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Dr. F. K. Turney Reported Seriously Injured In Mishap

Dr. F. K. Turney, formally of Robert Lee, who recently moved to San Angelo suffered a possible concussion and a deep cut in his back in a two car collision on the intersection of the Alpine and El Paso highways at the western edge of Fort Stockton Monday.

Dr. Turney's machine collided with that operated by Walter Garrett of Fort Stockton, who only sustained minor injuries.

A Massie Ambulance with Mrs. Turney and a local physician left soon after word was received to bring Dr. Turney to a San Angelo hospital.

Houston Gann returned home Saturday from the hospital at Temple after being there several days for treatment.

Miss Naomi Maddux and Miss Claudia Carter, of San Angelo visited Miss Naoma Brown Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kinsey of Fort Stockton have moved to Robert Lee. Mr. Kinsey has bought the Magnolia Service station stock of merchandise and will operate same.

Carl Reed, Sleepy Bailey and two girl friends, narrowly escaped going over into the Colorado River when their car struck the banister on the south side of bridge, swerving and striking again at main girder and again about half way across. Car was badly damaged but all occupants escaped injury.

There is no comparison with Ratliff's Western Gold Coffee.

Baptist Notes

The South Zone of the Runnels B. T. U. met with the First Baptist Robert Lee, Sunday Dec. 8th. There were 31 from the host church present and several from Bronte, Paint Rock, and Ballinger. The program was very inspiring.

The Lord said "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together" Meet me at the First Baptist, Sunday.

Dr. T. C. Gardner State Training Secretary, will be at Bronte Dec. 15th and will speak at the 11 o'clock hour. Every one is invited.

The W. M. S. met Monday afternoon in their Personal Service program, and completed plans for the meeting next Monday Dec. 16.

Mrs. Gramling will have charge of the Bible study and then the meeting will be turned over to the social committee Mrs. J. C. Snead and Mrs. Victor Wojtek.

As we go to press a slow rain falling with predictions of the weather turning colder

GRAVES OPENED

While moving some soil and gravel, Lee Roberts unearthed two skeletons of human beings, in a sitting posture. Might have been Indians, or does any one recall the disappearance of two persons. There was not any record found that might indicate who they were or when they were buried.

Renewals for Observer

F. K. Shropshire, R. E. Jay, G. E. Davis, F. C. Wojtek, J. F. McCabe, and Claud Parker.

FOR SALE

125 Ewes mixed, also 45 lambs.

Dr. J. K. Griffith

NOTICE

We are in the MARKET For TURKEYS, Poultry and HIDES H. S. LEWIS

See Xmas gifts at Cumble's before you buy.

EL VALLE GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. J. C. Snead Jr. was hostess to the Garden Club in her home Dec. 4th. Mrs. D. P. Walling gave an interesting and helpful talk on Christmas Decorations. New ideas for trimming the tree and gift wrapping. Mrs. H. L. Scott gave a demonstration on Holiday tables using fruit, berries and candies.

Plans were discussed for the Xmas tree to be sponsored by the Garden and Lions Club.

Pay your water bill by 10th of each month or have your service discontinued. City Commission.

Texan Named



R. K. Shirley, a native Texan, who began as a clerk with the Freeport Sulphur Company in 1922 and worked his way up, has been elected vice-president and treasurer, Langbourne M. Williams, Jr., president, announced. Born in Gainesville, Texas, Mr. Shirley attended the schools of Grand Saline and Tyler, and studied accounting in night school. He was 23 when he started work with the sulphur company in Freeport, Texas. His wife is the former Seyrine Carpenter of Grand Saline. They have three children.

METHODIST NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson entertained the steward and their wives last Thursday night with a business-social meeting. The home was resplendent in Yuletide decorations.

After a short business session, Mrs. Simpson led the group in several amusing games. The first was Brain teasers and several of us deserved a booby prize, for being so unfamiliar with our geography, another which caused much hilarity was "cat and dog". Mrs. Simpson served a delectable refreshment plate consisting of salad, wafers, cake and coffee.

Ruth Ann Taylor led the Int. League program Sunday afternoon. After the program Mrs. Hester entertained the group at the parsonage with an old fashioned canoy pulling. 12 present.

12 members of the W. S. C. S. met Monday afternoon to make plans for their annual Christmas program. It will be held this year in the church basement Dec. 16. Also to hear Mrs. McNeil Wylie give the last lesson in the Mission Study Course. The course was exceptionally fine and the society gave Mrs. Wylie a rising vote of thanks for her presentation of the course.

Worker's Meeting Bronte

Those that attended the Associational Workers Meeting at Bronte Tuesday were: Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fikes, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cumble, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young, Mmes. P. P. Fitzhugh, G. C. Allen, O. M. Ratliff, Bob Roberts, J. N. Adams, J. C. Snead and Jhnnie Beth, Misses Ollie Green and Naomi Brown.

C. C. C. NEWS

Plans of the Civilian Conservation Corps for providing financial stakes for CCC boys to tide them over until they find jobs upon completion of enrollment, were explained Tuesday by C. J. Sweeney, Director of CCC Selection for Texas.

Beginning January 1, Mr. Sweeney said, both new enrollees and those now in the Corps will have \$7 set aside for them each month to be paid in a lump sum upon discharge.

The \$50 monthly allowance, now received by the CCC enrollee will be distributed after January 1 as follows: \$8 in cash \$7 placed on deposit for him, and \$15 to his family. Heretofore, his family received \$22 a month.

Mr. Sweeney said "Many CCC boys who had worked sometimes as much as two years, left the camps broke. Every youth now will leave the Corps with a little financial stake of his own. He can buy himself some decent clothes, eat regular meals, and feel self-reliant while he is looking for a good job."

Mr. Sweeney spoke over the Texas State Network in an interview arranged by Frank White, Acting State Director for the Office of Government Reports.

Civic Improvement

Ariel Club

Mrs. D. P. Walling was hostess to the Ariel Club Tuesday Dec. 3 in her ranch home.

Autumn leaves decorated the living room, and chrysanthemums and autumn leaves formed the centerpiece for the dining table.

The luncheon menu carried out the theme of the program.

Mrs. A. F. Landers, president presided at a short business session. Mrs. Marvin Simpson was in charge of the program.

Mrs. S. E. Adams, told of Paraguay in brief. Mrs. Simpson described the native food and told of adventures in taste. Mrs. W. C. McDonald told about courtship and wedding costumes of Paraguay.

