

# CONSCIENCE FUND IS STEADILY FED

## \$400,000 in a Century Turned Into the Treasury.

### LARGE ANNUAL RECEIPTS

Postoffice Also Has a Similar Account With the Conditre Defaulters. Records on File.

A guilty conscience is a most wonderful and potent factor in the life of a human being.

It has been said, and well said, that a man or woman never sinks so low as to lose all sense of right or wrong. Somewhere there is a spot which may be touched, and this is done quite frequently.

The United States Government recognizes the power of an awakened conscience. In two of the great departments of this Government there is a fund, known as the "Conscience Fund," made up of contributions from men, women, and children, who are experiencing the pang of a remorseful conscience and wish to make restitution.

#### A Source of Revenue.

In other words, the guilty conscience is a source of revenue to this Government. In the Treasury Department and the Postoffice Department money and stamps are constantly being received, with the request that they be credited to the "Conscience Fund."

This "Conscience Fund" in reality is no fund at all. Contributions received at the Treasury Department, which are generally in money, are turned into the general Treasury as a part of the "miscellaneous" receipts.

Stamps and money received at the Postoffice Department are also turned into the general fund. The stamps are canceled, and the money is deposited as a part of the postal revenue.

However, the way the contributions became to be known as a "fund" is because a careful account of every case is kept in a separate book, known as the "Conscience Fund" record. To this extent, at least, the money is deposited made up of the contributions of conscience-stricken people.

#### Records on File.

The histories of the conscience funds in the two departments are most interesting. There are some remarkable records on file, and scores of letters received from contributors tell stories of the awakening of the conscience after a long sleep of ten, twenty, and sometimes thirty years.

Few of the people who contribute to the "Conscience Fund" give their names. In fact, there is hardly a record of such a thing at the Treasury Department, but occasionally a name appears in the letters on file in the Postoffice Department.

The majority of contributions are received from persons who have suddenly become religiously inclined. Hundreds of letters tell of stories of conversion to the Christian faith, and are signed as "A Penitent," "A Sinner," and other such designations.

More women are conscience stricken than men. At the Treasury Department the contributions are perhaps about evenly divided, but at the Postoffice Department the women are far ahead.

However, the sins confessed by the women are generally of small crimes. Women, it has been explained, are more prone to commit small crimes like using a canceled stamp or cheating the customs officers out of 50 cents of revenue than the men.

#### Big Conscience Fund.

Of the two "Conscience Funds" that at the Treasury Department is the more important. For nearly one hundred years it has existed, and during that time about \$400,000 has been received.

In 1811 a letter was written to President Madison, telling him of the commission of a crime against the Government, and inclosing a sum of money as restitution. Right then and there the "Conscience Fund" was founded, and as the years go by the contributions increase, until now they average about \$1,000 or more per year.

The "Conscience Fund" at the Treasury is in charge of E. B. Daskam, chief of the division of public money.

President Cleveland once received an interesting letter from a boy fifteen years of age. He inclosed three 2-cent stamps, and stated that he was in a dreadful state of mind, having once used two or three canceled stamps, not at the time realizing what he did. He begged for forgiveness, and closed by saying, "I was only thirteen years old when I did it."

Some years ago a man sent a contribution of \$8,000. He sent the money in the shape of eight \$1,000 notes, cutting them exactly in half when he sent the first installment, saying that he would send

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# TO LIVE 90 YEARS, FOLLOW DR. WILEY

## Four Cardinal Rules of Health Must Be Followed—Approves Osler Theory, But Says Science Is Lengthening Life.

An interesting contribution to the symposium on health and longevity, started some weeks ago by Dr. Osler's promulgation of the limit of usefulness theory, has been made by Dr. Harvey Wiley, the pure food investigator of the Department of Agriculture.

He agrees with Dr. Osler in the main, but says that science is doing so much for the human race nowadays that the forty and sixty year periods named by the Baltimore physician will be advanced by a decade or two on the average. Have a good pedigree, then live rationally, is his advice.

Dr. Wiley promulgates four laws of health, observance of which will put any naturally healthy individual in a fair way to realizing the truthfulness of the scientist's theory. These are heredity, temperance, work, and play.

