FOUNDER AND HEAD OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH A RECLUSE

GATES OF HOME CLOSED TO THE WORLD

Following Published Story That Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy Was at the Point of Death, Reporters Have Interview with Her at Her Home—Sensational Allegations of Fraud and Deception Denied—Aged Woman in Comparatively Good Health.

New York.—The World, of this city, recently published a sensational story to the effect that Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, the revered founder and head of the Christian Science church, was extremely feeble, physically and mentally, and seemingly in the shadow of death.

The allegation was made that the daily drive seemingly taken by Mrs. Eddy through the streets of Concord, N. H., her home, was a fraud. The World stated that ostensibly Mrs. Eddy makes this daily public appearance, dressed in velvets and ermine, to show her followers that she is in perfect health. It is not Mrs. Eddy, but an impersonator, trained and costumed for the part, who appears in the exhibition drive.

The article continued:

"This impersonator is now known to be Mrs. Parmelia J. Leonard, of Brooklyn, head of the Christian Science church in that borough.

"Mrs. Leonard has been an inmate at Mrs. Eddy's home at Concord for the last three years.

"There she has perfected herself as understudy to Mrs. Eddy, and has impersonated the head of the Christian Science church in the daily exhibition drives when to move the real

Mrs. Eddy from her bed would have meant almost certain death to the enfeebled woman.

Powerless in Strong Hands.

"Mrs. Eddy is powerless in the hands of designing persons. They absolutely control her, and their employment of Mrs. Leonard's services is for a deep purpose. Just what that purpose is may be easily imagined.

"The World has collected a mass of facts bearing directly upon the surprising conditions that surround the hidden life of Mrs. Eddy.

"These facts are quite apart from the tenets of Christian Science, so called, and will appeal as forcibly to fair-minded members of the cult as to the general public.

"Many millions of dollars—just how many the records fail to show—have passed into Mrs. Eddy's personal possession since the founding of the Christian Science cult. Millions of her books have been sold, and each book has yielded her a royalty of one dollar.

"From the mother church in Boston she yearly receives a great sum, contributed by devotees in all parts of the world in the form of annual dues. One of her closest friends and followers estimates Mrs. Eddy's fortune at $15,000,000, and her annual income at $1,000,000.

"Of this vast sum there is practically no trace. There is no public record of its investment, no clew to its distribution.

"Her financial agent and cousin, Frederick N. Ladd, secretary of the Loan and Trust Savings bank, of Concord, while refusing details, has said that Mrs. Eddy's estate is surprisingly small, she having 'expended the bulk of her fortune in charities.'

Has Only One Apparent Asset.

"But none of the charities aided by Mrs. Eddy could be designated by Mr. Ladd or found by searchers. Mrs. Eddy's only visible asset is the Concord house and the 40 acres of park land that surround it—valued at $40,000.

"Christian Scientists the world over doubtless will be anxious to know what has become of the great fortune of the helpless old lady, confined to an upper story of her isolated home.

"They will only have to consult the real estate transfers of Concord, N. H., for a clew to its whereabouts.

"These records show that Mrs. Eddy's estate, Pleasant View, was originally purchased in great part by Joseph T. Mann, her former butler and brother of her present coachman. They also show that Mrs. Eddy's home, its furnishings and all her jewelry, were transferred a few years ago to Calvin A. Frye, the present footman, secretary and supreme power at Pleasant View.

"When an action for damages against Mrs. Eddy threatened to reveal to the public this transaction, the property was quickly transferred back to its aged owner.

Frye the Power in Household.

"Calvin A. Frye is a great name in Concord. He is a footman in livery on the box of Mrs. Eddy's carriage during the daily drives of the real Mrs. Leonard and fictitious Mrs. Eddy. He is secretary at Pleasant View for the rest of the time, the one in absolute authority, who for three years has guarded Mrs. Eddy with a vigilance known only in prisons.

"Devotees, rich, socially prominent and loyal to the cult, have been turned away from the door of Pleasant View by Frye. They have been assured that Mrs. Eddy, although in perfect health, was "overwhelmed with work, and could not be disturbed." They were told that she could only be seen in her daily drives, and were cautioned not to peer through the windows of the carriage under penalty of Mrs. Eddy's displeasure.

Her Last Public Appearance.

"Mrs. Eddy's last genuine public appearance was three years ago, when for a moment she posed on the balcony at Pleasant View in sight of the assembled faithful. Since then Mrs. Eddy has been invisible save to Frye and the members of his inner circle."

Continuing its charges of fraud and deceit, the World stated that there was ample ground for the widespread belief that Mrs. Eddy is slowly dying from cancer. It has been discovered, says the World, that this dread disease has afflicted others of the Baker family; that two brothers and two sisters of Mrs. Eddy died from it; and that an operation for the same malady alone saved her father's life.

