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This is fine growing weather for coal hills.

Napoleon's hair is for sale. Which color do you prefer?

In this age, the water wagon ought to be an automobile.

Avoid meeting the crime wave on a cold night. Or at any other time.

Unless you are a pyromaniac do not fight the kitchen fire with gasoline.

An earthquake is reported in Delaware. Naturally, it was a little one.

Dr. Osler's endorsement of the sour milk diet doesn't make it any the more palatable.

At last it has been discovered that the way to suppress big game is to suppress them.

Meanwhile other parts of the country are exhibiting weather just as startling as ours.

Lowering a height record and raising a low record is one and the same to French aeroplanists.

When railroad trains collide the rich man has no better chance of escape than his poor fellow-traveler.

What a long time the world will have to wait to find out whether any really great men were born in 1909!

However, any other winter resort is as much entitled to advertise an exclusive view of the comet as is California.

For the last time, will the gentleman who assured us we would have an open winter kindly send in his photograph?

While the per capita circulation of money is large enough, frequently it is difficult to make it connect with the individual.

That first carload of spring vegetables which left the gulf region will be lucky if it does not bump into a cold wave.

Chicago would like to have the international balloon races next fall, but it cannot agree to remove the lake for the occasion.

If, as the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen, we have some strenuous weather due us during the next 60 days.

The man over 40 who doesn't own a farm may lay his lack to ill luck, but generally he will find the cause in his own make-up.

Minister Wu has talked into a photograph, but as he did not ask any questions the record will always be open to suspicion.

The days have begun to lengthen, but it all in the afternoon when it doesn't make getting up early in the morning any easier.

A dispatch from Georgia says the peach crop has not yet been injured. Before we begin to cheer lustily, let us hear from Delaware.

A French aviator is reported to have fallen from his aeroplane into a tree and escaped injury. Sounds like the twentieth century Munchausen.

Now it is denied that Mars has canals. Perhaps, in the general smashing of received beliefs, it will even be denied that there ever was a north pole.

Halley's comet, as seen through a telescope a few days ago, appeared to have only a stub of a tail. Possibly it is the fashion to clip the tails of comets this year.

Whenever it happens that there is no great question demanding immediate solution it is always possible to renew the discussion as to the existence of canals on Mars.

A school is to be opened on Long Island to train girls to be good wives and housekeepers. Now a corresponding school should follow to train young men to be good husbands and providers.

Two hours after getting a divorce in Nevada the woman in the case married again, and the judge granting the divorce was highly incensed at what he termed making a farce of the courts, says the Baltimore American.

But then, interested citizens can hardly be expected to take better care of the dignity of the courts than the judges themselves.

Cleveland theatrical reform in the matter of preventing people from disturbing the auditors by straggling in during the first act looks like a reaction to primitive principles, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. Presently some backwoods city will be advancing the idea that theaters and operas are not conducted for the purpose of holding conversations in the boxes.

An airship expedition is to be sent to discover the north pole under the auspices of the Kaiser himself. Failure to locate that locality will therefore, be in the nature of lese majeste.

While one astronomer declares that there are no canals on Mars, another asserts the planet has 600 and the Martians are still digging. There being no way to decide, the lay world can take whichever view it pleases. In the meantime, all present energy on the subject is needed in the perfecting of the one canal we have here.

A convict in a Minnesota prison has succeeded in growing a mammoth lemon. As if those of the ordinary size handed out day after day to unwilling recipients were not large enough!

The Chinese tongs are getting about as lively in a murderous way as the Italian Black Hand. It is about time that the abuse of this nation's hospitality by foreign passants should be checked by a little more care in opening the door of our opportunities to undesirable immigrants.

SAND LOAM CLOVER

Excellent as Rotation Crop and Will Grow Anywhere.

Of All Plants It Seems to Be Endowed with Better Power to Recuperate Soil Than Others—it is Superior to Other Grasses.

(BY C. M. MILLER.)
A farmer in Sedgewick county, Kansas, who says he is afraid to try alfalfa because some of his neighbors have not been successful with it, wants to know whether clover would do better on his soil, which he describes as a good black loam, "a little sandy."

