffering humanity.

"There, Jim," said Hinckley, "is the woman who broke down my system of philosophy. By proving to me that there was something to love beyond ourselves she changed me from a money maker to one who delights to build up that which is far nobler than fortunes—human beings."

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SLANDER AND THE LAW.

Making a Charge Orally and in Writing Are Vastly Different.

Much may be said which cannot be written, observes William W. Brewton in Case and Comment. Slander (in the legal sense) is usually not actionable per se, though contempt and perhaps ridicule is caused of the person against whom the words were uttered, unless the accusation falsely involves crime, moral turpitude, disease, trade, business, profession or other relation of similar importance.

To orally charge one with wife whipping, forgery of a receipt, having burned a will, having taken something some person has missed, petty deals of rascality, being addicted to the use of drugs, with having spoken disrespectfully of another, is not to be guilty of slander.

It was held in an English case that to express a suspicion that one has committed some act is not slanderous per se. An Arkansas case has declared that to declare that one's reputation for truth and veracity is bad and that the speaker would not believe the person charged on oath is not slanderous in itself.

It has been held in Georgia, New York, Louisiana and other states that such terms as rogue, rascal or villain are not in themselves actionable as slander.

THE TEMPTER WON.

A Decoration That Was Accepted, but That Held a Sting.

When the late Baron Nordenskjold was at Ceylon on the way home from his journey along the northern coast of Siberia he received a telegram from the Russian government asking him whether he would accept from the czar a certain decoration as an appreciation of his services to Russia.

For many days the famous explorer wavered, as he was a member of Bjornstjerne Bjornson's Anti-decoration club, whose members were solemnly pledged never to accept any decoration from anybody.

Nordenskjold, however, could not resist the temptation, so he replied to the telegram in the affirmative. It is not

hard to imagine his disappointment when upon reaching home a friend of his, a high official, told him the following:

"The Russian government was well aware of your antagonistic views in regard to decorations and had therefore placed in readiness 300,000 rubles to be paid you in the event of your refusing to accept the insignia, but before paying that sum they wanted to try your firmness. Russia is certainly grateful to you for your failure to live up to your pledge."

The Fashion of the House.

A servant girl happened to be engaged at a farmhouse where the mistress was known to have a hasty temper. On the first Saturday night the girl was at the farmhouse she was told by the mistress to clean the boots ready for Sunday. The mistress on coming into the kitchen later on saw that the girl had cleaned her own boots first. So she took them up and threw them into a tub of water that was standing by and bounced out of the kitchen. The girl said nothing, but when she had cleaned the other boots she threw them also into the water.

"Whatever possessed you to do that, girl?" asked the mistress on coming again in the kitchen.

The girl simply replied: "Well, ma'am, please, ma'am, I thought it was the fashion of the house, ma'am!"—London Tit-Bits.

In Praise of the Eskimos.

Admiral R. E. Peary in the narrative describing his discovery of the north pole devotes a very long chapter to the Eskimos, with whom he has had intimate dealings for many years. He tells us that, though they are savages, they are not savage; that, though they are without government, they are not lawless; that, though they are uneducated, they exhibit a remarkable degree of intelligence. He assures us that they have no religion, yet he describes them as destitute of vice and ready to share their last meal with the hungry. He thinks it would be impossible to Christianize them, but they already possess the cardinal graces of faith, hope and charity, for "without them they could never survive the six months' night and the other rigors of their home."

SCIENCE—INDUSTRY.

Test For Keel Block.

An important test was conducted recently by the United States bureau of standards to determine the ultimate strength of a cast iron keel block. As designed the block was expected to withstand a load greater than could be exerted by any testing machine in existence. It did withstand the full capacity of the bureau's testing machine (10,000,000 pounds) when the load was applied over the entire bearing surface of the block, but when the load was applied over part of its bearing surface it failed at 9,000,000 pounds.

The test of the block itself was preceded by several preliminary tests to determine the strength of oak timbers, which are usually placed between keel blocks and the keel of the ship. At loads from 300,000 to 800,000 pounds the timbers were completely shattered, the variation in the load depending entirely upon the variation in the area over which the load was applied.

After these preliminary tests the keel block was subjected to a load equal to the capacity of the machine. At about 6,500,000 pounds several sharp reports were heard, but after the full load was applied there was no apparent damage to the exterior of the block. On dismantling it, however, it was noticed that several of the webs of the various sections were cracked. It was then reassembled and the load applied over a smaller area, when it failed at 9,000,000, with a very loud report and almost complete shattering of the various sections, throwing parts of them to a distance of twelve feet.—United States Commerce Reports.

Peculiar Well in Florida.

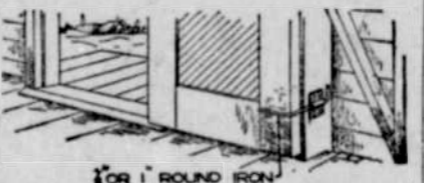
In their investigation of the wells and underground waters of Florida the geologists of the United States geological survey have noted many interesting things. Among these is a well at Welaka, on St. Johns river, from which two kinds of water are obtained.

This well is 309 feet deep. The length of the casing is 110 feet. The well was first drilled to 100 feet, and from this depth ordinary sulphur water was obtained. The drill was then carried to a depth of 309 feet, where it encountered a strong mineral water having a disagreeable, salty taste. In order to use both kinds of water an inner tubing was run nearly to the bottom of the well. Both this and the outer casing were connected with pumps, so that ordinary water and mineral water can be pumped at the same time. A favorite joke played on visitors is to give them a drink of the weaker water in the first glass and to replace it with the brine in the second.

Not more than half a dozen wells of this kind are known in the country, but there is no reason why similar wells cannot be obtained in regions where the waters in the upper strata differ from those lying deeper.

Holding Large Doors Open.

Large and heavy shop doors are, when caught by sudden gusts of wind, about as dangerous as anything around the establishment, says Popular Mechanics. A good many ways are em-



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ployed to hold them open, but a strong wind readily tears a heavy door free from its anchor.

The illustration shows how a cheap, practical and simple lock open arrangement can be made from a piece of seven-eighths or one inch round iron. It is capable of holding a door of considerable size open no matter how strongly the wind blows, and on account of its shape it will not break loose.

Fuses For Explosives.

One of the most commonly used fuses today is made by letting a fine stream of black powder run from the small end of a funnel into an envelope of hemp, thick, but not much twisted, the powder falling in as fast as the hemp is twisted. This tube is then inclosed in a mesh of fine cotton, twisted in the direction opposite to that in which the hemp was twisted. The whole is held together with glue or pitch. This is very flexible and burns at the rate of one centimeter a second.—New York World.

Advice For Motorists.

Don't slide your wheels by locking the brakes too suddenly.

Don't allow your car to stand in puddles of oil or water, as neither one is good for your tires.

Remember that the pan, engine and other mechanical parts of the car should be kept clean.

Don't turn corners too fast. While this may seem spectacular, it is always hard on the tires.

Automatic Lamp Shift.

Ingenious mechanism in a new German lighthouse that uses electricity as an illuminant switches on a new lamp and moves it into focus should the original lamp be extinguished.

Tire Destroyer.

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