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Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge; ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.-Luke 12:52.

The greatest transitional period THE MARCH yet encountered by mankind in OF THE its advance toward that perfec-NEW LIFE. tion, which broadens as human-

ity evolves, has now been entered. Many ages ago the being called man appeared upon this earth. His origination has been guessed from many different premises; but his characteristic attribute, the one differentiating him from the beasts of the wilds, was not the development of the primary elements of thought, for the animals possessed them; it was rather a recognition of responsibility involving a consciousness of choice.

Nature is democratic, and man reluctant to recognize a responsibility to any of its own kind and by nature possessing an inward feeling of an outside governing power, formed his early impressions of the supernatural. The idea of God has ever been changing; it has always done so in the past and will continue so to do in the future. Man has always attempted to limit God by a definition, his conception of Him having become broadened, deepened, enriched and unified as the works and ways of the living Creator have been discovered. The omnipotent and imminent Creator has always stood completely revealed, altho humanity has recognized the revelation but gradually, and only by an ever increasing sum of knowledge.

From the first, however, what appeared to be another power began to manifest itself. That was the power of society. As this great force began to be better understood more and more was it seen to work in harmony with the universally recognized power of the super-natural. But as so many powers have been, for ages this dynamic force of society has been polluted by a few great individuals for their personal benefit. These have been the monarchs of the past; these are the commercial kings of today whose personal strength lie in their ability to enslave the force of society. For this they should not be greatly blamed, for it has been in keeping with their enlightenment. They have only been successful where many have failed. Humanity long mistook this power to be inherent in these individuals, and having recognized its unity with the force of the unseen, attributed these men with the attributes of a god, and the world has worshiped many "divine" the world has worshiped many

Since that age little by little the people have discovered the great power of society. During the last two centuries America has been leading and pointing the way to a better understanding of this force. Little by little has the great truth been dawning upon this country that the interests of all are the interests of one, and that his interests are the interests of all the

In nature there is a certain survival of the fittest, but properly understood the unsurviving among a single species yield as a sacrifice for the common good of its kind. The only unrelenting strite has been a war between species. and not between members of the same family. The great family of humanity is now just beginning to comprehend its unity. This has been manifested to mankind not by other revelation than that of the great demonstration of our commercial and industrial world-wide monopolies. The great individuals behind these enormous combines have harnessed the great potent

energy of society and have enslaved it, not from malice, but for the satisfaction of a natural passion of accomplishment allowed to be perverted to private ends and permitted to be indulged unbridled.

But the dawn of a new day is brightening. Man better understands his responsibility; he more clearly sees the harmony of the force of the supernatural and the power of society, and is becoming cognizant of their unity as well. Furthermore, he is beginning to intelligently exercise his ability of choice, and by choosing to place himself in harmony with the great all-PHONE MAIN 502. governing power is assisting the world's advance according to the best of his present knowledge. He finds that acquaintance with things removes all mystery, and what is good he can eagerly embrace, and what is bad (ideas and methods not in harmony with the great laws of the universe) he can certainly avoid and easily abolish. By accepting the basic fact that life is growth, that the creative power of God has not nor will never be completed, and is in process today, man is beginning to gain confidence in himself and in nature. By the comprehension of this fact of changeability in all things, and the adoption of a conscious effort for advancement, humanity will have attained a big promotion in the ungraduating school of the universe. Traditions of the past still limits man's thinking; customs of the past still regulate his actions. However, many worthy customs have been established for ages; many invaluable truths have been told to a later age by a great mind of a former time. For the first time man is beginning to demand of all things, whether new or old, a test for utility. The new life requires that every thot, every act, defends itself in the court of Reason, before the judge of Knowledge, against prosecution on the charge of unworthiness, by the attorneys, Investigation and Meditation. The world is beginning to meet advancement with an open mind and a helping hand, rather than with unbelief and opposition. The future will be an age of prevention of evil and promotion of good. And as dirt is simply "matter out of place," so evil will be found to be a perversion of nature's principles. To do one's best is good; to do less than one's best is