"I have never tried clover," he writes, "but I notice that it grows in places along the roads in the vicinity of my farm."

There can be no doubt that clover will do well on "good black loam, a little sandy," because the growth of vagrant clover alongside proves that the proper bacteria are present in the soil.

Clover is a great crop for a rotation, and we suggest the following: Corn, wheat and clover; or, when it is desired to grow a cash or market crop, such as potatoes, beans and cabbage, the rotation may be lengthened, and the crop will thus receive the benefits from the rotation and be handled with the same labor and teams required to perform the general farm work, thus decreasing the cost of production and eliminating the fertilizer bills.

Clover should be grown every third or fourth year; or, where this crop falls, some other legume should be utilized. Of all the plants with which we are acquainted clover seems to be endowed with a power to recuperate soil more than others.

It is superior to other grasses because it sends its roots down deeper, thus feeding upon mineral and vegetable substances in the soil that are out of reach of the surface feeding plants. It also increases the nitrogen and humus content of the soil and is an excellent food for all kinds of live stock.

There is no forage crop, excepting alfalfa, that possesses as many valuable qualities as our common red clover. All ruminants prefer it to other hay.

Clover thrives on almost all forms of soil, and it is especially valuable on sandy soil, as it draws its nourishment from the subsoil and from the atmosphere and brings back to the surface many soluble elements of fertility that have been washed down through the soil by leaching.

Alfalfa ought to grow well on this Kansas farm, and simply because some other farmers have not succeeded with it is no reason why our young friend should not try it. Sow on high or rolling land, well drained, in a perfect seed bed, thirty pounds to the acre, and it ought and doubtless will do well. It is successfully grown in nearly all of the eastern states, but is particularly well adapted to western soils.

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HANDY BOX FOR HOG-RINGING

Excellent Labor-Saving Device May Be Attached to Any Ordinary Box Without Trouble.

(BY K. WESLEY GRIFFIN.)
One of the nicest labor-saving devices in the picture—a hog-ringing outfit.

It may be attached to any ordinary hog box or may be made in connection with the box is made.

The space between the upright pieces may be contracted or made larger by the changing of the pins which hold them in place.

The lever should work in a slot at the top of the box, so as to open up the space, that the hog, after being ringed, may go on through and not have to turn back into the pen with the other.

The lever may be made of a two by four-inch piece of oak or other hard wood and should be put in so as to work easily, having holes in the box to correspond with the ones in the lever. An iron pin is tied with a stout string to the box to hold the lever while ringing the hog.

The box may be set with end next to the lot or pen in which you have the hogs. Open the gate a little, just enough so that the box will fill the opening. Keep the end where the lever is closed until a hog is driven into the box, then open up the lever end gradually and as the hog starts to go through close up on his neck. This will not choke him or damage him in any way, but will hold him until you put on the jewelry.

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Keeping the Heart

M. M. Davis in the Christian Standard

HE Bible has much to say about the heart. In the Book of Proverbs alone it is spoken of 90 times.

In the fourth chapter and twenty-third verse we are told to "keep" it "with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

Why Thus Keep the Heart?
1. Because it is the source of all outward life. Solomon used these words long before Harvey discovered the circulation of the blood. But they are so true to life that they may be ranked among the many anticipations of science to be found in this old Book. The literal heart is the fountain of our material life. So long as it beats we live, and when it ceases to beat we die. Every part of the body depends wholly on this central power for sustenance in health, and for repair in case of injury. And when the doctor would know the true condition of his patient, he places his fingers on the pulse that he may learn by it the frequency and fullness of its strokes. And the same is equally true regarding the spiritual heart.

From within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. And from this same prolific source also come all the good things of life. The words and actions which we hear and see are not first, but last. They are not the beginning, but the end, of a process. Like seed in the soil, they had to exist and germinate in secret before they could strike the outward sense. In the case of every word and deed, however brief and rapid the stages, the heart has thought and felt and willed.

