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Ex-Evangelist Is Jailed for Profiteering in Bibles
 Los Angeles, Cal.—Albert E. Cuthbert, former evangelist, who sold 75-cent Bibles for \$3.75, is serving a three-month term in the county jail. Cuthbert was said to have built up a mail-order business in Bibles by scanning a newspaper death column each day and mailing a Bible C. O. D. to each bereaved widow whose name appeared. In pleading guilty to using the mails to defraud, he explained he

There Was a Man Who—

By LAURA MONTGOMERY
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Anne glanced up with a tired little smile as a woman with many packages paused beside her. "No, it's not occupied," she replied to the other's question.
 After settling herself in the red plush seat the newcomer glanced curiously at the rapidly moving fingers of her seat-mate. "Making one of those bead bags?"
 Anne did not cease manipulating the gayly colored beads. "Yes, I think they are so pretty."

"They are beautiful, but I'd never go to such an immense amount of work for a fad. Better to buy a plain purse and save your eyes. I suppose you work at the Q?"
 Anne had just had her pass punched and she now looked a bit surprised. "Oh, it's not for me, I couldn't spare the time. If I work every spare minute it takes me three weeks and," an unconscious sigh of utter fatigue escaped her, "this is the fourth I've made."

A few more questions elicited that Anne had made one for her sister-in-law, one for Lucy's chum, one for Lucy's daughter, Azalia, and this one she was making for the aunt out West whom Azalia would soon visit. "Azalia thought that her aunt Min would be glad to have a novelty; these purses cost thirty-five dollars ready-made."

The blunt-tongued lady of the many bundles surveyed the flying fingers. "Don't you pay your board?" burst out the words, then, crimsoning at the tactless query to a stranger, sat back.
 Anne's blue eyes swept the red face composedly. "Of course, but, being brought up to work it is not so hard for me. Lucy, my sister-in-law, never did anything, not even housework, before she married and the responsibility of a house is very hard for her."

Anne did not mention that she paid a large share of the house expenses amounting to much more than board, and of the constant work that kept her burrying when home from the city she made no reference. Anne could have boarded where her friend, Ella, boarded in the city, and eliminated the tiresome trip out to Aurora every night, but she knew that her brother's family needed her money.

Of late, however, she had begun to wonder how she had slipped into so strenuous a routine. Quite likely Donald Gordon's chagrin at her refusals to accept his invitations for Sundays had aroused this feeling, for her world of dreams had emerged from the status of vague, shadowy hopes into a world that featured Donald's face. His character was so lovable and frank that she had given herself up to the new, bewildering emotions without a thought as to how she would free herself from her self-imposed duties long enough to be properly wooed.

Other girls in the Burlington office admired Donald, and Anne could scarcely believe that it was shabby little Anne Meadows whom he singled out for attention.
 Perhaps the weariness in the blue eyes was caused by Donald's parting speech as he had unsuccessfully failed to persuade her to spend part of the next day, Sunday, with him in the city.

"I thought I'd meet you at the station and take you to dinner. Then we'd go to the Art Institute, take in the concert there and, if you liked, go to the Sunday Evening club in the evening. I'm an usher there and your seat would be assured."

Anne, remembering the hurried, noisy day in the shabby house in Aurora, felt that she was being asked to step straight into a fairy dream, then she had taken herself to task for her selfishness and gently refused.
 "I can't see why you cannot be spared on Sunday when you work all week. Is your sister-in-law an invalid?"
 "No, but she doesn't like work, it makes her nervous and—"
 "Then Anne, won't you invite me to your home? I've never met your brother and I am anxious to do so."

Anne, slipping the gay beads on the heavy silk thread, pinkened as she reached this point in her unhappy reflections. She seemed to see Donald's puzzled gray eyes regarding her from above the brilliant bag. She had put him off evasively. Once her chum Ella had invited herself to Aurora for Sunday and Lucy had been unpleasant, very. Anne, with her eager helpfulness, Anne with her dreams of service, had degenerated into a shabby little drudge who had forged her own chains. Even the bead purses emphasized her futile efforts, for Lucy had seen nothing remarkable in the manufacture of the three bags and had looked superior when Anne had hesitated at the demand that she make another for the woman out West whom she had never seen.

"If only they did not all depend upon me so much I might go away and have a bit of leisure. I'd love to join Ella and have long, cozy evenings, but I suppose I'm frightfully selfish to think of such a thing. Donald—" a mist of tears obscured the beads in the none too strong light and Anne fumbled for her handkerchief.

