

EMERSON ON FEAR OF DEATH

Sage Considered Christianity's Teachings Had Added Much to Dread of "King of Terrors."

The Journals of Ralph Waldo Emerson contain many reflections and thought-provoking paragraphs. Here is one set down in November of 1830: "Is it possible for religious principles to overcome the fear of death? It is commonly overcome, as Bacon observes, by every passion and humor in turn, love, honor, revenge, fun, etc. The instances are familiar of men habitually encountering the greatest risks—sailors and soldiers marching up to a battery for sixpence a day. And multitudes of the lower classes of mankind die continually with almost no exhibition of fear. In all these instances I apprehend it is not a conquest of the fear, but a settling it aside. It is want of thought. It is a dogged attention to the facts next them and not a consideration of the event of death.

"On the contrary, spiritual men exhibit not infrequently strong apprehension, great gloom, as Dr. Johnson, at the thought of dissolution. The more delicate the structure of the mind the stronger this emotion, I suppose; and this for two reasons, first, because such persons have more to lose in losing life, and secondly, because they are not yet spiritual enough to overcome fear.

"I suppose that he who lives in the daily exercise of the purest and most expanded affections, especially has attained religious principles and loves to meditate on God and heaven—I suppose life is worth to him infinitely more than it is to a sensual wretch; life to him is a world of sweet and holy thought, and the idea of losing it is tremendous. I think, therefore, that Christianity has done much to increase the fear of death in the world by the general advance it has brought about in the cultivation of the moral powers, while it has yet failed to affect any large portion of society to that degree as to overcome this terror."

Menelek's Odd Medicine.

Menelek, emperor of Abyssinia, who is reported to be seriously ill, stands a poor chance of recovery if he tries on himself the remedies which he prescribes for others. Some years ago Mme. Stevenin, the wife of a prominent member of the French colony at Addis Ababa, was laid up with fever. Menelek inquired what treatment she was undergoing, and expressed disapproval when he learned that she was being dosed with quinine.

The following day a messenger called with a very large pot of very rancid butter, accompanied by a letter from one of the emperor's secretaries stating that his royal master hoped madame would take three glasses daily of the butter stink, which had been stored for two years, and would be found an infallible remedy.

The present was gratefully acknowledged and promptly buried, and when madame recovered Menelek took to himself the credit of her cure.—Chicago News.

Money from Ship's Castoffs.

Much money is made by the sale of old rope and string. Thousands of dollars are netted by the buying and selling of old fishing nets alone; but this amount is a mere bagatelle to the cash that is turned over in the handling of old cordage at the docks. When it is considered that the cordage, not including the fitting of a large sailing vessel costs from \$5,000 to \$15,000, and that this cordage must constantly be renewed, it will be seen that an enormous trade must be carried on in this particular respect.

Coon and Possum.

Coon meat looks and tastes something like guinea fowl, being dark and tough unless fixed up right. A coon is more dainty and precise than a possum about what it eats. A possum, like a hog, will eat anything, any sort of carcass. Many old southern darkies hold to the belief that they must have at least one mess of coon meat a winter to keep off old-fashioned negro consumption, which used to ravage negroes even worse than it now does the Indians.—New York Press.

Woman's Worth Recognized.

At present the highest salaried woman doing departmental work in Washington is Miss A. H. Shortridge of New York city. The state department recently recognized her services by promotion to a salary of \$2,500 per annum, the highest pay ever given to any woman worker by Uncle Sam. Miss Shortridge began with a position of \$900 a year, and has gradually worked her way up by efficient service.—National Magazine.

The Price of Coal.

In the harvest of death the St. Paul mine with from 340 to 393 dead, ranks next to the highest, if not the most fatal, of recent disasters on our coal fields—the highest of any in the west. At Monongah, W. Va., 360 men were killed; at Harwick, Pa., 158; at Darr, Pa., 238; at Marlanna, Pa., 163; at Lick Branch, W. Va., 117. In the year 1907 our American coal mines exacted a death toll of 3,125 lives and 30,000 all told in the last two decades. Such, and incalculably more, is the price of coal.—The Survey.



