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"Work is a Splendid Tonic for Dissatisfaction"

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THE HIGHER LAW

The young man who had been examining the row of shining instruments that lined the operating room, turned abruptly to the great surgeon.

"Of course you do not believe in the foolishness called prayer," he said.

"And why not?" the surgeon asked, as he held a delicate instrument critically to the light.

"What! A man with your scientific training?" the younger man exclaimed in surprise.

"And why not?" the keen-faced elderly man repeated.

"Oh, come now, doctor," the young man said, smiling. "Surely you cannot believe that God would upset all the laws of nature to grant the request of some one of his creatures. You know how inexorable are the laws of nature."

"That's exactly why I believe so strongly in the efficacy of prayer." The words were spoken quietly but with evident seriousness.

"Explain the riddle, please," the other demanded, and his manner was grave now.

"Why, that's easy enough to do," the surgeon said. "Prayer—or rather faith, which is the motive of prayer—is just as much a force of nature as gravity. The skeptics seem to think that if a prayer were answered all the laws of nature would be smashed to pieces. That is not necessarily the case. Let me illustrate: Why does this instrument that I hold in my hand not fall to the floor?"

"Why, because you are sustaining it!"

"Exactly. And yet the law of gravitation is not wrecked or denied. It is merely superseded for the moment by a higher law—the law of life.

"Now, as we ascend in nature we find this—the basic laws of a higher plane have just this power of overruling some of the laws of a lower plane.

"Gravity is the great law of the inorganic world. It is still a law in the organic world, but the great law of the organic world—the law of life—is superior to it. The plant thrusts its stem upward in the face of gravity; man walks about in defiance of it.

"Then why may there not be a law in the next plane of nature—the spiritual—that, just as naturally, supersedes some of the laws of the organic world? The plant reaches down into the inorganic world, and grasping the dead atoms there endows them with life and the ability to rise superior to the force of gravity. May not the spiritual world do as much for the material world without outraging a single law of nature?"

"Why—why, I guess it could," the young man stammered.

"It not only could—it does!" the surgeon declared emphatically.

"Then there is something in prayer after all?"

"The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," the doctor quoted. "I tell you, my friend, prayer changes things." And the young man knew from the light on the older man's face that here was one man at least for whom prayer had changed things—many things.—Youth's Companion.

The Beltrami county chapter of the American Red Cross has been called on to furnish 50 sweaters and 1,280 pairs of socks to be ready for shipment by December 20th. The Red Lake auxiliary must do its share in this work. All those who will knit, whether members of the Red Cross or not, can get yarn by applying to Mrs. Carrie McDougal at the Red Lake Hospital. Red Lake has always come forward at every call during the war and the need now is just as great and we must not fail now.

POULTRY DISEASES AND TREATMENT

All diseased birds should be isolated.

Colds and Roup—Disinfect the drinking water as follows: To each gallon of water add the quantity of potassium permanganate that will remain on the surface of a dime.

Canker—Sprinkle a little flowers of sulphur in the mouth and throat of the bird and put some chlorate of potash in the water. Also carefully remove the exudate with aid of warm water and paint with iodine or apply a good disinfectant to the diseased tissue.

Chicken Pox—Apply a touch of iodine to each sore and then cover with carbolated vaseline. If the diseased parts are kept well covered with the vaseline it will usually effect a cure.

Gapes—New ground and vigorous cultivation will often remedy this trouble. A liberal sprinkling of lime around the coops and runs is quite often an effective remedy.

Scaly Legs—Apply vaseline containing a disinfectant to the affected parts, and after twenty-four hours soak in warm soapy water. Repeat treatment until cured.

Diarrhea in Hens—Low-grade wheat flour or middlings are good for this trouble. Also give each fowl a teaspoonful of castor oil containing five drops of oil of turpentine.

Bowel Trouble in Chicks—Well-boiled rice mixed with a little charcoal will often check this complaint. Dissolve fifteen grains of crude catchu in each gallon of drinking water.

THERE IS NO "END OF THE TRAIL"

Nana Leaming, Matron, Polacca Day School.
The Indian has reached "the End of the Trail,"
Heart-sick and weary, his courage did fail.
With drooping head and grievous sigh
He stood forlorn—ready to die.

Hark That awful note—
That scream from the golden eagle's throat—
See! He hears that dreadful call—
That sounds alike to one and all.

A martial note from the bugle shrill
That makes the Nation's heart to thrill—
The call To Arm! To Arm! To Arm!
To men in city, glade and farm.

He raises his head; he lifts his lance,
And offers himself to fight in France—
He drills—a soldier in khaki tan,
And feels himself again a man.

At the battle front he doesn't scare,
And his hope is to lift the Kaiser's hair—
Whether he fights on land or sea,
He will do his best for Liberty.

He spends his money for Bonds and Stamps.
He is second to none in trench or camps.
Though wounded and torn he is proud of his scars,
And will loyally fall for the Stripes and Stars.

The task may be hard; he never will fail;
To the Indian there is no "End of the Trail!"
He fights for Democracy—(a fearless man)—
For his Flag and his country—the true "American."

School Teacher (to little boy)—"If a farmer raises 1,700 bushels of wheat and sells it for \$1.17 per bushel, what will he get?"
Little Boy—"An automobile."—Exchange.

DELEGATIONS TO WASHINGTON

The attention of all members of the tribe is called to the following communication from the honorable commissioner of Indian affairs:

Office of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior
Washington

To Superintendents:

My attention has been invited to the fact that in many instances Indian delegations which have visited Washington in the past were neither representative of their tribes nor duly elected by them, but undertook the trip in an unauthorized capacity with the exception of being reimbursed for their expenses upon arrival in this city.

Owing to the abnormal condition of the country and the necessity of our conserving tribal funds—which in many cases are very limited—for constructive work among the Indians, I do not favor and cannot approve of delegations visiting Washington except in absolutely necessary cases, and then only where the personnel of such delegations are Indians with tribal rights on the reservation, are representative of the majority of the Indians and have been duly elected by them, and prior authority has been obtained to make the trip.

Full information in regard to the above mentioned matters must be submitted by the superintendent when presenting the request for the delegation to come to Washington. Such requests should be made by mail and not by telegraph. The delegation, when authorized, should bear credentials, certified to by you.

Unauthorized delegates visiting Washington must pay their own expenses while here and en route home, as no funds will be advanced under reimbursable agreements or transportation issued in such cases. Many Indians have come here at tribal or government expense to take up primarily personal business. All these matters can be taken up by correspondence.

I desire you to thoroughly acquaint the Indians of your reservation with the foregoing instructions to the end that they may become familiar with requirements in the matter of selecting and sending delegations from Washington.

CATO SELLS, Commissioner.

INDIANS HELP SAVE POTATO CROP

On hundred Indians, secured through the efforts of the Coconino County (Ariz.) Farm Bureau, went into the harvest fields and helped save the potato crop of that county this fall. The increasing acreage of potatoes planted in that section last spring made it necessary for the growers to co-operate in the harvesting and marketing of their surplus. The county farm bureau marketing committee made plans for handling each feature of the marketing problem co-operatively. Sacks were secured and graders installed through the bureau, which also undertook the inspection and selling of the crop. The chairman of the committee was authorized to act as official salesman in southern Arizona and will travel and make sales for the association.

ANOTHER ALIBI

"They lay the blame on me!" the Kaiser sighed
"For all this war which now has come to naught!"
"They can't blame us!" his six large sons replied,
"For all the world can say WE never fought!"

A 13-year-old girl in Ohio—a member of a girls' club—won first prize in her county by putting up, unassisted, 930 cans of fruits and vegetables.