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# HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

## Young Women Take Wild Ride When Rein Breaks



INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Miss Grace Mockford and Miss Edith Timmerman, 3037 North Illinois street, were tempted outdoors by the delightful weather the other afternoon for what they planned to be a very restful and bracing drive over the boulevards. They were in a runabout and the horse they were driving was a spirited animal.

At Capitol avenue, near Ohio street, the animal made a break, and immediately afterward things began to happen. In fact, things happened on Capitol avenue all the way north to Twentieth street, which is quite a distance. The two young women thought it was quite a distance, at least, and they never expect to drive through that thoroughfare in quite so dramatic a fashion again.

When the horse found that one of the reins had parted he knew at once that the other was of no service, for he was a wise horse. He started to run, and made up his mind at the very

beginning to pay no attention to speed laws or interference of other kinds. Pedestrians ran out and tried to seize the horse, but he paid no attention to them. Persons in other rigs tried to overtake him, but he left them far behind. Automobiles took up the chase, but the horse made the machines look as though they were standing still. A colored man ran into the middle of the street and tried to "flag" him with a blanket. The horse clamped his teeth on the bits, laid back his ears and tried his best to run right square over the colored man. The colored man had to sidestep like a matador.

Finally, when the horse had passed Nineteenth street, a young man ran out, sizing up the situation as he ran. He saw that to tackle the front end of the runaway would be like plunging single-handed against a flying wedge; so he stood alongside and, as the rear end of the buggy passed, he seized the top and vaulted into the vehicle. After that he climbed over the seat, over the dashboard, over the shafts and onto the horse's back. With so much accomplished the remainder was easy. All he had to do was to reach over and catch hold of the reins on the ends of the bits and then jerk a few times.

The young man disappeared immediately after the excitement was over and his name was not learned.

## Loses His Money at Old "Odd Man Wins" Game

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—It may be that A. E. Peyton immolated himself as a sacrifice on the altar of Protection of Fall Guys the other morning. If so, he did it without knowing it. Anyway, he followed a smooth person who had assisted at his flim-flaming out of \$138, and had the same arrested just before noon. The police believe they have acquired one-half of a "matching" combination that has cleaned up from two to three thousand dollars around Kansas City this fall.



Peyton came to town from Hugo, Okla., accompanied by some money and reserve funds in the shape of a couple of express money orders for \$50 each. He immediately started out to see the sights. He got as far as Ninth and Main streets when he saw a stranger, who looked him over slightly and then introduced himself as Frank Kent.

They talked and walked. Finally the conversation got steered around to the subject of gambling. By that time, as coincidence would have it—or maybe it was Kent—they had reached the bluff that overlooks the depot. And right there appeared another stranger. Anyway, he was strange to Peyton, and Kent didn't seem to know him, either.

Then they got to matching dollars. Now, it is an established scientific principle that when two expert matchers collaborate to "trim" a tertium quid, or third person, the T. Q. inevitably gets trimmed. The process is painfully simple. The game is "odd man wins." The two collaborators so arrange it that when one has "heads" the other has "tails," or vice versa. So one of them always wins.

In the space of thirty hectic minutes, the man from Oklahoma had been separated from \$38 in money and the two express money orders; total \$138.

But the man from Oklahoma felt a trifle resentful. It even occurred to him that something had been done to him. So he just walked along behind the stranger called Kent until he saw a policeman. Then he had Kent arrested.

## Newsboy Police to Keep Order Among Fellows



SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—The Springfield Newsboys' association has organized a police force to patrol the business section of the city to see that the "newsies" conduct themselves properly and also that their rights are not infringed upon. Solomon Skvirsky, president of the association and "chief of police" ex-officio, has appointed a sergeant and patrolman for each ward.

Young Skvirsky came to this country from Russia when four and one-half years old, and since he was seven years old he has earned his own living by selling newspapers. He is the most important person in Springfield in the eyes of the 600 newsboys of

the city, among whom his decrees are law.

Gambling and petty thieving are two evils which the newsboys' leader has worked to suppress. "Our organization has stopped much of the gambling that formerly went on here to quite an extent among the boys," said Skvirsky, in speaking of the association. "The gambling habit with newsboys probably starts from seeing older boys who hang around the streets play games of chance."

"Mr. Sier, a councillor of the association and a former president of the Chicago Newsboys' association, put before a meeting of our association an ingenious plan for a newsboys' police squad. We adopted his idea and divided Main street, the newsboys' principal source of revenue, into wards, each policed by newsboys."

"The duties of these officers are to see that there is no trouble among the boys and to report upon conditions at the meetings of the association. Some things that have been regulated are hold-ups, shooting pennies and crap."

## Effective Car-Stop Scream Introduced by Child

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Passengers on a crowded Hodlamont car about 12:30 p. m. the other day were greatly alarmed by a child's piercing screams as the car began to move after a stop at Clara avenue.



Men and women who had been lucky enough to secure seats sprang to their feet and struggled for a view of the rear platform, from whence the shrieks came.

A rush which might have resulted in a panic was averted only because the congested condition of the car precluded any rushing.

As the shrieks rang out the conductor grabbed the bell rope and gave the motorman the "stop quick" signal. The crew and passengers alike waited breathlessly to learn the cause of alarm.

