

TO MAKE US BETTER.

RELIGIOUS PEOPLE TALK OF SEIZING THE PRESS.

Frank Crane Thinks that the Big City Papers are a Hindrance to Church Progress—Good Paper Better Than Many Churches.



NE time there were a couple who did not get along very well together; they often fell out and each thought the other hardly treated him fair.

Now let me preach a little and show (1) why and (2) how we should take possession of the newspaper.

1. Why. (1) Because every churchman feels that it is the gospel and that alone which will solve society's problems. The principles of Jesus are of infinitely more use to be applied to current events than the principles of any political party.

(2) How? (1) Not by making a denominational organ, or in any sense heralding the claims or peculiar doctrines of any sect.

(2) Let this Christian newspaper stand for such a platform as this: Enforcement and not evasion of law against the criminal class; public officers must keep their oaths; the saloon must go; gambling must be crushed, like a venomous snake; prostitution must not be legalized, directly or indirectly; the first duty of a state is to conserve its morality, business prosperity is secondary; the spirit and principles of Christ is the only solution of the labor question; greed is the chief enemy of society; the state must not connive at affiliation with any sect or church; purity of elections; honesty among legislators; and, indeed, all questions of public import are to be treated, always applying to them the principles of justice, honor and the people's welfare, and never the false and fatal heresies of policy and greed.

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AT THE THEATER.

The Female Villain's Realistic Death Stirred One Woman's Heart.

From the Chicago News: The principal actors in the play had waded through quagmires of blood-curdling, hair-raising mystery and a wilderness of soul-depressing, tantalizing doubt, dragging a hydra-minded audience through with them.

At last they tottered on the verge of the scene where the female impersonator of devilishness commits the grave error of being found out and winds up her career by yanking a few stray locks of her hair out by the roots as a prelude to swallowing the fatal pill of infinitesimal dimensions, the hero raves, the outraged mother-in-law goes daft and all the other cut-and-dried incidents indigenous to the last act of a modern drama pile up thick and fast before the senses of a muddled house. When they got to that point one thrilling chapter of mimic life followed in hot haste on the trail of its predecessors and the majority of lookers-on who had been inclined to play a game of inappreciative freeze-out during the first two acts warmed up to a knowledge of the fire and vigor being displayed and their outbursts of applause were frequent and sincere.

"Oh," she lamented, "I'd give \$5 to know who makes her dress skirts." The actress died, but most of the people in the neighborhood of the sixth row did not get much out of it.

WHEN BABY WAS LOST.

A Great Deal of Excitement Prevailed for a Short Time in One Family.

There was considerable excitement in the Moran family, of Chelton Hills, the other evening when it was discovered that the pride of the house, a sturdy young man of 3 years, was mysteriously missing. He had been considered a rover from the time his well-starched dresses gave place to kilts, but his wanderings had been limited to the house and yard, and thus it was that when, about 7 o'clock in the evening, the little Fauntleroy was wanted and was not found, the anxiety prevailed. The neighbors' houses were all visited and each family was invited to participate in the search, while in turn one after another of the patrol houses were notified and the blue-coated officers detailed to lend their assistance—to listen in out-of-the-way localities for a youthful voice raised in treble entreaties for help, and in by-ways to search with lanterns for the wanderer. It was all in vain, however, and as one after another reported to the anxious mother the ill success with which they had met she became almost frantic, while picturing her darling alone in a great city—beyond the influences of her tender care and subject to all the indescribable dangers which one in her position might fancy. At last she burst into a fit of hysterical sobs, and then it was that a still small and very sleepy voice emanating from beneath the old-fashioned sofa, softly inquired: "What's a matter, mamma?" That was all, but it settled the disturbance, and a proclamation was issued notifying the good people of the hill that the lost had been found.

The Japanese Nose.

In Japan the nose is the only feature which attracts attention. The nose determines the beauty or ugliness of the face, according as it is big or small. This is probably due to the fact that differences in noses constitute about the only distinction between one Japanese face and another. In Japan a lady who has a huge proboscis is always a great beauty and a reigning belle.

These Athletic Days.

"There isn't any truth in the joke about college graduates running street cars, is there?" asked the inquisitive man.

"No," said the superintendent of the trolley line. "We tried two or three of them, but they would twist the brake handles off."

An Old coin.

In building a Gardiner, Me., wharf a silver coin was excavated which the coin collectors declare to be over 200 years old. In spite of its extreme age, the piece of money was so bright that every figure on it was easily discernible.