"There is positive evidence that Mrs. Eddy has secretly employed regular medical practitioners for herself and for certain favorite members of her family. It is practically certain a Boston cancer specialist, whose name is known to the world, is now in constant attendance at Pleasant View."

Reporters See Mrs. Eddy.

Following these charges the New York Sun printed the following account of an interview granted by Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy to a party of newspaper representatives at her home October 30.

"Mary Baker Eddy is alive, but old and feeble, and suffering from some complaint like palsy which makes her head and hands shake. She gave probably the last interview of her life this afternoon to 11 reporters from Boston and New York, and now, in the words of one of her household, 'the gates of Pleasant View are closed forever.'

"Since the publication of the story to the effect that Mrs. Eddy was under the control of her household and that Mrs. Pamelia Leonard, a healer of Brooklyn, was impersonating the leader of Christian Science on her

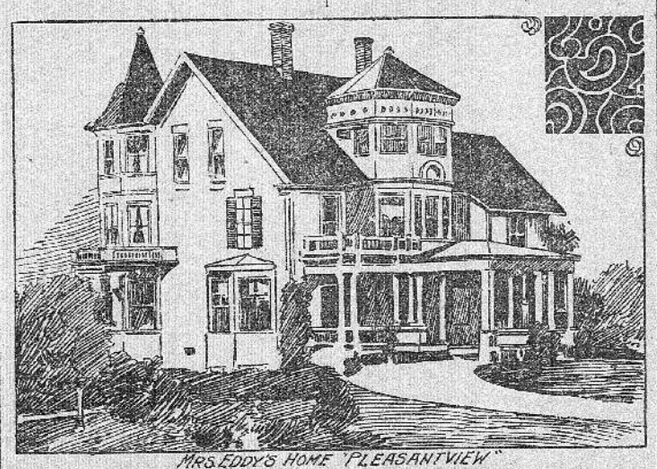
"GOD ALONE IS MY PHYSICIAN"

daily drive, the city (Concord, N. H.) has been full of reporters.

H. Cornell Wilson, Christian Science press agent for New York and vicinity, arrived Monday morning and stood between the reporters and the household at Pleasant View. Archibald McLellan, editor of the official Christian Science publications, came up to help, and L. C. Strang, the local man, also was on the job.

"'We didn't like the tone of your story yesterday,' said Mr. Wilson to one man. However, they fought it out until all but two were let in on the interview. The reporter for the paper which published the original story and a magazine man were not forgiven.

"A woman reporter went up to Pleasant View and had herself appointed spokesman. She came back with three questions, which she had agreed with the Scientists, were to be asked of Mrs. Eddy. In their conclave the reporters added a fourth. There were 11 reporters altogether. Wilson lined them up in the big reception room of Pleasant View. This opens from a main hall by folding doors hung over with curtains. Members of Mrs. Eddy's household, including Mrs. Pamelia Leonard,



MRS. EDDY'S HOME "PLEASANT VIEW"

were fringed about the wall. There came a tap on the folding door.

"'She is here,' announced one of the healers, dramatically.

Shows Evidences of Age.

"The folding doors slid back, the curtains lifted—a stately figure in white stood bowing at the door, stately at first sight, but a feeble old woman at second. Her skin was dead white, her cheeks sunken, every ounce of spare fat gone from her face. The long, pointed chin, characteristic of Mrs. Eddy's face in youth, was as beautiful as ever. So, indeed, were the large eyes, and the long, finely-cut nose. Over the face rose a mass of perfectly white hair, crowned by a white bonnet.

"She was enfolded in a huge black velvet and ermine cloak. She was grasping the curtains with one hand; Calvin Frye, her secretary, stood at the other elbow. Both hands were shaking, her head and lower lip constantly trembled a little, as with a slight palsy. The spokeswoman began at once on the first question.

"'Are you in perfect health, Mrs. Eddy?' she asked.

"Mrs. Eddy bent toward her with a slight movement of inquiry. The spokeswoman repeated the question a little louder.

"'Indeed I am,' replied Mrs. Eddy.

"The effect of her voice was startling. It had a slight senile quiver, but it was deep and level. The combination gave it an unearthly quality. It intensified a feeling which all the reporters confessed to each other afterward—that this was not a woman, but an apparition.

"'Have you any other physician than God?' asked the spokeswoman.

No Physician But God.

"'No physician but God. His everlasting arms are about me. That is enough.'

"As she said this Mrs. Eddy made a sweeping gesture with her disengaged hand and let go her hold on the curtain.

"'Do you drive daily?'

"'Yes.'