Luncheon was served to those mentioned and Mmes. Geo. L. Taylor, Fred McDonald Jr. G. C. Allen, T. M. Wylie Jr. Frank Smith, and Mrs. Fred Roe and Mrs. Houston Smith guests.

See the Observer for a scholarship in a Business College.

If you really want something to eat Ratliff's is the place.

R. H. Reeves was in Robert Lee Thursday

Gifts for all the family from baby to grandad. We wrap them free Cumble's

Watch Our Town Shine

The Mayor pro tem, has made considerable change in the appearance of our streets by having the grader to go over practically every street in town, and it sure has made a difference. People out of town notice the change. As citizens we can carry this still further, take advantage of the good work, and if there is some place near your property that needs a little additional work give some one a job or possibly do it yourself. Let's make our town shine as best we can, our streets lighted for Christmas and 1940 coming to a climax, a new year approaching and a resolve to make 1941 the best yet.

Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Millican had their Christmas dinner Sunday Dec. 8th. Visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Ranken Russell of Maryneal, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Smith and son Danny, of Brownwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Millican of San Angelo.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ariel Club are honoring the lady school teachers and wives of the men teachers, in a Christmas Tea, with decorations to fit the occasion, at Mrs. A. F. Landers Friday 13th at 6 p. m. Presenting Mrs. Marvin Simpson in a book review "Escape" by Ethel Vance.

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Ronald Coleman—Ginger Rogers IN

"Lucky Partners"

Disney Comedy

Is There a Santa Claus?

Here Are Two Answers to That Important Question:



COURSE THERE IS!
(And who could doubt those trusting eyes?)



NO THERE AIN'T!
(And who would argue against that determined jaw?)

'Goody Tree' Will Brighten Your Home At Christmas—And It's Easy to Make

INSTEAD of pulling out that old box of glass ornaments to decorate your Christmas tree, why not make it a "Goody Tree" this winter? It looks nice, it's lots of fun to make, and it's still more fun to eat the ornaments when Christmas is over.

Popcorn balls, cookie Santa Clauses, surprise nuts, candy canes and a dozen other delicacies can hang from the tree on Christmas morning. Instead of just looking at the pretty tree standing in the corner, you can reach out and eat some of the nice things that hang from its branches.

A Goody Tree doesn't cost very much because the few materials needed are later eaten anyway. No real work is required to make the goodies; parents and children can have a lot of fun working together to make their tree pretty.

Popcorn Strings.

Popcorn strings always look pretty on the tree. They're easy to make, too. Paint some popcorn with vegetable coloring. Then thread it on a piece of string, keeping a regular combination of colors, such as one red and one white, or one red and two white.

Popcorn balls can be fixed next. Boil two cups of sugar with syrup and pour over freshly buttered popcorn. Mix well and allow to cool slightly. Butter your hands thoroughly, then shape into balls. When the balls are shaped, push a string into them before you put them aside to dry. This will make them easier to hang.

Surprise nuts always make a hit with the children—and grown-ups, too. Scoop the nutmeats out of a couple dozen walnuts, being careful not to crack or break the shells. Into each two pieces of empty shell, place a little gift, such as a shiny

new penny, a piece of candy, a little trinket, or even a dime. Place a piece of knotted string between the two halves before gluing them together. When the glue is dry, paint the shells bright colors. Before long, no one will remember what is inside any one of them.

Buy some nice, solid red apples and a few good looking oranges. Shine the apples until they glisten, then stack them in the shape of a pyramid at the base of the tree. Be careful to arrange the oranges and apples in some regular order or design.

Christmas Cookies.

When you bake Christmas cookies, put as much color into the figures as possible. Break some hard candy and put in little pieces for eyes, or make a few buttons down the front of the shirt. Push a piece of string through each cookie so it can be hung on the tree.

Lollypops may easily be made attractive. Simply tie some fancy bows made out of cellophane or colored paper around the stems. Candy canes always dress up a tree, and can be purchased almost anywhere.

If you have some tinfoil, use it to make a few small cornucopias. Shape it into the form of a cone and push a piece of string through one side. Fill the cone with little candies and it is ready to hang on the tree.

Many more things can be made for the tree. Use any ideas you might have—it will make the tree more your own.

The goodies are hung on the tree the same as regular ornaments. It is advisable, however, to place them so that small children can get at some candies without danger of pulling down the tree.

When it is all finished, the Goody Tree will probably give you the most fun out of Christmas you've had in years.

Illuminated Christmas Tree on Front Lawn Will Give Extra Beauty to Your Home

AN ILLUMINATED tree in front of a house always makes it look more "homey" on Christmas eve. It need not necessarily be a pine or fir tree—it may be any evergreen standing apart or in shrubbery hugging the house.

The lighted tree or shrub not only makes the home look more beautiful, but also serves as a definite contribution to the community Christmas spirit.

There is, of course, a right and a wrong way to do this, as there is in doing everything else. The ordinary indoor Christmas tree lighting sets are not apt to prove very satisfactory, although often they serve the purpose. But much more often their exposure to the elements spells their doom. For one thing the lamps are quite small, and also because the cord or wire is not properly protected by rubber or other safety insulation that will aid it in withstanding the uncertain weather of Christmas week.

In buying such an illuminating set it is, therefore, necessary to tell the electrician from whom you are purchasing it for what purpose it is intended, and ask him to suggest the best way to connect it.

If it is to be plugged in on your house lighting circuit, make certain that the total wattage of the set does not exceed the full capacity of the cir-



cuit. Particularly if that is a circuit frequently used for heating, cooking appliances, operating a piano or a phonograph or serving a charger for the radio. Otherwise, it may cause you considerable annoyance blowing fuses.

It will not be necessary to place any ornaments upon the tree, although a very few might improve the appearance. It is advisable not to place too many lights upon the tree. If they are close together, the real beauty of the tree may be lost.

"... and the greatest of these is charity"



Say, Joe, is there really a Santa Claus?

I don't know, Mary. But you'll remember he didn't stop here last year.



Maybe that's Santa knocking at the door now! You answer it, Joe.



Thanks Mr. Goodfellow! Now we KNOW there's a Santa Claus!

HAPPILY enough, each year finds the Goodfellow's Club grown much larger. There is no finer expression of the Christmas spirit than charitable activities, either through group or individual effort. It is the Goodfellow who fits perfectly into the Christmas picture. The Goodfellow—be he man or woman—is keenly cognizant of the fact that all over this broad land, in city, town and hamlet, and on the farm, millions of children of the poor are forced to wonder if Santa Claus will come to them.

