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Which is correct—the hen is sitting or the hen is setting?—Joachim. (Bleeter to know whether hen laying or lying when she cackle.)

And Bath & Faucet are in the insurance business at Canton, Ills. (What'll you have, hot or cold?)

Tap! It just possible that Cupid in "shooting" De Wolf Hopper, Lillian Russell and Nat Goodwin used one of the modern German machine guns?

Horrors! Burroughs—I know a man who looks so much like you that one could hardly tell you apart.

Lenders—You haven't by mistake paid him that five you owe me, have you?—Boston Transcript.

Wonder if old Bill Bryan has discarded military hair brushes?

At the Pianola. Bill said she must have gifted hands To play such music sweet.

Today's Bellringer. Gen. von Hindenburg is a hard working general.

"I have the honor—" began the visitor. "I know—you have the honor—and I have the work!" snapped the field marshal.

Stella's Bargain Counter. No, women are not suspicious creatures. Many of 'em will trust a man when the grocer won't.

Card of an Iowa woman: MRS. M. J. PHILPOT, Supt. Flower Mission Work, W. C. T. U.

Gosh! Ain't It True? "Many wise words are spoken in jest."

Fashion Note—The new derby hats for men are of khaki color.

Close Quarters. Captain—(To Murphy, in trench)—Why are you getting along so slowly in digging this trench?

Private Murphy—Faith, captain, the roof in there is so low I've got to come outside to swing me jib, an' thin wads in and hit the ground!—Punch.

Col. Perry Cheeks of Natal, South America, is a subscriber to the American Poultry Journal, says the Chicago Tribune.

(And maybe they are not aware that Jonas Bloodbath practices medicine in Nome, Alaska.)

Snow will be here again soon. But we can understand snow. In other words it is the only weather in which we can see the drift.

A NEW RELIGION

THE philosophers of today are saying that the world needs a new religion. The deluge of blood that is drowning the millions of Europe, while their rulers sanctoriously appeal to the Almighty as their partner in crime, calls to mind the crimson-stained pages of history, with hideous and horrible stories of tortures and slaughter in the name of God, the church and religion.

We read of the persecution of the Christians in the time of Nero and Julian the Apostate, with feelings of deepest hatred for the pagans. But the perusal of the pages of a later period prove to the unwilling mind that the Christian sects in their wars against each other murdered their tens of thousands where the unchristian Romans slew their thousands.

We close our eyes in horror at the picture of the human torches burning upon the cross to light the games in Caesar's garden. But for methods of torture the refined cruelties of that age were improved a hundred fold by the ingenuity that distinguished the Spanish inquisition and the persecution for witchcraft in Germany, England and the New England states in colonial days.

When we reflect that our religion has been in the keeping of those who, as late as the eighteenth century, burned women and children as witches and justified their acts by the Word of God, little wonder it is that their descendants and subjects find honor and glory in an orgy of death and destruction.

Apologists will tell us that it is not the present-day religion that is at fault, but the failure to follow it. A religion must be judged as other human institutions—by its effect upon the people who embrace it and adopt it.

A religion, however pure some of its precepts, or beautiful some of its ideals, that does not elevate and ennoble its adherents, is wanting in results.

For centuries the world was ruled by tyrants who carried the axe or fagot in one hand and the divine law in the other, and woe to him who to them said nay. Bruno, Joan of Arc and Huss are but shining examples of millions who paid with their lives tribute to their conscience, while the exemplars and precursors of religion claimed heaven's reward for their extermination of God's enemies.

The students of history are forcibly impressed with the ever-pervading evidence that the cruelties of religion have ever found their strength in the wealthy and luxury-loving classes. They never had their source in mud-wattles or cabins of the poor. Often the voluptuous fell prey to the religious persecutions of his own class as a means of disposing of a rival, but the victims of the self-appointed agents of divine law were almost wholly among the defenseless, the poor or their intellectual defenders, who preferred death to life amid such surroundings.

The reason is not beyond comprehension. All religions, pagan, Christian or heathen, judged by the highest moral standards of any age, that can claim the respect of reason, had for their basis the harmony of mankind. At the basis of each of them are the economic questions that have beset mankind.

"The love of money is the root of all evil" is not an idle aphorism. Paul understood the problems of rich and poor in his day, as well as we in ours. He knew, as we know, that the love of money not only corrupts the soul of the lover, but it guides the hand that oppresses the lowly, robs the poor and starves the children. Thus spoke Zoroaster and Confucius. Christ attacked the money-lovers of His day in the temple, and He who was looked upon as a harmless doctrinaire up to that time soon faced the mob, urged on, doubtless, by the unseen hand of the classes, and for his temerity in attacking the claimants of vested privileges of those days who had usurped God's house as the place to ply their trade, He soon paid forfeit of His life on the cross on Calvary.

