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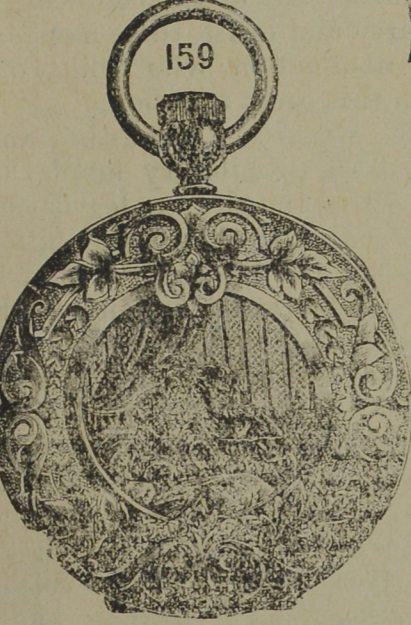
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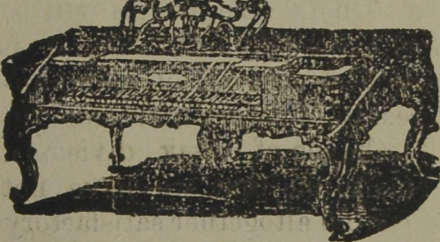


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the church, we are not safe, we are not saved. The judgment of Heaven will strike.

And then the man who professes to have faith, but no works—what shall I say of him? The Apostle James asks, "Can faith save him?" Where there is faith there will be the works of faith. If a man believes in Jesus Christ, he will go to church, and be a member of the church. He will attend to baptism and the Lord's supper. He will walk in all the ordinances and commandments of the Lord blameless. Not a duty will he neglect. Not an ordinance will he despise. It is only by his works that he knows himself. He may have certain convictions, certain feelings, certain desires and hopes and fears, but if they do not come out into real practical christian church life, that man's faith and feelings are a delusion. Noah's faith built the ark. Peter's and Paul's founded the christian church, the corner-stone of which is Christ Himself. And if we have the right kind of faith, we will find our way to the House of God and the means of grace, and we will be members of the church. Don't tell me you have faith, ye who stay far away from the church, for you are deceivers. You talk about reading your Bible and believing in Jesus and living better than members of the church! The truth is, if the Bible is not any better read than you read it, if the Sabbath is not any better kept than you keep it, if Jesus is no better believed in than you believe in Him, and if the christian life is no better lived than you live it, things have come to a sad pass. But I know all about those good people who stay at home and do their religion, and I have no faith in them. Their religion, their faith, is an utter sham. There is no sincerity about them, no goodness, no truth.

But I must hasten on to notice still further here, that if we would be saved from the great sin-deluge, there must be on our part a coming into the ark—a personal and domestic coming. "Come thou and all thy house into the ark."

The ark was there in its vast proportions, built and furnished. The door in the side was wide open, and seemed to say, "Come in!" But it is still empty—no one in. But there must be coming in, if there is to be salvation. Noah must come in. Shem must come in. Ham must come in. They must all come in by that one door in the side. And they must come in before the few days of grace are up. And they came in.

Now, here is Christ—His side pierced, His hands pierced, His feet pierced, His head pierced—pierced all over—pierced, opened, so that poor perishing sinners may get in Him by faith, and He says, "Come in! Come now! Come all! Come thou and all thy house!"

There must be a coming on our part, if we are to be saved. Sitting away off yonder in your own dwelling, reading, sleeping, smoking, lounging—that is not coming. And sitting there, dull, sleepy, indifferent—that is not coming either. Awake, O soul, and now, while it is the day of grace, lay hold of the hope set before you! Come to Christ—Come in Him—in Him!

This matter of salvation is a personal individual matter: "Come thou!" There are a great many things you can conveniently pass over to your neighbor, because they concern him more than you. But here is something for both you and him. God said to Noah, "Come thou into the ark!" and He says to you and me, "Come thou!" The great storm of death and judgment is coming on soon, and we will all want to be in Christ that day. It will not be enough that your wife is safe in the ark, that your son is there, that your daughter is there, that your neighbor over the way is there. You will want to be there too. And blessed be God, we may all be there, and our being there will prevent nobody else from being there.

