

# Folk We Touch In Passing

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She Spent Most of Her Hours in the Garden.

## BEAUTY

When Older Brother first called her Beauty the whole family laughed. That was a rare compliment to Older Brother's wit, for the family was one seldom given to mirth. But when they looked from the thin, pinched little face, with its buttermilk expression, down the angular young body to the too long legs, and back again to the straggly hair the nickname created for the girl by Older Brother was so incongruous that even Mother, who had never wanted any one of her six children (least of all Beauty) could not help laughing outright. Naturally Older Brother was much pleased with himself and saw to it that the name clung to the little girl all through the days of her childhood.

The years that came and went made Beauty no less a misnomer, for the girl's face grew smaller and more pinched and more sour with every one of them. The youngest and least welcome of all the unwelcome six at home she was always pushed aside to shuffle for herself as best she might, getting by in the frazzled end of every family deal. In school things were no better. Other children called her Beauty and roared with laughter until the girl designated by the name always slunk unhappily away to some far corner where no one would find and taunt her.

So Beauty grew up for all the world like an unlovely, scraggly little weed crowded in among harder plants which never gave her room to thrive and be healthy.

When The First Man met her, and heard someone call her Beauty he followed the earlier example of her family. That is he laughed—almost in Beauty's very face. And whenever he was alone and thought of the ungainly young woman with her sour face, he laughed again.

Then to keep up his reputation for doing odd things The First Man paid court to Beauty.

The girl's family was thrown almost into cachinnating fits, and The First Man's friends said he must be crazy, all of which made him the more determined in his attentions.

One day when he was in a particularly spiteful and contrary mood The First Man asked Beauty to marry him, and the girl, who was every whit as resentful of the gibes and jest of his friends and hers said yes.

When they were married they led a cat and dog life, which was quite to have been expected. The First Man called his wife Beauty with a sneer, and she told him in turn that she had married him for spite and hated him cordially, all of which was true enough to be sure.

One day The First Man told her that he was going away for a long time. He said her face had made him sick; that he couldn't stand it any longer. She spat back a sharp retort, and he went.

After a long while Beauty received a letter from The First Man telling her he never intended to come back. She looked in the mirror at her buttermilk face and told herself quite honestly that she didn't blame him in the least, and straightway got her divorce.

It was different with The Second Man. Beauty never knew how it happened that he gravitated to her unless

it was, as he said, that there is always something away down in the soul of every woman which some time or another draws her mate to her.

He got down to the causes of the caustic temper of Beauty when he first met her, and learned that her soul was asleep because there had been no love in all her life to awaken it. So when they were married he just loved her. He made his home the most radiant place Beauty had ever seen in all her young life through the tenderness of his smile, and the gentleness of his presence. He helped her make a garden in which the flowers seemed only to need his touch to make them grow more luxuriously than in any other garden she had ever seen, and the young wife was happy because she spent most of her hours in the garden, either working among the flowers or listening to the resonant voice of The Second Man as he read to her from some old and wonderful volume, of which he had hundreds.

Beauty was so absorbed in her new life that she never stopped these days to look in the mirror and talk to herself in tones of disgust. The divinity within her had been touched by another divine spark, and fanned by the power of love into a sculptor. And this sculptor had remolded the peaked little face of Beauty into the countenance of a woman so lovely that those who laughed themselves almost sick when Older Brother first gave her the name of Beauty looked at her now with something of awe mingled in with their wonder.

But so busy was Beauty in loving and being loved that she did not notice them nor hear the things they said, and when at last motherhood completed the work The Second Man had begun, and he knelt beside her as she sat in a great arm chair with the little new soul cradled in her arms, and whispered "Beauty" in a tone akin to reverence, her laughter soured like the gurgle of a cooling brook, and her eyes shone like two stars.

One day The First Man came back from abroad. When he saw Beauty for the first time he did not know her. Then he was told that it was she and he said a miracle had been wrought.

"Aye," answered the man to whom he spoke, "the miracle of love."

**Lamps of Early Times.**  
Lamps were in general use among the Jews, Greeks and Romans, and the other great nations of antiquity, but they were of the rudest description, and consisted for the most part of a simple vessel which held oil, grease or wax, from the surface of which projected a wick.

The light obtained was of the feeblest description, the flame had no protection whatever from the wind, and the smell which arose could only have been rendered endurable from the fact that "use is second nature."

The Greeks and Romans lavished much artistic excellence upon their lamps, making them with one wick, two wicks, or 30 or 40 wicks. But they did not improve their construction one step, and to all practical intents and purposes they were no better than the saucer of tallow with its floating cotton which may yet be found flaring and guttering and smoking in some of the out-of-the-way corners of our own far western land.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### LESSON FOR AUGUST 15

#### JEROBOAM LEADS ISRAEL INTO SIN.

**LESSON TEXT**—I Kings 12:25-33.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself down unto them, nor serve them. Ex. 20:4, 5a.

