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Sermon From Shakespeare

(Copr. 1909 by Bradley-Garretson Co. Ltd.) The gods are just, and of our pleasant vices, Make instruments to scourge us.

King Lear, Act. V., Sc. 3. The instrument that the gods used to scourge the Earl of Gloucester in the drama of "King Lear" was his illegitimate son Edmund. The poor old noble was deprived of his estates, his eyes were brutally torn out, and he was driven forth into a bitter winter world to "smell his way to Dover." In the opening scene of the drama Gloucester is introduced to the audience flippantly commenting on the follies of his youth. He was an unrepentant sinner. He had sown the wind and he reaped the whirlwind; he had given way to passion in his youth and the offspring of his lust was to be the scourge of his old age. This is an extreme instance of the possibility of sin returning to destroy the sinner; but in a thousand ways the truth of the statement that

"Our pleasant vices Make instruments to scourge us," is proved in life.

The commonest vice of humanity is idleness; by idleness is meant refraining from the ordinary work of the world, living in sloth or pleasure when the voice of duty is demanding that the energies should be directed toward producing or preserving what has already been produced. It is pleasant to most natures to refrain from work. Scratch the man and under the skin you find the animal. Sunlight and cool water, sleep and food content the majority. Visions of the Garden of Eden, where work was unknown, where man had not to earn his bread by the sweat of his face, is the delight of the multitude. But man was created for work. His brain is a complicated and delicate conceiving instrument; his hands are tools constructed to enable him to conquer the elements. If brain and hand lie idle man will find himself in old age thrown into a forgotten corner; neglect and poverty will scourge him. It is often wondered why the Indians of the North American continent never attained civilization. Idleness was the cause. Animal enjoyments were their sole delights. Like the bears and the wolves of their forests and plains it was with them a feast or a famine. They took no thought for the morrow, and they were scourged and are being scourged by their idleness. Individual instances of red men who have, through their energy, risen to positions of prominence show what the Indians might have become as a race had they, in useful constructive work, persistently put forth the brain and energy that they occasionally displayed in their destructive wars. The gods are just; they deserve no better fate than to be plucked up as human weeds to give place to the white race which has learned the need of work.

Gluttony is a pleasant vice practised by many. Unwise feeding lowers the soul's life; for "high thinking," there must be "plain living." Like idleness gluttony tends to degrade man to the animals. The body and mind usually develop harmoniously, and in a gross body a coarse mind is apt to be found. But the pleasant vice carries its own scourge; half the ills that flesh is heir to are directly due to unwise eating and over-eating. This is an age of patent medicines; the quacks thrive on the fools.

Indulgence in strong drink is another common pleasant vice. By subduing the will intoxicants give loose rein to the imagination. Under their influence men are oblivious to the ills of existence. Sorrows are drowned in the wine cup, misfortunes are forgotten in the flowing bowl. Strong drink is the falsest of cures for the evils of life. Its effect is not lasting, and the reaction leaves the latter state of the individual worse than the former. It seems a pleasant servant, but it becomes a relentless master. In time it undermines the will and wrecks the body. The brand of Cain, what was that? A special mark by which the murderer of his brother could be known. On every drunkard there is a brand of Cain, mind and body are stamped with the vice. The excessive use of liquor is in the first place delightful to the palate; it stimulates the blood and exalts the imagination; in the end, if its practise be continued, it saps the physical strength and degrades the mind. It is a veritable scourge lashing individuals and communities.

In "Timon of Athens" there is an excellent example of the pleasant vice proving a scourge. Timon was a spendthrift; he was blessed with wealth but he abused it. He denied himself nothing; he gave to every flatterer with a lavish hand. The spendthrift is a pleasantly vicious individual, and is a favorite while his money lasts. In the end he is scourged by the neglect and scorn of those he favored. Poverty, all the harder to bear because he has known

affluence, the scourge of the spendthrift's closing years.

In the case of the man who allows his passion to control him, of the idle man, of the glutton, of the drunkard, of the spendthrift, their pleasant vices prove in the end to be avenging scourges for their waste, their neglect, their sin,—and who will call the gods unjust?

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A Short Lived Strike At Sussex

SUSSEX, June 26.—Demanding nine hours a day in place of ten, about twenty-five employes of the Sussex Manufacturing Co. went out on strike Tuesday morning. The employers refused to yield to the demand, and at noon today all but eight of the strikers returned to work. Business had to be suspended for a while on Tuesday, but to-day the work is going on as usual.

The July Rod And Gun

"Reminiscences of a Sojourn at a Hudson Bay Post" by Frank Houghton, the opening number in the July issue of ROD AND GUN IN CANADA (W. J. Taylor, Limited, Publisher, Woodstock, Ont.) contains an interesting comparison between the characters of the white man and the Indian, illustrated in the almost quixotic honesty displayed by "Wabun Annung" when temptation, in the guise of imminent starvation, might well have proved overpowering. A profusely illustrated chapter of the popular continued article, "The Culture of Black and Silver Foxes" is another feature of this issue which contains many stories and articles of outdoor life in the various Canadian Provinces.

Why We Rap On Wood

(Farm and Fireside.)

The superstition of rapping on wood when one has been betrayed into boasting of a special bit of luck, like immunity from illness, etc., is of German origin. The raps were supposed to drive away evil spirits vexed by vaunted happiness or any piece of good fortune.

