









**Weekly Sunday School Lesson**

Text: Matt. 25:1-13

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for May 25. Christian Preparedness, Matt. 25:1-13.

By WM. E. GILROY, D. D., Editor of The Congregationalist "Preparedness" is a subject of which we have heard a great deal in recent years and concerning which there has been very much difference of opinion.

In relation to the safety of the state and the maintenance of military strength as a means of safety, there has been wide difference of opinion. There are those who share



Napoleon's cynical idea that "God is on the side of the great battalions"—an idea that brought ultimate disaster in Napoleon's career and that for the most part has brought disaster to every people in history who have trusted to the sword. There are those who believe that preparedness in the state and society is rooted deeper in the promotion of friendship and in the development of those sound ideals and virtues without which there cannot be a great and true society.

Here in our lesson, however, we are reminded that preparedness has a personal and spiritual significance. There is a sense in which there is a sound philosophy of preparedness without reference to the thing for which one is to be prepared. There is in life a general slackness and in efficiency that would be fatal to any enterprise and that is essentially the denial of strength of character, quite independently of the ends to which character may be directed. There is a moral discipline of life upon which all success in any achievement depends, and without preparedness there is no guaranty that one can meet situations of difficulty as they arise.

As with most of his teaching, Jesus enforced this matter not by theory but by a very effective illustration, an illustration that has become ingrained in literature and in our thought—the wise and foolish virgins going forth to meet the bridegroom facing this great occasion so differently where one might have supposed that the occasion itself would have ensured the fullest preparation.

It is easy to emphasize the foolishness of the foolish virgins, to wonder how they could have perpetrated anything so ridiculous, and yet the man or woman who has been stranded some distance from a filling station in these automobile days cannot scoff at the foolish virgins.

Perhaps we should discover exactly the sort of teaching that Jesus meant to emphasize if we realize that the illustration that he used applied to his own day just as the illustration of an automobilist who had passed many filling stations, only to run out of oil in a crisis, might illustrate the matter today. Preparation is a matter of forethought and calculation. If it involved no thought, there would be nothing special to prepare for.

It is almost impossible to discuss a lesson like this without dealing almost entirely in platitudes and commonplaces, yet these platitudes

and commonplaces relate to the most important and ordinary circumstances of life. Loss and even tragedy are constantly associated not so much with evil intention as with sheer slackness and failure to do things at the proper time and in the proper way.

Nothing is clearer than the fact that the foolish virgins meant no disrespect to the wedding occasion. No one was more surprised than themselves at their lack of oil in their lamps, and they took the easy way out of trying to share with the wise and well prepared virgins.

**A Drawback to Others**  
Unpreparedness has a way of leaning on, and to that extent penalizing, those who are efficient and prepared. The world is full of those who not only neglect their own duty, but hamper and limit others in the fulfillment of their task. Our weaknesses help to destroy the strength of others.

The hopeless discomfiture of the foolish virgins illustrates the irrevocable nature of human deletion. There are things that, left undone at the proper time, can never be done. One need not read into this story any denial of God's prerogative of mercy, here or hereafter, but the plain fact is emphasized that even repentance can never restore a situation that once lost is irrevocably lost. The soul may survive and recover, but it can never fully recover what was the soul's full privilege.

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For County Sheriff: A. C. FRANCIS (Re-election), ULYSSES S. HUNTSMAN, W. T. BLAKEWAY

For County Commissioner: Precinct No. 1: S. R. PRESTON, H. G. BEDFORD, J. ARTHUR JOHNSON; Precinct No. 2: L. M. ESTES, B. T. GRAHAM; Precinct No. 3: D. L. HUTT

For Congress, 16th Congressional District: E. E. (PAT) MURPHY, San Angelo; R. E. THOMASON, El Paso.