SAW LINCOLN WHEN GREATEST

Wayne MacVeagh Tells of His Impression of Emancipator's Famous Gettysburg Speech.

Wayne MacVeagh, the well-known attorney and former cabinet minister, in Century magazine, gives some graphic and interesting personal memories of the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, and of the impression it created. Part of his narrative follows:

"The address of Mr. Everett seemed to me then, as it has whenever I have read it since, perfectly adapted to the occasion, and exactly what such an oration ought to be.

"At its close, as I remember, there was a short interval of music, and then Mr. Lincoln was presented, as only to accept, in a few formal words, the cemetery in behalf of the nation.

"As he came forward, he seemed to me, and I was sitting near to him, visibly to dominate the scene, and



"A Message Not Only for Us of His Day."

while over his plain and rugged countenance appeared to settle a great melancholy, it was somehow lightened as by a great hope. As he began to speak I instinctively felt that the occasion was taking on a new grandeur, as of a great moment in history, and there followed, in slow and impressive and far-reaching utterance, the words with which the whole world has long been familiar. As each word was spoken it appeared to me so clearly fraught with a message not only for us of his day, but for the untold generations of men, that before he concluded I found myself possessed by a reverential awe for its complete justification of the great war he was conducting, as if conducted, as in truth it was, in the interest of mankind.

"Surely at that moment he justified the inspired portraiture of Lowell:

Great captains with their guns and drums,  
Disturb our judgment for the hour.  
But at last silence comes:

These are all gone, and standing like a tower,  
Our children shall behold his face.  
The kindly, earnest, brave, foreseeing man,  
Sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not blame.

New birth of our new soil, the first American.

"And now comes the only inexplicable part of this statement. I waited until the guests who wished to do so had spoken to him and then I said to him with great earnestness: 'You have made an immortal address. To which he quickly replied: 'Oh, you must not say that. You must not be extravagant about it.'

"Others then came around him and I did not see him again until on the train on our way home. He was suffering from a severe headache and lying down in the drawing room with his forehead bathed in cold water. He had sent for me, as I knew, to renew our talk of the day before, but I could not restrain myself from saying to him: 'You did not like what I said this morning about your address and I have thought it carefully over and I can only say that the words you spoke will live in the land's language.

"He answered: 'You are more extravagant than ever and you are the only person who has such a misconception of what I said; but I did not send for you to talk about my address but about more important matters.'

"I had told him on the way from Washington that I should be obliged to leave him at Hanover Junction on the return journey to keep a professional engagement of importance and it was probably for that reason that he sent for me so soon after leaving Gettysburg. We then discussed at some length the matter he wished to talk over and I shortly afterward left the train and returned to Philadelphia.

BACKACHE—A SIGNAL OF DISTRESS

A WARNING THAT MUST NOT BE IGNORED

Pain in the back is the kidneys' signal of distress. If this timely warning is ignored, kidney disease silently fastens its deadly grip—for kidney sickness first shows itself in pains and disorders in other parts, and the real cause is too often hidden until fatal Bright's disease or diabetes has set in. Suspect the kidneys if you are rheumatic and nervous or have lame back, painful, too frequent or scanty urination, weak heart, dizzy spells, headaches, bloating or neuralgia. What you want is a special kidney medicine—not an experiment, but one that has stood the test for years. Doan's Kidney Pills relieve weak, congested kidneys—cure backache—regulate the urine.



