

# City Items in Terse Form

### Metropolitan News of Interest to All Readers

## Her High Heel Gave Burglar Liberty



NEW YORK—Misfortune in the shape of a high-heeled boot and a hole in the carpet overwhelmed Mrs. Edward Patterson just as she was going strong in a chase for a thief from her home, 350 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn.

In recounting the facts it is necessary to state that Mrs. Patterson wears a No. 3A, or thereabouts, and the heel of a No. 3A isn't much broader than a spike. She did not give a pardonable thought to her footgear when she returned from shopping, but opened the door softly and discovered the thief in her bedroom. He was bending over a trunk in which were the family jewels and considerable cash. Mrs. Patterson approached noiselessly—No. 3's properly tread made little commotion—and threw her arms around the thief's neck.

He wavered an instant between resistance and a longing to enjoy the embrace of his fair captor. Decision came when Mrs. Patterson put on her emergency brake clutch and the thief gurgled. He tried to free himself and,

## Men Like Empty Cups, Says Waitress

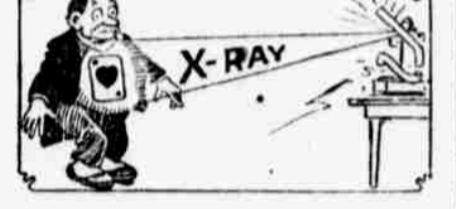


BOSTON—"Yes, men are just like a long row of coffee cups. They sit in a line empty and we have to fill 'em up."

This is the way that you look to the girl behind the counter who takes your order for eggs and fish cakes. If you thought that the lady might be impressed with your individuality you are mistaken, the Boston Herald says. This hustling person with the bright smile and pink cheeks is far too busy with her "roast beef rare—sausage and mashed potato—hurry up those eggs—doughnuts, doughnuts, more doughnuts," to see you in your true light.

"Land, yes, men are all alike. They want what they want and they want it quick. If their order does not come right up you catch it. If you try to hurry the chef you catch it again. But they're all right if you know how to manage 'em. What we do is just to jolly 'em up."

## Hides His Misplay by Eating a Card



NEW YORK.—It wasn't the stake involved that caused A. B. Hudson, a Wall street broker, to invent a heart sandwich, for money means little to him. It was the vaunting pride in his ability to play bridge.

John W. Gates, John A. Drake, Hudson, popularly called "Huddy," and a broker were whiling away a long evening in a small game in a private room in an uptown restaurant. Six or seven men, whose names are familiar in Wall street, were present. Opposite Hudson sat Gates, Drake was paired with the broker. Gates' temper had not been improved by the luck in which he was playing.

Finally it came to the rubber and it was a heart make. Five leads had been made when a heart was led. "Huddy" laid a club upon it. Gates lifted his eyebrows. When more trumps had been ignored by "Huddy,"

## Newest Dog Food May Conquer Arctic



CHICAGO.—The latest product of Packingtown is to be tried out on the dog—literally. It will be tried on Eskimo dogs at that. A corps of experts now is scouring Greenland from coast to coast to find the hundred strongest dogs in that ice-locked region, and it is the appetites of these dogs that Chicago's food specialists are to cater to.

Capt. Ronald Amundsen is to take these 100 powerful canines on shipboard in his seven years' cruise for the far recesses of the Arctic ocean, and when the explorer left Chicago yesterday, after conferences covering many days with the food chemists

## SHOW THAT MONKEYS REASON

### Animals Fight Under a Leader and Roll Stones Down on Their Enemies.

Aesop's ape, it will be remembered, wept on passing through a human graveyard, overcome with sorrow for its dead ancestors, and that all monkeys are willing enough to be more like us than they are they show by their mimicry.

An old authority tells that the easiest way to capture apes is for the hunter to pretend to shave himself, then to wash his face, fill the basin with a sort of bird lime, and leave it for the apes to blind themselves. If the Chinese story is to be believed, the imitative craze is even more fatal in another way, for if you shoot one monkey of a band with a poisoned arrow, its neighbor, jealous of so unusual a decoration, will snatch the arrow from it and stab itself, only to have it torn away by a third, until in succession the whole troop have committed suicide.

In their wild life baboons, as well as the langurs and many other monkeys, undoubtedly submit to the authority of recognized leaders. There is co-operation between them to the extent that when fighting in company one will go to the help of another which is hard pressed.

