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When the annual Pulitzer prizes for the best work in journalism and letters in 1924 were made known, last Sunday, at Columbia university the first premium, \$1,000, went to Edna Ferber for "So Big," the story now running in the Enterprise, as "the best American novel published during the year which shall present the wholesome atmosphere of American life and the highest standards of American manners and manhood."

When you get the Enterprise you get the best. "The Secret Adversary," another copyrighted serial, published in these columns some time ago, had been awarded first place among stories published during the year in a competition in England.

From being third or fourth among causes of death in the United States heart disease has advanced until now it occupies first place, more deaths being attributed to it than to tuberculosis or cancer, which formerly were at the head of the ghastly list.

Every man in this country has a right to use all the tobacco he can pay for, and some in actual practice use more. A healthy person can use a little tobacco, or a little strychnine or arsenic or opium, without ill results except for the unclean feature of the tobacco habit. But use of any of these in excess is injurious and dangerous to the average person. And the average person, once the habit is formed, is almost certain to carry it to excess.

The number of tobacco users in the country per capita is probably double what it was fifty years ago, and the amount consumed per capita by users has also probably doubled. This explains the enormous fortunes which have been built up by manufacturers and handlers of the weed.

Our lawmakers use tobacco to such an extent that the legislative halls are blue with smoke during sessions, but they also recognize the evil of the habit and the danger that immature persons face of becoming its slave if they indulge, so they have passed laws forbidding the sale of it to minors. In this the lawmakers are ahead of the mass of the people, for the latter, given the law, fail to enforce it, and most boys are allowed to form the tobacco habit before they reach the age when they are capable of deciding for themselves.

They see on every hand in public places large signs extolling sundry brands of cigars, cigarettes and chewing tobacco, and they find the alleged virtues of these wares set forth in attractive advertisements in a majority of the newspapers, and, together with their elders, pay the high prices from which come the funds for such advertising as well as for the fortunes of tobacco-handling millionaires.

The same money paid for fruits and wholesome confections might give them as good a return in enjoyment and greater in health, but these are not advertised on every fence and in every newspaper. Physicians know something of the toll in broken health and shortened life paid by the American people for tobacco. Here is some of their testimony, which we copy from a publication of the No-tobacco league of America:

More than one hundred thousand middle-aged and younger men die suddenly every year. A record of many of these has shown that practically all are heavy tobacco addicts. Below are twelve expert testimonies as to what the trouble is. Heart-failure is the usual diagnosis. Dr. W. M. Gage—I have recently analyzed ninety-nine brands of tobacco, and have found all the advertised brands to contain the following: arsenic, poppy leaves, heroin, and double-strength nicotine.

Dr. F. Piddick, St. Giles hospital, London—Tobacco is a poison for brain and heart, producing paralysis and heart disease. Dr. J. H. Kellogg—Tobacco is the cause of tobacco heart, tobacco blindness, paralysis, cancer, apoplexy. Everyone who uses it is killed by it sooner or later, unless he dies as the result of accident or some acute disease. Not less than one hundred thousand men die suddenly of tobacco annually.

George Thomason, M. D.—All animals tested succumb to it. Combustion destroys only a small part of the nicotine. The carbon monoxide attacks the red blood cells and prevents them from taking oxygen. Dr. Marshall Hall—The smoker cannot escape the poison of tobacco. It gets into the blood, travels the whole round of the system, interferes with the heart action and circulation, and affects every organ and fiber.

A. A. Woodhall, M. D.—The tobacco heart is an irritable heart, frequently intermittent in action and not to be depended upon under calls for severe physical exertion. Dr. W. M. Stone—Tobacco weakens the blood vessels. The user's chances of recovery from malignant disease—typhoid, pneumonia, influenza—are lessened fifty per cent.

Mrs. Virginia Booth Clibbera Demarest, evangelist, at Portland Sunday said: "The mass of the people are idolaters, worshipping pleasure, sports, dancing, card playing, gambling, business, sex, education, human interest, politics and even religion." Prophets with names that did not fill half as much space as hers talked about the same way thousands of years ago. Is there nothing new under the sun?

"Inch-and-a-quarter Jimmy," who confesses about 100 Portland burglaries, is said to contemplate an insanity plea. Perhaps he has made enough at his trade to employ a few "expert alienists."

AL G. BARNES' 4-RING CIRCUS will exhibit afternoon and night AT EUGENE Wednesday May 6

The announcement of AL G. BARNES' 4-RING CIRCUS appears in this issue. The coming of this organization is welcome news, as the AL G. BARNES CIRCUS is one that always presents a clean, wholesome and entertaining program. This year, according to announcements, the circus has been greatly enlarged, and in addition to the all new spectacle of Pochontas at the Court of Queen Anne with the enormous cast, selected from the 1080 employees, other new features are: 180 horses in one big act, The Fez-Ton Tribe of Arabs from the Sahara Desert—their first visit to America, The Canton Troupe of Chinese Circus Artists, The Imperial Midget Family from Bavaria, Joe Martin (himself), The Giant Gorilla Man, Lotus, the only performing hippopotamus in the world, and the Famous Exclusive Al G. Barnes Feature—40 Dancing Horses and 40 Dancing Girls, and AL G. Barnes appears in person at each performance.

Owing to the enormous size of the circus this year, the management announces that no street parade will be given in any city visited, however, in place of the omitted procession, a mammoth Open Air Free Exhibition will take place on the show grounds at 1:00 and 7:00 P. M., immediately preceding the opening of the doors to the circus, and the largest traveling menagerie in the world, comprising over 400 rare animals from all quarters of the earth.

