



WEEKLY TOPIC and SOCIETY ITEMS of the CITY AND STATE UNIONS

Topic for February 13, 1920.

"PRAYER."

(Extract from Writings of Henry Ward Beecher.)

One may perceive at a glance how exceedingly wide is the scope of prayer. It will begin with a supplication for our temporal wants. These are first felt, and felt longest; and by the greatest number of a world felt chiefly. Next higher will come petitions for relief from trouble, for remedy, for shelter in danger. In this, too, the soul may exercise its own liberty; there are no metes and bounds. Then, next, prayer is drawn forth by heart-sorrow. A wounded spirit, a bruised heart, naturally turns to confidence and soothing toward God. Its prayer may be supplication for help, or it may be only recitation for the sake of peace. Next, and far higher, prayer becomes the resources of heart exercised for its own religious growth. It is the cry for help against temptation. It is the voice of confession. It is a recital of sins committed as a plaint of sorrow for them. It is the soul's liberty to go to its Father with all its growing pains, its labors and trials in spiritual things. Prayer, also, to one who lives in the daily service of God, often takes the form of simple communion, the spreading out of our life to one who is worthy, whom

we love and trust, not for the sake of any special advice, nor for the sake of special help, but for the heart rest which there is in the thing itself.

There are times, too, of great joys and gratitudes—times in which nothing is so congenial as to express the soul's thoughts of gladness, its spiritual gaiety.

There is a privilege of sympathy with God which shall bring us hours of most serene delight. It is the privilege of God's people to come into such spiritual relationship with Him that they shall have meditations, almost visions, of the Divine goodness and glory, which will take away from them all thought of self-worth or demerit, or joy or sorrow, of thrift or adversity; and will fill them with overpowering gladness for the greatness and the glory of God!

There are yet other modes of prayer; but who shall frame words to express what that communion is which the soul holds when, in the fullness of its own feeling, it overflows with praises?

Some persons are often troubled respecting familiarity and irreverence in prayer. But it should be remembered by such that the confidence of love is not irreverence. God permits his people to read with Him, and to pour out their confidence freely. The exhortation

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Members of the Epworth Leagues of Richardson Park, Newport, New Castle and Wilmington attended the first of a series of "winter institutes" at Epworth M. E. Church last night. The affair was in the nature of a reception and get-together of the members of the various leagues.

The institutes will be held every Thursday evening. Last night's program opened with Bible study and songs. Short addresses were heard on "Methodism, Junior League, Missions and Church History." The Rev. W. G. Harris, dean of the institute, addressed the gathering.

ALL LICENSES BUT THE RIGHT ONE.

AKRON, Feb. 13.—"When can I call and get my whisky?" the voice of a maid asked A. C. Baehrel, county clerk, by telephone. "I ain't—I haven't got—that is, there isn't any!" spluttered Baehrel. "But I have a prescription and the fu," said the voice. Baehrel came to. "I issue hunting licenses and fishing licenses good at any pastor's, but I'm not a bartender. Goo' by!"

PROPS IS PROPS IN THE PROPERTY ROOM.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—"Props is props," thinks a police judge here. But props to be props should be in a property room and not a bedroom. Roy Burness, Broadway Theatre property man, was fined \$25 under the anti-gun law after he had explained that the revolver found in his room was theatre equipment.

is explicit, "Let us come boldly to the throne of grace."

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CORSET FOR EVERY GOWN—AND AT \$25

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—A corset for morning wear, another for afternoon, and still another for evening. This, according to Mrs. M. L. Thompson, in charge of a corset selling school in the McAlpin Hotel, is the new order being carried out by American women, and as a result three times as many corsets are being purchased in the stores today as were being purchased five years ago.

The wasp waist, decried by Parisian outfitters recently she said, was not to the taste of the American woman, she being too active and athletic to "tie herself up" with any such bit of apparel.

"American women," she said yesterday, "are using a different type of corset for every part of the day, and unlike the olden days, are discarding the slightly worn ones for new ones. Neither will they use the tight, highly laced corsets of other days. Everything must be pliable and must admit of horse-back riding, golf, coasting and motor-ing without any hindrance. The American woman has put an end to the corsets like our grandmothers wore."

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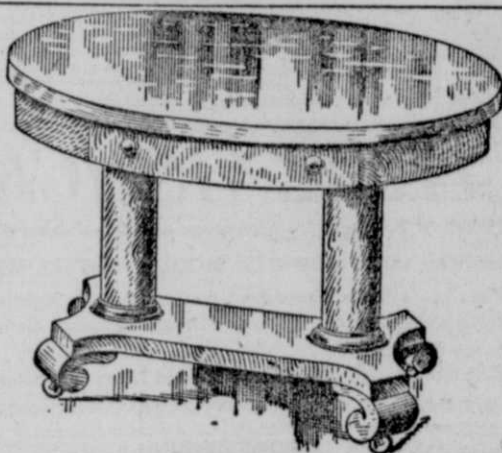
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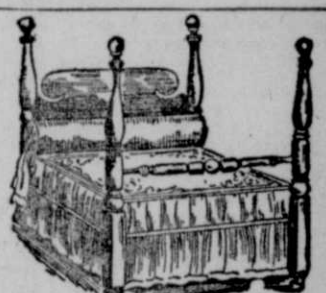


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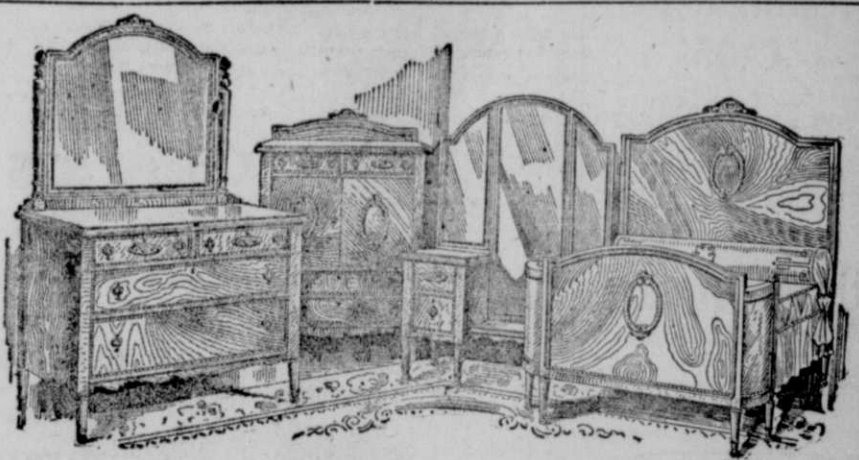
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