For County Attorney: T. D. KIMBROUGH (Re-election)

For County Treasurer: MARY L. QUINN (Re-election), J. V. GOWL

For Tax Assessor: NEAL D. STATON (Re-election)

For District Attorney: SAM K. WASAFT, W. R. SMITH (Re-election)

For County Surveyor: ROBERT E. ESTES (Re-election), R. T. BUCY

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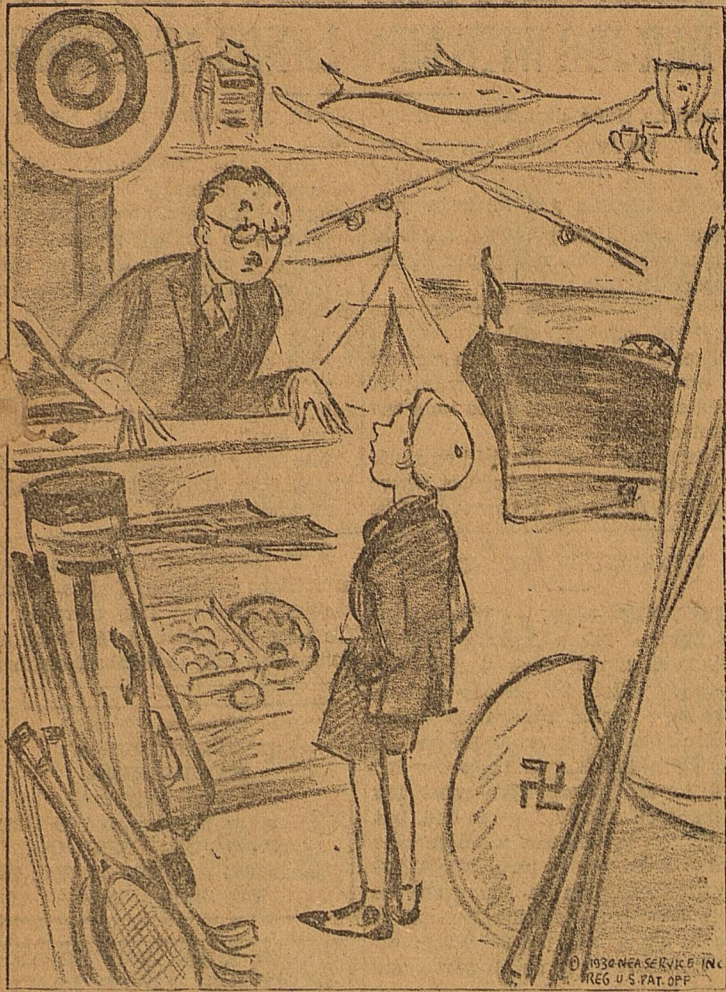
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"IF I HADN'T LET ON THAT I KNEW YOU"? WHY, YOU BIG CLOWN, YOU ACT AS THOUGH I DON'T KNOW YOU

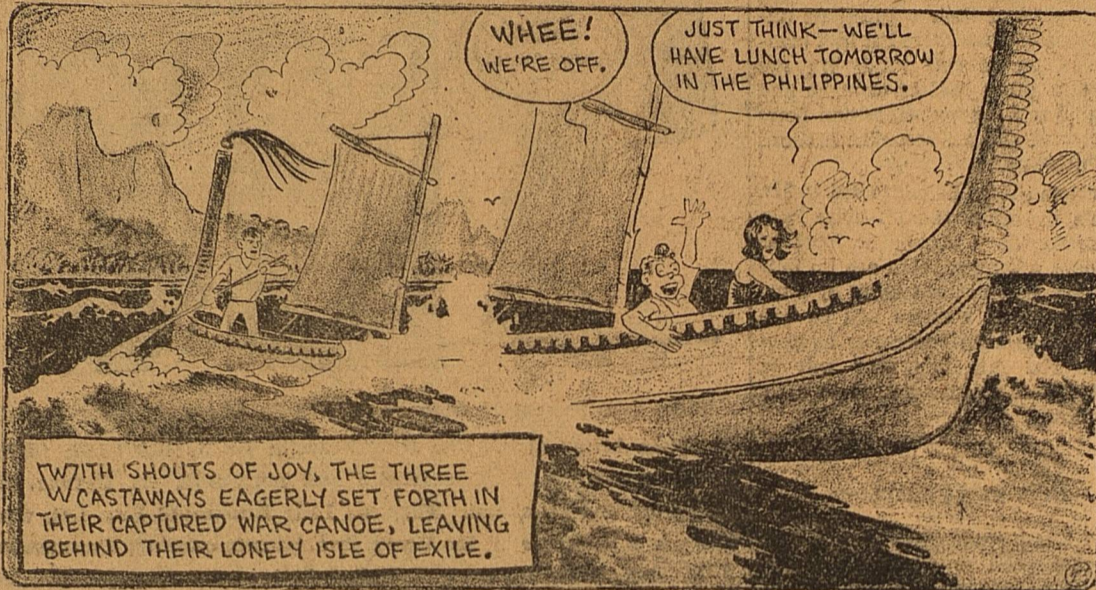
HE'S STILL UP THERE, ALL RIGHT, CHIEF... HE SAID, IF YOU WANT HIM, TO COME AND GET HIM! YOU CAN HAVE THE JOB... BUT, COUNT ME OUT

