THE SABBATH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 21.

Subject: Christmas and Its Teachings, Luke ii., 8-20—Golden Text, Luke ii., 11—Memory Verses, 10, 11—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

8. "Same country." Near-by, probably not a mile from Bethlehem. "Shepherds." The employment of tending sheep had been honored in the earlier times of the Jewish people. Jacob, Moses and David were shepherds. But now it was a calling that was looked upon by the Jews with contempt. Why was the announcement made to shepherds? (1) The annunciation of His advent was not to be made to the rulers of the people, or to the priests, for these men were under the influence of worldly and selfish ambitions and could not discern spiritual things. The shepherds were humble men, "waiting for the consolation of Israel," and were in a state of mind to accept the heavenly announcement. (2) God had seen fit to appear to the weak instead of the mighty. Read 1 Cor. 1: 19-31; Psa. 8: 2. (3) God had always blessed the shepherds. He had called Moses and David away from the shepherd's crook, and now the "Son of David," the Chief Shepherd, who styled Himself the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for the sheep, is to be born in the city of David, and it seemed fitting that the shepherds should be honored with the first announcement. "In the field." They undoubtedly had tents or booths under which they dwelt. "Keeping watch—by night." Or, "keeping night watches." R. V. Mar. They watched by turns against wild beasts and robbers. The fact that the shepherds were in the fields affords no ground for concluding that the nativity could not have taken place in the winter. The average temperature at Jerusalem for five years was, in December, fifty-four degrees.

9. "Angel." Divine messenger. Angels have always taken a lively interest in the things of this world. It was an angel that appeared unto Zacharias announcing the birth of John, and to Mary with a similar mission regarding the birth of Christ. An angel appeared to Jesus in the garden, and to the disciples at the sepulcher and at the ascension. Jesus on one occasion said He could call twelve legions of angels, and we have the blessed assurance given that "He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bare thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." Psa. 91: 11, 12. "Came upon them." Stood over them. "Glory of the Lord." That extreme splendor in which the deity is represented as appearing to men, and sometimes called the Shechinah—an appearance frequently attended, as in this case, by a company of angels. It is likely that the angel appeared in the air at some little distance above them, and that from him the rays of the glory of the Lord shone round about them. "Sore afraid." "Terrified with the appearance of so glorious a being." There is no proof here that the shepherds were morally impure and afraid that divine justice was about to be meted out to them. Even holy men tremble when they come in contact with the supernatural.

10. "Good tidings." "The literal meaning of gospel." I am come to declare the loving kindness of the Lord. My message will cause great joy. It is a message to you (Jews) first, and it also reaches to "all the people." To the whole human race. See Gen. 12: 3; Matt. 28: 19; Luke 2: 28-32; 24: 46, 47; Col. 1: 21-23.

11. "Is born." Isa. 9: 6; John 1: 14. David's greater Son begins His earthly career in His ancestor's home. Seven hundred years before a prophet had predicted the Messiah's birth at Bethlehem. Mic. 5: 2. "This day." Unbelievers try to make an argument against the wisdom of God because He waited so long before bringing forth the Redeemer of mankind. The reply is, 1, Christ came in accordance with a long line of prophecy. This took time. Prophets must be raised up, and then hundreds of years must elapse in order to fully verify their utterances. 2, Christ came when the political factors of the world were most favorable. The whole world was practically under Roman control, and this fact was the means of bringing Christ and His followers immediately before the nations of earth. Notice the nations represented at the time of the crucifixion and at Pentecost. 3, Christ did not come until the world had done its best without Him and had made a complete moral failure. The wisdom and culture of the world were very great, and yet, morally, it was groping in awful darkness. Thus the coming of the Messiah became a necessity if the world was to be saved from moral collapse. And now, "in the fulness of time," in God's time, at just the right time, the "Desire of All Nations" appears. "A Saviour." (1) A deliverer. (2) A restorer. (3) A preserver, Matt. 1: 21. "Not, shall be a Saviour, but 'born a Saviour.'" "Christ." The anointed One. Christ is the Greek word corresponding to the Hebrew word Messiah. In ancient times prophets, priests and kings were anointed with oil when set apart to their sacred work. Christ was anointed for these holy offices, which we may share with Him by His anointing us with the Holy Ghost. Christ is sufficiently qualified to sustain these important offices. "The Lord." God, as well as man.