"At that instant Frye caught her elbow and turned her toward the front door, before which her carriage waited to take her on her drive. Strang fell in on the other side, and Mrs. Eddy walked between them.

"'Have you the management of your own affairs?' asked the spokeswoman.

"The question never was answered. At the door Frye and Strang fell back. Mrs. Eddy walked the width of the piazza alone. Her gait had a stately, languid grace, hardly suggestive of old age, but her hand shook badly as Strang helped her to a seat in the carriage.

House Now Closed to World.

"When the reporters returned to the parlor a woman of the household came forward.

"'Christian Scientists are allowed many privileges,' she said, 'so I hope you won't mind if I ask you to go away.'

"Just before one o'clock there came to Pleasant View a belated newspaper photographer. He wanted little. He only wished Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Eddy to come out into the sunlight and pose for him, so the world might see how little they resembled each other. Strang refused him. He added:

"'At one o'clock to-day the gates of Pleasant View will close to the outer world forever.'"

As Durable as Stone.

Sycamore is one of the most durable of woods. A statue made from it, now in the museum of Ghizeh, at Cairo, is known to be thousands of years old. Notwithstanding this great age, it is asserted that the wood itself is entirely sound and natural in appearance.

DOUBT FACTS OF HISTORY.

Persons So Fond of the Miraculous That Questions Are Easily Raised.

The love of the miraculous is enough to keep alive the belief that the accepted facts of history concerning a person who has greatly interested the world either by his life or his death are all wrong. Within 20 years a big book has been published in this country to demonstrate that Marshal Ney was not shot in the garden of the Luxembourg December 7, 1815, but escaped to America and dwelt in North Carolina.

For some years there flourished in Germany a man who declared himself to be the son of the duke of Reichstadt by a secret marriage and therefore the grandson and direct heir of Napoleon. This imposter was a clumsy fellow who did not know his book, for the date he assigned as that of his birth was fully a year subsequent to the death of the duke.

But we need not travel so far as Europe to find the credulous of the incredible. Only a few years ago there died in Kansas a man who was believed by many of the vicinage to be Wilkes Booth. A marked physical resemblance to the assassin caused so much annoyance to a well-known southern clergyman that he took pains to demonstrate by proofs of his birth and education that he was not Wilkes Booth.

The fact that Mrs. Fitzherbert made a solemn declaration that she never was a mother does not deter the "Fitzherbert heirs" in this country from bothering King Edward with letters applying for permission to examine certain papers which they believe contain a secret of vast money value to them. The people who believe these incredible legends in the face of proof positive to the contrary are not all of one kind, not of the class of the Englishman who said of the Tichborne claimant "just because he was the son of a Wapping butcher they wouldn't give him the estate".

Cheap Living in Spain.

Traveling in Spain is not expensive, the charges in comfortable hotels being only $1.35 a day.

THE MAN THAT WHISTLES.

Merry Tune on the Lips Means a Cheerful Heart.

Did you ever meet a man who was an habitual whistler and yet a thorough scamp? No! The whistler usually is a cheerful fellow, and lawlessness and smiles seldom travel hand in hand.

The old song says, "Whistle and I'll come to you, my lad," and it is true. The man whose inner spirit sings as it goes has attracted the maid from time immemorial.

In summing up a man's most desirable qualities, women usually mention strength, which is a physical characteristic, and truth, which is spiritual. But cheerfulness is the mental attribute most in demand.

And if he is a cheerful man, it usually follows he is an honest man. The cheat, the coward, the blackleg, are not addicted to the open heart and the cheery whistle.

The man who will get up in the morning and make a fire, keeping warm with a merry strain of "Yankee Doodle Boy," hasn't a sour heart over his task. The man who makes the coffee and flings out the front door for the bakery with "El Capitan" thrilling forth in one big whistle is never the man of mean promensities, who is keeping tally on his service, to say later to the wife: "I make the fires while you lie abed."

Have you ever seen a man whistle a restless babe to sleep? If not you have something to look forward to.

And then, when the babe becomes the small son, have you ever observed this cheerful father teaching his craft to little Johnnie? Through his fingers and through his teeth, and then the intricacies of the liquid "double trill."

Thus when Johnnie gets at the kindling-chopping age, he has acquired one of the first principles of a good and desirable man—he is a whistler like his dad, and the envy and emulation of every neighboring boy.—Milwaukee Journal.

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ENGLISH SHOES GO UNSHINED.

London Observer Admits Truth of American Indictment.

An English reporter, fired with patriotism on seeing the assertion made by an American visitor that Londoners polished their boots less frequently than the people of any other country in the world, set out to disprove the charge.

He visited a number of well-known shoeblacks at important points in London, but what he learned all tended to confirm the allegation made by the American.