Be a Goodfellow this Christmas season! Help some needy family and experience that added richness of spirit which only comes from free giving.

Virtue in Toys



Here listed are virtues of a good toy as described by experts in kindergarten training at the National College of Education at Evanston, Ill.:

The successful plaything is durable. Flimsy toys make children careless and destructive.

It stimulates its owner's imagination and encourages him to dramatic play.

Although it is not bunglesome or awkward, the well-designed toy is large and simple enough not to cause eye and muscle strain.

It is easy to keep clean.

It is safe. It does not have splintery edges or rims of sharp tin.

Up to the minute play materials are not static, nor do they merely provide entertainment.

Every child has two types of toys—those which stimulate individual play and those which encourage him to group activity.

IT IS A JOYFUL WORLD



Ease and Work
Willie—What is the difference between capital and labor, Dad?
Dad—Well, son, the money you lend represents capital—and getting it back represents labor.

Running into debt isn't half as awkward as running into your creditors.

Willing to End It
"Can you lend me \$5?"
"I'd rather not. Lending money always breaks up a friendship."
"Well, we've never been very good friends, have we?"

LANDED HIM



Maud—If you look in tomorrow's papers, dear, you'll see the announcement of my engagement to Claude.

Phyllis—Oh, the angling papers, I suppose, darling?

That Settles It

Teacher—Johnny, give three proofs that the earth is round.
Johnny—Yes'm. The books say so, you say so, and Ma says so.

The honeymoon is over when the wonderful look in her eyes turns to a look of wonder.

Some Difference

"I feel like a two-year-old."
"Horse or egg?"

As He Sometimes Does

"Your wife is a brilliant talker. I could listen to her all night."
"You should have to."

Final Words
Boogy—Can you mention any famous last words?
Woogy—The bridegroom's "I do."

Enough for Him
Judge—You know, the law presumes you to be innocent.

Cuprit—Then why all these elaborate preparations to convict me?

Double That
"Men are all alike."
"Yes, men are all I like, too."

INDIGESTION

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Knowing Adversity
I account it a part of unhappiness not to know adversity. I judge you to be miserable because you have not been miserable. There is no one more unhappy than he who never felt adversity.

COLDS

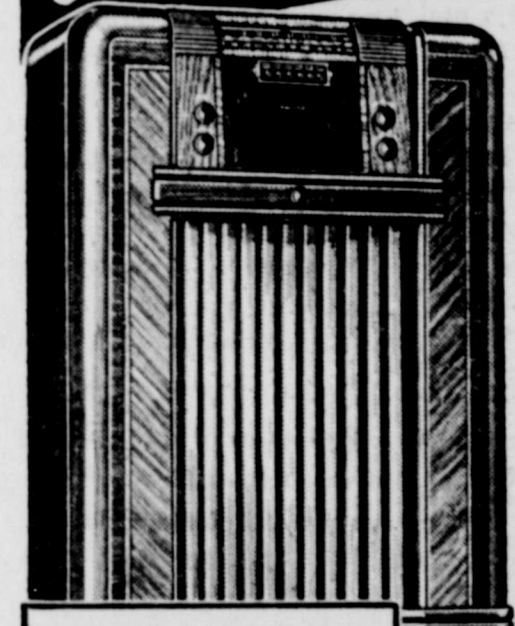
... such as tough coughs, chest tightness. Rub with Penetro—pleasing, quick disappearing, mutton-suet base. Extra medication. Rub tonight to help you get extra benefits of rest, one of Nature's greatest colds fighters. 10c, 25c sizes.

PENETRO

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THE STORY THUS FAR

Virgie Morgan, widow, and owner of the Morgan paper mill in the Carolina mountain district, turns down a marriage proposal from Wallace Withers. He leaves in a rage. Branford Wills, a young stranger, who has been lost in the mountains for three days, finds his way to the Morgan home. He is fed and allowed to remain overnight. He identifies himself as a government employee, working with surveyors in the district. Wills develops pneumonia and is forced to remain in the household. Marian, Virgie's daughter, dislikes Wills. Trouble is developing as Withers meets Stanley Daniels, the mill's chemist. Virgie learns someone is attempting to obtain title to timber lands owned by Tom Pruitt, life-long friend of her deceased husband and part owner of the mill. She advises Tom to clear up title to his property. A love affair is developing between Daniels and Lucy Fields, Virgie's secretary. Withers attempts to bargain with Daniels to have him help in getting possession of the Morgan mill. Daniels refuses. Wills improves, and discovers he is in love with Marian. She is developing similar symptoms. Both keep it secret. Virgie offers Wills a job at the mill. Tom learns timber interests have sent men to look over his land. He takes a rifle and traps into the woods.

CHAPTER VI—Continued

"You've such a grand voice—and you're tall," Sally Gallup continued to effervesce. "You'd make a wonderful actor, Mr. Daniels."

Marian Morgan said nothing. "She wants Bry Hutton for the lead," Lucy was thinking, "and the others will be against it for fear Bry will be drunk at the last minute and spoil the show."

"We have to organize first," Marian announced, "and appoint committees. We'll have to write and find out about plays. We can't pay any big royalty. If we charge even so much as fifty cents people will grumble and go to the movies instead. Lucy, you can write and find out about the plays. You're writing letters every day. I'll speak to mother about it."

"Oh, yes," Lucy hated her own faint acquiescence, "I can do that." They all left the hall in a group and Lucy had a moment of panic for fear Stanley Daniels might leave her to walk home with some of the others. But he kept his hand on her elbow and her spirits rose. The three blocks home were too pitifully short.

At the door she grew nervous again, hated her stammering uncertainty.

"Won't you come in?" she faltered. "I'm hungry, aren't you? This air is so chilly—"

Stanley Daniels hesitated briefly. His ego had been given a satisfying lift at the meeting by Sally Gallup's fulsome. Even Marian Morgan's lack of enthusiasm had failed to dampen him. But eager little Lucy fed some gnawing bit of uncertainty in his nature. He still felt the need of approval and Lucy was naively adoring. So he was gracious about letting her urge him into the house, and kind in ignoring her confusion when they entered.

Mrs. Fields' shoes and woolen stockings were sitting in front of the stove and Daniels busied himself tactfully folding his overcoat, while Lucy whisked them away. He did not see Lucy snatch a glass containing an upper set of teeth from the mantel, or turn a cushion swiftly because of the inevitable cat-hairs clinging to it.

"I'll make some chocolate," Lucy was a little breathless. "This chair is more comfortable, I'm sure."