Socrates drank the fatal hemlock under sentence of death because of impious attitude towards some of the many gods that reigned at Athens. But he, too, in his teachings had dared attack the sacred rights of property. Our record of those times, as is the history of all times, is the view of the tyrant, the usurper, and never of the oppressed, and doubtless if we knew the whole story of the persecution of the great philosopher we would learn that the accusation of profanity against him, like that against Jesus, was simply a means of compelling an ignorant and oppressed populace to slay their own deliverer, who might arouse the people to sense of their own wrongs and a consciousness of their own power.

In ancient times men ruled mighty empires, separated by thousands of miles and months of travel, and people speaking many different tongues. The ease with which they held the nations and races in bondage is almost inconceivable until we consider the priest. Religious superstition was the secret of their control, as surely as it controls the millions of the czar or the followers of Islam.

Able rulers have found it easier to follow the religion of a people than to change. Such was the policy of most of the Caesars, and such was the policy of Constantine. After the murder of several of his family he adopted Christianity as a state religion. Before that day it was the religion of the poor, but on that day it became the religion of the rich and powerful. The priests of the pagan temples became the priests of the Christian God, and then began the destruction and perversion of the teachings of He who said: "Sell all thou hast and give to the poor." From a religion of mercy it came to be a religion of cruelty and oppression, because it was adopted by a cruel and unmerciful people, the foundation of whose government was the economic or actual enslavement of the mass of the people for the benefit of the aristocracy.

Under the early Christians communism was spreading. It threatened the plutocracy of that age with extinguishment, but the master stroke of Constantine destroyed that danger and made the teachings of Jesus the religion of profligate luxury-loving and cruel ruling class, that viewed religion as a means of subjecting the

ARMLESS MAN ELECTED JUDGE: WRITES WITH PEN IN TEETH



David Moylan telephoning, and writing: a sample of his writing.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 15.—David Moylan, just elected judge in this city, is armless. It was being armless that gave him his ambition.

He started as a railroader, and one night fell off a string of box cars under the wheels, which took off one arm. He recuperated, returned to railroading, and slipped on an icy track under the wheels, which took off the other arm.

Then Moylan, aged 27, decided to study law.

He had his books rigged up so he could turn the leaves with his tongue.

After four years he was admitted to the bar. The examiners offered an oral test. No—he would take it like anybody else would. He wrote the examination answers with his pen in his mouth.

For seven years he has been a lawyer. His telephone is arranged so he can take a weight off the transmitter with his teeth, and listen at a receiver fastened to the wall. He was photographed telephoning for this paper, and again writing. He autographed the pictures with his pen in his teeth.

masses who were the victims of control by custom and superstition. It was easier to control by threatening the displeasure of God than by killing, though killing has always been a favored method of inspiring respect for the displeasure. And the earth has no darker record than when the divine law and the civil law was dispensed by the same authority.

With such heredity the Christian religion may well be pardoned for the holocaust of the greatest Christian peoples. Perhaps the teachings of Christ have not been fairly tried, and they never will be until they are divorced from greed and selfishness, until they are written in the laws of the land.

The experiment of one law for religions life and another for civil life should have its memorial built of the millions of skulls that could be collected from the victims of that system that have bathed a continent in their blood.

Men love to talk of a religion of love. How can it exist in a land where the government is one of hate and revenge? How can men be just in an atmosphere of injustice? How can men who are fiercely contending and striving and battling and envying and hating six days in the week, have any love remaining for the seventh day? The sham, the hypocrisy of it!

If we are to have a new religion it must be divested of that which makes men irreligious—of that which makes men oppress their fellow-men—that gives men any power over other men other than the power that springs from goodness and moral wisdom.

And where it was written by some monk who in the early days, to serve his patrons all too well, these words: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are Gods," we must write, "render unto God in all things."

"For no man can serve two masters."

HOLLAND DENIES ANY INTENTION OF PEACE CONFERENCE

LONDON, Nov. 16.—That the Dutch government has no intention of mediating for peace is the announcement contained in a government reply to an interim report of the select committee embodying general reflections on the budget, says a Reuters dispatch from The Hague.

The government declares itself fully cognizant of the fact that the termination of the war would be beneficial to Holland, but asserts this is not sufficient reason for mediation.

A desire for peace, the government says, will not be permitted to lead to premature steps which would prejudice both the country's position and pacific aims.

PRESIDENT WORKING UPON HIS MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—President Wilson plans to work all this week on his message to congress and expects to have it finished before Thanksgiving day. He discussed some features of it today with the cabinet. National defense will be the principal subject treated in the message, which also is expected to take up recommendations for ending additional revenue.

Conservation measures which called for passage at the last session of congress and the Philippine bill will be endorsed again.

SOME DON'TS

For Stomach and Liver Sufferers. Don't take medicine for your stomach ailments morning, noon and night as usually such medicines only give temporary relief and simply digest the food that happens to be in the stomach.

Don't permit a surgical operation. There is always serious danger in operations and in many cases of stomach, liver and intestinal ailments the knife can be avoided if the right remedy is taken in time.

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