12. "A sign." The very thing that would have caused them to doubt was made the sign unto them.

13. "A multitude." They descended to honor the Prince of Peace. "Heavenly host." The army of angels which is represented as surrounding the throne of God.

14. "Glory—in the highest." Christ is the highest glory of God. "On earth peace." Peace to man; peace with God; peace of conscience. "Good will." God has shown His good will by sending the Messiah.

15. "Let us now go." There is no time to lose. Let us go now. This is the language of obedience desiring to receive assurance and strength by seeing for themselves this thing which is come to pass.

16. "With haste." Filled and thrilled with holy joy they could not linger. "And found." It is probable that by communicating their experiences to each other their faith was greatly strengthened.

17. "Made known abroad." As soon as they had seen the Child they began to tell the glad news to every one they met.

18. "Wondered." The story of Jesus is the most wonderful story to which human ears ever listened, and it still causes those who hear it to wonder.

19. "Pondering them." Weighing, or carefully considering them. Every circumstance was treasured up in her memory.

20. "Glorifying and praising." These simple men returned to the care of their flocks, giving glory to God for all they had seen and heard.

History of Appendicitis.

M. Lannelongue has just communicated to the Paris Academy of Sciences a long history of appendicitis. He shows that it is by no means a new disease. The medical records of the last century in France contain many instances. Egypt in the time of the Pharaohs was not exempt, for he shows that the mummy of a young woman of the eleventh dynasty (some 5000 years ago) exhibits every indication that the death was due to a peritonitis having its origin in a diseased appendix. This mummy has been put to a new use. It was in Sir Thomas Brown's time that Mizraim cured wounds and Pharaoh was sold for balsams.

Murders Increasing.

The number of brutal murders that have occurred in the neighborhood of New York City in the last year is appalling. According to a statement issued at the Coroners' Office in the Borough of Manhattan, the number investigated by that office from January to October, 1901, was fifty-two; for the same period of the present year the number was eighty. From July 1 to October 1 the number this year was forty as against twenty-one for the same time last year.

Fellowships Won by Women.

Five of the twenty fellowships recently awarded in the department of philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, were given to women. Most of these fellowship carry with them an income during the academic year of $500 and free tuition, with an additional $100 for particular research work.

THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

Poem: Spurgeon's Little Song—A Batch of Strong Reasons Why It is Desirable to Refrain From Drinking Alcoholic Beverages—Escape the Thraldom of Rum.

Yes, we'll rob the poor man of his beer,
 And give him a coat instead;
We'll put good boots on his feet,
 And a hat on the top of his head.
We'll rob him of rags and disgrace,
 Give him water that's sparkling and clear;
And he'll thank us with radiant face,
 For the water that's better than beer.

Thirteen Reasons For Total Abstinence.

1. Intoxicating beverages are unnecessary. Many persons live in health and labor in the hardest occupations without them.

2. These liquors are dear. They are so in themselves, and in comparison with other articles of diet. Ardent spirits are destitute of nutritive qualities; while wine, beer and cider contain an exceedingly small portion of nourishment. In a gallon of ale there is about as much as in a pennyworth of bread.

3. Intoxicating liquors weaken the mind. They are enemies put into the mouth that steal away the brains.

4. They always endanger the character and often ruin it. They inflame the imagination, appetites and passions. Through their influence multitudes have been plunged into guilt and eternal destruction, and even some wise and good men have, for a season, been covered with shame and defilement. Witness Noah and Lot.

5. It enlarges and multiplies our jails, poorhouses, hospitals and lunatic asylums. This is certified by our judges, magistrates, physicians, chaplains of prisons and other competent and reliable authorities. It means a great extension of crime and misery, as well as a large augmentation of taxes.

6. The general practice of temperance would help to fill our schools and places of worship. Sobriety is likely to lead to thoughtfulness, and that, in connection with better clothing and more comfortable homes, will result, by the Divine blessing, in the attendance at the house of God of many who were formerly absentees.

7. Personal abstinence gives us much more influence over drunkards. They are far more likely to sign the pledge and keep it when advised by those who, distinguished for sobriety and religion, have also set the example of nephalism, or avoidance of strong drink.