SURRENDER? NEVER... TO A COPPER !!

WASH TUBBS

Without Compass to Guide Them

By Crane



WITH SHOUTS OF JOY, THE THREE W/CASTAWAYS EAGERLY SET FORTH IN THEIR CAPTURED WAR CANOE, LEAVING BEHIND THEIR LONELY ISLE OF EXILE.

A LIGHT SOUTHERLY BREEZE SENDS THEM SKIMMING THRU THE WATER. ALL GOES WELL UNTIL NEAR MIDNIGHT WHEN CLOUDS BEGIN TO FILL THE SKY.

GEE WIZ! WE'RE IN A HECK OF A FIX. THERES NOTHIN' LEFT TO STEER BY. CAN STEER BY THE WIND, PODNER. RECKON WE'RE O.K. AS LONG AS IT STAYS FROM THE SOUTH. YES, IT SELDOM VARIES AT THIS SEASON. OH, IM SURE WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

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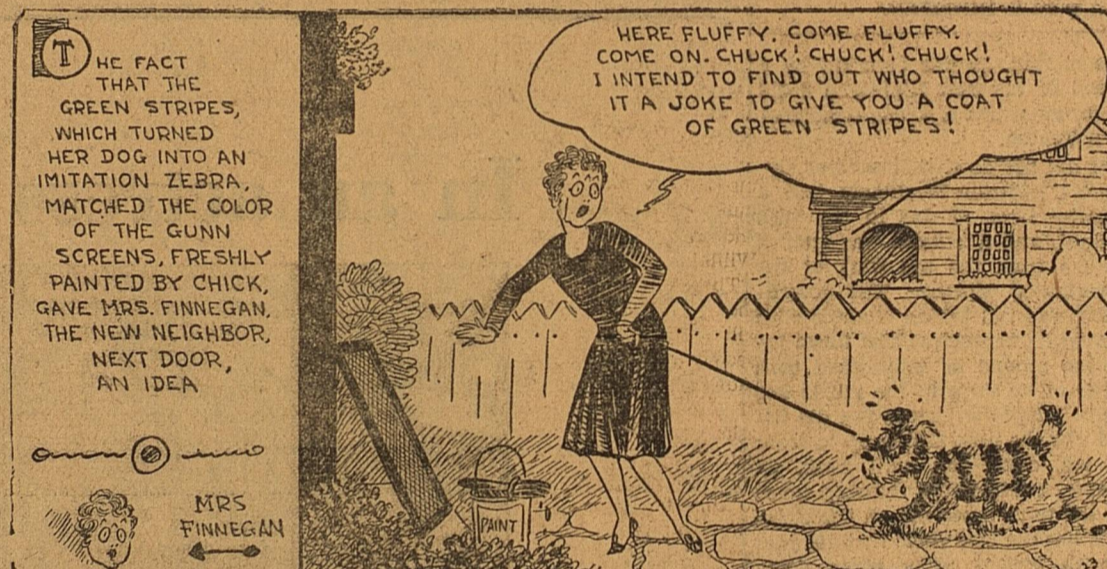
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MOM'N POP

