

Famous Botanic Gardens

The Royal Botanic gardens of Kew (Surrey, Eng.) originated in the exotic garden formed by Lord Capel, to whom the estate belonged in the late Seventeenth and early Eighteenth centuries. In 1840 the gardens were adopted as a national establishment and now they consist of 75 acres, with the arboretum adjoining extending 270 acres.

Wood Affords Protection

The bureau of mines says that wooden-soled shoes are worn by certain workmen at refineries when breaking up the coke which has been deposited in the stills. There remains considerable heat in the stills and because of this the workers wear wooden-soled shoes and other protective devices.

Watch Acts as Calendar

An oblong wristlet watch made recently measures only one inch by one and one-half. It records not only the time, but, in addition, the day of the week, the month, the date, and the phases of the moon. The last four records are contained in small circles on the dial.

Cleaning Lace

Silver lace may be rejuvenated by cleaning with gasoline or alcohol with a brush. It may also be cleaned by washing in salt water, using two tablespoonfuls salt to each pint of water.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Expresses Incredible Unbelief

The expression "Tell it to the marines" carries the idea that the speaker is incredulous. It is supposed to have originated with seamen who considered marines landlubbers, and therefore easy to fool.

Congregation Tittered

"Please remember our communion service next Sunday," announced a Worcester clergyman. "The Lord will be with us during the morning service, and the bishop in the evening."—Boston Transcript.

Old English School

The oldest school in England, according to a historian of medieval schools, is King's school at Canterbury, Kent, which was founded in 598, the year after St. Augustine's mission.

Worth Remembering

"He who is proud of his ancestors," said III "the sage of Chinatown, "is under obligation to assume that they are still watchful and expectant to be proud of him."—Washington Star.

Great Fortunes Scattered

There is nothing keeps longer than a middling fortune, and nothing melts away sooner than a great one. Poverty trends upon the heels of great and unexpected riches.—Bruyere.

Folly and Madness

Folly consists in drawing of false conclusions from just principles, by which it is distinguished from madness, which draws just conclusions from false principles.—Locke.

Earliest "Clocks"

The water clocks, or Clepsydra, used by the Egyptians, Chinese, Greeks, and Romans, were the earliest forms of time-measuring devices constructed by mankind.

Codling a Snowdrift

In the desert ranges of the West sheepmen sometimes cover snowdrifts with straw to delay melting and furnish water for a longer period.

Disinfectants

A disinfectant differs from an antiseptic in that it is not supposed to come in actual contact with a living person.

On the Hop

"All the new dances are evolved by male experts. But women still lead men the old, old dance.—Exchange

Fun During Old Age

We sincerely believe, this: To have more fun during old age have less fun while young.—Arlinson Globe.

Remember This

The man who comes out on top is the one who first gets to the bottom of things.—Los Angeles Times.

Summoning the Faithful

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Lesson for November 18

PAUL'S EXPERIENCES IN JERUSALEM

LESSON TEXT—Acts 21:18-23:22. GOLDEN TEXT—Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. PRIMARY TOPIC—How a Boy Helped His Uncle. JUNIOR TOPIC—How a Boy Helped His Uncle. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Paul Proves His Courage. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Religious Prejudice and Fanaticism.

I. Paul's Vow (21:18-25). Upon Paul's arrival at Jerusalem representatives of the church there gave him a most cordial reception. In order that the brethren in Jerusalem might graciously receive him, it was proposed to him by the elders that he take a Jewish vow to prove that the law was in no way opposed to the law. The effort was to remove prejudice.

II. Paul's Arrest (21:27-40). How far this act conciliated the Christian Jews we are not told, but it only enraged the unbelieving Jews, causing them to resort to mob law. These maddened Jews on the basis of a supposition seized Paul, dragged him from the temple and beat him mercilessly, intending to put him to death. Paul was rescued from the mob by the Roman guard. The chief captain, not being able to get any information from the howling mob, bound Paul and started for the castle. In order to protect him, the soldiers lifted him upon their shoulders and bore him up the stairs.

III. Paul's Defense (22:1-27). Paul's chief concern was not his own safety. He used this last opportunity of witnessing for Christ.