"Can I help?" Daniels offered. "Oh, no, I couldn't think of it." Lucy laughed quickly. "I'm old-fashioned, you see. I belong to that vanishing race of women who think that men should be waited upon."

Never could she let him see the inside of that dreadful old kitchen. The old wood stove, the smoked kettle and rusty pipe, the smoky little two-burner kerosene contraption they used in summer.

She lit this affair now, to heat the cocoa, carefully closing the door so its smudgy smell would not penetrate the other room. The little cups were pretty. She had bought them hopefully, and kept them now in her trunk, after having found one on the back porch with medicine in it, mixed for a sick hen. She had crocheted the lacy edge of the napkins and ironed them to a gloss.

Everything was delicate and pleasing—even Marian Morgan herself could not have arranged a daintier tray.

Then she lifted the lid of the cake box and exclaimed in sudden dis-

may, "Oh—mean! Oh, what shall I do?"

Mrs. Fields had eaten all the little cakes.

Even before he was able to stand alone without wavering, Branford Wills knew that he was falling in love with Marian Morgan.

The realization troubled him. He was under deep obligation to Virgie. She had, he knew, saved his life by taking him in, by the care he had had when illness laid him low. To repay that debt by falling in love with Virgie's child, especially now that Virgie was also to be his employer, seemed a left-handed and slightly dubious procedure—but there was no help for it.

Marian's very aloofness, her odd, prickly, half-sweet, half-bitter withdrawing, the secret and judging quality that lived in her dark eyes and hid in her long lashes, made her an enigma, a challenging mystery to dare any man with blood in his veins. And Branford Wills was young and fiercely proud and adventurous.

His pride was what bothered him. As he stood, erect finally and shaving himself with a rather uncertain hand before the mirror in his room, he told himself grimly that no one, least of all the girl herself, should ever guess the state of his feelings until he could look Virgie Morgan calmly in the face, a man on his own, worth what he was paid and able to love a woman without apology or without humility.

So whenever Marian came near, he kept the conversation on the brittle, half-bantering, half-contemptuous strain that modern youth assumes, choosing it for sophistication, hiding any current of feeling, masking every emotion. And so soon as he could mount the stairs without staggering, he rented a room in the house of Ada Clark's mother, and prepared to move.

"I have to do this. You understand," he said to Virgie.

"Yes," she said, "I understand." "I haven't anything to pack," he said, "so I might as well go. I have to send some wires and locate my belongings. I'll report for work on Monday. And I'll earn whatever you pay me."

"You'll earn it, all right," Virgie was terse. "I had to give up philanthropy after three banks had busted in my face. People who work for me have to produce."

To Marian, Wills pitched his farewell speech in another key.

"I'm about to depart hence," he remarked, walking into the little room at the foot of the stairs which had once been David Morgan's private lair. "My obnoxious person is about to be removed from your vicinity. Then you can smile and be lightsome and gay once more."

Marian looked up from the letter she was writing. A quick little shadow moved over her face, her eyes darkened, and her lips caught on a half-open, incredulous question. Then her composure returned.

"Well—good-by," she said, getting to her feet. "I suppose it would be too much for you to tell them in Washington that we are really fairly decent people, if we do mill pulp."

"I'm not going to Washington. I'm staying here."

An older man, a wiser man would have caught the light that flamed up briefly behind her eyes, noted the quick little catch of her breath. But Branford Wills was young and not terribly wise.

"Oh—so you're staying here." Marian's voice wavered ever so little.

"I'm going to work in the Morgan mill. Didn't your mother tell you?" "No," she said slowly, "she didn't tell me."

She stood waiting, with the old desk where David Morgan had kept his dusty piles of letters and his stacked trade papers, with David Morgan's photograph—steely-eyed and with a fierce, handle-bar mustache—behind her, as the tradition of the Morgan mill and the Morgan money was behind her. It was a little like standing on a proud mountain, disdaining all below, but Marian was not thinking of that because at that moment a white pain had her by the throat.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

There had been an hour—but of course Wills had been desperately ill then and sick men are unaccountable—but there had been an hour of dusk and quietness, when she had been keeping watch and Wills had caught her hand in his hot, twitching fingers and told her that her voice was like a song.

Mad folly, of course, even to have listened! But she had listened, and her heart, lonely and self-contained and timorous for all the briery barriers she had let grow around it, had waited hungrily for more.

But obviously there was no more. He did not care. He was going to work in the mill. He had wanted a job and he had been ingratiating and smooth and, engaging until he got it. She let bitter acid, brewed from galling disappointment, seethe through her blood and sting the tip of her tongue.

"So, you're going to work in the mill. You never waste time, do you? I hope mother is able to make money enough to pay you. She has had a hard time, paying the men she has already."

"It was her suggestion." He stiffened himself, missing everything that a man should have seen and heard in her eyes, in her voice—a man who was in love. Then he plunged on angrily, because he was hurt and tingling from a vague scorn he thought he caught in her attitude. "It won't be necessary for you to see me, if it's painful to you."



"We aren't eloping, by any chance?"

You can ride by and disdain me from beyond the wall. I've been looked at with loathing before. I can bear it."

He walked out, and Marian stood still, pressed against the old desk, her teeth set on her lip. The little room was small and gloomy from an overhanging hemlock tree. An old chair, twisting squeakily, stood there and she sat in it, her knuckles pressed against her teeth, her nails cutting her palms.

So—he was an opportunist, and callously brazen about it! And she, daughter of David Morgan, had dreamed dreams! She writhed against the cold leather of the chair. Then, on an impulse, she ran to the hall, dragged on a hat and coat, picked up the telephone, and gave a number crisply.

"I'm ringing," announced Mildred, the operator, in suave tones that made Marian's teeth click. All the girls in the exchange knew that she was calling Bry Hutton. All the girls knew also that probably Bry wasn't up yet.

Mrs. Hutton answered, a hurrying nervous woman with a nervous voice. Marian could almost see her standing there with a duster in her hand and an ear cocked to one side to listen for fear the beans might be boiling over. She was a marvelous housekeeper and it was rumored in the town that Mrs. Hutton kept a dustmop in a hall closet, ready to erase the tracks of visitors almost before the door had closed upon them. Bry was shaving, she said.

Bry Hutton had only two types of conversation where women were concerned. An ironic, half-bitter drawl and an insinuating, caressing intimacy, that verged faintly on insult. He began in this second manner but Marian cut it short crisply.

"I didn't call up to be petted, Bry. This is business. I want to go to Sally Gallup's. That mountain road is muddy and mother will fuss if I drive it myself. "You'll have to take me."