Mrs. Finnegan Calls

By Cowan



THE FACT THAT THE GREEN STRIPES, WHICH TURNED HER DOG INTO AN IMITATION ZEBRA, MATCHED THE COLOR OF THE GUNN SCREENS, FRESHLY PAINTED BY CHICK, GAVE MRS. FINNEGAN, THE NEW NEIGHBOR, NEXT DOOR, AN IDEA

HERE FLUFFY, COME FLUFFY, COME ON, CHUCK! CHUCK! CHUCK! I INTEND TO FIND OUT WHO THOUGHT IT A JOKE TO GIVE YOU A COAT OF GREEN STRIPES!

OO, GEE! THERE'S MRS. FINNEGAN, WITH THEIR DOG AT OUR BACK DOOR!! I BET SHE SAW CHICK PAINTIN' THE SCREENS. I GUESS THIS MAKES ME EVEN WITH HIM FOR SOUSIN' WATER ON ME

CHICK, GO SEE WHO THAT IS AT THE KITCHEN DOOR. KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK! OOIE, WATCH TO MORROW

SALESMAN SAM

It Burns Him Up!

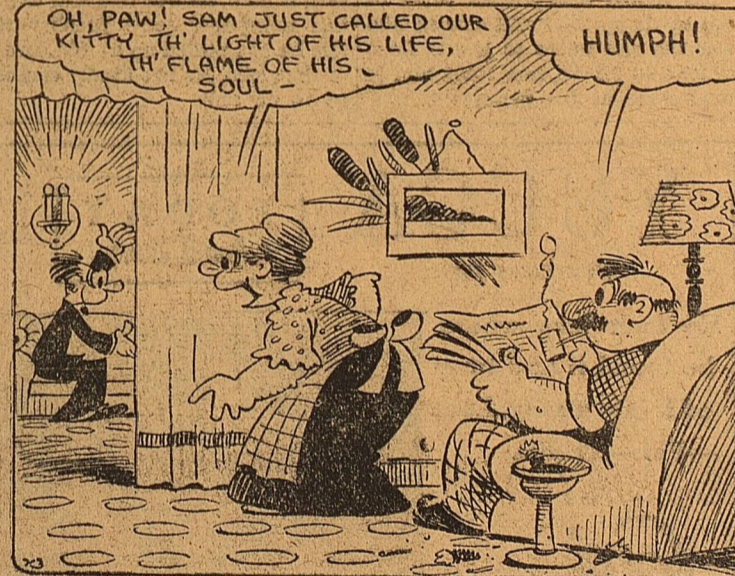
By Small



I WON'T SAY GOODNIGHT NOW, KITTY—I'LL LEAVE THAT FOR LATER ON!



TELL KITTY I'M HERE, MRS. KEYS—I SURELY WILL, SAM!