Cumulative Evidence.

"You ought to be very proud of your wife. She is a brilliant talker." "You're right there." "Why, I could listen to her all night." "I often do."—Texas Siftings.

FACE IS HER FORTUNE

BEAUTIFUL MABEL WRIGHT AND HER BRILLIANT MATCHES.

Was a Poor Girl—She First Caught Millionaire Yznaga, and Now Is to Wed Count Bela Zichy—Gotham Gossip.



ALTHOUGH the Marlborough-Vanderbilt marriage eclipsed in magnitude of interest everything else of the kind in the city, readers outside, to whom the names of the duke and his fiancée convey no particular meaning, will find more of romance in another matrimonial affair, which, it is said, will culminate in a wedding within a couple of weeks.

Mabel Curtis Wright was the daughter of a carpet designer, a man who had only a moderate income, and lived in a fair, but not aristocratic, New York boarding house. There was absolutely nothing in her origin nor surroundings to warrant any expectation of more than the ordinary, hum-drum life of an American woman of the middle class, except her beauty. That attracted attention, and her good nature and good sense completed the conquest of those who came in contact with her. She was introduced into "society" at Newport, and for once let it be said to the credit of New York "society," usually the crudest and most shoddy of all flimsy creations, she was received and welcomed for the sake of her own sweetness, was paid attention by all the swells, and at the last was won by one of the best "catches" of the season, Mr. Fernando Yznaga, the marriage taking place in March, 1899, in the comparatively humble apartments of her father and mother. As the wife of a millionaire Mrs. Yznaga had entire control of the social functions of New York, and spent much time in Europe, meeting the very best people on both sides of the Atlantic. But Mr. Yznaga had already been divorced from one wife—at her instance—the sister of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, before he married Miss Wright. Two years ago there were rumors of differences between the Yznagas. Early this year, while in London, they separated. The wife came over here and settled in Dakota, where she secured a divorce last week. Her husband was represented by counsel, but made no defense, and the cause was "incompatibility," which may cover a multitude of matrimonial sins.

Now comes the continuation of the romance. Where Count Bela Zichy and Mrs. Yznaga first met does not appear, nor is it material. That they met and that they loved is certain. For some time the name of the count has been whispered in connection with that of the beautiful American, but, to the credit of both let it be said, never in an offensive way. The Hungarian nobleman has borne himself most chivalrously and with rare discretion and delicacy. But no sooner was the divorce announced than it was said the two would be married, and of that there seems no doubt. While the lady was with her father in Dakota her lover was here in New York in strictest retirement, awaiting the time of her freedom from the bonds of matrimony binding her to Yznaga.

Contrary to the usual custom in such cases, quite in contrast with the Marlborough-Vanderbilt affair, in this instance the foreigner is not after American dollars, but American beauty, and for love alone. It is he who has the millions, while his bride will bring him but little but her own sweet self. Count Zichy, though at present only a Lieutenant in the Austrian army, is of the 12th Haller-Hussars, one of the most aristocratic regiments in Europe. He is a brother-in-law of Count An-



MABEL WRIGHT YZNAGA.

drassy, ex-prime Minister of Austria, and will, upon the death of his mother, become the head of the Zichy family, the second family of Hungary in social supremacy, with riches of millions. If nothing untoward shall interfere the poor American girl will become one of the shining lights of an Old World imperial court.

People who come from the West with a proper spirit of patriotism and love for their birthplace are apt to find it grow on them after a season in New York. "Things are different!" a lady who six months ago came from Chicago—not that Chicago is the best place in

the West to hail from or to remember and be patriotic about—has a pathetic and simple tale of woe to tell about such a simple, little thing as the trimming of a hat that will surely strike a sympathetic chord in the gentle bosoms of her sisters along the Mississippi.

"I went down to an establishment on Sixth avenue the other day," said she, "and selected a hat I liked untripped, because I wanted to use some feathers I had on hand. Then I took it upstairs to the trimming department. It was a long time before I could find anyone to wait on me. When I did get attention it was from an arrogant girl with her hands on her hips and a swagger that was made for a duchess and so was a misfit on her, who refused utterly to touch my hat. I finally had to undo it and show her what I wanted. She was so insolent about it that I gave her a bit of my mind and went away. I went to another place, and then to another, and yet another, until I was tired beyond expression. Do what I could I was unable to get that hat trimmed! At last, worn out and desperate, I asked one girl: 'Will you tell me why I can't get a hat trimmed here in New York?' The answer was that unless I



