

Recognize Deity

Sincere Belief in Divine Guidance

By H. CLINTON HAY



NOT ALL MEN are Christians. But all men of sound reason believe in a creator and preserver of the universe. The universe itself compels such a belief. Life is constantly flowing in from some hidden source; and, however careless a man may be, or modest and reticent in such matters, deep down in his soul he must feel and believe that this source is higher than himself, and in some sense is God. Sound reason tells him of his dependence upon this higher power and teaches him the necessity of learning and observing its laws. This recognition in some form is of fundamental importance to the individual and in national affairs to the nation.

One Thanksgiving proclamation strikes at the root of the matter: "Earnest and sincere belief in divine guidance, deep-rooted faith that even present apparent evils must ultimately convert to good, upheld the founders of New England through trials that elsewhere utterly destroyed settlements."

The stronger this recognition of the higher power the stronger a man, or a nation, becomes not only in the trials of adversity, but also in the more dangerous trials of prosperity. And here we find an argument for Christianity, which that governor may not have noticed. For the more clearly the personality of God is seen the stronger one's confidence in divine care and guidance may become and thence the greater the power of achievement.

Ours is not a Christian nation because a majority of our citizens are members of the Christian church, for they are not, but because its founders were Christians and because its dominating principles have been Christian. But constitutionally it is not Christian, nor Hebrew, nor anything of a denominational kind. It simply recognizes God as a higher power and in that we can all unite. Thanksgiving day means just that. It is the only religious holiday that belongs properly to the whole nation and to all the people. Christmas, which is provided for by most of the states, is for Christians; and even Sunday is the Christian's sabbath, in the religious purposes of which Jews and many others have no part. But here is a festival in which all may participate freely.

And now, no matter what the festivities engaged in, whether in the family circle or abroad in the world of sports and pleasures, no one can entirely fail to be touched by its influence. Its very name is a reminder of what we owe to the Most High, and oftener, far oftener, than we know thanks are given in his "secret chamber" of the soul.

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Sensible Man's Ideal Woman

By BLANCHE BRUCE

If it is true that no sensible man wants a wife who wears high heels, corsets, artificial puffs and who powders and paints, it is more true that every sensible woman abhors a man who is so effeminate as to dictate to her how she shall dress, keep house and bring up children. It is a mistake to put a woman who loves clothes on a par with a man who goes in for green suits, canes, and the like. It is a woman's duty to be beautiful, while it is a man's to earn a good income.

Have the masculine kickers ever tried to make a half-dozen puffs and then to keep them in shape a whole day or evening? They would then realize the convenience of having some they could pin on tight any place they wanted them. My hair comes down to my knees, but I wear a rat and puffs just because of the convenience. When nature has not given a woman enough hair to make puffs she ought not to be forced to advertise the loss any more than those kickers are forced to wear a sign, "I am earning only fifteen a week."

Men fall in love with the artificialities of women. It is the brilliant color of the flower that attracts the bee to the honey. And if a woman is sweet at heart she has a right to be artificial and attract to her the man she wants. While a man may "rush" the attractive girl and marry the plain one, the right sort of plain girl doesn't want a man under these circumstances. A courtship shorn of all halo and aroma should not win her, and such a man is only too likely to "rush" attractive girls after marriage.

Powder is innocent enough for women when it is innocent enough for babies. And paint can make a woman beautiful at night without any one's guessing why she is so beautiful. I have known girls who painted for the daytime so skillfully that even their girl friends, who also painted (at night) and who could detect paint very easily, would not believe that paint was used even when told so. Surely paint is not objectionable in such a case.

A woman has a right to take any means to win a man if she is willing to be equally strenuous to make him happy after marriage.

Hanging of Criminals of No Benefit

By HENRY E. NOTHOMB

Those who have studied law are familiar with the assertion that it is not the severity of punishment but the certainty of punishment that deters those about to commit a criminal act. This statement is accepted as a truth by those who have given thought to the matter, and taking it as a fundamental basis one must naturally ask the question, Why is it necessary to execute at all?

Why are they necessary? What good have they done? Do they scare people into obeying the laws? If so, why not then have the execution out in the public square, where more people can witness the awful event and take the lesson to heart? Such a conclusion would be absurd. Executions do not scare any one into obedience of the law, and some states have recognized that publicity regarding them is harmful rather than beneficial and have prohibited the publication of the details.

The bare possibility of executing an innocent man, the bare possibility of executing one who is insane, even temporarily, the bare possibility of condemning to death one who has been made a criminal by environment, these are all sufficient grounds for doing away with capital punishment.