8. It tends to fill the treasury of the Christian church and to raise its spiritual character. In nearly all sections of it funds are constantly wanted to carry on the moral machinery. Backslidings and expulsions, too, are continually occurring throughout Christendom owing to strong drink.

9. As a pioneer, temperance hastens the conversion of the world. Means sufficient for universal evangelization would be provided, the minds and hearts of Christians improved, the number of earnest workers multiplied, and in other ways the grand consummation would be accelerated.

10. It will vastly aid in multiplying the inhabitants of heaven. In the case of many it has been and will be a stepping stone to Christ and eternal life.

11. It increases the joy of angels. The repentance of a sinner always swells their gladness, and the abandonment of strong drink is often the first stage of a prodigious reformation.

12. It undermines the throne of Satan. When delivered from the demon of intemperance, many escape altogether from the thralldom of the great slave master of the universe.

13. It glorifies God. His honor is necessarily promoted by the diffusion of purity and happiness.

Drink in, Clothes Out.

On one of her recent trips to Edinburgh a certain steamer carried a deck passenger who retired at nightfall, having imbibed more strong beverage than suited his constitution. His mental confusion on rising next morning was sadly intensified when he made the unpleasant discovery that all his personal clothing was missing.

The steward and his staff were promptly summoned to his cabin, and were followed in due course by the genial captain himself.

The mystery seemed to defy all conjecture until the captain asked the sufferer if he had any remembrance of how he had disposed of his clothes over night.

A sudden gleam of intelligence lighted the passenger's eye, and the mischief was made apparent to all the onlookers when he answered:

"Why, of course! I remember now. Before turning in I put them all into that little cupboard yonder."

"Why, man!" roared the captain, "that little cupboard as you call it is the porthole!"

Only one person on board failed to thoroughly appreciate the humor of the situation, and he it was who borrowed an outfit from the steward, and abstained from drinking whisky and like beverages during the remainder of the voyage.

A Drunkard's Last Will.

Only recently a young man, ruined by strong drink, committed suicide in a New York hotel. On his person was found a paper, entitled, "My last will and testament," which read as follows: "I leave to society a ruined character. I leave to my father and mother as much misery as, in their feeble state, they can bear. I leave to my brothers and sisters the memory of my mis-spent life. I leave to my wife a broken heart, and to my children the memory that their father fills a drunkard's grave, and has gone to a drunkard's hell." The fact that, through the legalized saloons of this country, thousands of our innocent boys are lured away to a similar sad fate—"a drunkard's hell"—each year pierces the hearts of thoughtful parents with pangs of indescribable pain.

The Biter Bit.

A California saloonist, who objected to the Salvation Army conducting open-air meetings outside his house, turned the hose upon the gathering, drenching not only the soldiers, but two bystanders who were warm friends of the army's work. The latter entered into negotiations with the proprietors of the block of buildings in which the public house was situated, purchased it and subsequently ejected the publican, handing the property over to the army.

Drink and Crime.

Rev. George Warren, chaplain of the Missouri penitentiary, says that out of the 2279 convicts in the prison at the time he made an investigation eighty-five per cent. of the entire number came there directly through the influence of liquor, and that five per cent. of the remainder came there indirectly from the same cause. That is, 2000 of the convicts in the Missouri penitentiary as the result of the licensed liquor traffic in that State.

The Crusade in Brief.

It is reported that the saloon men throughout the land are getting very much stirred up on account of the wave of temperance sentiment now sweeping over the country.

About 200 young women of Waremme, in Belgium, have formed a club known as "The Swallows." Each member has given her word of honor never to marry a man addicted to drink.

At the last session of the Methodist General Conference held in Winnipeg, Canada, a temperance secretary was appointed from among their number to travel through the county to arouse temperance sentiment and to crystalize it into action.

It is stated by Mr. Pinhorn, of the London Temperance Council, that, taking London as a whole, drink was the direct cause, at the very lowest estimate, of 42,000 deaths during 1901.

A pressing present need of the country is a great temperance revival, relying chiefly upon the personal appeal. Thousands of pledge-signers would be rescued from drunkenness and more thousands prevented from becoming drunkards.