"Oh, look here, sweetness, it's raining and cold as hell. Can't you call Sally on the phone? I'll take you wait till tomorrow? It might freeze over by that time."

"I want to go today. If you don't want to take me, Bry, I'll call somebody else."

"Well, don't do that. If you absolutely have to go, I'll take you. But it's a nutty idea, if you ask me. There's no sense to it."

"Nobody asked you—and perhaps there isn't any sense to it. Bry, will

you take me to Asheville instead?" "Sure—stick around. I'll be there."

"No, I won't stick around. I'm going into town, now." She spoke hurriedly. A car was stopping outside. In a moment Branford Wills would be going down those stairs. "I'll meet you at the drug-store, Bry," she said as she hung up.

Rain beat through the open window of her little car as she tore down the mountain. The wheels lurched and skidded on muddy curves but she was reckless and heedless. She had to get away. Anger rode her like an imp of white flame—anger that hurt. The stiff fiber in her that she had from her father, that odd fierce honesty that could be both intolerant and tender, was tortured by the thought of weakness, of surrender. How could she have been so weak—so easy? She braced herself so hard on the steering-wheel that her knuckles ached.

She did not like Bry Hutton particularly. She did not care particularly for any man she had met, as yet. They were all too obvious, too aware of the fact that Virgie Morgan was supposed to be a rich woman. They were too glib or too diffident, they got their conversation and their manners from pulp magazines, or moving pictures, they were country! College men did not stay in little towns. They went ranging, seeking wider opportunities. And those who came in from outside, like Stanley Daniels, came with an air of condescending superiority.

She went around with Bry, as Lottie had so shrewdly surmised, to get her own way and because Bry was stimulating. Being with him was a constant battle and dominating him was an achievement for any woman. Marian rather liked the struggle to keep Bry aloof, to maintain her delicate, arrogant remoteness. And she had to get away—to stop thinking about Branford Wills' lean, sardonic face.

At the drug-store she parked her car and went inside. The one clerk swabbed off the top of the counter and said, "What for you, Marian?"

"I'm just waiting." She shook the rain from her coat. "Has mother been in?"

"Not this morning. She's been trying to find Perry Bennett. Lucy and Mildred were calling all over town. I guess they found him. I called a while ago and told Lucy I saw him going into Plute's shoeshop. I asked her if she wanted me to yell at him but she said never mind."

Marian stood near the door, watching. She was sorry she had told Bry to come here. Every one in town would know in no time that she had gone off somewhere with him. But that might be just as well. If every one knew it, Ada Clark would know it, and the sharp-nosed girl who was head nurse, superintendent, and manager of the absurd little hospital would know it. Ultimately, by the sheer saturating effect of knowledge in small places, Branford Wills would also know it.

She waited until Bry was actually in the store, and then said with elaborate casualness, "If you're going over to the court-house, Bry, do you mind if I ride along with you? I have to see a dentist and mother worries when I drive on wet roads."

Bry stared stupidly, began, "I thought you—"

"I did," Marian cut in, with some scorn, "I meant to go alone but if you're going anyway I could save my gasoline, couldn't I?"

"Sure, come along." Bry comprehended finally and instantly appreciated the element of the clandestine. "Going to leave your car sitting there?"

"It's dirty anyway. It doesn't matter."

She lifted the latch and Bry said, "Wait a minute till I get some cigarettes. Cash a check for me, will you, Ed?"

"If it's any good, I will," the clerk snickered.

"It ought to be good. It's on the old man and I signed it myself."

"He'll come in here and raise the devil about it."

"He has to raise it somewhere. What do you run a drug-store for, anyway?"

The clerk rang the register and counted out some bills.

"If your mother wants to see Perry Bennett about that piece of spruce of his, Marian," he said, "you tell her it ain't any use. Perry's sold it—they drew the papers Saturday. He sold it to Wallace Withers."

"What would Wallace Withers want with that spruce?"

"Don't ask me. Maybe he's going to sell Christmas trees. Whatever he wants—there's money in it. That old guy is so stingy he honed a nickel razor-blade and used it over and over for ten years."

Marian followed Bry out to his car. She was quiet and thoughtful as Bry tore through town and around the mountain curves. She knew a great deal about her mother's affairs. She was certain that Virgie had counted on buying Perry Bennett's spruce.

"What are we supposed to do when we get to Asheville?" Bry broke in on her silence. "We aren't eloping, by any chance?"

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With world conditions in a turmoil, we often wonder if there is anything we can do about it. The air is full of advice from the radioes, the periodical magazines daily papers, are clamorous, pro and con, what? but there are some things we might ponder over, this word "prosperity" has been overworked. Get rich quick draw big salary for short hours, live in luxury or bust, stagnation consternation, howled from every direction. Is it possible for man to till the soil and live?

Can a man till the soil and live sumptuously? Is money all we can see and crave? Whither are we bound?

CHRISTMAS EVE

By Edith Tatum

(Reprinted from Good Housekeeping Magazine)

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City	Each family spends for Christmas gifts	Average annual family income
Seattle	\$22.19	\$1,593
San Francisco	21.35	1,657
Oakland	21.35	1,657
Sacramento	18.93	1,549
Denver	18.38	1,446
Minneapolis	18.06	1,510
St. Paul	18.06	1,510
San Diego	17.30	1,409
Cleveland	17.28	1,643
Los Angeles	16.87	1,515
Milwaukee	16.30	1,514
Cincinnati	14.72	1,514
Salt Lake City	14.65	1,529
Detroit	14.27	1,528
New York	14.12	1,949
Philadelphia	13.86	1,602
Rochester	13.61	1,510
Lansing	13.42	1,504
Portland, Maine	12.68	1,483
Kansas City	12.68	1,421
Columbus	12.40	1,405
Buffalo	11.66	1,397
Indianapolis	11.56	1,399
Boston	11.50	1,570
Manchester	11.34	1,392
Scranton	11.14	1,412
Springfield, Mass.	10.92	1,539
Grand Rapids	10.77	1,396
St. Louis	10.68	1,525
Pittsburgh	9.71	1,482
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His ideas about the American are decided. "I like her," he tells the readers of December issue of Good Housekeeping, "—because she is frequently caught with a book, and likes ideas, and isn't afraid to express her own. She likes to laugh and does. She is often in stitches—says it's emotionally relaxing."

And as for beauty, the American girl has it in unlimited quantities, Whitcomb announces. "She is athletic, fairly tall. She knows the day of the shorty-pie are forever over. She keeps her eyes open at the movies and has personally utilized everything Hedy Lamarr's got. At night she can, at will, resemble a dream walking. She has no equal on a beach, and knows that, too."