The three raps originally signified the three persons of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and the necessity for rapping on wood was because that was the material of the cross.

Militant Suffragette's a test Outrage

London, June 26.—The militant nactics of the suffragettes has assumed a new form. On the arrival of a train from Tunbridge Wells at Victoria station in London last night, it was discovered that many windows had been smashed, carriage fittings and cushions cut and destroyed, and the walls plastered with writing, demands for "votes for women," and the abolition of forcible feeding. The culprits were not discovered.

Another batch of suffragettes who had been on hunger strike were liberated from prison to-day.

The three suffragettes who smashed the glass door panels in St. Stephen's Hall, while trying to gain admission to the House of Commons last evening, were sentenced by the police magistrate to-day each to two months' imprisonment.

"Contentment is better than riches, said the ready-made philosopher.

"True, replied Mr. Dustin Stax; but my observation is that a man who is rich has a better chance of becoming content than a man who is contented has of becoming rich.—Washington Star.

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Watching For Next Year's Seed

This is the time for the farmer to be on the outlook for next years seed. Like usually yields like, and for that reason the field with the most vigorously growing plants should be selected with a view to next years seed. This field should be carefully spudded of all weeds. This is not a job that should be rushed over, but one that is done with the extreme of deliberateness. As soon as the grain is in head it is important to go over it to pick out all other grain heads than those of the seed wanted. It is astonishing how few fields one sees of even relatively pure grain. Barley has a way of intruding upon the outfield and the fall wheat field. It is important that every stray head should be hand-picked, as a very few heads remaining in a field designed for seed purposes will multiply even in one season at an astounding rate. There is no better time for separating the intruding seed than the season when the field is in head. No machinery can do this separating quite so well as the farmer himself. Care and patience and a great deal of perseverance are required for this process, but the reward is great.

The better portions of the field should be carefully noted and when harvesting is being done these portions should be set aside in the barn in order that the grain may be given special quarters. The special work of this season of the year is the noting of the particularly vigorous portions of the field, clearing these of weeds and plucking out all other grain than that required for seed, and making special provision for keeping the portion of the crop to be devoted to seed by itself.

Lober Shippers Have New Problem.

Halifax Echo: The Board of Trade has received a message from the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, stating that by an act of the French Parliament the origin of all tinned fish and lobsters imported into France must be embossed on the top or bottom of the tin. If this new law is enforced immediately it will mean that the very large Nova Scotia lobster pack now awaiting shipment from Halifax, most of it intended for France and only a small portion of which has been stamped as provided by the Act, cannot go forward. The preserved lobster shipment from this port amount in value to about \$2,000,000 per year.

How It Goes

"Well, George, said the president of the company to old George, 'how goes it?'

"Fair to middlin, sir, George answered. And he continued to currycomb a bay horse. 'Me an this here horse, George said, suddenly, 'has worked for your firm sixteen years.

"Well, well, said the president, thinking a little guiltily of George's seven dollar salary. 'And I suppose you are pretty highly valued, George eh?'

"Hm, said George, 'the both of us was took sick last week, and they got a doctor for the boss, but they just docked my pay.

The founder of the Christian Endeavor Society, Rev. F. E. Clark, contributes a sour note to the chorus of baccalaureate laudation, saying that "the modern education of women is rapidly working toward the elimination of the gentle, spiritual and lovable type of womanhood," and that "mannish manners, uncouth and often almost vulgar speech" have become a characteristic of the modern college girl. Apparently Dr. Clark gets his idea of college girls from the sensational newspapers. Moreover, it couldn't be education that was producing such a monstrosity as he pictures, but rather the lack of it.

When Richard Olney was secretary of state he often said that appointees to the consular service should speak the language of the country to which they are appointed.

An enterprising western politician who desired to serve at a Chinese port presented his papers to Mr. Olney. The secretary remarked: "Are you aware, sir, that I never recommend a consul unless he can speak the country's language? Now, I suppose you do not speak Chinese?" The westerner grinned broadly.

"If, Mr. Secretary, said he, "you will ask me a question in Chinese I shall be happy to answer it." He got the job."

QUAKERS IN AMERICA.

More than 140,000 Friends are now members of the various meetings. In England they are of the so-called Orthodox branch, and number about 20,000; in America these Orthodox Quakers are nearly 100,000 strong, with three-quarters of them in the new lands west of the Alleghenies. Philadelphia is the centre of the Hicksite branch and their 20,000 are chiefly in the East. Furthermore, to these main bodies must be added a few scattered meetings of the Orthodox in Ireland and in Canada, and the Wilburites, a small American sect which still professes the rigorous Quakerism of the eighteenth century.

An Irish private was called before his adjutant of his regiment, who had received complaints that the Irishman had not written home for years. The common excuse, "Can't write," was offered.

"Can't write! said the officer, seizing his pen. "Well, just dictate while I write your letter.

"We have the best commanding officer in the service, dictated Pat.

"H'm! mused the adjutant, looking up, "Well?'

"The S. M. is like a father to the men.

"Anything else? asked the adjutant. "Kindly excuse bad writing and spelling! added Pat.—Tit-Bits.

"Papa, began little Billy, "if they should want to cut out my ap—ap—"

"Cut out your appetite? surprisedly ejaculated his sire. "What are you talking about?'

"Not my appetite; my ap—appendix. The doctors would have an awful time finding it, I guess. I dont know where it is my-self!—Cassells Journal.

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