Whether Jeroboam incited Israel's rebellion or was summoned home because of his being known as an opponent to Israel, we cannot say. He must have remembered Ahijah's prophecy (11:29-40) and had another prophet on his side, Shemaiah (12:22-24), though Ahijah afterwards deserted him (14:1-18). In Egypt, Jeroboam had learned of the worship of the bull Apis and upon setting up his kingdom, saw at once the need of centering the religious life of the people elsewhere than in Jerusalem.

**I. "Calves of Gold" vv. 25-33.** Given these ten tribes by God (11:31) the people had chosen Jeroboam without seeming consultation with God, and the result was a tragic future for the Hebrews. David's monarchy lasted scarcely two generations. Rehoboam's second attempt at coercion (12:21-24) is rebuked and he settles down in Judea but fortifies many cities (II Chron. 11:5-12; I Kings 12:24; 14:17). Jeroboam likewise built cities, Shechem and Penuel, but the result of the schism was a weakened people and Israel was the first to be carried into captivity and to extinction as a nation. Defensed cities are not adequate safety for a nation (11:38; 2 Chron. 20:20; Zech. 1:4, 5). Witness Liege and Antwerp. As a matter of political prudence Jeroboam's scheme of removing the center of worship from Jerusalem succeeded admirably. The center of gravity of a man and of a nation is that place where he centers his worship. The temple had no image, and his setting up of his images of bulls was a backward step, though doubtless it was regarded as best for the nation. Jeroboam's fatal error was in deflecting the people from the invisible Jehovah to the visible creations of their own hands. Mankind always prefers to trust to their own devices and to plan their own deliverance rather than to trust in God. The evidence of our trust in God is to obey him. Note Jeroboam took counsel, not as did Rehoboam, of the aged or the young, but "in his heart." We are not to lean to our own understanding but upon the Holy Spirit (John 16:13). Man is "slow of heart" and that one at all familiar with Hebrew history should repeat the mistake Aaron made is scarcely to be understood (Ex. 32:4-8). The errors and "isms" of today are but a repetition of the false teachings of former days dressed in a new garb, labeled with a new name; such is the deceitfulness of the human heart (Jer. 17:9). Jeroboam's excuse was plausible enough (v. 28) and appealed to the ever-present weakness of the human heart to seek some easier way of serving God. But man's way always becomes the hardest way. Jeroboam today would be classed as a "liberal" and held up as a "broad-minded man."

**II. "Priests of the Lowest" vv. 31-33.** Jeroboam's real concern was not that of the people but the permanency of his kingdom. Jeroboam was not introducing a new God but a new way of worship. One step always leads to another, and to fully establish this new way, and at the same time entirely to control the situation, he selected from among "all the people" priests who were to carry on Jehovah's worship. God had selected the sons of Levi and specially ordained them for this service (Num. 3:10). When the devil introduces a new religion, or any false idea of Christ, or the Bible, he always appeals to sacred memories, or else claims a "modern expression of the truth." Jeroboam not only chose those who would be beholden to himself, but he also selected positions in his kingdom, at either end, each of which was easily accessible. Thus to build and thus to select others than the sons of Aaron as priests was expressly forbidden. But such is the natural perversity and stubbornness of the human heart that it readily follows its leaders into all sorts of apostasy and error (Rom. 8:7). Jeroboam also changed (v. 32) the feast ordained of God on the 15th day of the seventh month (Lev. 23:33, 34) to one occurring in the eighth month. No possible appeal of local interests warranted any such substitution; to obey is better than to modify (Matt. 15:6; Mark 7:13).

**III. The Main Teaching.** Jeroboam's chief purpose was not the glory of God, but this new religion was for personal safety and glorification. His cunningly devised program became the agent of his own and the nation's destruction (13:34; 14:7-11; 2 Kings 10:29, 31), and his obnoxious title has become "Which made Israel to sin." Craft and trickery succeed for a time, but only those who obey God in all things build on a solid and lasting foundation. "Nothing in this world is worth doing wrong for." Boys do not succeed by breaking the rules of the game.

## Danger in Delay

The great danger of kidney troubles is that they so often get a firm hold before the sufferer recognizes them. Health will be gradually undermined. Backache, headache, nervousness, lameness, soreness, lumbago, urinary troubles, droop, gravel and Bright's disease may follow as the kidneys get worse. Don't neglect your kidneys. Help the kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills. It is the best recommended special kidney remedy.

