

BENEATH THE CITIES

TALMAGE ON THE MENACE OF THE CRIMINAL CLASSES

The Dynamite that Threatens Society - A Plea for Better Prisons and the Reclamation of the Wretched - The Menace of the Idle

Our Weekly Sermons

In this sermon Dr. Talmage in a startling way speaks of the dangers threatening our great towns and cities and shows how the slum-borne fires may be put out. His text is Psalm lxxxv, 13. "The bow of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it."

I propose to point out to you those whom I consider to be the destructive classes of society. First, the public criminals. You ought not to be surprised that these people make up a large proportion of many...

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Why So Many Go Back. They are harder in secret and more in fortune when they come out of jail than when they went in. Many people who go to prison go again and again.

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Alas, for them! If they do not know how to while away an hour, what will they do when they have all eternity on their hands? These men for awhile smoke the best cigars and wear the best broad-cloth and move in the highest spheres, but I have noticed that very soon they come down to the prison, the almshouse or stop at the gallows.

Bad Men in Places of Power. In this class of uprooting and devouring population are untrustworthy officials.

The Menace of the Idle. Among the uprooting and devouring classes in our midst are the idle. Of course I do not refer to the people who are getting old or to the sick or to those who cannot get work, but I tell you to look out for those athletic men and women who will not work.

The Highest Seats. The sewing women, some of them in hunger and cold, working night after night, until sometimes the blood spurts from nostril and lip-how well their grief was voiced by that despairing woman who stood by her invalid husband and said to the city missionary: "I am downhearted. Everything's against us, and then there are other things." "What other things?" said the city missionary. "Oh," she replied, "my sin."

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get it. These places are the source of the city which bleed by a perpetual corruption. They are the underlying volcano that threatens us with a Caracas earthquake.

The Honest Poor. There is another layer of poverty and destitution—not so signalled, but almost as helpless. You hear their incessant wailing for bread and clothes and fire. Their eyes are sunken. Their cheek bones stand out.

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EUROPE'S PEACE MONARCH.

Oscar, King of Sweden, Who Stands Six Feet Three.

In climbing the mountains and breathing the pure salty breezes of the sea, were a splendid preparation for our supper at 8 p. m. We hurried somewhat, as there was to be a soiree at 8:30, at which the King was expected to be present.

But he is something more. He is the nearest and dearest friend of his people. It seems that he has not an enemy in Sweden. No nihilists in that Lutheran and educated country.



KING OSCAR.

There he stands, "every inch a king." Oscar II, is six feet three tall, is in good flesh, 48 years old, but his gait is that of a young man. He wears a full grey beard, trimmed quite short, and looks very much like his portrait.

There stands the King, the peace monarch on the shore, as our steamer leaves land, waving goodbye to his three Cabinet members on board, and to all and everyone of the passengers in general.

Bees in Warfare. On two historical occasions bees were employed as weapons of war. The first is related by Apollon of the siege of Thebes in Pontus in connection with Lucullus, when he was engaged in his war against Mithridates.

Cut Postage Stamps in Half. "Sometimes we find that people have cut stamps in half when they want one of half the denomination," said the red-headed postal clerk in charge of the oddities of the mailing matter as he entered in his "unusable list" eggs, bacon, cucumbers, an entire goose, a nut's head and some bug poison.

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half of a 4-cent stamp," when the envelope addressed in such a manner. "I notified the sender by hand that it indicated a New York origin. I notified the sender by address in the corner of the envelope that her letter was being 'held up' and when the next day I saw a little, white-haired old lady in black come briskly in I guessed correctly that she had come for this letter. When I told her that it had not gone because of a mutilated stamp she looked surprised even when I showed her the envelope. In a sweet, gentle, but protesting way she insisted that the stamp was not mutilated—that having no 2-cent stamp she had cut a 4-cent stamp in two—and she added reproachfully that she was sorry that there had been any delay!

Flavoring Flour. Very few housekeepers know how easily flour absorbs the odor of lime, oil or many other things placed near it. It should be stored in a dry, but cool place. Flour barrels should be placed on a rack that lifts them a few inches above the floor.

ORIGIN OF TABLE UTENSILS

Even During the Middle Ages People Ate with Their Fingers. The use of the fork dates back only to the seventeenth century. The old Greeks, although their civilization was much advanced, ate with their fingers, as gracefully as possible.

Goldsmiths finally invented forks, but at first they were objects of luxury, and were used only at times when they might just as well have been done without. The first mention of forks is made in a document dated 1390, which says that Pierre Gaveston, the favorite of Edward II, possessed three "furchestes" (forks) for eating pears, cheese and sandwiches.

Blue Inside. "Why are these envelopes made blue on the inside?" asked a Star reporter, looking at a specimen which a wholesale stationer held in his hand.

Her Nose Vindicated. The report of the finding of the big gold nugget of gold yet discovered in the Yukon country appears to have been forwarded by the first newspaper correspondent of the female sex to arrive in that country. The woman journalist thus again vindicates her nose for news.

Kitchen Economy. Pastry brushes should be washed as soon as used and put in a warm place to dry.

White of Eggs. A quart of fine sand at 2 cents will do the work of three pounds of scouring soap costing 5 cents each.

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How to Handle the Family Wash.

The laundry work, one of the most important of our domestic tasks, is, as a rule, left entirely to the management of untrained household servants.

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Panned Tomatoes. Cut the tomatoes into halves, place them in a baking pan skin side down, sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper and put in the center of each a tiny bit of butter.

Fruit Muffins. Sift together two cups of sifted flour, half a teaspoonful of salt, three level teaspoonfuls of baking powder and two rounding tablespoonfuls of sugar.

Cream Candy. Place over the fire a vessel containing two large cupfuls of granulated sugar and half a dozen tablespoonfuls of water. Set it to boil until, when a little is dipped into cold water, it will harden.

One Way to Cook Onions. Remove the tops, tails and thin outer skin of the onions, but no more, lest the onions cook to pieces. Spread them over the bottom on a pan large enough to hold them without placing one onion upon another.

Cleaning Marble. Try common table salt. It requires no preparation, and may be rubbed directly on the discolored surface with a piece of house flannel.

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