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A SERMONETTE.

BY THE OTHERWISE MAN.

Behold, a strange disease cometh upon the people. It afflicteth most grievously those who dwell apart from cities and most often seizeth upon the women of the tribes. It cometh from no germ, neither hath it a microbe, but it causeth hallucinations and the destruction it worketh cometh like a sudden blight on young and old, and the name of the disease is called meddling.

And lo! when it cometh upon a woman, she goeth straightway to the house of her neighbor and speaketh to the wife of her neighbor somewhat in this wise, perchance: "Friend of my bosom! Thou knowest that I bear thee much love, and it hath been revealed to me that it is my duty to bring certain bad tidings to thee. Yet think not overmuch concerning it, nor let it grieve thee. It is of no consequence, yet feel I that it is my duty to tell thee that her whom thou callest friend—even Saphira, the wife of Annanias—hath said of thee that thou art extravagant and wasteful of thy husband's substance; that thou dost not cook much food for thy husband, and thou dost gad about overmuch."

And having spoken, she goeth home full of virtuous content and the disease troubleth her no more until next time.

Behold! when night cometh and the husband of her neighbor draweth nigh unto his house his wife runneth forth to meet him, and sheddeth much tears on his shirt front and speaketh unto him saying: "Behold! a friend hath come hither and hath told me concerning Saphira, wife of Annanias, how she hath borne false witness against me, saying I am not a good wife, and feed thee not enough and do waste thy substance and gad about unseemly."

And her husband speaketh much strong words in a strange language, and he comforteth her and saith, "Am I not a strong man and are not our children robust and of good health and dost thou not look well to the ways of our house hold? Hold up thy head, therefore, and let the light of thy countenance shine on thy family, and think no more upon the words of thy neighbor who is afflicted with the disease called 'meddling.'"

And now mayhap the disease cometh upon the woman again and perchance she goeth to another neighbor and sayeth: "Art thou alone? And where is he who should be with thee and bear thee company?"

And the woman makes answer: "Behold my husband goeth to the lodge this night, for it is not good that a man be tied too much to the apron-strings of his wife, lest he become like unto a tame-cat, and I would have him to be a man among men."

And her neighbor maketh answer in mournful accents: "Alas! that it should be my duty to bring to thee sorrow. Yet I feel that I must tell to thee that thy husband, yea even the man thou dost love and trust, hath been twice, yea thrice, seen to smile at the maid servant who runneth the type-

writer at the office of thy husband. And behold I say to thee, trust him not, nor believe he is at the lodge. Saphira, the wife of Annanias, hath told me that she is fair of face and maketh goo-goo eyes at thy husband when he dictateth to her."

And having said, she departeth in peace and the woman sitteth up by the fire in her eye, nor needeth other light. And it cometh to pass that she heareth voices and they draw nigh unto her gate and one cryeth aloud, "Good night, old man. Glad they made you Grand Master. Good night! Good night. And she goeth to the door with sudden lightness of heart and falleth upon her husband's neck and sayeth to him, "Art cold and hungry? Come with me and we will make merry in the kitchen. Behold I was lonely and tarried up for thee. Hadst thou much pleasure? Glad of heart am I that thou wert made Grand Master, for verily thou art also grand master of my heart." And she sayeth to herself, "Behold tomorrow will I tell that old cat that she herself belongeth to the tribe of Annanias."

And the remedy for this strange disease which spreadeth apace, is this: One dose of that blessed herb called "Golden Rule" applied to the brain direct, every hour from sun-up to that time when the patient goeth to her bed, and a careful examination of the heart by the patient, each hour, with much prayer and earnest study of the meaning of the word called "Duty."

THE MUSIC FESTIVAL.

Notwithstanding the many applications for seats already made, positively none will be marked off the plan until next Monday morning, February 1, at 8 o'clock. Those in line will have first choice so everyone will have an equal chance. The seats in the auditorium will be numbered with small numbers, and a plan has been drawn and copies have been distributed about town showing the prices of the various sections.

The program will be printed in the form of a twenty-four page pamphlet, containing the words of the oratorios, and the full program of every concert.

The hundred numbers of the chorus are putting forth every effort on their part to learn well the great choruses of the oratorios and are attending rehearsals three and four times a week. Probably not less than 125 people are involved in the festival, and everyone is full of enthusiasm about it. For the next two weeks there will be little else thought or talked of.

ISAIAH E. COOPER'S SENTENCE COMMUTED

Tallahassee, Jan. 26.—The State board of pardons today adopted the following resolution: "Whereas, Isaiah E. Cooper was convicted in 1904 of murder and has been in the Arcadia jail under sentence of death for five years, and whereas, two former governors have declined to have death warrant executed, the pardon board decides that substantial justice will be meted out by commutation of sentence to imprisonment for life."

The sentence was commuted.

DELEON SPRINGS.

Mr. John T. Walker is spending a few weeks in Washington on business.

Messrs. Shroeder and Ridley went fishing Wednesday and made a lucky catch of about twenty-five beauties.

Mr. H. S. Compson tows the fishermen to the fishing grounds with his launch.

Mr. J. N. Cooper and W. R. Pratt went fishing Saturday and caught twenty pounds of the finny tribe.

Mr. Pursell's stage is all the go now. Seventeen is the number brought out from DeLand Saturday.