On top of all this her wits are always sharp. She has discovered that she can subjugate an office with one good dress, just a touch of scent, and the manners of a lady." Furthermore," Whitcomb relates, "She's bright at the quickest way to a man's heart and would just as soon bake a cake as look at you."



WINTER ISN'T AS DREARY SINCE WE GOT A TELEPHONE

Actually, it seems like a busy season! People call up to offer Jim or the boys a job somewhere. Betty keeps her 4-H Club girls going by telephone — and now and then the superintendent calls her for a substitute teaching job. I couldn't call it a dull winter — or lonely either, when I can talk to my friends any time on the telephone, no matter how bad the weather gets!



IT PAYS TO HAVE A TELEPHONE — ESPECIALLY IN WINTER

Paper Handkerchiefs Great Sanitary Aid

"DROP the handkerchief" isn't just a game. It holds a lesson. The use of fabric handkerchiefs in winter, when colds are prevalent, is an out-of-date custom. No one should be called upon to handle or launder cold-infected handkerchiefs.

They have no place with today's hygienic standards, Helen Kendall writes in the December issue of Good Housekeeping. Train your children, she advises, to use them not only at home but at school. The general use of paper handkerchiefs is increasing and is a sanitary practice.

Fabric handkerchiefs can be kept snowy white and hygienically clean by the use of a household bleach, which will whiten and disinfect them at the same time. Another way to disinfect handkerchiefs is to soak them in a disinfectant solution before washing. Or they can be boiled in a soapy water for at least 10 minutes.

Miss Kendall offers one more suggestion if you use fabric handkerchiefs: Keep them out of the laundry hamper. A paper bag or garbage-can liner is useful for holding them.

Women as Language Teachers

Women are superior to men in teaching foreign languages to beginners, according to the Columbia University Press. Women generally speak much faster than men and if one can understand the average woman talking at her natural speed, it will be easy to understand any male speaker later on, it is pointed out.

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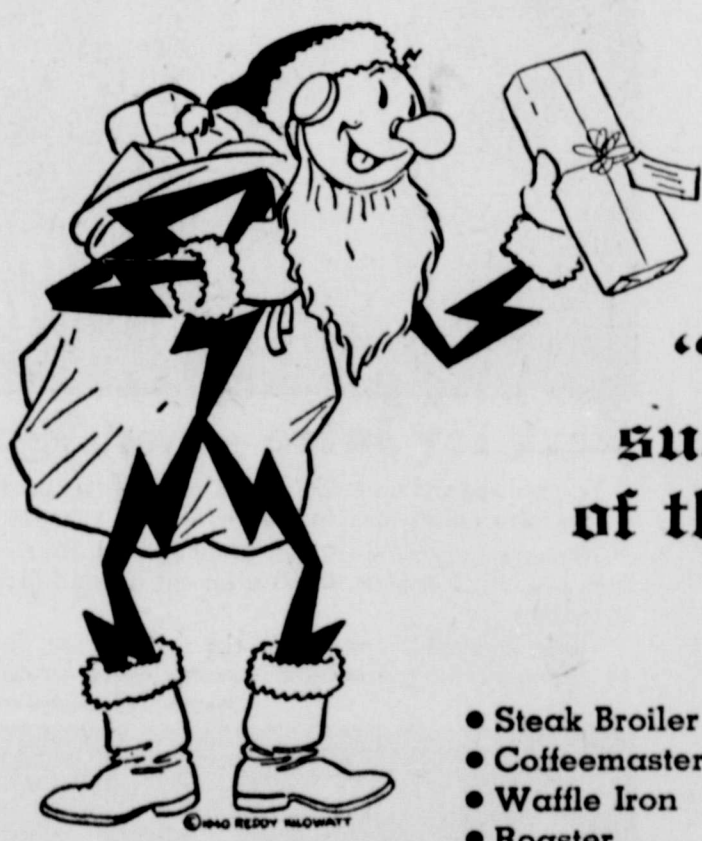
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Suggestions For Relief Of Itching

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

I HAVE counted over one hundred causes of headache; others have counted many more than this.

It would seem that another simple yet annoying symptom has likewise a great many causes. I refer to itching, or pruritis as it is called.

Itching cannot be classed as pain and yet it can be so severe that it may cause the patient to actually tear his skin in his efforts to obtain relief.

So important is itching considered from the standpoint of comfort and health that a special article thereon by Dr. Arthur W. Stillians, Chicago, appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association recently.

The causes of itching may be some disturbance of the skin itself, local causes, or to some general disturbance of the body.

- Among the local causes are:
1. Animal parasites such as itch mites and other insects that live on the skin, pin worms, and the parasite known as trichomonas.
 2. Vegetable irritants such as itch powder, nettles, fungi, plant juices, pollen, drugs.
 3. Mechanical irritants such as scratching and rubbing of clothing and the effect of wind.
 4. Cold or heat.
 5. Chemical irritants such as sulphur, mercury, nickel.
 6. Local secretions: sweat left in folds of skin, alkaline or too acid urine.
 7. Sun.

Cause and Treatment.

General causes of itching: 1. Irritations due to pressure of growths on abdominal organs. 2. Deficient nutrition, anemia, vitamin lack. 3. Poisoning of blood and tissues by liver disease and constipation. 4. Gland disturbances such as diabetes (pancreas) exophthalmic goiter (thyroid) and the menopause. 5. Sensitiveness to foods, drugs and other substances. 6. Nervous diseases.

The treatment of itching naturally depends upon the cause. Until cause is found, Dr. Stillians suggests the use of a soothing powder of equal parts of boric acid, talcum and zinc stearate. Cooling the skin by cool wet compresses of boric acid solution—a teaspoon to a pint of water—is also helpful. Calamine lotion is perhaps the most widely used preparation to relieve itching.

Getting Rid of Superfluous Hair

IT HAS been found that the best treatment for the removal of superfluous hair is electrolysis. The tiny needle is inserted into each hair root and, if done properly, the hair is permanently destroyed.

Unfortunately, because this is not "medical" treatment, anyone can buy this electrical outfit and perhaps, in time, acquire the necessary skill to kill the hair root and leave no scar. But while these "operators" are learning how to use the equipment, much damage may be done to the skin of the patient.

There are a number of reasons why safety is not assured by these lay operators, the most important or serious of which is (a) their lack of knowledge of preventing infection, and (b) treating what they consider simple moles, which are really an early form of cancer.

