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THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The good colonel has taken up the cudgel and the fight is on. Scenes political have shifted and been shifted so frequently, within the period of the last past few weeks that practically everybody and everything is uncertain. That there is a great game being played nobody denies and everybody affirms. But where is he, who knows the purport thereof? Everybody rides to the very verge of definite declaration as to his position and then either dismounts, or permits himself to be purposely unhorsed. There seems to be no Arnold Winklered, who cares or dares to open the breach and begin the battle. Col. Roosevelt came nearest it, when he declared in his opening address Tuesday, that if the people of his country wanted him to attend the State Convention he would heed their wishes. The Administration has submitted several probable solutions in the past few days which seems to indicate a better feeling between the insurgents and the regulars. Meanwhile, on the account of political agitation and uncertainty, business markets are narrowing their margins of activity, capital is hedging, pending something definite and labor is ill at ease. It is to be hoped that the situation will soon clarify and harmony prevail as every ounce of available strength that can be commanded will be needed this fall.

THE TARIFF.

It is given out that there is a disposition to have the tariff readjusted, such readjustment to be based upon the finding of the Commission and to deal with certain schedules. This may be the right move, but no one at all conversant with tariff revisions will deny that such a move will be fraught with danger and contention. It will be hard indeed to open one phase of the tariff readjustment without disturbing the whole. Then, there is the probability of the complete unsettling of the business world until the schedule is finished. The history of every tariff revision has been invariably the history of severe contention by conflicting interests the world over and in most every case it has spelled defeat for the party responsible for that revision. It is largely a question whether the country can shoulder the difficulties entailed in two revisions within the period of three years and emerge from the ordeal commercially healthy. Let us hope it can but to say that least it is an untried experiment that may prove disastrous.

THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The National Medical Association has come and gone. Washington is better for its having been here. Medical science and skill have been given an impetus and the whole world as well as the Negro race have been benefited by this intelligent conference of men. Anything looking toward the betterment of humanity and the prolongation of life, anything which helps men to live on higher planes and better lives, any element contributing to better sanitation and there by the general moral uplift of the people it is to be welcomed and encouraged and this is what this Association is, has been and shall continue to be doing while it exists on the broad intellectual basis, as it is at present. No cleaner, more intelligent and better purposed body of gentlemen have ever visited our city and it is to be hoped that we have been as mutually hospitable to them as they have been scientifically benefited to us.

Curious.
How well an ugly man looks in a photograph!—Aitchison Globe.

Mates.
Bobby—Honest, is there twins at your house?
Tommy—Honest! An' they're just alike.

The Wisdom of Pa.
Little Willie—What is a lawyer, pa?
Pa—A lawyer, my son, is a man who induces two other men to strip for a fight and then runs off with their clothes.

Practice What You Preach.
Scribbler—I got a check for \$10 this morning for that article of mine on how to live on 15 cents a day.
Scrawler—Then you can lend me \$2, can't you?
Scribbler—Sorry, old man, but I blew it all in.

Bluffs.
"We always summer at Talley."
"Is that place is noted for its magnificent bluffs?"
"Yes, there are generally quite a few of them stopping at the hotel."

Unhappy Marriages

Men, More Often Than Women, Cause

By RUTH DOROTHY MARSH



THE most unfortunate marriages that are made are those between a man and woman, either one of which reverences Christianity and all the virtues pertaining to the beautiful religion, and the other party to the contract an infidel, who knows nothing of virtues. All our virtues, so-called, emanate strictly from our Bible, so how can the infidel have any? Sooner or later the imposed upon party to the sacred compact realizes the glaring truth of the position he or she is in.

Men, more often than women, are the transgressors. This type carefully selects a choice, clean woman of pure and lofty mind to go through his mean walk in life with him, and the result is, disenchantment for the woman. His sacrilege, his profanity, his lack of all that is refined are the result of his infidel mind and grate harshly upon the sensibilities of his wife. The sanctity of her marriage has fled, for there is no sanctity in the man himself. He is wholly disassociated with sacred thoughts and feelings. She finds out his principles and from that moment he ceases to be her soul's affinity, as a husband should be, in the truest sense of the word.

All husbands and wives who are truly good, virtuous and patient are "souls' affinities." That is what matrimony means. Unfortunately the term has been perverted and adopted in all manner of illicit love affairs by fallen men and women. "Be faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life." Life is very short, dear young readers, so this promise is well worth heeding to bear us up under the heavy crosses each of have to bear to complete our life's journey.

"Take my cross and follow me," do not "fall by the wayside," and do wrong, to evade "carrying the cross," as so many do who prefer to shirk and lose their future "crown of life" thereby. A reward is offered us for patient virtues. Be strong therein.

Unique Way of Earning Spending Money

By Clarence George Malmrose

A woman whose only asset in the money making way was a pleasant cottage situated in a shady yard near a summer hotel, last year made a comfortable income for herself through the suggestion of a friend.

The friend was at the hotel with her small child, who was rather too old for the extra expense of a nurse, yet who could not be permitted to run wild.