One shoeblack said he had customers who look like millionaires but get only one shine a week. After hearing similar stories from other shoeblacks the newspaper man took up a position in Piccadilly Circus and examined the boots of passersby.

He confesses that of 80 people who passed, the boots of 60 looked as if they had not been polished for a week. Twelve of them had their boots well polished, but the remaining eight had to be labeled indifferent.

After that, nothing was left but to acknowledge that the indictment of the American had some foundation.—N. Y. Sun.

CHURCH PEW HIS BED.

Tramp Finds Rest for His Weary Bones in House of Worship.

The janitor of one of Portsmouth's largest churches was given a big surprise Sunday morning as he stepped into the auditorium after opening the big front doors to allow of the usual airing out. He came face to face with a strange and tough-looking man. At first the janitor feared a touch of the chills, but he finally brought himself together and inquired of the man what he had been doing.

The fellow said that he had been enjoying a night's rest on the cushions of a pew away down front. Saturday night he was attracted to the church by the singing of the choir during rehearsal. He found the door open, walked in and sat down.

The music had that soothing effect and the wanderer fell asleep. He knew nothing more until daylight, when he awoke wondering where he was at. He said that in all his life he had never found a more comforable bed.

The janitor looked about, saw that nothing was disturbed and then allowed the stranger to go.—Portsmouth, N. H., Times.

FISH IN NEW PLACES.

Wild Ducks Found to Bear Fish Eggs Ready to Hatch.

A correspondent from Saffi wrote in our June issue expressing his mystification as to how small fish come to be in inclosed waters. A naturalist suggests an explanation. He says:

"If the wild ducks, etc., of Morocco are similar to those elsewhere there is no mystery. For some years there was open-mouthed wonder as to how perch, bream and crayfish could get into newly cut dams near the Macquarie river in New South Wales.

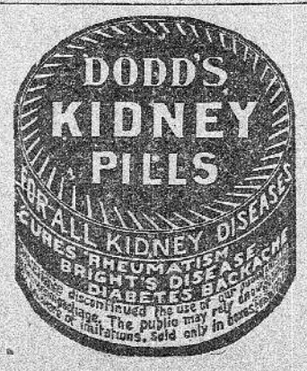
"In some cases the water had hardly settled after the rain had filled the dam than the fish were observed, and the farmers started a large theory of spontaneous production.

"This obtained till a Sydney professor chanced to pick up a wild duck and found its breast feathers and webbed feet well dotted with fertile and almost hatched fish-ova, on which the 'spontaneous production' theory was promptly withdrawn."—Chambers' Journal.

Will Introduce Pension System.

A pension plan for aged and disabled employes will soon be introduced by the Boston and Maine railroad.

Yes, the sun shines for all—when it isn't cloudy.



All things come quickly to those who wait on themselves.

Steadfastness is a noble quality, but, unguided by knowledge or humility, it becomes rashness or obstinacy.—Swartz.

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Love's First Awakening.

One is always a little hypocritical in the beginnings of love. How can you expect a woman, a reasonable woman, to confess to herself frankly that a man whom she did not know yesterday occupies already a larger place in her heart than all her relatives, friends or enemies? She will spend entire months, a year, perhaps, in seeking for her preoccupations all sorts of names before giving to them their true one.—Madame Emile de Girardin.

Each to His Own Trade.

A story is told of a Scotch minister who gave the rural joiner an order to make a small wooden cupboard.

When the pastor received the account he complained to the joiner about the amount, and said he could have got a second-hand cupboard, which would have answered his purpose equally well, at much less cost.

"Yes," retorted the joiner; "and I could buy a guid sermon for threepence; but e'e wadna' care aboct preaching them at that price!"—Stray Stories.

HOW DEBILITY SHOWS

And Why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Are a Specific for Dangerous Physical Declines.

The symptoms of general debility vary according to the cause but weakness is always present, a tendency to perspire and fatigue easily, ringing in the ears, sometimes black spots passing before the eyes, weak back, vertigo, wakefulness caused by inability to stop thinking, and unrefreshing sleep. The cause of the trouble may be some drain on the system or it may be mental or physical overwork, sometimes insufficient nutrition due to digestive disturbance. In the latter case there is generally a loss of appetite and a coated tongue as well as general languor and debility.

Miss Lula M. Metzger, a stenographer, living at 71 Mill street, Watertown, N. Y., suffered for over a year from general debility. "It was caused by overstudy," she says, "and I had no ambition, didn't want to go anywhere, my food didn't taste good, I was run down, lifeless and listless. I took medicines but they failed to help me. Finally friends recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to my mother and she got some for me. I took them for some time and was entirely cured and have had no return of the trouble."

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