In rocky ground they roll down stones upon their enemies, and when making a raid, as on an orchard which they believe to be guarded, the attack is conducted on an organized plan, sentries being posted and scouts thrown out, which gradually feel their way forward to make sure that the coast is clear, while the main body remains in concealment behind until told that the road is open.

From the fact that the sentries stay posted throughout the raid, getting for themselves no share of the plunder, it has been assumed that there must be some sort of division of the proceeds afterward. Man, again, has been differentiated from all other creatures as being a tool-using animal, but more than one kind of monkey takes a stone in its hand and with it breaks the nuts which are too hard to be cracked with the teeth.

### Honor in Wall Street.

"One would hardly consider the New York Stock Exchange exactly in the light of 'a communion of saints.' Indeed, to judge by much that appears in the daily papers and the muckraking magazines, this might be the last place to look for the very soul and spirit of integrity. But there it is 'in the midst of them.'"

"Between members of that marble mansion of trade in securities on New York's famous Broad street no paper writing passes certifying to the binding obligations of a transaction. In the very fiercest rush and maddest vortex of the wild corner, a word, a nod, the merest sign, amply suffices. Whatever it may lead to—irreparable loss, ruin, bankruptcy, no matter—the deal is closed.

"I am not professing to be an apologist for whatever crimes may be committed in the name of honor. I simply record the fact—to be easily verified—that the dealings on that exchange are 'on honor.' The Corinthian fairness of its pillared and entablatured front is not shamed by the constant and consistent uprightness of the traffic within."—Christian Register.

### Why Congressman Stole a Clerk.

When Tim Campbell was in the Fifty-sixth congress he stole a clerk from Congressman Scott. Scott was a new member and was made a chairman of a committee, which gave him a clerkship. He knew nothing about the clerk. Campbell did. Through some means or another he had the clerkship transferred to his own committee. Six months later Scott learned of the trick. Meeting Campbell, he said:

"That was a nice piece of petty larceny."

"Tut, tut, Mr. Scott!" said Campbell. "My committee needed a clerk worse than yours." Then, with twinkling eyes, he continued: "You are a millionaire and can afford to hire half a dozen clerks, while I must go to the government for clerical assistance."

The ready reply amused Scott. The two men were always the best of friends thereafter.—Utica Observer.

### Fourteenth Century Operations.

In surgical work De Chauliac, in the fourteenth century, forestalled modern abdominal surgery. He opened the abdomen in order to stitch wounds of the intestine, described a method of suture and invented a needle-holder. A print of the thirteenth century represents a surgeon operating for hernia with the patient in the Trendelenburg position. This highly developed surgery was rendered possible by the use of anesthetics, the preparation in most common use being a combination of opium and mandragora. With these historical facts before us, a proper sense of propriety would cause us to hide our diminished heads.

### Is Graduate of Vassar.

Baroness Uchida, wife of the newly appointed ambassador from Japan, is a graduate of Vassar, and is said to be one of the most distinguished women in her country. She took the highest honors in her class at Vassar, and then studied in Berlin and Paris. She is a member of a society in Tokyo for the education of Japanese women along modern lines of education. She speaks English perfectly and is always gowned after the most approved fashions.

# THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

### Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 26, 1909

Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Matt. 2:1-12. Memory verses, II, 12.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"And thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. I, 21.

TEXT.—December 25, 5.

PLACE.—Bethlehem of Judaea, a small town five or six miles south of Jerusalem.

Suggestions and Practical Thought.

A Journey Across the Centuries with the Wise Men of the East.—All through the Bible we read of angels visiting this earth on messages of mercy. We are taught in Hebrews that they are "all ministering spirits sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit salvation." It requires no great strain on the imagination to conceive of the three wise men coming to earth to see together with us what the King they had sought and found had been doing all these centuries since that wonderful visit.

I. We Visit Bethlehem.—Describe the situation, and note what had taken place here, especially as a city of David. How Mary and Joseph came to be there when Jesus was born. The manger in the inn. The angels announcing his birth to the shepherds. Repeat the song of the angels, and its interpretation in John 3:16.