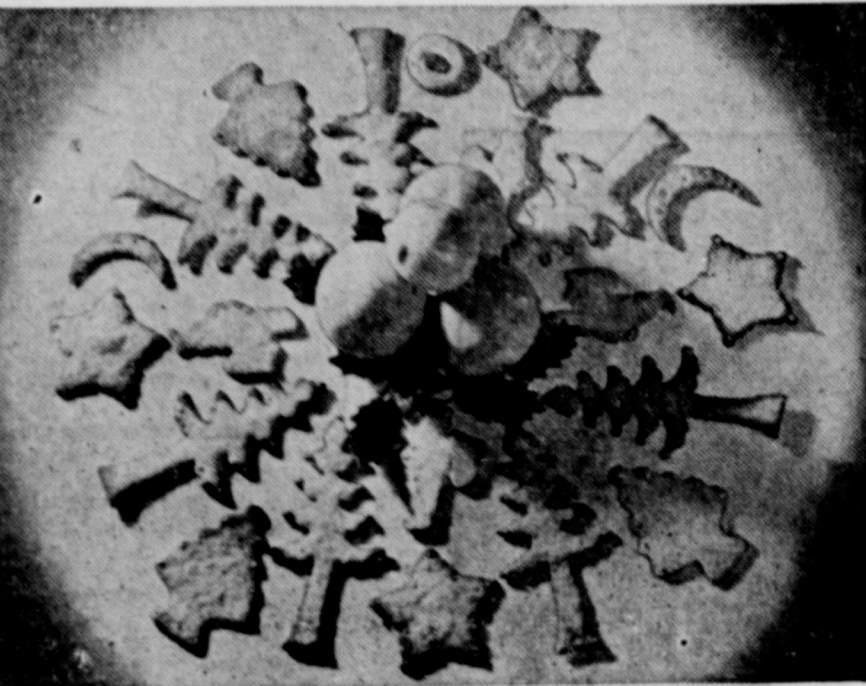
Operator Should Know Antisepsis.

To avoid hazards of infection and spreading a cancerous growth, the operator should have some understanding of anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, antisepsis, besides his knowledge of how this particular electric apparatus is used.

Now this doesn't mean that anyone with superfluous hair must go to a physician to have it destroyed because the majority of physicians know little or nothing about removing hair by electrolysis. It does mean, however, that if he does not go to the physiotherapy department of any hospital, a patient desiring this treatment should ask his physician about the establishment where he expects to undergo the treatment. A good "operator" of the electro-apparatus may be unable to distinguish between a simple mole.

Household News

By Eleanor Howe



THE HOLIDAY SEASON APPROACHES!
(See Recipes Below)

One of the most important occasions in the year's schedule of holidays is the Christmas dinner. As homemakers, it behooves us to crown it with a superlative dessert. Cakes, fragrant with spices, and rich with fruits and nuts, are traditional Christmas fare, and are more than satisfying as a finale to the feast.

Fruit cakes improve with age. They become mellow and more flavorful as the days go by. So, make them early and let them ripen until the holiday season arrives. Proper storage prevents fruit cakes from molding and drying out. Wrap the cooled cakes in wax paper, and store in tightly covered tins. Pour a little wine or fruit juice over the cakes, every week or so, and when ready to be served they will be mellowed to the proper degree for perfect flavor.

Make out your Christmas list now. I'm sure you will find a few friends and relatives to whom you may send fruit cakes. They will make charming gifts, especially for those away from home, and who have neither time nor the facilities to bake their own. Wrapped in cellophane and tied with a bow, or fastened with colorful Christmas seals, the packaged fruit cake is indeed "lovely to look at, and delightful to eat."

White Fruit Cake.
(Makes 5 1/4 pound fruit cake)

- 3/4 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 7 eggs (separated)
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sweet milk
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract
- 1 pound white raisins
- 1/2 pound figs
- 1/2 pound blanched almonds
- 1/4 pound citron
- 1/2 pound candied cherries
- 1/2 pound candied pineapple

Cream butter and add sugar. Separate eggs, beat egg yolks and add. Mix and sift together dry ingredients and add alternately with the milk. Add lemon extract. Cut fruits and add. Blend well and fold in well-beaten egg whites. Place in pans lined with wax paper and bake 1 hour in a very slow oven (275 degrees); then increase heat slightly (300 degrees) and bake 2 hours more.

Gum Drop Cookies.

- 4 eggs
 - 2 1/4 cups light brown sugar
 - 2 cups flour
 - 1 cup nutmeats (chopped)
 - 18 large gum drops (cut in small pieces)
- Beat eggs thoroughly. Add sugar and continue beating. Add flour and beat until smooth. Fold in nutmeats and gum drops. Spread evenly in 1 large or 2 medium-sized greased baking pans. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 20 minutes, or until firm. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and then cut into bars.

Glaze Finish for Fruit Cakes.

- 1 1/2 cups water
 - 3/4 cup granulated sugar
 - 3/4 ounce Gum Arabic (4 1/2 teaspoons)
- Place sugar and water in a saucepan and boil to the thread stage (230 degrees). Add Gum Arabic

and heat again just to the boiling point. After fruit cake has been baked, remove from the oven and garnish with nuts and fruits as desired. Then pour the Gum Arabic mixture over the fruit cake in a thin stream, and manipulate as little as possible in order to avoid crystallization of the glaze.

Christmas Fruit Cake.

(Makes 10 pounds)

- 1 1/2 pounds currants
- 3 pounds seedless raisins
- 1 pound citron
- 1 pound mixed candied fruit
- 1 pound candied pineapple
- 1 pound candied cherries
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 6 eggs
- 4 cups pastry flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup fruit juice or wine

Cut fruits. Cream butter and add sugar. Add well-beaten egg yolks. Mix and sift dry ingredients and add alternately with fruit juice or wine to the butter mixture. Add fruit. Fold in beaten egg whites. Place in baking pans lined with wax paper and steam 5 hours. Then bake 1 hour in a slow oven (275 degrees).

Yuletide Cookies.

(Makes 60 cookies)

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 2 eggs (well beaten)
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons of sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup seedless raisins
- 1/4 cup candied cherries (cut)
- 1/4 cup citron (cut fine)
- 1/2 cup dates (cut fine)
- 1/2 cup pecan nut meats (cut)

Cream butter, add sugar slowly and beat thoroughly. Add eggs. Mix and sift all dry ingredients and add alternately with cream and vanilla extract. Fold in fruit and nut meats. Chill thoroughly; then break off in small pieces, form into balls, flatten, and place on greased cookie sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for approximately 12 minutes.