2. Because it colors our every word and action. The lunatic and little child are not criminals whatever they may do. They may burn our houses, or take the lives of our loved ones, and there is no guilt. They know nothing of motive, and hence their actions are without color. When you or I do such things the world condemns, and the law prosecutes us as criminals. In every case of murder it must be shown that the deed was done with "malice aforethought." If this cannot be done, even cold-hearted Caesar will say that the charge breaks down. But God, the great judge, before whom all of us are to stand, knows the unseen as well as the seen, and the motive, often concealed from men, as well as the deed. He knew that Achan and Ananias were thieves, and that Judas was a traitor long before their deeds so published them to men.

3. Because our heart thoughts, though never coined into words and deeds, are good or bad. The law in dealing with men takes account of outward actions, and such motives as may be inferred from them. A man's heart may be full of treason, robbery and murder, and he may be restrained from them only by fear of punishment; but until these desires break forth into action the law holds him as guiltless as the best citizen. But the Lord looks back far beyond these seed-beds, much of which never grows into plant and flower and fruit, and we stand or fall according to these, as well as the actual deeds of life. "Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts" (Ps. 51:6). "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer" (Ps. 19:11). "You have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery already with her in his heart" (Matt. 5:27, 28). "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer" (1 John 3:15). These are heart-searching Scriptures, and should bring us all to our knees. They should surround us with holy reverence and godly fear, and drive away forever the thought of hypocrisy, and we should cry out with David, "O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising. Thou understandest my thought afar off."

In the light of an illustration, let us see this all-important thought. There are two men in prison. One has a heart like that just described by the Saviour, filled with all manner of "evil thoughts," and for some of these he has been arrested and is held behind prison bars. He hates God and all good, and would, if he could, dethrone Jehovah and enthroned Satan; he would drive out virtue and bring in vice; he would banish the angels and fill the world with demons from the pit. But he is a helpless prisoner, and does not utter a single word, or do a single deed, and yet, even without these, he is a great sinner.

The other man is also a prisoner, but not for crime. He is sick, and nearing the grave. In early childhood he gave his heart to God, and throughout a long and useful life he has been true to his childhood vows. His strength is now gone, and even his voice has failed, so that he can neither do nor speak for his Lord. But he still loves him with all the ardor of youth and the power of manhood, and would gladly, if he could, be with the saints in the courts of the King, singing his praises and commemorating his sufferings on the cross. Like the other prisoner, he "does not utter a single word, or do a single deed," but, unlike him, "even without these, he is a great" saint. Desires as well as deeds weigh in God's scales. A wish on earth may be a coin in heaven.

How to Keep It.
1. With all diligence. Keep it as the miser his gold, with ceaseless vigilance during the day, and under lock and bolt during the night. Keep it at all times, not only on the Lord's day, but on the other six days also. This holy day filled with righteousness, and the others filled with evil, would make a good Pharisee, but a

poor Christian. A man should keep his heart as much when measuring onions and potatoes as when singing Psalms. In the time of Christ the sacred services of prayer and alms-deeds were perverted into an effort to secure the "glory of men." Would to God that all such vile perversions had died with that day.

2. Feed it good food. If, instead of eating wholesome food from which good blood can be made, we fill our stomachs with indigestible matter unfit for man; or if we stifle them, or overload them with that which is good; or inflame and poison them with strong drink, the heart cannot be healthy. Good food is absolutely essential to a healthy heart. Even so our spiritual hearts cannot be strong except they feed on truth. Who can estimate the danger of receiving even one sin in the soul? Adam and Eve were happy till they received one. Afterward life was filled with sin, sorrow and death.

3. Give it to God. This is the Father's earnest appeal: "My son, give me thine heart" (Prov. 23:26). And if we heed this appeal, he will keep it whatever may betide. In the storm and in the calm; in the bright days and in the dark; in sickness and in health; in life and in death—he will keep it safe and secure from all harm. "I know him whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12). But this is not all, nor the best, he does. He not only keeps it, but purifies it. It is said there is a little stream in Corsica possessing the rare faculty of making white everything it touches. The flowers which stoop to kiss its rippling surface are white as light. The little birds bathing in its waters emerge from this baptism white as the driven snow. The little pebbles which line its bottom are purest white. And a bar of iron dipped beneath its waves becomes bright as a bar of the finest silver. All this is because of mineral properties in the fountain from which it flows. "Burge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Ps. 51:7).