1. His just claim for a hearing (vv. 1-3). (1) His birth (v. 3). He was Jewish in Tarsus, a city of no mean reputation. (2) His education (v. 3). He was educated in a school under the tutelage of Gamaliel and instructed "according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers."

(3) His zeal (v. 3). He was as zealous toward God as those Jews who were trying to destroy him. 2. His former attitude toward Jesus (vv. 4, 5). "I persecuted this way unto the death," so that his attitude was one of hatred as was that of the Jews. 3. How his attitude was changed (vv. 6-10).

This change of attitude was brought about by the intervention of God. While on his way to Damascus with authority to bring the Christians to Jerusalem to be punished, Paul was smitten to the ground by a light from heaven, and the voice of the Lord said, "Why persecutest thou Me?" When Paul inquired as to what he was to do, he was told to go into Damascus where he would be told what to do. Ananias was sent by the Lord to make known His will.

4. The Lord commissioned him to go to the Gentiles (vv. 17-21). It was not of his own will that he preached to the Gentiles, but by the Lord's direct commission. IV. Paul Before the Sanhedrin (23:1-10).

The Roman officer, in order to learn why Paul was arrested, commanded the chief council to assemble, and brought Paul before them. 1. Paul's earnest look at the council (vv. 1, 2).

This was a solicitation of their honor to give him a fair hearing, and also a look of conscious integrity and unflinching courage. 2. Paul's stern rebuke of the head of the council (v. 3).

"God shall smite thee, thou whited wall." This was a just sentence, no doubt directed by the Lord. Paul showed that he had the highest respect for the office, but the man then occupying it was not worthy of it. 3. Paul's appeal to the Pharisees (vv. 6-10).

Seeing that he could not get a fair hearing, and perceiving that the body before him was made up of Pharisees and Sadducees, he appealed to the Pharisees for his preaching and something in common with their belief. V. The Lord Stood by Paul (v. 11).

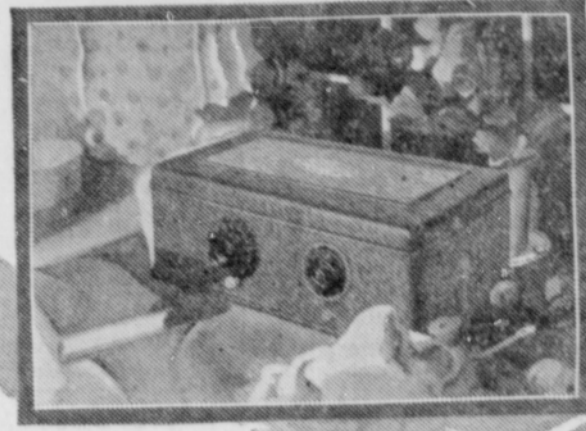
He was in great need of grace to sustain him. He may have begun to question the wisdom of his going to Jerusalem, but this assured him that his course was right, and thus comfort was brought to him. VI. The Conspiracy to Kill Paul (vv. 18-22).

More than forty men banded together for the purpose of getting Paul out of the way. This plot was known to Paul's sister's son (v. 16), who reported it, and thus doubtless saved the apostle's life.

Highway of Holiness The highway of holiness is along the commonest road of life—along your very way. In wind and rain, no matter how it beats—it is only going hand in hand with Him.—Mark Guy Pearse.

The World's Condition The world is in a sick condition today because the Bible says: "In the beginning, God" and the world is saying: "At the last, God"—A. W. Tozer.

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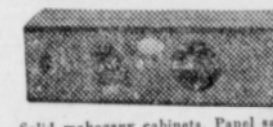


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Easy Come—Easy Go

She—Lucius, I cannot be betrothed to you any longer. He (with a superior manner)—Well, there are others. She—Yes, I know. I've just become engaged to one of the others.

Indian Superstitions

Many Indian tribes held that animals and plants were animated by spirits. They regarded certain of these spirits as powerful and active. Among their elemental gods were the sun, fire and water. The buffalo, eagle and rattlesnake were worshipped. Among plants, cedar, cottonwood, corn and tobacco were venerated.