> Even now we are hearing preparations of the onward march. Nations are becoming closer united. Races are learning their relationship. Classes are recognizing their equality. Democracy in form is ceasing to give satisfaction and its true essence, an equality of chance for all, is being demanded. We are finding less and less need of the negative and are measuring all things by positive standards. The world is no more content with the illusion that it is good to simply be good, and is learning that it is better to do good. Life is no more considered a storedup static existence, but as an ever generating dynamic energy whose essence is growth and whose function is social accomplishment.

> Many and frequent are the evidences of the coming march of progress in which all will keep step to inspiring music of fraternal encouragement, and the weapons will te those of accomplishment rather than destruction, and the desire of the majority will rule and it will be good, for it will be in harmony with the great forces of society and of God, which will be recognized as one and the same, the latter being from and of the former. THIS IS THE MANNER OF THE MARCH OF THE NEW LIFE, THE LIFE OF ACCOMPLISHMMENT BY LOVE, REASON AND ACTION; WHERE IT WILL BE THE DUTY OF SOCIETY TO PROTECT AND DE-VELOP INDIVIDUALS, THE DUTY OF INDI-VIDUALS TO MAINTAIN AND ADVANCE SOCIETY: A SOCIALIZED INDIVIDUALISM IN WHICH A UNIVERSAL RAC SCIOUSLY STRIVING TOWARD A BROAD-ENING PERFECTION SHALL UNITE IN A SOLIDARIFYING SOCIETY THAT WILL MORE AND MORE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE AN EVER BETTER UNDERSTOOD MATERIAL WORLD FOR THE CONTINUAL SPIR-ITUAL ADVANCEMENT OF ITS INDI-VIDUAL MEMBERS.

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THE RED CROSS SEAL COMES FROM NORWAY

"HOW did the Red Cross Christmas seal orginate?" is a question that is being asked by many during this holiday season, when millions of these stickers are being sold all over the United States. To Jacob Rils, the well known social worker of New York, and to Miss Emily P. Bissell, the energetic secretary of the Delaware Red Cross society, jointly belongs the honor of originating our American Red Cross Christmas seal.

In 1909 Mr. Riis' interest was aroused by the receipt of a Christmas tuberculosis stamp on a letter from Norway. He published an article about this queer looking stamp in the Outlook and suggested some possible uses for it in this country. Miss Bissell at once saw an opportunity here and prepared a stamp, from the sale of which her society realized \$3,000 for tuberculosis work. So impressed was she with this success that she induced the American Red Cross to take up the

sale in 1908 on a national basis. With very little organization and with hardly any attempt at careful ad vertising, the sale that year brought in over \$135,000 for anti-tuberculosis work in various parts of the United States. In 1909, with more organization, the sale was increased to \$230,000 George and give the tumbfers to and in 1910 to nearly \$310,000. Last John?" year the sale increased to \$330,000, or 33,000,000 seals.

While our own Red Cross seal dates back only four years, "charity stamps," from which this idea originally sprang. wounded during the civil war. Nearly \$1,000,000 was raised in this way during the years 1862 to 1865.

After the war this method of raising money was discontinued in this country for a generation, although it found vogue in Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, France, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Russia, Sweden and other European countries. There are now hundreds of different types of charity stamps one of the most popular of all Christused in all parts of the world, as many mas usages is the singing of Christmas

children's hospitals alone. get money for the anti-tuberculosis crusade in Norway and Sweden in 1904.

Appropriate Christmas Presents. "Have you decided on your presents for the boys yet, my dear?" asked Mr. Hendricks after the lads had left the breakfast table for school,

'Not quite all. But I have decided, William, that they shall all be given something useful. There is no use in wasting money on useless toys for them to break. And, by the way, we need a new rug for the parlor and a Christmas by any other name Would pinch your salary just the same dozen tumblers, William."