Then the invitation of the gospel is domestic as well as individual: "Come thou and all thy house." That is one of the grand things about the great salvation, it respects the relationships that subsist here. Jesus Christ does not want to have our families all broken up. So He gives family invitations. Oh how sad it is to see families all broken up! There is scarcely a whole family in the church. The wife is in the ark perhaps, but the husband isn't there. The girls are there, but the boys—the young men, where are they? Now, that isn't as it should be. We should be saved as families—father and mother and all the children in the ark, in the church—Noah and his house, Abraham and his house, Moses and his house, David and his house, the jailor and his house, Lydia and her house, and so on. Oh so many of the fathers are not in the ark! And yet the invitation is specially to them. The Lord said to Noah, as the head of his house, not to his wife, not to Japheth the eldest son, not to Ham the youngest, but to himself, "Come thou!" and He told him to bring all his house along with him. He holds the fathers responsible, in a very important sense, for the salvation of their children. If they are not in the ark, not in the church, not in Christ, then there is something wrong in family training.

But alas! today so many fathers don't come into the ark. They say, "Wife, you go in, and the children. But I am too rough, too much in the world, to go into the ark, to be a member of the church." And so family religion is neglected, and baptism, every duty. O fathers, come into the ark and bring your children along with you. God looks to you. You want your children to be saved. You want to see them in the ark. You want to see them on the glorious right Hand. But they will not be likely to be there, unless you are there.

One word more. I have an invitation, my hearer, from the Lord to thy soul, and behold now is the accepted time! behold now is the day of salvation! "Come thou and all thy house into the ark." To stay out is to perish. Oh as you value your eternal well being, and that of the dear ones around you, delay not, but come. Where is your family? Are they in the ark—those dear children of yours? Are they saved? Or, do I hear their wail coming over the wild waters of woe—"Not saved! Not saved! Not in the ark! Not in the church! Not in Jesus! Lost! Lost eternally!"

SUCCESS IN TREATING CROUP.

A correspondent of Good House-keeping gives the following account of the successful treatment of a case of croup:—"Remembering a child of our own who was attacked in a similar manner, we procured a pail, filled it with hot water, and, quickly removing the little one's shoes and stockings, placed her feet in the pail. We lost no time in roasting three onions, then mashing them, spread them on a folded napkin, pouring over the whole a tablespoonful of goose grease, (lard or sweet oil will do as well.) The poultice was applied as hot as could be borne to the throat and upper part of the neck. In ten minutes the quick, short gasps ceased, and at the end of half an hour the child, warmly wrapped in a soft blanket, was sleeping soundly. The skin was moist and the breathing natural. All symptoms of the dreaded scourge had disappeared as if by magic."

RESTRAIN YOURSELF FROM COUGHING.

The following is accredited to a doctor connected with an institution containing many children: There is nothing more irritating to a cough than to cough. For some time I had been so fully assured of this that I recently determined, if possible for one minute, at least, to lessen the number of coughs heard in a certain ward in the hospital of the institution. By the promise of rewards and punishments I succeeded in inducing them simply to hold their breath when tempted to cough, and in a little while I was myself surprised to see how some of the children entirely recovered from their disease.

Constant coughing is precisely like scratching a wound on the outside of the body; so long as it is done the wound will not heal. Let a person, when tempted to cough, draw a long breath and hold it until it warms and soothes every air cell, and some benefit will soon be received from the process. The nitrogen, which is thus refined, acts as an anodyne to the irritated mucus membrane, allaying the desire to cough and giving the throat and lungs a chance to heal. At the same time a suitable medicine will aid nature in her effort to recuperate.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE.

Punctuality in answering invitations is one of the minor moralities of life, which ought to be practiced by all who aspire to a correct discharge of social duties. Yet one nearly always finds that those people who have least to do are the most uncertain and unpunctual in such matters. What an advantage it is to have invitations answered promptly; for while you are waiting for the answer, which, when it comes, is a refusal, that might just as well have been written at once, you lose the opportunity of asking other friends. Whilst on this subject one may remark on the want of courtesy evinced by some hostesses in never being ready to receive their invited guests. This always gives the impression that, after all, you are not very welcome, and the visit is robbed of some of its pleasure. Punctuality in returning both books and music and returning them neatly done up in paper addressed to the owner "with thanks," having been kept clean and no corners turned down, is another of the minor moralities of life.

COOKING RECIPES.