ALL HAVE NEED OF RELIGION
Complete Life is Impossible Where Its Spirit and Power Are Absent.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help."—Psalm, 121:1.

It is not so strange that many should say they have no need for religion in their lives. To some it seems rather a mark of weakness than of strength, a yielding to superstitious fear or to popular custom or a sacrifice of the independent judgment in favor of a scheme which has been devised by the few for the deception of the many.

There is a good deal that goes under the name of religion that one ought to be ashamed not to disown; there are types of piety that are but confessions of poverty of intellect, and there are forms of faith that are only evidences of cowardly and superstitious fear. Wherever religion means being less a man, means dwarfing, shrinking the life, then one dare not acknowledge allegiance to it.

But there are so many limitations, so many pretensions of religion simply because the thing itself is so essential to the life of man. So far from the religious life being one of lesser living, so far from religion signifying the sacrifice of powers, the denying of reason, judgment and the will, the truth is that no life can be in any sense complete without its spirit and power.

Religion's True Meaning.
Religion means living life for the sake of life. It means finding a sufficient motive in living. It is the point of view and the spirit in life that sets things in right relations, helps one to find true values and to know the things that are worth living for, to set the tools of life and the products of life in right relations.

Who is sufficient for living without this spirit? He who lives the right life knows that he has struck time and tune with the eternal laws of the universe; he who lives for love finds the real life of life. Seeking the good we find the infinite goodness; the life and love that are the heart of all become a certainty to all of those who follow the light they have, who do the will of love.

Great World, This.
There may be larger worlds, and grander and better worlds than this; but this is a great world. Its mountains are God's thoughts piled up; its rivers God's thoughts spread out; its flowers God's thoughts in bloom; its harvests God's thoughts in bread; its dewdrops God's thoughts in pearl; and, whenever we look about us, every object smiles back upon us and says: "I am but the gift of a gracious Father to his wayward children."—Rev. Sam Jones.

Live in Prayer.
Let us not be content to pray morning and evening, but let us live in prayer all day long. Let this prayer, this life of love, which means death to self, spread out from our seasons of prayer, as from a center, over all that we have to do. All should become prayer, that is, a loving consciousness of God's presence, whether it be social intercourse or business. Such a course will insure you a profound peace.—Francis de La Mothe.

Effectual Prayer.
He who rushes into the presence of God and hurriedly whispers a few petitions and rushes out again, never, perhaps, sees God there at all. He can no more get a vision than a disquieted lake can mirror the stars. We must stay long enough to become calm, for it is only the peaceful soul, in which eternal things are reflected, as in placid water.—Arthur T. Pierson.

He only is good who is good for something, and the real measure of his goodness is in the giving of himself service to his world. To be good means that you have caught the vision of the possible goodness of the complete, ordered, trained life, that life has become worth the living for the sake of the value and meaning you may put into it.

WORTH KNOWING.

Simple Remedy That Anyone Can Prepare at Home.

Most people are more or less subject to coughs and colds. A simple remedy that will break up a cold quickly and cure any cough that is curable is made by mixing two ounces of Glycerine, a half-ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure and eight ounces of pure Whisky. You can get these in any good drug store and easily mix them in a large bottle. The mixture is highly recommended by the Leach Chemical Co. of Cincinnati, who prepare the genuine Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure for dispensing.

THE ETERNAL FEMINE.

"Why can't you run a little faster, Willie?"
"Geet dere's no pleas'n' some women! If I was er race horse, you'd kick because I couldn't dry!"

CLIP THIS OUT
Renowned Doctor's Prescription for Rheumatism and Backache.

"One ounce Syrup Sarsaparilla compound; one ounce Toris compound; Add these to a half pint of good whiskey. Take a tablespoonful before each meal and at bed time; Shake the bottle before using each time." Any druggist has these ingredients in stock or will quickly get them from his wholesale house. This was published here by one and hundreds here have been cured by it. Good results show after the first few doses. This also acts as a system builder, eventually restoring strength and vitality.

Not the Proper Atmosphere.
Overheard outside St. Ann's church yesterday:
First City Man—Are you going in to hear the archdeacon to-day?<