"Ah, well, why not get the rug for

The Perennial Complaint.

"Now, my dear," said Mr. Younghusband to the partner of his joys, who was about to start forth on Christgo back to 1862, when "sanitary fair mas shopping bent, "get presents for stamps" were first used in Boston to all the family-in-law and buy a nice lot raise money for the care of soldiers of things for the boys, but don't spend more than \$100. We must live within our income.

"Why, George," replied the lady in an aggrieved tone, "you told me we had \$200 this month-you know you

And Mr. Younghusband only sighed.

An Ancient Christmas Custom.

One of the oldest and for centuries as forty being used in America for carols by parties of children or of young men and women, who go about Stamps or seals were first used to from house to house for that purpose. being everywhere heartily welcomed and rewarded with money and Christmas good cheer. This custom is still largely observed in England, particularly in the country districts,

To Give and Receive.

"Tis more pleasant to give than to get."

was once
By a worthy philosopher said.
Who never experienced the joy of the man
Who at Christmas comes out ahead.

What's In a Name.

The Christmas Stocking

ANG up the Christmas stockings; Leave not a dear one out, And wake on Christmas morning With ringing song and shout, For in the silent midnight And crown with gifts of gladness The love time of the year.

Hang up the baby's stocking. The cunning little elf Is still too very thin To do it for herself. And hang the mother's stocking, Oh, very plain in sight! Some one must think for mother, Or she'll forget it quite.

Hang father's sturdy ...ocking Right here between the boys', And give him books and papers As he gives the children toys. Let Santa Claus be careful About the politics, For father has a conscience That to the right side sticks.

Hang up the old folks' stockings: Hang up the little girl's.

Dear grandma with her silver hair, Sweet Flossy with her cur.s, Vill both be very happy When dawns, in roseate cheer, The merry Christmas morning, The love time of the -Ethel Bridges.

An Owed to the Store. Now the maiden goes a-shopping, tra la, To get a present for her daddy, pa, pa, But when cometh the New Year A bill will then appear

***** CHRISTMAS COMMENTS *****

To her daddy for the price of gift, ha, ha!

The baidheaded man is flattered when his little son presents him with a hairbrush.

Soldiers are never so poor at Christmas time that they cannot present arms. The first Christmas present any man

should buy is a set of receipted bills for himself from all his creditors. The proper kind of holiday presents for men in responsible positions where

perves and patience are tried to the

uttermost is presence of mind.

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Beginning with the glad New Year the dime museums hope to have on exhibition the man who never gave a Christmas present from a sense of duty.

The crabbed bachelor member of the family who with a spurt of generosity purchased for the children the long. resonant Christmas borns will have soon completed the task of kicking himself into the glad New Year.

A few weeks ago a woman wrote a letter to a newspaper, in which she said, "If I could get money how I would make people's hearts bound with joy!" A rich uncle presented her with \$100 on Christmas day, and the sealskin sack she bought with the money made a number of people's bearts bound with envy.

CHRISTMASTIDE IN MEXICO.

A Feast That Is Celebrated For Two Weeks.

In flesta loving Mexico Christmas is celebrated for two weeks, beginning with the 17th of December and not ending until New Year's day. The principal features of the celebration are the "posadas" and "pinatas," both very quaint and picturesque customs and entirely peculiar to Mexico.

"Posada" in Spanish means "abiding place" or "inn" and in Mexico is applied to the nightly semireligious and entirely jolly performances which in the houses of all Mexicans last from the 17th to the 25th of December. fancy lettering: These celebrations are called "posadas" because they are in commemoration of that night when the holy family unavailingly searched for an "abiding place" or "inn" and, unable to find such a place, sought refuge in the stable where our Lord was born.