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DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS began curing lame backs and sick kidneys 75 years ago. The demand lead a nearby druggist, James Doan, to prepare it for sale. From him the magic formula passed to the present proprietors. Now, as in those early days, Doan's Kidney Pills are made from only the purest drugs and are absolutely non-poisonous. They are used and praised all over the civilized world.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS MAKE LASTING CURES

J. R. Black, 1005 E. Sixth street, Topeka, Kansas, says: "In the spring of 1899 Doan's Kidney Pills brought me such great relief that I did not hesitate to make the fact known and give this remedy my most earnest endorsement. In my statement I said that for three years I had suffered from kidney complaint. I had a dull grumbling ache across the small of my back that greatly inconvenienced me when reaching and straining in doing my work. An annoying kidney weakness was also in evidence and it was out of the question for me to sleep well. In the morning I was all tired out and it can be seen that I was in bad shape. The use of Doan's Kidney Pills quickly and surely drove away these symptoms of kidney complaint and I have since been in good health.

Mrs. James Crooks, First St. N. W., American Fork, Utah, says: "I had kidney complaint for ten years or more. Sometimes a twinge darted through the small of my back and I often became so helpless that I was compelled to go to bed with my clothes on. The attacks often lasted for days at a time and it could not even stoop to put on my shoes. My condition was certainly alarming. The secretions from my kidneys were irregular in passage and contained a heavy sediment after standing. I well know what the misery kidney complaint causes and I can therefore appreciate the merits of a remedy that cures this disease. Doan's Kidney Pills lived up to the claims made for them in my case and effected a cure. My kidneys were restored to a normal condition and my health greatly improved." (Statement given Aug. 22, 1907.)

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WHAT BECAME OF THE BUTTON

Naive Confession of Little Girl Proved Her to Be True Daughter of Eve.

Loie Fuller, the noted dancer, told at a luncheon a story about her class of dancing children.

"I gave the children a Christmas party last year," she said, "and when the pudding came on I said to them: 'I have put in this pudding a coin, a little china doll and a button. Whoever gets the coin will be rich. Whoever gets the doll will be married before the year is out. But whoever gets the button will be an old maid.'

"Well, the pudding disappeared rapidly, and the little girls soon found the coin and the china doll. But the button did not turn up. No one got the button. This amazed me.

"That night I said to my favorite little girl, as we sat alone by the fire in my room:

"I can't understand what became of that button. I put it in the pudding myself."

"I'll tell you,' the little girl confessed, turning rosy with confusion. 'I dot the button. But I didn't want everybody to laugh at me—the I swallowed it.'

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"John," she said, "don't you think this talk about trial marriages is just horrid?" "Oh, I dunno." "Why, you don't believe in them yourself, do you?" "Have to, if there's any marriage that ain't a trial you just show me."—Stray Stories.

Tightness across the chest means a cold on the lungs. It means misery and discomfort every minute, if nothing worse. What's the answer? Rub the chest with Hamlin's Wizard Oil quick.

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COULDN'T WAIT.



Tailor—I cannot make you a new suit until you have paid for your last one, yet.

Mr. Nopay—But I can't wait so long. Winter is here and I need something warm.

Why He Got Married.

A \$900-per-annum clerk in one of Uncle Sam's departments at Washington was recently approached by a co-worker, who asked if it were true, as rumor had it, that the \$900 person was about to marry.

"It is," was the laconic response. "Surely, old man," said the other, with that freedom permitted an intimate friend, "you don't think that your present income would justify you in taking a wife?"

"To be perfectly frank," said the other, "I do not."

"Then what on earth can be your reason for taking this serious step?" "I have no reason," was the calm response. "I am in love."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Point of View.

Senator Beveridge, apropos of the old-fashioned snowy Christmas, said the other day:

"Snow, of course, has its disadvantages from some points of view. "Snow is beautiful in its season," Solomon said that. But I know an old Indianapolis man who, on hearing this remark of Solomon, gumbled:

"Oh, yes, no doubt it was beautiful to you, sittin' with all the wives and lassies of Jerusalem beside you; but if you'd been a poor stone cutter you'd never have said any such thing."

Real Art.

"Smith's a born liar." "Jones has him skinned. He learned his lying at college, and scorns the crude, natural methods."—Exchange.

An Obvious Proposition.

"Have you a plain cook?" "You bet she is. My wife wouldn't have any other kind in the house."

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