There is a statute in Pennsylvania which provides that saloonkeepers shall be held responsible in damages for injuries resulting from their sale of liquors to intoxicated persons, and the Supreme Court of the State has lately made a decision which sustains the law as constitutional and equitable.

THE RELIGIOUS LIFE

READING FOR THE QUIET HOUR WHEN THE SOUL INVITES ITSELF.

Poem: At His Feet—How an Unusual Burden Bravely Borne Resulted in the Blessing a Sacred Memory—God Gives Grace After Sorrow.

Lord, since I have not wealth's increase
 To make my diadem,
Take Thou the little gifts of peace
 And weave it out of them.

The little chirping praise of birds
 That wakes me day by day,
The little laughing, friendly words
 That help me on my way.

The little tasks Thou givest me
 Appointed hour by hour,
The little gifts of love I see
 In sun and breeze and shower.

The little self-denials dear
 In love and hope divine,
The triumphs over faithless fear
 Known to no eyes but Thine—

Weave them together, one by one,
 By Thy dear touch made sweet,
And daily, when the crown is done,
 I'll cast it at Thy feet.

—Mabel Earl, in Christian Endeavor World.

The Brighter Side.

"Misfortunes never come singly," it is said, and sometimes, double-yoked, they tread hard on the heels of our long-expected joys.

Bessie Pierson had returned from her wedding trip, established herself in her new home with her husband and was getting accustomed to her new name of Mrs. John L. Sawyer when the misfortunes began. There were several minor ones, and then her father died, but this sorrow was followed by one even worse. Her mother suffered a severe paralytic stroke, from which it seemed at first she could not recover. Her life was saved, but the mind was nearly gone, and Bessie and her husband had no alternative but to bring her to their own home, already overshadowed by a great sorrow, and narrow their home life down to a care which would probably last for years, and which it was certain that nothing but death could relieve.

It is an old saying that a living sorrow is worse than a dead one. There is some real comfort in a grave which can be covered with flowers. It is the open grave that chills the heart. But in the great trouble which had come upon the young couple so soon after their marriage there was one great consolation, as Bessie said to her nearest friends, and John was unwearily kind and sympathetic. There was never a word of complaint from him, and his bearing throughout was that of a dutiful and loving son. Nevertheless the burden pressed heavily on the shoulders of the young wife.

For several weeks she had been unable to go to church. When she went she found a stranger in the pulpit. She was late and the prayer was just beginning. There was something in it that attracted her attention from the outset and gave her a feeling of reverence and of comfort. The minister prayed for the congregation before him, and the homes from which the people came; for fathers and mothers and little children, and finally for those children who had reversed their own relations of youth and had become the guardians of the parents who once had cared for them.

It was a most unusual petition. Bessie did not remember ever to have heard such a one before. It was the very prayer which she felt she had need to offer. Her heart responded to it, and she went home comforted, cheered and strengthened, to take up her burden with new and greater courage.

The brighter side of her task soon began to show itself. Changed as her mother was from what she had been she was still amiable and sweet spirited, and there were times when there shone through her mental weakness some glow of former recollections.

Two years later the transition came. Death was kind, and the sufferer went smilingly and without pain. Above the coffin in which she lay with a look of peace on her face the young husband and his wife dropped tears, not of regret, but of genuine filial sorrow. When they returned from the grave the home was empty, as if they had lost a little child. But they had the joy of a duty performed uncomplainingly and in a spirit of love.

There are many homes which have similar burdens, some of which must be borne without the knowledge of the world. It is something to support such a burden to the end, but to those who will receive it God gives grace to make the sorrow a blessing and a sacred memory.—Youth's Companion.

The One Lesson.

This is, after all, the first and last lesson for the Christian workers. Be clean, pure of heart and simple in motive. See to it that there is no friction between your will and Christ's. Be adjusted in gear, well set and jointed. Subdue your own activities as much as your own natural lethargy. Stand still till God impels you. Wait till He works in you to will and to do of His pleasure. Exercise faith that God should accomplish in you the greater results possible to the capacity of your nature. Let there be no thought of what you can do for God, but all thought of what God can do through you. Nothing will make you so intense and ceaseless in your activity as this. There will be an end of cowardice and of pride. Of cowardice, because you will find yourself borne along by an irresistible impulse. Of pride, because you will have no occasion to boast. As soon might Milton's pen have been proud of writing the "Paradise Lost" as you of what Christ may have done through you. Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it?—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

Responsibility.