"This vacation is no rest for me," moaned the mother. "I'm nothing but a nursemaid, cannot get away from Bobby an hour at a time. I am crazy to accept Mrs. Blayne's invitation for a morning bridge, but how can I with that child tagging at my heels?"

"Let him come over and play in our yard," was the reply. "An imposition," murmured the mother, her face lightening perceptibly. "How I wish there was a day nursery for children of the moderately well off."

"Done," said the woman, who needed money. "I'll start one if you'll be my first patron."

Bobby arrived about ten o'clock and had such a good time playing under the trees, digging in a flower pot, or listening to stories that he did not want to go back to the hotel when his mother appeared, prize in hand.

It was a gay week at the hotel and the next day Bobby returned, accompanied by several small friends, whose mothers were also without nurses.

There was no elaborate preparation, no cut and dried system of amusement. The children played by themselves in safe quarters, with occasional suggestion and supervision from the "lovely lady" on the porch.

There were not even regular hours. It became the habit for mothers who had engagements to leave their little ones for an hour or two while they sailed or climbed or went to a band concert.

Soon one or two women whose children were mere babies, too small to be taken to the dining-room, asked permission to leave the infants safely ensconced in their coaches on the porch or under the trees with the fostering care of a woman who needed money.

It was a great convenience to mothers who did not keep a nurse and not a hardship to the child chaperon, as she soon came to be known. She had as real a love of children as her want of money was real and the combination of the two needs worked splendidly.

Disgusting and Disease Breeding Customs

By WILLIAM HELD, M. D.

From One Extreme to the Other

By VIOLET MIDDLETON

An attempt should be made to prevent restaurant keepers from putting before their patrons spoons and forks which bear the incrustured remnants of former meals.

It is a frequent occurrence to find such dirty utensils.

If there is anything in the germ theory, then the unclean and reissued eating utensil is a source of infection.

Another disgusting and disease-breeding habit is a practise of some owners of ice-cream parlors, who place their spoons with the hollow end up in some receptacle and then when they are to be used wipe their fingers over the spoon's surface. I have frequently seen the clerk in such stores adjust his hair with his fingers and then handle the spoon in the manner described.

It is up to the people to protect themselves by refusing to patronize filthy stores.

In regard to what kind of husband is most in demand, the one who is out all the time or the one who "goes quietly along saving his money and going to bed early," I should very much prefer the latter, provided, however, he did not forget that occasional amusement or recreation is beneficial.

I am a home-loving girl, and although I am employed, I spend most of my spare time reading, doing housework or sewing. "Yet I like to go out sometimes."

The man who "is out every night" is generally the one who leaves his wife at home. I should much prefer if I had to stay at home that he stayed also, but I should not be averse to my husband going out once in a while alone, either.

The trouble seems to be that it is the one who is out all the time and not the one who goes along quietly, attending to business, advancing himself in his work, who gets married. So what are we going to do?

PULPITS AND PEWS

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Last Sunday morning we listened to a well-delivered, inspiring sermon by our beloved pastor, Dr. A. G. Garner, and although our choir is taking a short vacation the congregation sang well and enthusiastically.

Among our visitors on last Sunday were Miss Lula Smith and Miss Madeline Shively, of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Mary L. Hunter, of Alapachicola, Fla.; Miss Emma J. Terry, a teacher in the high school of Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. John P. Rhines, attorney-at-law, of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. L. A. Earle, of Anderson, S. C.; Mrs. Earle is a daughter of ex-Congressman Miller, who represented South Carolina in the Fifty-fourth Congress.

Dr. and Mrs. Earle are stopping with Mrs. Belle Nelson, 2206 14th street N. W.

Miss Lucinda Shorter is spending her vacation at Berkeley Springs.

Mrs. Alice Joice is visiting Atlantic City. Mrs. Edward Joice has returned from her trip to Richmond, Va., her former home.

Miss Nellie Morton has returned from her visit to Hampton, Va., much improved by the change.

The Vesper service at Plymouth has been greatly helped by the faithful services of Miss Ida B. Carpenter. Miss Carpenter is a comradist of no little ability and gives valuable service both at home and in Atlantic City, where she has been very successful in training the youth of our race. She is given great credit for helping largely in promoting the largest class that has ever been sent from the grammar school to the city high school.

We are very glad to have in our midst Mrs. Susie Dyson Morse, who has made her home for several years in Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. Morse was one of Washington's most brilliant public school teachers and a valuable worker in our church and Sunday-school. We hope to have her remain with us permanently.

The Ladies of the Trustees' Aid will give their first annual entertainment on Friday evening, September 9, at the residence of Mrs. R. A. Dyson, 1815 T street N. W. Melon free. Proceeds for benefit of trustees of Plymouth Church. Admission, 10 cents. An interesting program will be rendered and two prizes given, one to the person blowing the largest bubble, and one to the most successful person at pinning on the donkey's tail.

Our pastor, Rev. A. C. Garner, was elected to the office of Grand Prelate at the meeting of the I. O. of St. Luke's, held in Richmond, Va., last week. This is the third highest office in the order. Dr. Garner is degree chief of Plymouth Council, No. 496, also Associate District Deputy.