The circus performance starts promptly at 2:00 and 8:00 P. M. Ample parking space for autos is reserved on the show grounds and a City Ticket Office, where numbered reserved chairs may be obtained at same price charged on the show grounds, is maintained in each city.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

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DEXTER AND CIRCUS If you asked little Dexter what he loved above everything in the world he would say: "The circus." If you asked him why, he would say: "Because every year it is bigger and better than ever."

There was something about Dexter that there is about every one—a real love of the circus. Dexter, maybe, loves it more than anyone, though when I think about it I am sure there are just hundreds and hundreds of people—big, small and in-between people—who will say: "He doesn't love it any more than I do."

Now, one night Dexter had a dream and as it was one of the loveliest dreams ever a lad had, and as Dexter loves to share with others, you will hear of this dream. In his dream he thought he was in a beautiful field with soft, warm grass upon which to lie and, above was the blue sky with the sun shining brightly down.



They bowed before Dexter.

and monkeys and many, many other animals. There were giraffes. There were beautiful ladies riding in handsome chariots and upon lovely ponies. There were many, many clowns. There was the band, and in front of all was the drum major very handsomely dressed and performing in a splendid manner.

As they approached Dexter they bowed. Even the animals bowed. "Greetings, our best circus greetings, Dexter," they said. Then they went into the field, with Dexter running along beside them. First he went along with the members of the band, then by the animals, then by the clowns, then back to the band, then by the ladies.

They were all so wonderful. "We're going to give you a private show," they said. "We are going to have a whole, three-ringed show, just for you." So Dexter sat now at one end of the field and all the clowns and animals and horseback riders and trapeze performers set to work to fix everything right and then performed their tricks. They bowed before Dexter and he clapped and clapped. Oh, it was so wonderful having a circus just for himself alone.

Yet, he did keep thinking how he wished his different friends could be with him. They would have enjoyed it so much! The band kept playing all the time, all the time, all the time until just as the show was about to end the band seemed to be blowing whistles—then one whistle, one great long whistle! Dexter found himself sitting up in bed. He had been dreaming. Now he was listening to the whistle of the circus train and it was early in the morning.

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International S. S. Lesson

Lesson for May 3 THE BENEFITS OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE

LESSON TEXT—Dan. 1:1-20. GOLDEN TEXT—"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank."—Dan. 1:8. PRIMARY TOPIC—Four Sensible Boys. JUNIOR TOPIC—Benefits of Total Abstinence. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Sound Mind and a Sound Body. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Some Benefits of Total Abstinence.

I. Daniel and His Companions in Captivity in Babylon (vv. 1-4). They were carried away to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in the first siege of Jerusalem. At the command of the king certain choice young men, including the seed of the king and of the princes, were carried away that they might be made skillful in wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, understanding science so that they might be trained to stand in the king's palace.

1. Their Conscience Tested (v. 5). By the appointment of the king, a daily portion of the king's meat and of the wine which he drank was arranged for them. This was contrary to the custom among the godly Jews. Being contrary to the Jewish customs, they could not conscientiously partake of them. It should ever be borne in mind that conscience is the groundwork of human character.

2. Their Change of Name (vv. 6-7). Among the Hebrews most significant names were given to children. Daniel means, "God is my judge." The significance of this name was that all the problems of life were submitted to God for His decision. God was made the arbiter of his life. This was the secret of Daniel's life. No doubt this expresses the purpose of his parents in giving him the name. His name was changed to Belshazzar meaning "Bel's prince," the one whom the chief god of the Babylonians favors. Hananiah means, "gift of" or "beloved of Jehovah," and his name was changed to Shadrach which signifies, "illumined by the sun god, Rak." Mishael means, "who is as God," and his name was changed to Meshach meaning "who is like the goddess Shesach, the gentle one." Azariah means, "Jehovah is our help," and was changed to Abednego which means, "the servant of Nego." Back of the change of names was the attempt of Satan to wipe out the name of the true God, and have these young men lose their separation and thus become assimilated among the heathen.

3. Their Religious Life (v. 8). This involved their refusal to eat meat and to drink wine which was contrary to their teaching. In the case of Daniel, at least, it also involved praying three times a day. Daniel seems to have been the spokesman for the company. Although Daniel's heart was fixed, he did not forget to be a gentleman. He requested to be excused from this meat and drink in order that he be not defiled. Christians should learn from this to be courteous even in times of great trials. God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with those who were over him.

III. The Success of Daniel and His Companions (vv. 14-21). 1. Their Physical Health (vv. 14-16). A test was made for ten days, and it was shown that they were fatter in countenance and fatter in flesh than those who indulged in the king's meat. Godly and temperate living pays. It is obligatory upon God's children today to conscientiously abstain from that which is contrary to His law. It means total abstinence from intoxicating liquors, and everything which would injure the health.

2. Mental Growth (vv. 17-20). Daniel and his companions were found to be ten times superior to their comrades in matters of wisdom and understanding. It is always true that those who abstain from indulging in the use of strong drink have clearer minds and are mentally better equipped for their work than those who indulge. 3. The Social and Political Preference (v. 19). They stood before the king. 4. Their Temporal Influence (v. 21). They were all advanced to positions of influence and Daniel became president of the college of wise men, and the prime minister of the nation.

5. Spiritual Insight (v. 17). Because of Daniel's loyalty to God, visions embracing the entire history of the world came to him and Nebuchadnezzar's dream was revealed. Do Right Do right, and God's recompense to you will be the power of doing more right. Give, and God's reward to you will be the spirit of giving more. Withhold from God and the accounting will follow.

Society Society is a more level surface than we imagine. Wise men or absolute fools are hard to be met with; and there are few giants or dwarfs.—Hazlitt.

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