No duty, however hard and perilous, should be feared one-half so much as failure in the duty. People sometimes shrink from responsibility, saying they dare not accept it because it is so great. But in shrinking from duty they are really encountering a far more serious condition than that which they evade. It is a great deal easier to do what God gives us to do, no matter how hard it is, than to face the responsibility of not doing it. We have abundant assurances that we shall receive all the strength we need to perform any duty God allots to us, but if we fall out of the line of obedience and refuse to do anything which we ought to do, we find ourselves at once out of harmony with God's law and God's providence, and cannot escape the consequences of our failure.—J. R. Miller.

The Best Way.

The best way to Christianize people is by our own Christian example, and showing them love and helpfulness.—Rev. Mr. Baker.

America's First Settlers.

Dr. Charles Hallock writes to the Literary Digest that he regards Korean immigration of the year 544, which led to the founding of the Mexican empire in 1325, as "but an incidental contribution to the multiplying inhabitants of North America." He says: "The Indians, or Indigenes, of both North and South America, originated from a civilization of high degree which occupied the sub-equatorial belt some 10,000 years ago while the glacial sheet was still on. Population spread northward as the ice receded. The gradual distribution of population over the higher latitudes in after years was supplemented by accretions from Europe and Northern Asia centuries before the coming of Columbus."

A Long Trance.

Some attention has been attracted to the case of a young girl who died recently at a New York City hospital after a trance lasting twenty days. At the end of the thirteenth day the patient regained consciousness for a short time and then again relapsed, dying in coma seven days later. A post-mortem examination failed to disclose the cause of the trance.

Doctors Need Not Be Examined.

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Her "Yarb" Tea.

Doctor Chase has not long had the privilege of writing "M. D." after his name, which may account for his belief in the correctness of his own theories. He is fond of experimenting with new drugs, and has a sturdy faith in his own methods and his own prescriptions. He had been working assiduously on a grip remedy, says the Chicago News, and was eager to prove its virtues to two skeptical colleagues. At length his opportunity came.

Old Mrs. Luther, who had never been known to employ a doctor, sent for him. She undoubtedly had the grip. The doctor called twice a day, and watched closely the effect of his treatment. He reported the symptoms to his two friends, the other doctors, and told them how sure he felt of victory. The old lady did, indeed, begin to mend. Finally the day came when the disease was undoubtedly checked. Then the young doctor called in his friends.

"Now just tell these doctors, Mrs. Luther," he began, affably, "how pleasantly the medicine has affected you, and all about it."

The old lady fingered the bedquilt nervously, and finally said, "Well, the truth is, doctor, I took only one dose of your medicine. When my old man gets sick I have an awful time getting him to swallow the yarb tea I make, and when I tasted that medicine of yours and found it so nice and sweet I says to myself, 'Now the old man would take this without a bit of trouble. I'll save it till he needs it some time, and I'll go on drinking my yarb tea. It's only fair if I have the doctor that he should have the medicine.' And I've got along pretty well doctor, now hain't I?"

The young man joined, although rather lamely, in the laugh that followed.

Carried Unanimously.

According to a gentleman who has spent many years in the gold fields, the average digger would bear comparison with some of our best debaters.

Some time ago the "boys" of Nugget Creek were in council assembled. It was generally admitted that the size of the colony—consisting as it did of something just over a dozen shanties—entitled it to be considered a city, and Mecca City sprang into existence.

Then one Roaring Dick arose and wanted to know what the "citizens" intended to do in the matter of lighting the "streets" by night.

"You know me, boys," he said, twirling a formidable-looking six-shooter. "I ain't afraid o' nothing, naythur in daylight nor dark. But it's this way—other cities 'as got gas, and Mecca's got ter 'ave it."

"It can't be did!" said one.

"It's got ter be did!" roared the speaker. "Wot other cities does we does! 'Sides, gas-lamps is a hornament an' lamp-posts a habsolute necessity. Why, ther' ain't a decent spot ter lynch a man within twenty miles. We're goin' ter 'ave lamp-posts."

The argument was conclusive, and it was decided unanimously to have gas.—New Yorker.

New Dodge in Street Begging.