INDIAN MEAL GRUEL.

Make a thin paste of one teaspoonful of flour, two tablespoonfuls of best corn meal and a little water. Stir this into a quart of boiling water; cook until the meal has set, stirring constantly, then turn into a double boiler and simmer for one and one-half or two hours. Season with salt and strain. If too thick, thin with milk or cream.

STUFFED POTATOES

Select large potatoes and bake; when done scoop out the insides and mix with

butter, milk and finely minced cold meat; season, and refill the skins, place in a baking tin, place a small piece of butter on each and set in the oven for five minutes.

CHICKEN CROQUETS.

To three cups of minced boiled chicken, add three cups of broth, butter, the size of an egg, mixed with two tablespoonfuls of flour, pepper and salt to taste; boil ten minutes, remove from the fire and stir in two beaten eggs; let boil up well again, then put in a dish to cool; make into small cakes, roll in cracker crumbs and fry a light brown.

HUSKS.

One cup each of sugar, milk, yeast and flour; let rise over night and in the morning add one-half cup each of butter and sugar, yolk of two eggs; knead, form into biscuits, let rise and bake; beat the white of an egg, spread over the top and sprinkle with sugar.

MOTHER'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

Few mothers reflect that the family is merely a school for husbands and wives, says The Rural New Yorker. What sort of men make the best husbands? Those who as boys had the best mothers. The boy who will criticise his mother's speech or dress, who will find fault with her coffee, or bread, will do the same with the woman who may be so unfortunate as to give her life's happiness into his hands. A selfish man may be drawn out of his selfishness through a few weeks' courtship, but wait until the wear and worry of married life comes on, and he will inevitably settle back into it. Love seldom radically changes a nature. Only the grace of God can do that, and it takes more grace I often think, than many people get hold of.

"The best husbands I ever met," says the author of "John Halifax," "came out of a family where the mother, a most heroic and self denying woman, laid down the absolute law, 'Girls first;' not in any authority, but first to be thought of in protection and tenderness. Consequently the chivalrous care which those lads were taught to show to their sisters naturally extended itself to all women. They grew up true gentlemen—gentlemen, generous, courteous of speech, and kind of heart."

It was while reading the above that it occurred to me how truly the mother molds and forms the future husband. It is a fearful responsibility, I grant you sisters, but the reward is a glorious one. If you teach your sons to yield generously to their sisters, to shield and protect them manfully and lovingly, not only do they make better husbands, but the sisters who have been so cared for will look for the same courtesy, chivalry and tenderness in the men they marry, and will be satisfied with nothing less.

Right here I want to give a quotation from Shakespeare which occurs to me. There isn't any special connection or sequence in it, except that mothers would do well to have their daughters commit to memory this single passage, if no other, from the world's greatest poet. It speaks for itself, and comment is unnecessary:

"And while thou livest, dear Kate, take a fellow of plain and uncoined constancy, for he hath not the gift to woo in other places; for these fellows of infinite tongue, that can rhyme themselves into ladies' favors, they do always reason themselves out again. What! a speaker is but a prater; a rhyme is but a ballad, a good leg will fail; a straight back will stoop; a black beard will turn white; a curled pate will grow bald; a full eye will wax hollow; but a good heart, Kate, is the sun and moon, or rather the sun and not the moon; for it shines bright and never changes, but keeps its course truly."

THE "GREAT EASTERN."

Nothing, from the financier's point of view, became the "Great Eastern" so much as the manner in which she ceased to be, for the only persons who have ever made money out of the greatest ship the world has seen are the men who bought her to break up, and have reduced her to the miserable state depicted in our illustration. Yet the great fault of the huge vessel was that she was designed and built before her time. The great man who designed her was too far in advance of his age, and he could not command the mechanical resources, or secure the assistance from the commercial methods then in existence, which were necessary to make the "Great Eastern" a commercial success. Although no ship as big as she has been as yet laid down, there would be no difficulty in building a fleet of such leviathans, or in filling them with cargo at every voyage, and if they are not built, it is because the tendency is at present towards specializing vessels, the freighters carrying nothing but freight, the packets nothing but passengers and packages. When the "Great Eastern" was condemned to be executed it was because the time had definitely arrived when it was more profitable to break her up for the sake of her material than to put a new driving plant into her, and without a new driving plant she was useless.