Donald had given her his telephone number at the last minute and had asked her to call up if she had changed her mind about Sunday. Anne had decided to broach the subject of a dinner invitation to him if Lucy happened to be in a receptive mood. Trying to think out a suitable sentence Anne was suddenly galvanized into awareness.
 "You must have fallen asleep," said the conductor anxiously, as the girl plunged down the aisle. Montgomery had just been called, a town that was a station past Aurora.

When Anne closed her dripping umbrella, hours later, she was worn out. Stumbling up the steps, she opened the door with her key, hoping that some dinner had been kept warm for her.
 "She's just a nuisance. Think I am going to keep meals hot until this time of night. Fall asleep, indeed—and I, with my weak nerves."
 "Lots of girls wouldn't have bothered to telephone, Lucy. Anne seems to help a lot about this house."

Aghast at the petulant tones of Lucy, Anne quickly stepped into the room.
 "Nice goings-on. You knew that I depended upon you to finish my blouse for me to wear tonight. Of all the selfish people, Anne."
 Azalia piped in pertly: "Anne, I hope that bead bag is done. I want to mail it."

Anne suddenly drew a long breath. Holding out the partly completed bag she said evenly, "I don't believe I'd better work so hard on the trains evenings, I'm rather tired. I'll show you, Azalia, how to—"
 "Not for me, thanks. Think I'd spoil my eyes on those old beads?"
 "I give you a home and you don't display a bit of consideration for me." Plainly Lucy was contemplating a fit of hysteria, a favorite habit of hers on Saturday nights. That method insured a day of complete leisure for her, Anne trotting about the disorderly house all day Sunday.

Anne slipped away, the discordant atmosphere stifled her, but there was a strange sense of relief beating within her tired little body.
 She went into the kitchen and made herself a cup of tea and then decided, fully, upon the course that she had longed to take, but that she had refused because of fancied obligation.

"I am going to board in Chicago and, if you still wish, Donald, I can dine with you tomorrow—"
 Donald interrupted with such a glad note in his voice that Anne flushed adorably as she stood in the little booth at the corner drug store.
 "I'd just about decided to resign so that I should not be tempted to run after you any more, Anne. A fellow hates to have his girl turn him down for no reason at all."

When Anne, her heart beating quickly, announced her new plans, her brother looked at her wistfully.
 "Don't blame you a bit, Anne. You are free to go and I hope you'll be happy. I—" he had paused, but Anne, thinking of the shrewish, pretty face of the discontented Lucy, longed to comfort him.
 "If you wish—"
 "But I don't," he broke in, kissing the soft pink cheek, "you've been slaving long enough. Perhaps, sometime, dear, there'll be a man who—"
 "There is now," confessed Anne, happily, and fled, blushing.

Natives in Nigeria Get Riches From Evil Spirit

"Life in Southern Nigeria," by P. Amaury Talbot, tells an entrancing story of the magic, beliefs and curious customs of the strange people who live in this land on the shore of the gulf of Guinea.
 Much of the information was gathered from Chief Daniel Henshaw, the native political agent for the district, who for more than 20 years has been a faithful servant of the government, and whose life would form a thrilling record of adventure and hair-breadth escapes.
 Riches are obtained by magic. The native goes to some lone spot and calls on an evil spirit, and on its appearance states his desire for wealth.
 "In return," it is added, "he—the spirit—will ask in how few years you are ready to become his man. You, on the contrary, bargain for how many years you may live to enjoy a certain sum.
 "A devil has never been known to break his part of the compact; but a man so bound dies on the day arranged and none knows the horror of his fate."
 The Bible tribe, who number more than a million, believe that each man has a minimum of three souls—the ethereal body, the soul proper and the spirit.
 "During sleep," it is stated, "one of the souls is thought often to leave the body and wander amid strange lands. At such times there is danger that it may be trapped by an enemy and kept from returning." The natives, for this reason, fear dreams.—London Tit-Bits.

He Was Willing

An impetuous tenant had not paid the rent of his room for several months.
 "Look here," said the landlord, "I'll meet you half way. I am ready to forget half of what you owe!"
 "Right, I'll meet you, I'll forget the other half."

Advice

"In these any advice which you, as a successful writer, could give a young aspirant?"
 "Write only on one side of the paper, my boy."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Rainier.—The season for salmon opened with a bang May 1, and a sizable fleet of gillnet boats went on the drifts with the result that Friday was a lively day at the fish docks.

Salem.—There were five fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending May 1, according to a report prepared by members of the state industrial accident commission.