OH, PAW! SAM JUST CALLED OUR KITTY TH' FLAME OF HIS LIFE, TH' FLAME OF HIS SOUL—

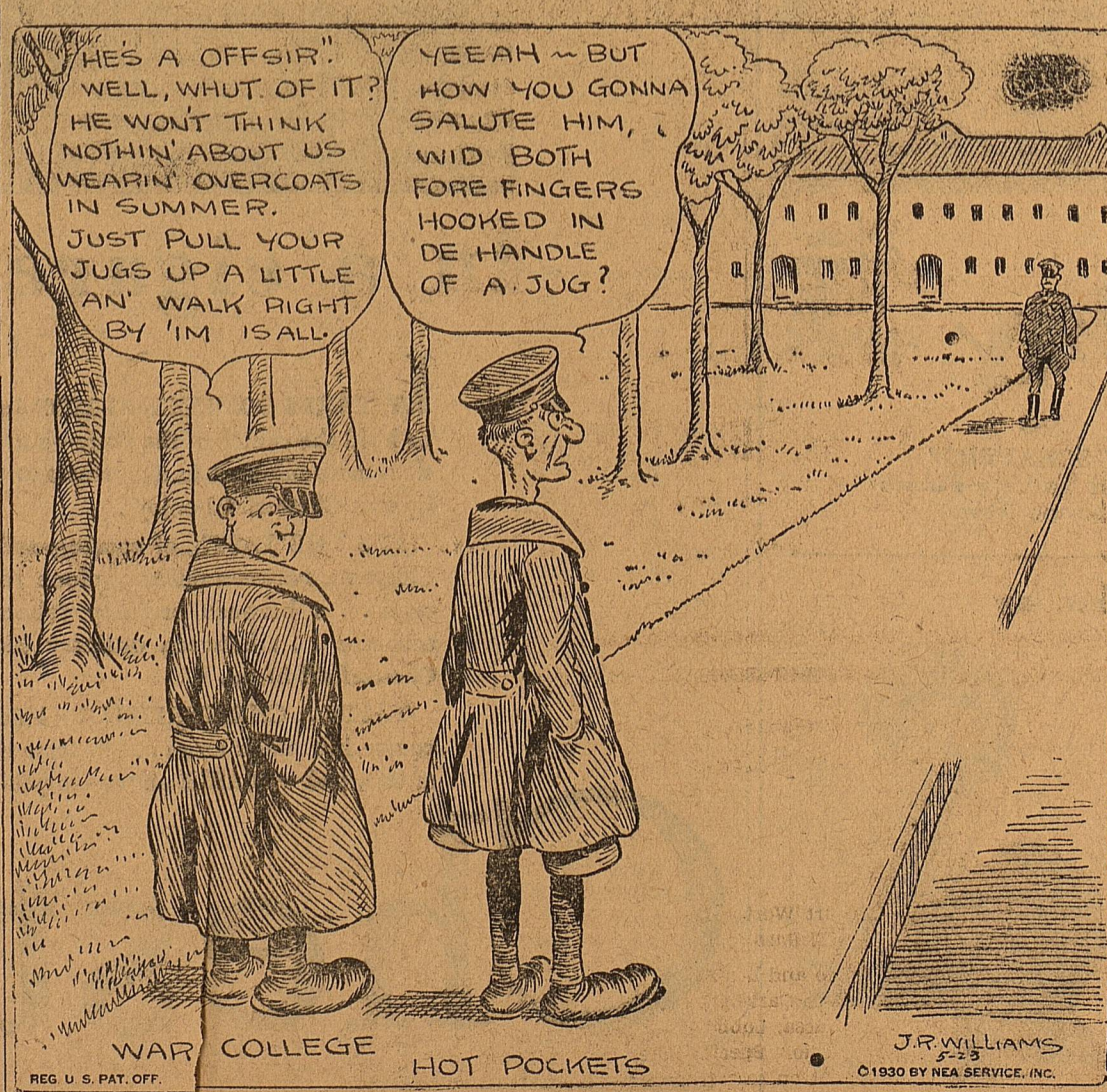


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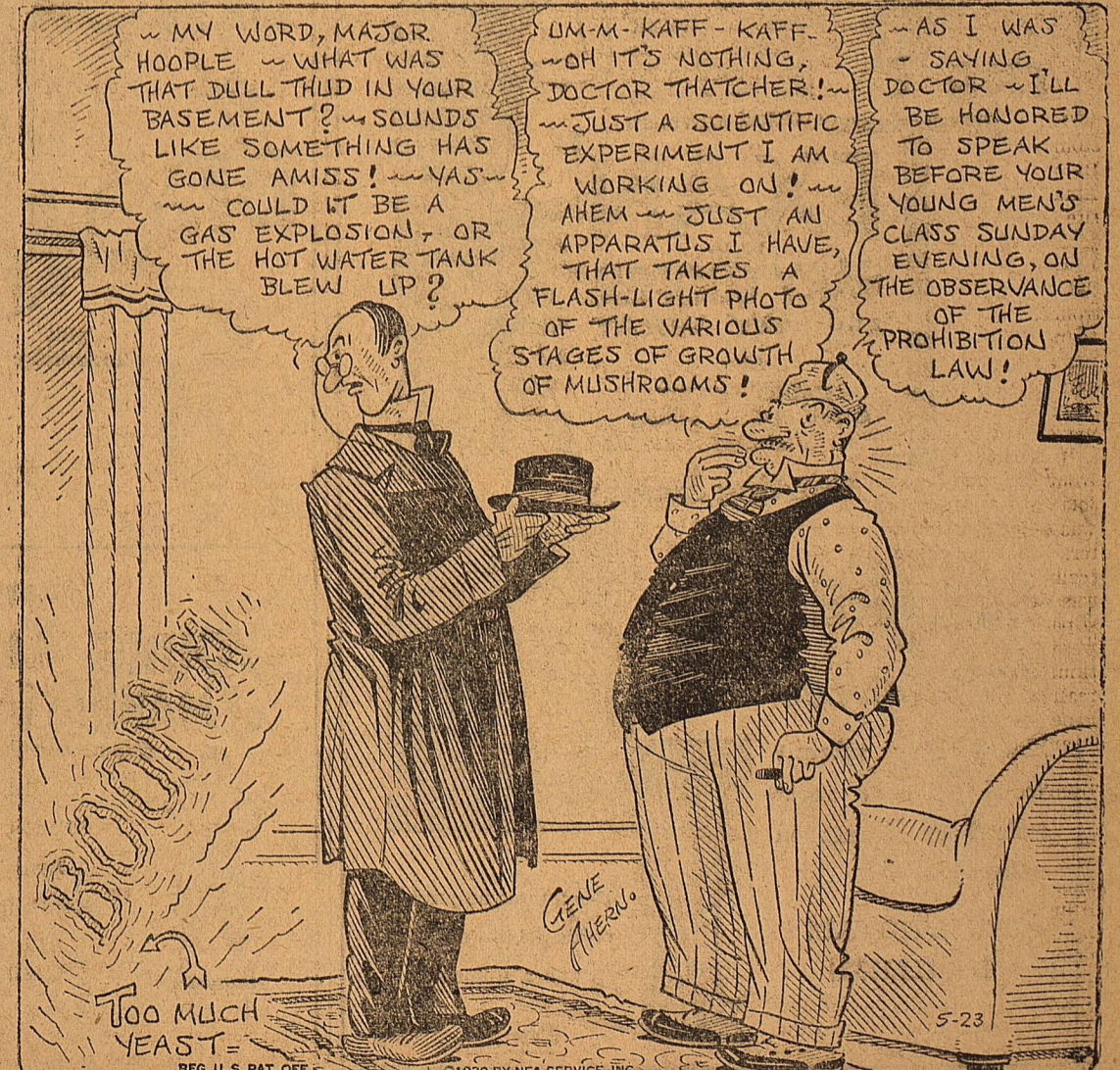
By Williams OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By Ahern



HE'S A OFFSIR! WELL, WHUT OF IT? HE WONT THINK NOthin' ABOUT US WEARIN' OVERCOATS IN SUMMER. JUST PULL YOUR JUGS UP A LITTLE AN' WALK RIGHT BY 'IM IS ALL

YEEAH—BUT HOW YOU GONNA SALUTE HIM, WID BOTH FORE FINGERS HOOKED IN DE HANDLE OF A JUG?



MY WORD, MAJOR HOOPLE—WHAT WAS THAT DULL THUD IN YOUR BASEMENT? SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING HAS GONE AMISS!—YAS—COULD IT BE A GAS EXPLOSION—OR THE HOT WATER TANK BLEW UP?

UM-M-KAFF-KAFF—OH IT'S NOTHING, DOCTOR THATCHER!—JUST A SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT I AM WORKING ON!—AHEM—JUST AN APPARATUS I HAVE, THAT TAKES A FLASH-LIGHT PHOTO OF THE VARIOUS STAGES OF GROWTH OF MUSHROOMS!

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