Male passengers, smoking on the rear platform, performed the seemingly impossible and cleared a passage to the steps, through which walked a matron leading a girl about seven years of age, from whose eyes the tears were welling.

"Ain't you ashamed of yourself?"

the woman was demanding.

"They were leaving you behind," the child sobbed.

As the car moved on again those passengers nearest the steps explained the situation.

The woman and the child, presumably her daughter, were running to catch the car. Youth led in the race, and the child boarded the car first. The woman was several yards behind, and the conductor did not see her and gave the signal to start the car before she had boarded it. The near-kidnaping, which then was threatened, was prevented by the child's effective if unusual method of stopping the car. She just screamed.

# The Second Coming of Christ

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TEXT—"Waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."—1st Corinthians 1:7.



These words of Paul to the Corinthians expressed the attitude of that church, and they should express the attitude of the whole church of Jesus Christ everywhere and always. By the church we mean regenerated men and women, true believers on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. What Does It Mean?

There is much confusion as to what is meant by the Second Coming of Christ, and yet the scriptures clearly teach that he is coming again in a personal and visible sense. What other interpretation can be given to the words of the angels spoken to the waiting disciples on Mt. Olivet just after the ascension of our Lord? "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11.)

All the orthodox creeds of the church have taught this, although there is a difference of opinion among good Christians as to the time when he shall come.

For example, the scriptures speak of a thousand years when peace and righteousness shall prevail over the earth, known mostly as the millennium; and there are those who think that the Lord will not come until after that period, while others believe that he will come before it. This latter is my judgment, for I cannot see how there can be a millennium until he comes to introduce and make it a possibility.

This judgment is based upon the teaching of both the Old and New Testaments, but specifically upon our Lord's command to "Watch," because we know not the day nor the hour when he shall return.

A friend of mine used to spend his summers in New Hampshire, and one day he said to his little children that business called him to Boston. They were very much disappointed to have him go, and he cheered them up by saying that he would return again, and that they should watch for him. As a consequence, his train had hardly drawn out of the station when they ran to their mother and asked her to wash their hands and faces, and comb their hair, that they might run down again and wait for the incoming train on which they expected him to return. This they did continually at train time from day to day, until he did return; so that afterwards their mother said she had never known them to show such an interest in soap and water in their lives. It is for a result not unlike this that our Lord would keep us in the spirit of expectancy, for as the apostle John says, "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (1st John 3:3.)

Sometimes it is asked what is the practical value of preaching on the Second Coming of Christ? We have already stated one answer to that question in the effect of the hope on the personal character of the believer, but in addition to that it can be said that there is not a single Christian grace or virtue named in the New Testament with which that hope is not connected. Three hundred times it is mentioned there, thus showing us its importance in the Christian scheme, and the need of giving it its rightful place in all our Christian thinking and doing.

### Andrew Bonar's Crown.

That dear old Scottish saint, Andrew Bonar, once visited this country, and when he was returning they gave him a farewell meeting in New York. Several eulogistic speeches were made, and one speaker in closing said, "Brethren, think of the 'crown of righteousness' which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give him at that day." And when he sat down, Dr. Bonar arose, and walking to the front of the pulpit, concluded that quotation from Paul's second letter to Timothy adding, "And not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." There are at least three crowns that are promised that faithful believer in the life to come, but this crown belongs alone to them who love our Lord's appearance. Are we counted in that blessed number?

"Do thou my soul keep watch, beware lest thou in sleep sink down, Lest thou be given o'er to death, and lose the golden crown."

And yet how shall we watch except by living a life daily in the will of God. But how do men know the will of God except as they learn of it in the Bible where it has been revealed? Nor is the simple reading of the Bible enough, unless the Holy Spirit shall interpret it to our understandings, and apply it to our hearts. This he does in answer to our supplications, hence I exhort you to a life of real piety.



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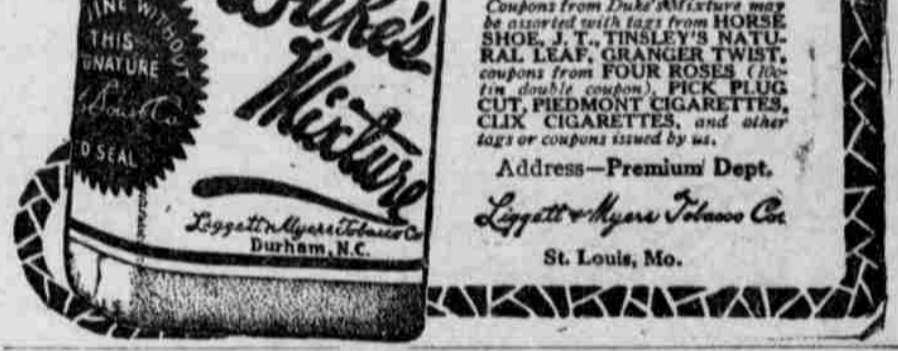
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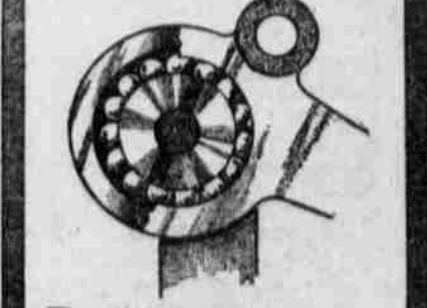
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