

Christianity as a Practice.

Although our civilization is supposed to be Christian, its Christianity is a profession rather than a practice. The vital teachings of Christ have been preached for nineteen centuries, but they have not yet become a part of the character of human beings.

Recently several young people in a large city nearby undertook to live for two weeks as Christ would live, a kind of experiment to show that Christianity was a profession, not a practice, otherwise they would not have gone far until they, too, like Christ, would have scandalized society.

Suppose that one of these young imitators of Christ had entered a fashionable church on Sunday and pulled the women's costly millinery from their heads, as Christ drove the traders from the Temple, what would have happened to him in the Christian city of Cleveland? Suppose that he had upraised the churches in Mr. Rockefeller's own city for taking money from Standard Oil, what would the doctors in the temples have said about him? Suppose that he had gone about denouncing grafters, secret rebaters, oppressors of child-labor, stock exchange gamblers, venal editors and varieties of sleek and respected cheaters, what an outcry would have been raised against him as a muck-raker!

And suppose that he had taken a woman, who had sinned and repented, into his group of friends, in all charity and purity, and introduced her to his mother, and appeared with her in public place, how the shocked virgins and scornful matrons of Christian Cleveland, conscious of their virtue, would have leveled their loggots at him and cut him dead if he presumed to bow! And how tongues would have wagged with un-Christian gossip! And how sourly his pastor would have looked at him! And what a sensation the newspapers would have made of the affair! And how glibly all the pharisees would have said to one another, "I told you so!"

After nineteen centuries Christ, if he were to come on earth again, would find men as incredulous, as inhospitable, as selfish as he found them under Caesar and his procurator, Pilate. He would find the pharisees as numerous and as powerful. He would find the priests in the temple as dogmatic and as firmly convinced that this was the best possible of worlds. Society would frown upon him again as it frowned upon him then. He would encounter the same indifference and suffer the same contumely. The rabble would be quick to shout, "Give us Barabbas."

Pilate would be as ready with his query, "What is truth," as hasty in turning away without waiting for an answer, and as eager to pass a difficult matter to Herod and wash his hands of it.

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A black fur grenadier hat, lynx preferred, with a gardenia or two on the left side.

For evening frocks the dullest and most faded of colours. Ashes-of-roses has replaced pink, b'ette of the grayest tint has supplanted baby-blue. Biscuit color is used instead of canary or corn yellow, while gray, mauve and even London smoke are seen in chiffon cloths, nets, etc, for party frocks, brightened by silver gauze beneath and silver lace trimming.

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Asks Us to Print.

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It is said that a person who would take this prescription regularly, a dose or two daily or even a few times a week, would never have serious Kidney or Urinary disorders or Rheumatism.

Cut this out and preserve it. Good Rheumatism prescriptions which really relieve are scarce, indeed, and when you need it, you want it badly.

Easy to Distinguish.

At one time there were two members of the House of Commons named Montagu Matthew and Matthew Montagu; the former a tall, handsome man, and the latter a little man. During a session of Parliament, the Speaker, having addressed the latter as the former, Montagu Matthew observed that it was strange he should make such a mistake, as there was as great a difference between a horsechestnut and a chestnut horse.—[The Argonaut.

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The Wrong Note.

Mozart, being once on a visit at Marseilles, went incognito to hear the performance of his "Villanella Rapita." He had reason to be tolerably well satisfied till in the midst of the principal aria the orchestra, through some error in the copying of the score, sounded a D natural where the composer had written D sharp. This substitution did not injure the harmony, but gave a commonplace character to the phrase and obscured the sentiment of the composer.

Mozart no sooner heard it than he started up vehemently and from the middle of the pit cried out in a voice of thunder, "Will you play D sharp, you wretches?"

The sensation produced in the theatre may be imagined. The actors were astounded, the lady who was singing stopped short, the orchestra followed her example, and the audience, with loud exclamations, demanded the expulsion of the offender. He was accordingly seized and required to name himself. He did so, and at the name of Mozart the clamor subsided and was succeeded by shouts of applause from all sides.

It was insisted that the opera be recommenced. Mozart was installed in the orchestra and directed the whole performance. This time the D sharp was played in its proper place, and the musicians themselves were surprised at the superior effect produced. After the opera Mozart was conducted in all triumph to his hotel.

Cargo of Five Thousand Cats.

London Globe. Japan, it seems, is infested with rats, and the reason is explained by a Paris contemporary, viz., that the Japanese cats, which are not prolific, are pampered to an extraordinary degree. During the last few days, the chronicler proceeds, a ship has left one of the principal German ports with 5000 cats on board. These on arrival are to be settled in the various maritime towns of the mikado's dominions, and we further learn that the present consignment of cats is to be followed by four others, each of 5000. The name of the principal German port is not given.

The Thirteen Chicks.

How difficult it is to pick out truth or fiction from apparently straightforward recitals of the actions of animals is well shown in a communication sent to one of our foreign exchanges by a man who lays claim to long experience in breeding game birds. He stated in all seriousness that only two of his pheasant hens had hatched out seventeen of the eighteen eggs placed under each one in the nests. "It is a curious fact," he continues, "that both hatched off on the same day, and each hen immediately killed thirteen out of her seventeen live chicks, by poking their brains and laid them in a row in front of her, each exactly in the same way. I shall be glad to know whether such a singular case has ever been noted before."

So shall I; but, at any rate, in this case at least, thirteen was an unlucky number for both the chicks and their owners.—Forest and Stream.

Making Ice at Home.

How to make ice at home cheap and effectually has long been the despair of the housewife, for, notwithstanding the many systems at present in the market, most of them are more or less unsatisfactory, some, indeed, being outside the pale of the practical on account of the cost of production. Ice for domestic purposes has become so essential to the well-being of Americans in especial and dwellers in hot countries in general that no excuse is needed for bringing to the notice of our readers a simple and comparatively inexpensive little apparatus capable, its inventors claim, of producing ice at a minimum of cost and labor through the direct agency of sulphuric acid. The machine in question is made in Reading, in England. We have not had an opportunity of personally testing the invention, but if all we hear from the good source be true, there is scarcely a doubt but that this machine has come to stay—at least until some inventive genius, working on the same lines, goes one better, as the saying is, and simplifies what is already admittedly an extremely simple appliance. Where, we fancy, the invention will prove a special boon will be in the scattered districts, where a refrigerating plant is conspicuous by its absence, and whose inhabitants for months at a stretch are reduced to the necessity of imagining what ice is.

It is claimed for the new inventions, says The Technical World Magazine, that it will produce a carafe of iced water in three minutes and a one-pound brick in twenty, and that so easily that a child can safely be trusted with the work of manipulation. With half a gallon of acid—which constitutes a complete charge—one can ice from fifty to one hundred carafes of water, and the cost of this is entirely the local charge for sulphuric acid, plus the initial expense of the machine, which is purchasable for less than \$50, the only extras being a dollar or two for spare absorbers or carafes. The machine is built on the principle that water will freeze when rapidly evaporated by a vacuum pump and a powerful absorbent, such as sulphuric acid.

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