**Aids to Long Life.**  
Unless a man comes from a line of healthy ancestors he will find obstacles well nigh impossible to overcome in the way of his achieving longevity. He may better his condition and prolong his life, but he stands less show than the man of good pedigree.

Dr. Wiley sums up his views in this way: "To live long one must live moderately, both as to eating and drinking. It is not necessary to be a Prohibitionist, but one must not dissipate. Youthful dissipation between thirty-five and forty years of age hardens the veins. Tissue is not built up then as in youth. When the veins harden they are liable

to snap without warning. This causes a large proportion of the sudden deaths. Babies should not be too fat. It is a handicap to later development. Starting with a strong healthy body and living temperately, the next requisite is work. Workers should exercise their talents in a way to prolong life, by following great endeavor by periods devoted to play. Recreation is an essential part of the recipe for old age. Amusement is as necessary as sustained endeavor, and one looks for mentality and health in old age.

To achieve this desired end, science is working hard. It is exposing the fake medicines which do all harm and no good; it is discovering new means of preventing disease and advanced methods of checking such ravages. It is appealing to think of the number of babies who die because of improper feeding and dosing with soothing syrups. Science is winning out against such scourges as diphtheria, consumption, and contagious diseases.

**Ninety-Year Young Men.**  
These scientific facts and developments give assurance, Dr. Wiley thinks, that the average human life will be increased to seventy years, instead of forty as at present, and that the maximum of ordinary activity will be increased from the present "three score years and ten" to ninety years. Then there will be more examples of men who have lived properly who will reach a century of life.

What used to be regarded as a "gen-eration" was thirty-three and a third years, but now it is more than forty years. Statistics show this, Dr. Wiley says. He agrees with Dr. Osler in his general pronouncement, but says science will change the age limits now fixed by his distinguished professional friend.

the other half when the first part had been acknowledged through the newspapers. This was promptly done by the Treasury officials, and true to his word the man sent the other halves of the notes.

About six or eight years ago, Consul General Patrick Collins, at London, England, transmitted to the Treasury Department \$14,225.15, which had been given to him by the Rev. Ebedy Bayly, vicar of St. Giles Church, not far from London. The vicar informed Consul Collins that the money had been deposited with him by one of his parishioners, without any comment whatsoever, simply requesting that it be forwarded to the United States Government. There was much speculation at the time as to what this contribution was for, the consensus of opinion being that the man had violated the customs laws and wished to make restitution.

This is the largest contribution ever received for the "conscience fund."

One of the most interesting letters on file was received from a man in Chicago about a year and a half ago. He said: "Years ago I took a small apple tree from the Government orchard at Fort Sheridan, and wishing to make com-

pen-sation for the same, I herewith enclose \$1."

A year ago last February a Virginian sent \$2, explaining that fifteen years ago he had raised the cancellation of stamps, while a fourth-class postmaster, to the extent of \$1, and had used the money. He returned it with interest.

An old soldier recently returned \$10, which, he said, he had received from the Government as a part of his pension, and which he no longer needed.

**Latest Contribution.**  
The big contribution of \$12,000 the other day came from a man in Jersey City, and was wrapped in a large piece of brown paper. The letter accompanying the package explained that he had once defrauded the Government, and was now returning the amount four-fold. He signed himself "A Sinner."

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# HUMAN RACE MUST GIVE WAY TO BIRDS

## Mankind Has Only Few Million Years on Earth.

### SO SAYS CHICAGO PROFESSOR

Too Highly Specialized to Remain Dominant—Elevation of Later Type to Rule.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 20.—Prof. Samuel W. Williston, of the University of Chicago, tells his students in paleontology that the human race is doomed to annihilation, but he adds that they need not worry about it this spring.

"Each has become too highly specialized, and consequently has become extinct, while the next has risen to the highest point of ascendancy," he said. "Man is already too highly specialized and cannot change into another form. Consequently he will also become extinct as have the preceding types."

If life continues long enough on the earth it is very probable that millions of years hence the dominant type will have had its origin in some species that is now very low. Birds were created last, and in the natural order of things they may be the dominant type of the earth.