COUNT ZICHY.

bought at least \$5 worth of trimmings from the firm or all the material in the first place, no house would touch it. Then I wanted to know if it was possible to get such a simple thing done in the city, and was told that it was not expected. I went home in disgust. I have plenty of money. I have lived in several cities and never before had any such trouble—they always charge enough to make it very profitable. Finally, I took a Sunday paper, and at last found an advertisement of a woman away down town who did such a thing. I took that hat from West One Hundred-and-Third street to East Twenty-seventh street and had it done nicely and to my perfect satisfaction. But my, what a time I had—and such a simple thing too. MALCHI"

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Some Practical Suggestions That All Housewives Should Appreciate.

A roasting pan made of paper is new. The paper is compressed and coated with a wax preparation. In appearance it resembles parchment. The inventor claims that paper can be used for baking, and where the fire does not come in contact with the pan it will be found to be far superior to iron. Clean kid gloves with naphtha, remembering that it is very explosive if exposed to fire or lamplight. Put one glove on, dip a piece of clean white flannel in the naphtha and rub over the glove, rubbing the spots very hard. Then rub dry with a second piece of flannel and hang in the air until the odor has evaporated. To keep the color of the cranberry sauce right, cook in a porcelain-lined dish. Allow a pint of water to a quart of cranberries, cover and boil for ten minutes. Add one pint of granulated sugar and stew for ten minutes longer, covered all the time. Stir with a wooden spoon. Strain and squeeze through everything but the seeds and tough skins. A good little wafer for occasional use is made from two eggs beaten light without separating, a cupful of brown sugar added to the eggs gradually, and a pinch of salt. Mix two tablespoonfuls of flour with the batter, then add a cupful of walnuts chopped fine. Bake one, and if not stiff enough, add a little more flour. The batter should drop easily from the spoon. Grease tins, and drop on by spoonfuls. Bake five minutes in a quick oven. A delicious dessert is made from sponge cake and preserved pineapple in the following way: Drain off the syrup, flavor it with kirsch and cut out the interior of the cake, leaving a thick wall. Use the prepared syrup to flavor it, pour in and over it, but do not use enough to soak the cake so that it will break. Fill the inside with chopped pineapple mixed with whipped cream flavored with orange flower sugar and heap the cream on top of the cake.

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HANDLES THE REINS WELL.

A Woman Expert in the Art of Riding and Driving.

No woman in New York society begins to compare with Mrs. T. H. Spaulding as a whip. She has ridden and driven horses ever since she was old enough to cling to a saddle or sit on a carriage seat, but it is only within a year or two that her stable of high-steppers has been extensive. Some of Mrs. Spaulding's turnouts were shown at the Long Branch horse show last summer, and among them was a five-horse "hitch," original with the exhibitor. This was a team with three horses abreast in the wheel and a pair in the lead. The team was one of the sensations of the Long Branch show. Last winter Mrs. Spaulding's three-abreast team of chestnuts, driven by their owner to a Russian sleigh, was among the notable turnouts of a great season of sleighing in Central park, and this summer her coach and four have been conspicuous in the park and on the roads of Westchester county. One of Mrs. Spaulding's friends is authority for the story that she tooled her coach and four out to Morris park and back to the city successfully the first time she drew the reins over four horses hitched together. Certain it is that Mrs. Spaulding is now the surest and smartest four-in-hand whip to be seen on the roads about New York. About a year ago she bought four white-legged chestnuts, and with them made any amount of combinations. Until the recent horse show she was well satisfied with this splendid quartet, but last week she saw at the Madison Square garden a four-in-hand team which put her own in the shade. The team won first prize, and Mrs. Spaulding at once made an offer to the owner, Charles F. Bates. The price agreed upon was \$5,000, which most people regard as moderate. The new owner has announced her intention of driving the four-in-hand through Central park at no distant date. The summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding is at Orange, N. Y., where she has a collection of vehicles which includes about everything a fashionable coachbuilder can turn out.

WHAT MRS. STANTON WANTS.

Women Urged to Demand Equal Church and State Rights.

In the address prepared by Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton for the celebration of her eightieth birthday in New York recently she pointed out what new steps she would wish to see women take in their progress toward reform and equality. She urged that, as in the past they had worked to secure from the state the same rights, immunities and privileges enjoyed by men, they should now demand from the church these things.

"First," she said, "we must see that the canon laws, Mosaic code, scriptures, prayer books and liturgies be purged of all invidious distinctions of sex, of all false teachings as to woman's character and destiny.