Orange and Lemon Christmas Cookies.

(Makes about 5 dozen cookies)

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon peel (grated)
- 1 teaspoon orange peel (grated)
- 3 1/2 cups flour (sifted)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter (melted)

Mix sugar and fruit juices well. Add grated peel, dry ingredients and melted butter. Stir well. Dough should be firm enough to roll. Roll very thin and cut with fancy cutter in Christmas shapes. Bake on a greased sheet in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) for about 10 minutes, or until lightly browned on the edges. (The dough may be chilled in the refrigerator for about a half hour to make the rolling simpler).

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AROUND the HOUSE Items of Interest to the Housewife

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To keep hot fat from splattering, sprinkle a little flour or salt in it before frying.

Make ice cream "Snowballs" by dipping scoops of vanilla ice cream into coconut.

If fondant gets hard and crumbly during kneading break off small pieces at a time and work them individually. The fondant may also be covered with a damp cloth and then kneaded with the hands.

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Lesson for December 15

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JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY

LESSON TEXT—Luke 11:1-13.
GOLDEN TEXT—Ask, and ye shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—Luke 11:9.

Teach us to pray!

The request of the apostles was not that He should teach them how to pray, for He had already done that (see Matt. 6:5-7) in the Sermon on the Mount. What they needed, and what we need, is not so much to learn how to pray, but actually to pray.

I. A Principle of Prayer (v. 9).

The one who has a right to call God his "Father" (v. 2) has a right to come and "ask" God for whatever he needs. God expects His children to ask, and many "have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2). Give God a chance to answer you by asking, but be sure to ask aright, not for your own selfish purposes (James 4:3). The real asker is also a seeker—he doesn't ask and run away empty-handed—he persists. He not only "seeks," but he "knocks" at God's door. A knock is an evidence of faith—expectancy, and often persistency—all essential in real prayer.

II. The Promise of Prayer (vv. 9-13).

Here is the promise of our Lord. We are quick to claim the promises of our friends, business associates, the government; why are we so slow in claiming the promises of God? Can it be that we have less confidence in Him than we have in our neighbor? Asking means receiving, seeking results in finding, knocking brings the open door of His blessing. Why not do it?

God is our Father. Even a man rightly bearing the beautiful title "father" is loving and considerate. Will not the heavenly Father then give us every good thing? In fact, the Holy Spirit Himself is ours in all His fullness, and in Him there is every other gift.

III. A Parable Concerning Prayer (vv. 5-8).

The point of this story is that we should be persistent in prayer. Impunity carries with it a sense of being troublesome, bothering someone until the desired result is attained. God encourages His children to a holy boldness which does not give up (see Luke 18:1-8; Matt. 15:21-28). If a man who is only a friend will at the impossible hour of midnight supply a need which should have been anticipated to feed one who is a stranger to him, will not our Father, who "neither slumbers nor sleeps," who knows and loves us all, meet our deep spiritual need? Indeed He will, "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).

IV. The Practice of Prayer (vv. 1-4).

There is no one who can teach us to pray better than Jesus, for He "practiced what He preached." He prayed. It was seeing Him pray that led the disciples to ask Him to teach them to pray. To profess is one thing, but it is far better to practice. The teacher who does not practice prayer will accomplish little in teaching this lesson, but the one who prays, though able to say but little, will cause many to say, "Teach me to pray."

For the practice of prayer, Jesus taught His disciples a model prayer. This does not mean that this is the only prayer to be offered, nor that it is the only form of prayer. As suggested, it is rather a model.

This prayer opens with a recognition of God as Father, followed by a reverent petition that His name may be hallowed; that is, that He may have glory as His will is done and His kingdom established in the hearts of men. Those who have that spiritual life and attitude are ready to ask for the supply of daily needs, and above all forgiveness of sin and deliverance from temptation. Note that verse 4 is not the prayer of the unsaved for forgiveness and regeneration, for that is all of grace (Eph. 2:8). "The man outside (of the kingdom) gets his forgiveness with no condition; but once he is in the kingdom of the Son of God's love, he lives within the laws of that kingdom. Then he does not get forgiveness unless he is ready to forgive, unless he has forgiven" (Morgan). The fact that we forgive is not the ground on which God forgives us, but it is the condition of our enjoying God's forgiveness (Eph. 1:7; 4:32)" (Bradbury).

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The Questions

1. Whose poem contains the well-known line: "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"
2. What is estimated to have been the seating capacity of the Roman Circus Maximus?
3. Where is the original home of the potato?
4. What is a canticle?
5. What officer ranks next above a captain in the United States navy?
6. How did the word "salary" originate?

The Answers

1. Shelley ("Ode to the West Wind").
2. The seating capacity of the Roman Circus Maximus was approximately 250,000.
3. Peru and Chile. It grows wild on the plateaux high up in the Andes.
4. A little song or hymn.
5. Rear admiral.
6. From a Latin word meaning salt money (salarium, given to Roman soldiers for salt which was part of their pay).

Her Fourth Finger

The custom of women wearing engagement rings and wedding rings on the fourth finger of the left hand arose from the ancient belief that that finger contained a delicate nerve or a vein, called "love's vein," connected directly with the heart.

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Unknown Griefs

If the internal griefs of every man could be read, written on his forehead, how many who now excite envy would appear to be the objects of pity.—Metastasio.

Good Actions

Do you act as if you had 10,000 years to throw away? Death stands at your elbow. Be good for something, while you live and it is in your power. What remains but to live easy and cheerful, and crowd one good action so close to another that there may be the least empty space between them.

Wise and Otherwise

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Said the old philosopher: "The less you has to do with some folks, the less you're worse off."

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News Article

Nearly 6,000,000 farmers participate in the AAA program. The success of the program depends on the intelligent and faithful cooperation of 1000,000 farmer committeemen working in more than 3,000 County Agricultural Conservation Associations organized throughout the country.

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The community committee delegates to the county convention, who select members and alternates of the county committee are elected annually in community meetings by direct vote of the farmers themselves. The larger the number of farmers attending these meetings and casting their votes the more truly representative the committees become. As farmers understand the duties and qualifications of the committeemen more thoroughly, the more confidently they will participate in the elections.

The community committeemen have specified duties to perform including the following: assisting the county committee in determining acreage allotment goals normal yields and other agricultural facts, informing farmer concerning the purpose and assisting in arranging for and conducting meetings

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