At an early hour, on account of the clamoring children, the signal is given for the pinata breaking, and all the guests flock gayly about the bobbing clown, with the servants and small babies congregated in the background. When the assembly is complete all join hands and circle about the big. glittering toy as it swings from its hook in the ceiling. One of the chilareir is shadroided and placed in th center of the ring, just under the pl nata; a long, light pole is handed to her and she is told to strike carefully and "con mucha fuerza" (with much force

in the direction of the pinata. Good nature demands that all of the children first have an opportunity to break the pinata. As they naturally are never able to do so, the clown be ing a tough fibered individual, the turn of the grownups comes next One by one they are blindfolded, turn ed about three times and then admon ished to "strike out."

Amid applause from the elders and wild yells from the children the pinata is finally located and struck at viciouswhen - hey. presto! - the poor clown's gay bloomers and red and gold waistcoat are rent from top to bottom, his big sombrero is sent flying across the room, and down upon your devoted head comes a deafening rain of oranges, nuts, small candies, all sorts of small, unbreakable presents and all conceivable kinds of dulces and good things to eat.

CHRISTMAS MOTTOES.

Every one knows that a fitting sentiment to go with a gift greatly enhances its value. Here is a very old; one, which is appropriate for nearly every individual, and is consequently a safe one to use; it is in the quaint old spelling, which is attractive in

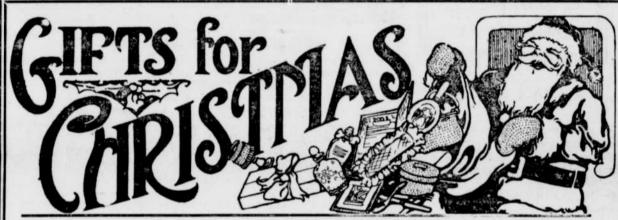
Hil fole and follitle wait on the holiday: Crue love and friendlinesse Ballow thy bappiness

One a little more sentimental goes well with flowers or a plant:

fond thoughts and constant prayers I scatter free, Line flowers, along the pathway thou must

Grateful and glad if haply they may shed some fragrance to refresh and comfort thee. The last one, which is by Tennyson, is beautiful inscribed in a book or to

go with a calendar: Che time draws near the birth of Christ; Che moon is hid; the night is still; Che Christmas belie from hill to hill



Can be Had at the

BAZAAR

Next Door to the Post Office, Forest Grove, Oregon



OR THE past 12 years the Bazaar has been the headquarters for Santa Claus. Every year

he has brought carloads of toys and beautiful Xmas gifts to the Bazaar and old Santa never forgets anyone



FOR BABY he brings rattles, rubber dolls and animals, rubber balls, bell wheels, stuffed animals of all kinds, gold bracelets or anything that delights the baby,

FOR SIS he has numbers of things, such as dolls, doll buggies, doll furniture, books, sewing boxes, stoves, dishes and hundreds of other

gifts. Toilet and manicure sets, gold watches, that she would enjoy.

FOR MAMMA he also has brought lots of necklaces, bracelets or anything in that line

and quality.

FOR THE BOYS he brings everything AND NOW COMES POOR PAPA---

that can make a noise. Horns, drums, pop- He ought to have something too, when he guns, clappers, and cannons. Also things stands before the tree Xmas Eve with an that are destructive around the house, such as empty purse. Santa has not forgotten him. hammers, hatchets and tool chests, Besides Santa is an old papa himself and he knows these there are steam engines, games, trains what it means to be a papa. A set of milion tracks, magic lanterns, picture and story tery brushes, a pair of cuff links, a beautiful books and other things in endless varieties stick pin or a new watch fob would be all the things that papa would be pleased to get.

It doesn't take much money to get these things in the Bazaar this year as Mr. Staehr is having a Clearance Sale and gives a reduction of 35c to 50c on the dollar. Besides this he gives a \$25 doll and a gold watch away Xmas Eve as a first and second prizes to those who buy their Christmas goods. : : : : : : : : :