Mrs. Steffens, of Toronto, is registered at the DeSoto.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kelley, of Madison, S. D., have arrived and occupy the Pursell cottage on Upson avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunther have moved to Satsuma, where he is employed by the A. C. L. railroad.

The sale of the spring was all a fake. It seems that there was more gas than cash in the deal.

Messrs. Robb and Jackson are registered at the DeSoto House.

Mr. J. B. Conrad is having the spring dam repaired, and will open up the old runway, putting the old wheel in motion, which has been idle so long.

Duke Gordon will arrange to take parties from DeLeon to Daytona on Saturdays and Sundays, giving the tourist a chance to visit the beautiful city by the sea.

Late arrivals at the DeSoto House are: A. H. Farrar, Kinderhook, N. Y.; W. R. Pratt and wife, Chatham, N. Y.; Chas. Hay, Cohoes, N. Y.; Dr. S. I. North and wife, Clayton, N. M.; D. J. Beachboard and wife, Michigan; J. H. Beyden, Worcester, Mass.; J. E. Lawton, Worcester, Mass.; Miss A. M. Schooley, Toronto, Can.; T. G. Thomas, Wheeling, W. Va.; R. S. Irvin, Wheeling, W. Va.

Mrs. Shroeder, of White Plains, has arrived and she and Mr. Shroeder now occupy their pretty little cottage.

Song service as usual every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited.

NEGRO WOMAN MURDERED AT DAYTONA

The colored population of Daytona, living in that suburb called Midway, is beginning to think that the world is about to end for Midway, as was predicted by a little child several weeks ago. First came a disastrous fire, and on Monday afternoon a cold blooded murder. The victim was Anna Geiger, colored, who was a teacher in the kindergarten department of the Midway school, and was considered one of the better class of negroes.

Her slayer was Charles Warren, also colored, who has been employed at the Graham Thompson bicycle shop for about eight years. He was also placed with the "400" of Midway, and was considered a good negro, but it seems that he had too many irons in the fire after all. He is 21 years of age, and the girl was slightly younger.

Young Warren had been very attentive to the Geiger girl for

some time back, but she had refused to marry him, telling him to marry another girl whom he had wronged. Since that time both parties had been keeping company with other young people, but Warren had threatened the life of Anna if she would not marry him. About three o'clock Monday afternoon Warren was riding his wheel out Second avenue, when he met Anna on the bridge between Ridgewood avenue and Railroad street. He again asked the girl to marry him, and when she refused he shot her three times, the bullets passing through the victim's head and body.

After committing the crime Warren mounted his wheel and started towards Ormond. When going north, on Ridgewood avenue, in Kingston, at a point near the store of Mike Needan, for some unaccountable reason his coaster brake locked. Compelled to leave his wheel, Warren struck for the hammock land between Ridgewood and the railroad.

As soon as news of the tragedy reached Marshal John Myers he got into communication with the authorities at Ormond both by telegraph and telephone. One man was held there on suspicion, but later released. Chief Myers and former officer J. C. Butler, of Daytona Beach, pretty accurately located their man and a posse of men made up of R. L. Smith, Justice H. T. Titus, Marshal Gad Taylor, colored, of Midway, and about forty other men and boys, white and colored, started on the man hunt. Spreading around the place the men came together in a wedge. When almost in the middle of a small clearing Marshal Taylor found Warren peacefully stretched out on the ground with two full boxes of shells by his side. His weapon, which was a 38 Smith & Wesson, was loaded, but Warren made no attempt at resistance, saying that he had intended giving himself up anyway. Warren is said to have always carried a gun. The prisoner was brought back to the city in the R. L. Smith machine and put in the city prison.

Justice of the Peace H. T. Titus, ex-officio coroner, impanelled a jury of six in a hurry, and after a thorough examination of the dead

WOMAN'S CLUB.

Arbor Day should be of interest to DeLand women, as our trees are dear to the hearts of all. For the general meeting of the Woman's Club on Tuesday, February 2, at 3 o'clock, the civics department has prepared a program in relation to Arbor Day, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of members and guests to prove our interest in this important subject. The musical numbers will be especially attractive, as they will be given by a trio of pianos, violin and cornet, and by Mrs. Gethro, who has already charmed the members of the club and their friends with her delightful vocal solos.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors will be held on Monday, February 1, at 3:15, at the home of Mrs. Harkness.

The science and art department will meet with Mrs. Harkness on Friday, January 29, at 3 o'clock.

The music department will meet at the residence of Mrs. V. M. Voorhis on Friday, February 5, at 3 o'clock.

The literary department announces that the second of the series of story-telling hours will take place on Saturday, January 30, at 3 o'clock in the club room. All children from five to fourteen years of age are invited to attend. Miss Buttrick will tell the stories.

The Leesburg town council has voted to give a 30-year water and electric light franchise and allow \$2000 for 5 years to any company that will put in the plant. This ought to bring in a company sure, and no doubt it will.—*Eastis Lake Region.* This is correct. The council will not only give \$2000 for five years but \$2000 per year as long as the contract runs.—*burg Commercial.*

body made its finding, which v that the girl, Anna Geiger, had n her death by revolver shots at th hands of Charles Warren, as th evidence seemed to make plain.

Warren will be given a preliminary before Justice Titus tomorrow morning and bound over on the charge of murder in the first degree to await trial before the Circuit Court, evidently.—*Daily News.*

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