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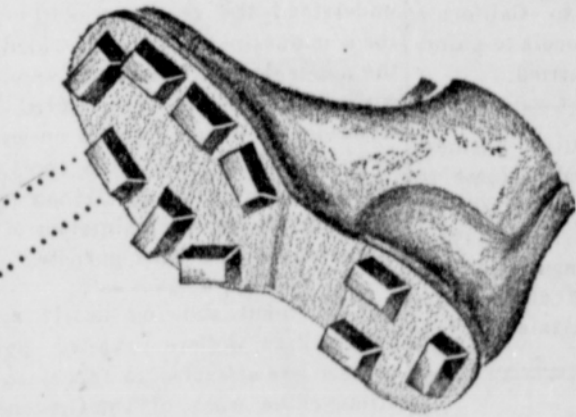
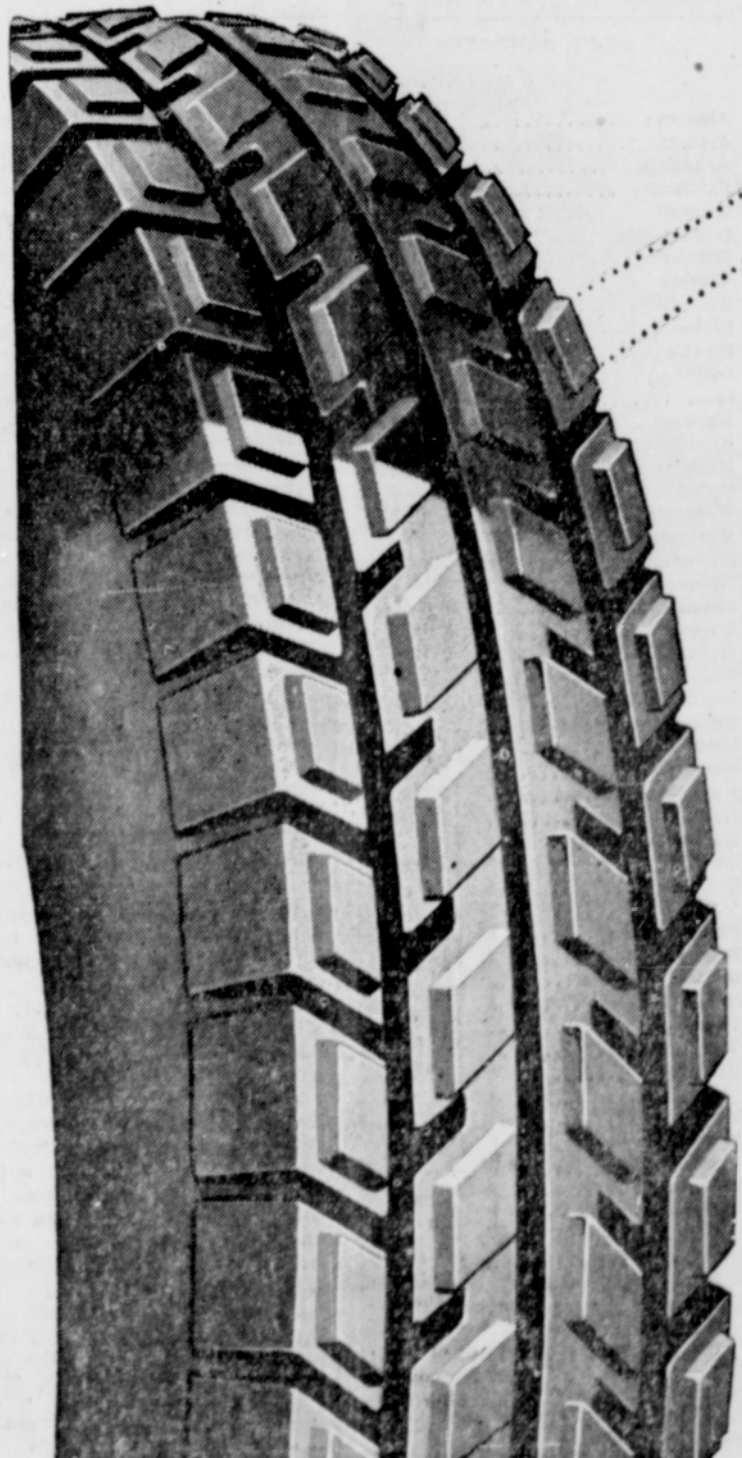
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A Clean Sweep

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