Prof. Williston sounded the doom of poor pussy. She was the most highly specialized carnivorous animal, he said, and therefore she must pass on. The whale and the horse are also making room.

**PLANS APPROVED FOR FREEDMAN'S HOSPITAL**  
Secretary Hitchcock, of the Department of the Interior, today approved the new plans for Freedman's Hospital, and contracts for the \$23,000 structure are to be called for as soon as the department can prepare specifications. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy within a year.

**NEW SCHOOL NAMED FRANCIS L. CARDOZO**  
"Francis L. Cardozo School" is the name designated by the Commissioner today for the new eight-room public school building, to be erected in Southwest Washington, in the near future. The name chosen is in honor of the late Francis L. Cardozo, who was principal of the M street (colored) High School.

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# ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, March 20.—John Davis reports to the police department that yesterday thieves entered his house, 333 North Henry street, and stole therefrom an open-face ladies' gold watch and a silver chain. The police are looking out for the thieves.

**FINED TWO DOLLARS EACH.**  
Charles Baltimore and Charles Curtis, both colored, were fined \$2 each in the police court this morning for shooting craps.

**UNKNOWN MAN BURIED.**  
The body of the unknown man found dead beside the railway track in Alexandria county was today taken to Alexandria county and interred by Undertaker Wheatley. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the dead man came to his death by being hit by a locomotive. No one was blamed for the accident, which happened near St. Asaph.

**TWO MEN IN A CAR.**  
Upon the arrival of a car of merchandise in this city at the station of the Washington-Southern railway two men were discovered in it. The police were notified, and Policeman Roberts went to the scene, but before his arrival the men had broken open the car door, and after firing a shot at the conductor, made their escape.

**IN THE CHURCHES.**  
The churches of Alexandria were all well filled yesterday, owing to the beautiful weather. Crowds were on the streets yesterday afternoon, and many took walks into the surrounding country.

The Rev. S. F. Stokely preached a special sermon to the Glass Blowers' Association at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church last night.

The Rev. J. F. B. Tinsling, of London, England, held services at the Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Tonight the Rev. Mr. Tinsling will also preach at the same church. At the Free Methodist Church yesterday quarterly meeting services were held.

The Rev. Father Sullivan, C. S. P., of Washington, will preach at St. Mary's Catholic Church at the Lenten services tomorrow night.

**INFANT BURIED TODAY.**  
An infant child of James L. Kelly, residing at 124 King street, died at its parents' home last night. It will be buried today.

**NEWS OF ORGANIZATIONS.**  
At Serpeta Hall tonight, Mr. Sherman, secretary of the Electrical Workers' Association, will address the Alexandria Trades' Council and their friends. Branch No. 1, of Local No. 251, of the Bottlers' Association, of Washington, was organized in this city yesterday.

The following officers were elected: President William Wenk; vice president, Joseph Martin; secretary, E. J. Harrison; treasurer, Charles Keys; delegates to the trades council, Thomas Hayes, William Roberts, Charles Finnegan, Charles Underwood, and John Sorrel.

**PROPERTY DIVIDED.**  
The will of Adeline Bender, dated November 15, 1902, was today offered for probate. She leaves her estate, real and personal, to her adopted daughter, Alberta Stevens Bender, and her niece, Florida Virginia Chew, in equal shares. Harvard Scroggins is named as executor.

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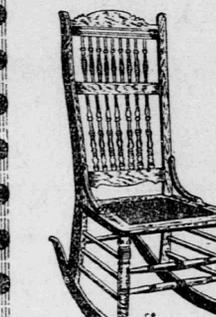
# Celebrating Our Tenth Anniversary

The store has been crowded all day. It's been a great anniversary. We never thought we were so well thought of before. Ten years ago, when this store started as an exclusive furniture house, it started with the right idea. Our course has been one of steady progress. We believed, and do believe that if a store would give the people what they wanted and give it to them at a right price, and with the privilege of paying as convenient, that store would become the People's Store. We succeeded—thanks, to you!