Worthy Chief Miss Ella Anderson, Recording Secretary Miss Rebecca Young, together with Miss Eva Hite, were representatives to the meeting of the I. O. of St. Luke's at Richmond, Va.

ST. LUKE'S INSTITUTE NEW COUNCIL AT DEANWOOD, D. C.

A few weeks ago the District Deputy I. O. of St. Luke's, Mrs. Bessie B. Anderson, Associate Dr. A. C. Garner, and Deputy M. E. Collins set aside a new Council in Deanwood, D. C., known as Queen Alice Council, No. 768. From the very excellent people who made up this Council it bids fair to be one of the most active and progressive one in the District. Those who received the highest honors of the Council were: Mrs. Alice Bagby, D. C.; Mrs. Bettie McGoiness, V. C.; Mrs. Hattie Atkins, W. R. S.; Mrs. Patience Waller, W. F. S.; Mrs. Mary L. King, W. T.; Rev. Chas. H. Strothers, W. C. C.; Mrs. Georgia Johnson, M. N. M.; Mr. William A. Walker, W. C. A.

ECHO MEETING OF ST. LUKE'S TO BE HELD IN PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1910.

Monday evening last at Daley's Hall, the Degree Chiefs' Association of the District I. O. of St. Luke's, held its regular monthly meeting. The grand officers and delegates of the thirty-seven subordinate Councils having just returned from the Grand Session, which convened in Richmond last week, the meeting was a very enthusiastic one. Plans were made for an echo meeting, when all St. Luke's are invited to attend, to be conducted at the election of deputies' meeting September 30, at Plymouth Congregational Church, 17th and P streets N. W., Rev. Dr. Garner, pastor.

This One is On Me.
A man in a mellow condition went into a barber shop and seated himself in one of the chairs. "What's your pleasure sir?" asked the polite barber. "O, er—give me a haircut—and have one yourself!"—Everybody's.

Machines of Peril.
"Do you think airships could be used effectively in warfare?" "They might," replied the skeptical person, "if we could provide the airships and induce the enemy to go up in them."

Traces of Ancient Animals.
Fossilized remains of a hippopotamus have been found at Barrington, Cambridgeshire, England, where remains of the rhinoceros, bison, lion, hyena and an older variety of elephant than the mammoth have recently been discovered.

Customs Differ.
In some towns the little girl who practises on the piano the greatest number of hours per day is distinguished. In other places people expect little girls to also help their mothers with the dishes.—Aitchison Globe.

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Bumpass, Va., Aug. 19, 1910.
Dear Pastor: I am home again on my native soil, and having a good and very refreshing time.

As the crops are now maturing, all farm work has been suspended, and the people are giving their time to entertaining friends and holding revivals.

This can be called a good crop year, and everything is plentiful, especially fruits and vegetables.

Our meeting last Sunday was largely attended, though it was warm and partly cloudy. The attendance was between 1400 and 1500. All were well fed and something was left over.

The services were earnestly conducted, and therefore very spiritual. The preaching was good—excellent for the country—and everybody worked. Therefore God blessed us with twenty-three converts, mostly Sunday-school children. I was present, and assisted in all of the meetings, except the services at night.

On Sunday the 21st we will begin our work for souls in another field. Pray for our success, and pray for me that God will use me mightily in pulling down the strongholds of Satan in this community.

I hope our rally for the painting of the church was a success, and that our ally mission work has not suffered from the absence of some of the teachers who are engaged in this very important part of the work of our church.

I am yours for Christ,
JAMES R. MOSS.

Owing to the indisposition of our pastor, Dr. Proud, of Demotara, Ditch, Guinea, South America, preached for us last Sunday evening. He is soon to leave the city to attend the National Baptist Convention, which convenes September 14 at New Orleans, La.

Sister Jennie Jones, who recently went to the country for her health, has not made the improvement hoped for. We hear that she is soon to return. The prayers of the church are asked for her early recovery.

Sister Martha Porter, of 1443 P street N. W., was reported quite ill last week.

The ladies of the church responded very nicely to the rally held by them last Sunday. When the returns are all in we fear the men will be beaten. But it could be hardly expected otherwise when some of us have to divide our funds with them. And besides they are in the majority.

The number of reports of the cottage prayer meetings being held weekly is increasing. Many have gone to work very earnestly and we believe great good will be accomplished.

Our pastor, Dr. Waldron, leaves for his vacation on Monday after the first Sunday in September. He is greatly in need of a much earned rest, and we hope he will secure it, and return to us greatly refreshed for the fall and winter work.

Deacon Lanier asks that every member and friend of the church who has not done so, will please return (filled of course) the envelopes handed out by him some time ago. Do not make it later than September 4.

Unwritten Law.
While there is no law on the subject, the women do not expect a widow to marry again until his children grow up.—Aitchison Globe.

Telling.
Lots of people have to tell what they are going to do, or they would have nothing to tell.—Life.

Gas From Bark of Cork.
Freshly cut bark of the cork tree, if heated, gives off a gas that can be used as an illuminant.

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