The Coming of the Wise Men.—We see them in the far east gazing at a new star in the heavens. Perhaps they will tell us why they followed the star, at such great cost of time and treasure and comfort, over dreary wastes, amid hunger, and thirst, and cold, and toil, "in perils of rivers, perils of wilderness, perils of robbers;" like "the queen of Sheba who came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold a greater than Solomon is here;" like the merchant who sold all that he had to obtain the pearl of great price.

What Motives Led Them to Undertake the Journey?—We are informed by Tacitus, by Suetonius, and by Josephus, whose works these wise men doubtless could have read, that there prevailed throughout the entire east at that time, an intense conviction, derived from ancient prophecies, that ere long a powerful monarch would arise in Judaea and gain dominion over the world. Vergil, who lived a little before this, owns (fourth Eclogue) that a child from heaven was looked for, who should restore the golden age, and take away sin.

They could have learned more definitely about this hope from the Jews, who were scattered everywhere with their Scriptures and their hopes, since the Babylonian captivity.

They needed the forgiveness of sins; and the assurance from God as to the conditions on which they could be forgiven.

They found the King, not in Herod's palace as they expected, but in a manger in a common village inn, of royal descent from the Father in heaven and the royal line of David on earth, and in those circumstances through which he could best realize his kingdom in the hearts of men.

They expressed their allegiance and worship by gifts, falling down, worshiping, and offering. The first, the worship of the body; the second, of the soul; the third, of their goods. With these three, our bodies, our souls, our goods, we are to worship him.

II. With the Wise Men We Draw Thirty Years Nearer, and Watch the King Doing His Kingly Work. (Draw the facts from the class.)

Curing sin, disease, sorrow, and death. (Name instances.)

Teaching God's heavenly truth. Changing men's lives. An example of the perfect life. Giving his life to save men. Rising from the dead, the proof and power of immortal life.

Ever-living King and Redeemer; thus manifested as seeking not his own honor or wealth, but giving himself to serve and bless and help the people over whom he is king.

III. Let Us Watch the Glorified King Organizing and Developing His Kingdom. (As recorded in the Acts.) The review of last Sunday will furnish material for this picture, from the day of Pentecost and its gift of power, through the church at Jerusalem, the missions of the apostles and of Paul, to the gospel proclaimed and churches formed throughout the known world.

IV. With Our Wise Men Let Us Move Swiftly Down the Centuries, and Glance at What the King Born at Bethlehem Has Been Doing to Change the Kingdoms of This World Into the Kingdom of Heaven.—What the Christ-King did while living on earth, and after his ascension in founding and developing the early church amid great opposition of Herods who would destroy both the King and his works, and in conflicts with the world powers of evil under the Roman emperors, has been continued with increasing success down through the centuries.

The best Christmas gift is to enter the service of this King; to strive with all our souls to bring all men under his benign sway; to labor and give and pray for the coming of his kingdom in every heart, in every land; to help the poor near at hand, to comfort the sorrowing, to join in the support of missions at home and in foreign lands; to be full of enthusiasm for "education, missions, social service, pure politics, good government, true religion, and a hundred aspects of the Christian ideal."

Let this Christmas feeling last all the year round.

## IMPERTINENT.



Missionary.—You haven't been to Sunday school for a month. I don't expect to meet you in heaven!

Kid.—Ge! I didn't know you was as bad as all dat!

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## A Poor Weak Woman

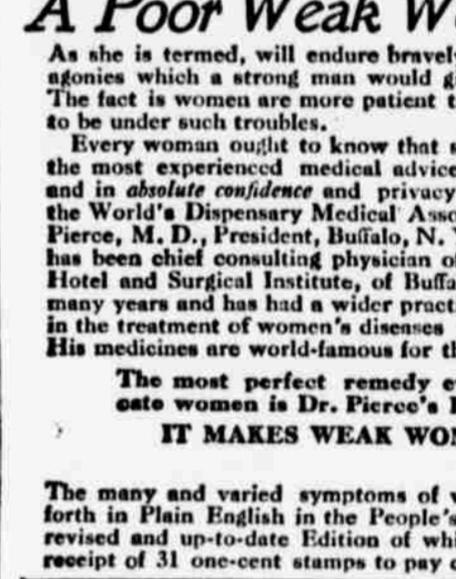
As she is termed, will endure bravely and patiently agonies which a strong man would give way under. The fact is women are more patient than they ought to be under such troubles.

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