Eugene.—Lane county post of the American Legion is planning to organize a rifle team at once and regular target practice on the Oregon national guard range south of the city will be held, according to George E. Love, commander of the post.

Salem.—Elderly women who have been disappointed in love are not as efficient teachers as married men who have close personal contact with virile boys of 16 in high school, according to E. E. Elliott, director for the state board of vocational education, who was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Lions club here Saturday.

Eugene.—Bids are being called by the Eugene water board for the construction of a water reservoir of 400,000 gallons capacity on Fairmount Heights. This will be the fourth reservoir of the local water system, two being located on Skinner's butte and the third on College hill. The estimated cost of the new one is \$15,000.

Independence.—Four women were injured Saturday at the Monmouth Normal school when a portion of the elevated seats for spectators at the May day festivities collapsed. Those injured were: Mrs. Dudley T. Taylor, of Salem; Mrs. J. A. Silverman, of Willamette; Mrs. J. T. DeWitte, and Mrs. M. E. Percival, of Monmouth.

Hood River.—While the mid-Columbia orchard districts in spring garb of vivid green were never more beautiful when seen Sunday between the showers, resulted in a small attendance for Apple Blossom Sunday. Motorists from Portland were far fewer than on last Sunday. The valley expected 5000 visitors. Not more than 1000 were here.

Dallas.—Efforts to determine the source of the shocks felt here early Sunday by residents of Dallas were unavailing. The shocks occurred shortly after midnight at intervals of half an hour and awoke hundreds of persons and sent them into the streets in the belief that an earthquake had occurred. Apparently the shocks were not felt anywhere but within a radius of six miles from here.

Medford.—By order of Justice of Peace Roe of Jacksonville, the greater part of the 720 gallons of wine belonging to August Petard, who with his wife lives on a vineyard west of Jacksonville, has been poured out. One barrel and 52 bottles of red wines were ordered held by the court in the custody of the county sheriff, but the remainder, including 10 1/2 barrels of white wine, was destroyed.

Band.—With preliminary investigations at the Pelton power site on the Deschutes river completed, the Columbia Valley Power company is ready to start construction of the lower plant planned for that location. Eighteen months will be required in the work, and it is planned to have it in operation by January 1, 1927. The company intends to construct a dam 140 feet high to produce 60,000 horsepower.

Portland.—It is rare that 82-year-old twin sisters, hale and hearty, celebrate their birthdays together and are the life of the party. Yet this is the happy experience of two nearly 82-year-old twin sisters, Mrs. Alice E. Happer-sett and Mrs. Sarah J. Osburn, who were the guests of honor at a luncheon party tendered them at the residence of Mrs. Osburn's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Osburn, 496 East Eighth street North, Friday afternoon.

Salem.—Impetus was given the flax industry in Marion county as a result of the announcement Saturday that a committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce had negotiated with the Perfection Flax Pulling Machine company of Toronto, Canada, whereby the Portland organization will finance the purchase of these machines at a cost of \$2350 each. It was said that the transaction was consummated on a cash basis, with the result that \$350 was lopped off the credit quotation.

Portland.—All forest fires in the states of Oregon and Washington are now under control, and a great many of the outbreaks in the recent forest fire danger period have been extinguished, said a statement given out by the United States Forest service. The low humidity which caused the epidemic of fires eight days ago has been replaced by normal conditions and the danger of further serious blazes under present weather conditions is practically negligible, said John D. Guthrie, chief of the public relations office in the Forest service.

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Quest of Youth Fatal.

San Rafael, Cal.—The search for eternal youth claimed a victim Monday, according to the story told by John E. Merton, 26, before he died, to Dr. R. G. Duffley of this city.

According to Merton's account, he and a brother, his step-father, John Waldo, and a step-brother, James Stephenson, all residents of El Verano, on Easter Sunday sacrificed a goat, quartered a glandular secretion they obtained from it and injected the secretion into their own abdomens, endeavoring to follow a method of which they had read. Merton, who had already consulted a physician because, as he said, he felt "jumpy," went to a hospital at Ross Sunday, where, it is said, he was found to be blind. He died next morning.

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In a volcanic crater in the Sangro de Cristo mountains in San Isabel National forest is an apparently bottomless pit, with black marble sides, in which depth soundings of 1,500 feet have failed to touch bottom.

Freedom.

No slavery can be abolished without a double emancipation, and the master will benefit by freedom more than the freedman.—Huxley.

World More Liberal.

The world is getting more liberal, any way. In the old days heretics were placed on the rack, and now they are placed on the first page.

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