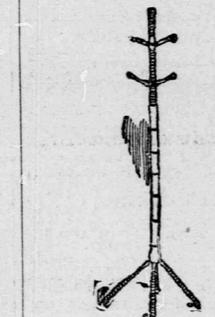
**Every Visitor Given a Useful Souvenir**

**We've Trusted You For Years. We'll Trust You Now.**

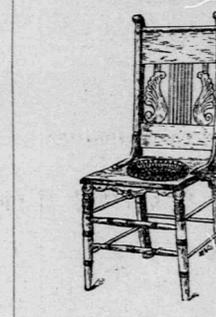
**Anniversary Special**



This Golden Oak finish Rocker, cane seat, turned spindles, carved back, brace arms, and well made. Worth \$1.50. Anniversary Price—**69c**



This Solid Oak Clothes Tree, six pins, strong, well made and finished. Regularly 75c. Anniversary Price—**39c**



This Leather Seat Chair, 79c

100 of these Heavy Golden Oak Finish, Leather-seat Dining Room Chairs; apron front, leather seat; very heavy and well finished. Worth \$1.75.

**Anniversary Special**



For this handsome Reclining Go-Cart (without parasol), full reed, fancy design, automobile gear, nutless axles, steel handles, and green enameled gear. Worth \$14.00. **\$10.69**



For this handsome Reclining Folding Go-Cart, green enamel gear, rubber tire wheels, body of finely finished reed. Worth \$12.00. **\$7.89**

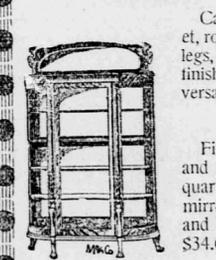


For this Reed-back Folding Go-Cart (without parasol) rubber tire wheels, reed back, strong and well made. Worth \$3.25. **\$2.48**



For this full roll Go-Cart of fine reed, without parasol, reclining back, adjustable foot, green enamel gear, rubber tire wheels, strong and well made. Regularly sells for \$12.50. **\$8.89**

**China Closets**



Cabinet Oak China Closet, round ends, French shaped legs, good construction and finish; worth \$20.00. Anniversary Price—**\$12.75**



Fine Round-glass Front and Ends China Closet, full quartered oak, French legs, mirror top, highly polished and finely made; regularly \$34.00. Anniversary Price—**\$21.98**

**Dressers**



Fine Extra Large Full Swell Front Dresser, cabinet oak, very large glass, highly polished and well made. Regularly \$28.00. Anniversary Price—**\$19.85**



Cabinet Oak Dresser, French plate glass, three-drawer base, brass trimmings, good construction and finish; worth \$14.00. Anniversary Price—**\$8.85**

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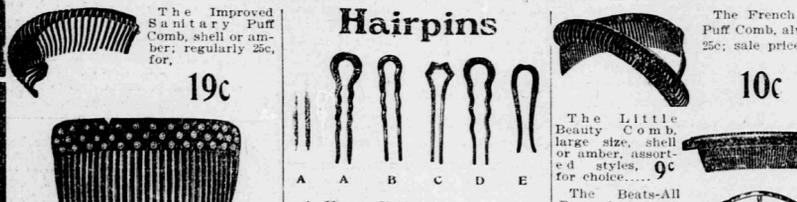
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The Little Beauty Comb, large size, shell or amber, assorted, 9c for choice, **9c**

The Beats-All Pompadour Comb, shell or amber, can push your hat pin through, **10c**

The Perfection Pompadour Comb, regularly 25c. Sale price, **10c**

Extra Heavy Barretts in shell and amber; 25c kind, **19c**

25c Barretts in shell and amber; Choice, **15c**

15c Barretts; choice of two styles, **9c**

BACK Combs, shell and amber, slightly damaged, but perfectly useable. Some worth as high as 30c. Sale price, **12c**

BACK Combs in shell and amber. These are what is known as "seconds." Sale price, a choice, **9c**

SIDE Combs in shell, amber, and white; perfect goods; worth 15c and 19c. Choice, **9c**

"Security" Buckles, large size, shell or amber, 25c kind, **25c**

"Security" Buckles, small size, shell or amber, 15c kind, **15c**

Sale price, **7c**

BACK Combs, shell and amber; like cut and 7 other styles; good value for 35c. Choice, **23c**

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SIDE Combs to match the above Back Combs for, **23c**

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