"Second, we must demand an equal place in the offices of the church as pastors, elders, deacons; an equal voice in the creeds, discipline, in all business matters, and in the synods, conferences and general assemblies.

"Third, we must insist that all unworthy reflection on the sacred character of the mother of the race, such as the allegory of her creation and fall, and Paul's assumptions as to her social status, be expunged from our church literature. Such sentiments cannot inspire the rising generations with respect for their mothers.

"Fourth, we must demand that the pulpit be no longer desecrated with men who read these invidious passages of scripture and preach from texts that teach the subordination of one-half the human race to the other."

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XIII. DECEMBER 26—REVIEW—HEBREWS, 11:24-40.

Golden Text: Thy Kingdom Come—Matt. 6:10—Development of the Kingdom of God—Moral Teachings.



INTRODUCTORY. This quarter's lessons extend over four hundred years from B. C. 1443, the beginning of the period of the Judges, to 1655, the close of the reign of Saul. If we include the lessons for the past six months, the period is four hundred and fifty years, beginning with the year at which 1491 B. C. Country.—This map of Palestine should be carefully studied, and the events located in their place. This map should be so familiar that whenever a Bible event is mentioned it will immediately be located mentally. Palestine proper, the land west of the Jordan, extends from Mount Hermon on the north to the southern end of the Dead Sea, about 180 miles, which is also the length of the coast line. It is twenty-five miles wide at the north, and sixty miles from the Dead Sea to the coast through Gaza. It has an area of about 6,500 square miles, a little less than Massachusetts. The tribes at this time occupied also a large area east of the Jordan, so that the whole domain of the twelve tribes was about 12,900 square miles.

In this it will be wise to include the period covered by the lessons for six months. You will notice by the accompanying diagram the main features of this period. It divides itself into four epochs, each one having its peculiar part in the development of the nation. It will be well to draw something of the kind on the blackboard, and drill the school in the main features of the period.

Timeline table showing key events from 1491 B.C. to 1000 B.C. including the period of the Judges, the reign of Saul, and the conquest of Canaan.

Review by Persons: Most of the history of this period is connected with leading persons, whose history will furnish one view of the history of the times. Let the scholars tell what part each of the following persons had in the progress of events:

- MOSES, GIDEON, SAMUEL, AARON, SAMSON, SAUL, JOSHUA, RUTH, DAVID, CALLEB, ELI, JONATHAN, ACHAN, ELI'S SONS, GOLIATH.

Review by Events: This review covers the same ground from a different standpoint. Show what each event had to do with the unfolding through the divine Providence, of the Kingdom of God in the Israelitish nation; Giving of the law. Golden calf.

- Wilderness wanderings. The report of the spies. The fiery serpents. The death of Moses. The captain of the Lord's host. Crossing the Jordan. Fall of Jericho. Defeat at Ai. The conquest. The covenant. Period of the Judges. Gideon's victory.

Call of Samuel. Saul and his possibilities. David chosen. Saul rejected. Victory over Goliath. Friendship with Jonathan.

Review by Moral and Religious Teachings: 1. How the Lord trains a people by rewards and punishments. 2. How the people sometimes choose the second best. 3. Three great men chosen in youth for great deeds that would help on the kingdom of God. Their early training and preparation, the effect of their personal choices, their possibilities, and how they used them.

- 4. A beautiful example of choosing God and his people, and its application to us. 5. God's call and our answer. 6. Rejecting God by disobedience, and its effects. 7. Obedience the test of true religion. 8. God's past aid an encouragement in present difficulty. 9. An example of true friendship. Apply to friendship with Jesus. 10. How all these things helped to prepare for the coming of Jesus into the world, and the founding of his kingdom. How the Savior helps us to make the right choice, do brave deeds, live right lives, and possess true virtues.

Doing No Harm.

Mrs. Mulcahy—Doesn't it not worry you to know that y'r son is in th' liquor business, a leadin' min ter drink, Mrs. Mulhooly? Mrs. Mulhooly—Oh, no. The men he sells to does not nade any ladin'. They're all politicians.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

Observations and calculations have led Mr. A. Mallack to conclude that insects do not see well, especially at a distance.

Silver is cleaned at the shops by pressing the piece against a rapidly-revolving wheel made of Canton flannel in many places.

It is said that a bat finds its way without the assistance of its eyes. A blinded bat will avoid wires and obstructions as dexterously as though it could see perfectly.