Ideas count for success, even in street begging. Old tricks become tiresome through familiarity. The mendicant of the present day, if he would live well, must get something new. One of the latest dodges of the New York solicitor of alms is heroic. It first arouses the indignation of the victim, then pacifies him, and finally wins his sympathy and his money. It is worked in this way: A shabbily attired man hurries along the street, apparently unconscious of his surroundings. He expectorates, as though by chance, on to the well-polished shoe of a passer-by. Before the man has time to protest the mendicant drops on his knees and, with the remnants of a well-worn handkerchief, rubs away at the soiled shoe, meanwhile pouring forth profuse apologies. Nine times out of ten he gets a dime for his politeness.—New York Times.

Trolley For Monterey, Mexico.

Extensive trolley lines, with first and second class fares, is the project planned for the City of Monterey, Mexico, by Baltimore capital. The city is a live, industrial town, with 80,000 inhabitants. This will be the first application of electricity to street car service in Monterey. There is now a mule car line, which this syndicate has purchased, together with concession, granted to local capitalists. There will be six different lines, aggregating thirty miles, and so constructed as to meet at the centre of the city.

Long Lawsuits.

Frequently several years are required to settle a lawsuit, as every one knows, yet it is certain that even in this respect we have improved upon the methods of our own ancestors.

In 1210 the Count of Nevere instituted law proceedings against the town of Nonzy, and they did not come to an end until 1848. Again, the townspeople of Campan and Bagneres de Bignorre engaged in a lawsuit in 1254, and a decision was not rendered in the case until 1882.

Another remarkable suit is that which began in 1254, the contesting parties being the township of Campan and that of Quatre-Vezlaux-d'Ame, for, though it has been tried several times, it is actually still in the courts, and no one knows when a decisive verdict will be rendered.

Coughs and Hiccoughing.

In a clinic at one of the medical colleges the operating physician showed the assemblage of students a good way to cure instantly a cough or an attack of hiccoughing.

A patient was wheeled in who happened to be coughnig violently. The physician said to him:

"Push your tongue out as far as you can, and press it hard against your lower lip and chin."

The patient did as he was told, and his cough ceased.

"This little trick, gentlemen," the physician said, "rarely fails. It is quite as efficacious in cases of hiccoughs as in cases of coughing. I advise you all to note it down."—Philadelphia Record.

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The small boy who makes fun of his sister and her beau ought to be punished for contempt of court.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.
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As to Street Names.

Some one said "Look up and not down." Despite this dictum most people do not carry their heads in the air when walking the streets. Now if the contractors who lay concrete walks would only stamp the names of the streets into the cement (as they stamp their firm name and date of the laying) at the street intersections, what a remarkably convenient, inexpensive and durable way it would be of naming the streets so that people could see where they were without an effort.—Chicago Tribune.

The "Hoodoo" in Newspaper Offices.

A. L. Miller, city editor of the Ottawa (Kan.) Herald, who is something of a "hoodoo" sharp, has made the following interesting discovery. He says:

"There is a hoodoo in every newspaper office. It hides behind the cobwebs and comes out at critical times and gets in its dastardly work. The story of how the newspaper hoodoo was born is told with hushed breath in every printing office.

"Those who know say that when Herr Guttenberg started the first newspaper in Germany a maiden lady of advanced years persuaded some irresponsible youth to marry her. She left word at the newspaper office that the thing be properly written up.

"The paper told the truth, including a statement about the bride's age, looks and disposition, and she, being mad with rage sold herself to the devil and was transformed into an evil spirit. To this day this evil spirit prowls around newspaper offices.

"Don't laugh when you see ludicrous things in the Herald. They are the devil's work. Cross yourself."

Ill Luck For 1903.

Old Moore's Almanac for the first six months of 1903 has been published in London and some very gloomy predictions appear in it. In January, it says, there will be troubles in the East, and a conspiracy in Ireland; in February there will be trouble and bloody riots in Spain; in March both Great Britain and Spain will meet with serious losses, the former in the Transvaal and at the Cape and the latter at home; in April there will be political assassinations in England, furious conflicts in China and conspiracies in Turkey; in May there will be a famine in India and a civil war in Spain, and in June a prosperous epoch will begin for England and one of misfortune for Germany.

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