I am not in favor of capital punishment. Usually it is only some poor, unfortunate fellow without money and without friends who has to swing.



NEW GAME FOR LITTLE TOTS

English Custom of Making Butterflies Out of Paper and Giving Prizes to Winners.

Mothers with little ones know that they must have parties once in a while, just as their grown-up sisters and brothers, and a part of the education of the child is teaching it the duties of hostess and the nice little courtesies of entertaining. The play at parties must not be as boisterous as it may be at other times, and this sense of decorum is another of the things a child learns when it begins to give or attend parties. Mothers are often at their wits' end to know how to amuse the children, for this must be all arranged for beforehand or the party will prove a failure.

A lady who visited recently in an English country house is telling her friends about a children's party which she attended over there. It was a garden party, and the little ones were all gathered together in the large tent prepared for them, after they had erected one another and had some time to get used to the environment. Then each child was given a piece of paper, a pair of scissors and several pieces of colored chalk. The children of the hostess attended to this. Each child was told to cut out a butterfly as well as she knew how and with the chalk to make the spots, antennae and so on. When the butterflies were completed they were gathered up and pinned on the wall, making quite a pretty picture gallery. While the children were enjoying the refreshments, judges passed around and picked out the three best pictures. The name of the artist was on the back, and when this was read and the three prizes distributed, there was great excitement among the little ones. Of course, it need not be a butterfly, but most children are as familiar with this insect as with any other and, at any rate, after such a contest they will examine more closely the butterflies they find.

USE BASINS AS WATER-SHOES

English Swimmers Tire of Ordinary Sport and Spring Amusing and Interesting Feature.

Just ordinary plunging and swimming in the water soon grows tiresome to even the most enthusiastic lovers of water sports, as can be proved by going down to the water anywhere and watching the swimmers devise new ways and means of enjoying the sport. In England, where the circular tin bathtub is still much in evidence, such a scene as this is



Great Sport in the Water.

not exceptional, says Popular Mechanics. The swimmer is trying to walk on the water in two such tubs, and his companions are expectantly waiting for the moment when one will slide out from under and tumble him in.

Learning to Relax.

Have you ever noticed how you urge a trolley or a train onward when you are in a hurry? Do you realize when you are driving the machinery forward with every tension of your body?

Your mind tells you that nothing you can do will hurry you to the destination and yet you sit at the edge of the seat, twist and turn, draw all the muscles into hard knots.

The car does not go one inch faster because of all this exhaust of vitality on your part. You might just as well keep still!

It is not easy to do, no; but it is so sane and helpful when you make up your mind to do it. You arrive at the end of the journey just as quickly as though you had worked yourself out, and you feel rested and willing to go on with the other hours.

LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS.

Red clover—Industry.
Daffodil—Chivalry.
White daisy—Innocence.
Forget-me-not—True Love.
Goldenrod—Encouragement.
Honeysuckle—Bond of love.
Hyacinth—Jealousy.
Myrtle—Love.
Pansy—Think of me.
Pink—Pure affection.
White violet—Modesty.
Blue violet—Love.
White rose—I am worthy of you.
Hawthorn—Hope.
Cowslip—You are my divinity.
Bachelors' button—Hope in love.
Apple blossom—Preference.

KINDERGARTEN.



I'm going to start to kindergarten; Ma says I'm awful smart, an' then, besides, she says I'm growin', an' it's time to be a little knowin'.

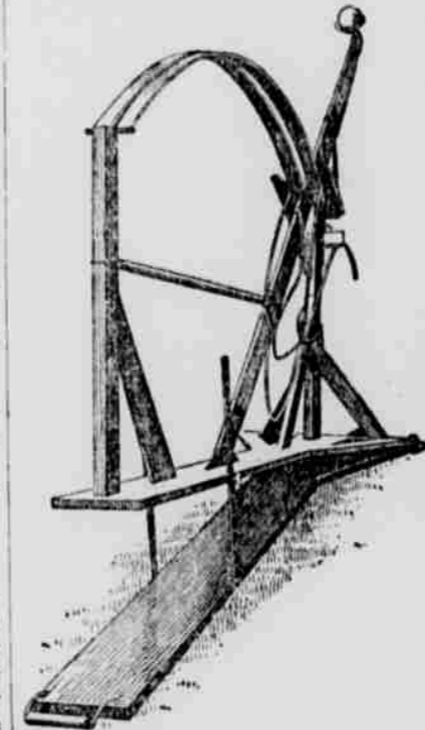
Nas' doon's a nuder boy that's smart an' his ma sent him to kindergarten. An' he learned games, an' songs an' sewin'.