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The smallest money order ever made out by the agent for the local express company was given to a woman to pay on an account owed to a mail-order house, according to a Blackwell story printed in the Ardmoreite. The woman had received a letter from the mail-order house notifying her that she owed the firm two cents. Indignant and unable to realize the spirit that would prompt any one to mail a bill for two cents, the woman decided that a post office stamp would not suffice and that only a money order would do. The fee or the order was three cents and the postage stamp necessary to carry it cost two cents more, so that with the two-cent postage stamp that carried the bill to the woman's seven cents was expended in collecting a two-cent debt.—Kansas City Journal.

**Whom He Dreads.**  
It isn't the girl who grows indignant when he tries to kiss her that a man dreads. It is the one who laughs at him.

**Curious.**  
"Young Fetherhede has gone insane."  
"How did they find it out?"

## PLENTY FROM TIME BEFORE

Old Parishioner Found Way to Cling to His Original Position About Miracle.

One Sunday morning a certain young pastor in his first charge announced nervously:

"I will take for my text the words, 'And they fed five men with five thousand loaves of bread and two thousand fishes.'"

At this misquotation an old parishioner from his seat in the amen corner said audibly:

"That's no miracle—I could do it myself."

The young preacher said nothing at the time, but the next Sunday he announced the same text again. This time he got it right:

"And they fed five thousand men on five loaves of bread and two fishes."

He waited a moment and then, leaning over the pulpit and looking at the amen corner, he said:

"And could you do that, too, Mr. Smith?"

"Of course I could," Mr. Smith replied.

"And how could you do it?" said the preacher.

"With what was left over from last Sunday," said Mr. Smith.—Advance.

### Chocolate Soldiers.

Captain Bean of the commissary branch of the British army in France reports, says the Westminster Gazette, that Tommy Atkins is striving with all his might to live up to George Bernard Shaw's "Chocolate Soldier." Chocolate sweets and, in fact, sweetmeats of all kinds are in such great demand that British confectioners are busy night and day.

From Cairo comes the report that the Australians stationed there have absolutely eaten the entire chocolate supply.

Captain Bean's official report says: "Our canteen has five times the demand for sweets and soft drinks that was expected, and one-fifth the demand for beer."

### Guests Forced to Drink.

Compulsory abstinence would have seemed a complete inversion of the natural order to some of our ancestors. They believed in compulsory drinking, and in some old country mansions may still be seen, I believe, a ring let into the wall of the dining hall for the punishment of the man who would not, or could not, drink his allotted share of liquor.

The culprit's arm was fixed in the ring, and he was given choice of drinking in the ordinary way or having the liquor he refused poured down his sleeve. Hence the medieval jest, "Leaving's sleeving."—London Chronicle.

### Her Country's Need.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston said at a luncheon in Washington: "An English hen has broken the world's record by laying 288 eggs in a year." Mr. Houston smiled and added: "She must have understood her country's urgent need for shells."

### Never.

Some people are always saying "There ought to be something done about it," but they never do anything themselves.

Nearly 600 women in Aberdeen, Scotland and district have enrolled themselves on the war register at the Aberdeen labor exchange.

In 1898 lathers in Boston made \$15 for a 54-hour week. They now receive \$28.60 for a 44-hour week.

## THE CHARM OF MOTHERHOOD

Enhanced By Perfect Physical Health.

The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman nowadays has medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism unfitted for the trial of strength, and when it is over her system has received a shock from which it is hard to recover. Following right upon this comes the nervous strain of caring for the child, and a distinct change in the mother results.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. The unexplainable thing is that, with all the evidence of shattered nerves and broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

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## HE NEEDED PLENTY OF ROOM

And Was Willing to Pay for Two as One Didn't Seem to Serve.

During the run of a play at the Cohan theater in New York last winter a wobbly person teetered up to the box office one Saturday night when the place was packed and demanded a good seat.

"Nothing left except standing room," said the box office man. "Sell you standing room for a dollar."

The wavering one produced a dollar and went inside. But so many general admissions were grouped at the rear that, over the intervening hedge of heads he caught only vagrant glimpses of what went on upon the stage.

He foggly considered the situation for a spell. Then he rocked his weaving way back to the box office window and put a second dollar on the shelf. "Gimme nozir one of them standin' rooms," he ordered; "can't see the show at all if you only got one."—Saturday Evening Post.

### Willing to Oblige.

"Nora," said the mistress to the new servant, "we always want our meals promptly on the hour."

"Yis, mum. An' if I miss th' first hour shall I wait for th' next?"

The man who says he is glad he is married is either an optimist or a liar.

Experience is a great teacher, but even experience can't teach some people.

## Vigor

A determination to "get ahead" is found in every action of the successful man or woman.

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