Oh, yes, he's awful smart an' knowin'.

PITCHING BALL IN CRICKET

Innovation in Ancient and Popular English Game Just Been Tried and Approved By Players.

Cricket is as popular a game of ball in England as is baseball in America.



Machine Pitches Cricket Ball.

It is played with 11 men on a side, one side being dispersed in the field to deliver and catch the ball, and the other batting. The batsman stands before a wicket, which the pitcher, or bowler, as he is called in England, tries in every possible way to knock down, says Popular Mechanics. The game, which cannot be completely described because of lack of space, is very ancient, having been played under the name of cricket as far back as the sixteenth century. In itself, it has not undergone any changes to speak of, but once in awhile some auxiliary idea is developed, one of the most important of which is the bowling machine for practice, here shown. It is the invention of an expert player, and has just been tried and approved. It will bowl any length, pace, direction and break required, giving amateur players as excellent batting practice as could a professional bowler. The ball comes to the batter on the first bound, and "break" is the term applied to the slant it can be made to take after striking the ground.

WHY TINY GIRL EXAGGERATED

Hard for the Little Miss to Pronounce Any Word Beginning with the Letter "T."

Dorothy stuttered dreadfully and some words seemed exceptionally hard to force from her mouth. At home, when there was no one there but the family, she was able to speak with little difficulty and only stuttered once in a while. But the minute any company came, or she went out anywhere in the presence of strangers, the poor child grew nervous and became so embarrassed that it was almost impossible for her to say anything. The letter "T" was particularly hard for her.

One day a little friend invited Dorothy to pass the day at her house and in the morning they walked two miles. At the lunch table Nellie's mother said:

"Well, children, did you have a pleasant time this morning?"

"Oh, yes," answered Nellie, "we did have a lovely time. We took a long, long walk."

"Did you?" said Mrs. Smith. "And how far did you walk, Dorothy?"

There was a little pause and then for some unknown reason Dorothy blushed scarlet and said, "Four miles, Mrs. Smith."

"Nellie's eyes grew round with amazement. 'Why, Dorothy,' she exclaimed, 'what are you talking about? You know we only walked two!'"

"I know it," answered Dorothy miserably, "but I felt the stutters coming and I couldn't have said it to save my life, and four isn't half so hard when you're going to stutter!"

CHEAP COALS.



Smythe—Do you pay much for your coal?

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Boy's Essay on Clothing.

Here is an extract from an essay, written by a boy in a London school: "Clothing is an article which everybody should wear. The least of this article is worn by savages or natives, which is a piece of cloth or a few leaves or feathers round the waist, in cold countries, same as Eskimos, the people wear more clothes than we do, count of the icy cold out there. They can skate all the year round, except about one thaw there is in summer. If they walked about like natives they would catch cold directly and die of bronchitis. We put clothes on which are nearly like our bodies, some have caps, coats and trousers, but women and girls wear hats and frocks to tell who they are."

"Julius Caesar" Sent to Bed.

At the British Authors' club banquet in his honor, Lieut. Shackleton told an amusing story of a man who went home one night after dinner and took with him four or five others.

"Come in, boys," he said, "and have a last drink."

"But your wife might not like it," one of the party replied.

"My wife!" was the answer; "I am Julius Caesar in my house."

On entering they were received by the lady of the house with the words: "Oh, walk in, gentlemen; there is plenty of drink in the dining room. As for Julius Caesar, he is going to bed."

Never.

Mrs. Benham—You still insist that woman has more curiosity than man?

Benham—Sure; did you ever know a man to want to find out if he could get off a street car backwards without committing suicide?

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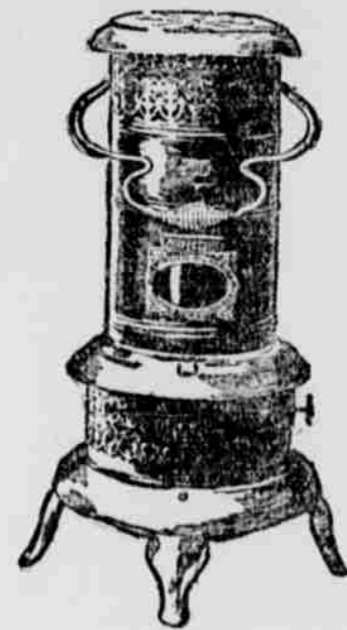
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