

Sign Boards on the Up-road

By Hamilton B. Williams

There is a feeling of gratitude in the heart of the grateful soul. It is a feeling that has become conscious of obligations. Ingratitude distinguishes mean souls. They are of the fellowship of the daughters of the horse-leech, and their litany is "More, More."

Marcellus Aurelius was one of the world's first gentlemen. Emperor of Rome he performed his most kindly act when, in beginning his book he made acknowledgment of the debts which he owed his friends for their contribution to his life-estate.

If we were to get in order these gifts we have received from all who have passed our gates, we should, with Goethe, realize that we were the beneficiaries of all who have passed before us.

They only who have received nothing from anybody are in a position to disclaim obligation. Gratitude locates us in the universe just where we belong.

The ungrateful are brothers of the octopus and vampire; the grateful stand on the shining hills with Lord Christ.

The sin of Judas grew out of an ungrateful heart. He was so unappreciative of Jesus that his

COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

Money It Has Fallen Mainly into the Hands of Bunglers.

Counterfeiting is a lost art. There are no more really good counterfeiters trying to beat the government in the money game. They have either died or are in jail serving long terms. This is according to the chief of the secret service in a recent interview.

"The men who are trying counterfeiting these days," said the chief, "are so incapable and our system of detection is so perfected that they cannot get away from us. Some of the bogus money put on the market in recent years is a poorer imitation than stage money. Why some persons are induced to receive it is a mystery to most of us."

"There are still a few clever men trying to make paper money, but they are few, and we always get them before they do any harm. All of the romantic elements that have entered into counterfeiting have passed. The woman once in alliance with the counterfeiters seems to have passed too."

"There may be a counterfeiter busy in the next flat and the neighbors know nothing of his business until we take him away. We find more attempts to counterfeit money in New York and in the other large cosmopolitan cities, because in such cities the culprits are safer from detection."

"Counterfeiting is a crime against the poor. Those who could better afford to stand a loss of real money in change for a bad bill seldom are affected."

"It is the poor tenement dweller or the neighborhood shopkeeper who always suffers. Counterfeiters do not make coins or bills in large denomination. The largest coin attempted is a fifty cent piece, and this coin is always distributed in a neighborhood where the residents are of small means."

"Once the possessor of a bogus coin finds he has 'bad' money and is apprised of the fact he is liable to arrest and conviction if he attempts to get rid of it; hence the money must be turned over to the federal authorities, and the person who receives it in exchange is the loser."—New York Letter to Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Wood Pulp Paper.

Wood pulp paper is made from wood—poplar, spruce or pine usually—which has been reduced to a fine pulp either by grinding while wet or through chemical means. The pulp is kept diluted with water while fed on to the bed of the paper machine, this bed being a continuous band or wide belt of finely woven wire. It is supported by rollers set close together and in rapid motion, the latter to set the fibers of the paper. The sheet forms almost at once, as soon as the water drains through the wire cloth, though it is then moist and weak. Successive rollers and vacuum boxes press and dry out more moisture, big rollers heated by steam finally render it perfectly dry, and then it is run between finishing rollers, varying according to the exact kind of paper to be made.—London Standard.

Two Babies.

Mrs. Newma—Oh, I wish you could see Mrs. Winkler's baby! It's perfectly lovely! Such a delicate, sweet little creature as it is! It's a perfect little cherub, with the loveliest eyes, the sweetest little mouth, the cunningest little nose and eyes of heavenly blue. It looks as if it just dropped from heaven and every tiny feature had been fashioned by the angels.

Mr. Newma—Is it as nice as our baby?

Mrs. Newma—Mercy, no; not half!—New York Weekly.

Willing to Take Them Back.

A letter came from the clothing firm saying that the cloth that had been sent them was full of moths. Was the wholesale house taken aback? Not it. By return post went a missive to this effect:

"On looking over your order we find that you did not order any moths. It was our error, and you will please return them at once at our expense."—Argonaut.

The Man and the Parrot.

Exasperated Purchaser—Didn't you guarantee that this parrot would repeat every word he heard? Bird Dealer—Certainly I did. "But he doesn't repeat a single word."

"He repeats every word he hears, but he never hears any. He is as deaf as a post."

An Exception.

"Nowadays the world needs men of action. The slow never have a chance to win fame."

"Umph!"

"Well, why the skepticism?" "I was just wondering if you had got a good look at a checker's position."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

THE SILVER INKSTAND.

Story of an Angry King and a Statesman With Presence of Mind.

History records many an instance in which trivial incidents have shaped the destinies of nations. It appears that a small silver inkstand and the quick wit of a prime minister once played an important part in the history of the Netherlands.

William III., king of the Netherlands, was a man of violent and ungovernable temper. Although in general a clever statesman, he was inclined for some reason or other to involve Holland in the trouble that was brewing between France and Germany in 1870. He was deaf to the appeals of his ministers, who foresaw the ruin to the country that war would bring.

Thorbecke, the prime minister, resolved to make one last attempt to change his sovereign's resolution. On entering the royal presence Thorbecke was greeted with a rough "Good morning! What's the news?"

"Nothing particular, your majesty. Only the people of The Hague are talking a great deal of nonsense about your majesty."

"About me?" exclaimed the monarch, in wrath. "What do they say about me?"

"Well, sir," answered the old statesman, "The Hagueners declare that your majesty has become stark mad!"

Before he could utter another word King William, his face purple with rage, jumped up and seized a heavy silver inkstand with the intention of hurling it at the head of the premier. Fortunately a projecting angle of the inkstand caught in the tablecloth and dragged it off the table with everything upon it. In the confusion the discharge of the missile was delayed for a moment.

"Sire," said Thorbecke quietly, "if your majesty hurls that beautiful inkstand at my head The Hagueners will have much reason for their assertion."

For a minute the angry king gazed in silence at his minister; then he gradually lowered his arm and replaced the inkstand on the table. He walked to one of the windows and stood looking out into the street for a few minutes. Returning to the table, he resumed his seat and said, as if nothing had happened:

"And now tell me what you have got to say."

An hour later, when the statesman left, he carried with him the monarch's promise to issue a proclamation that would declare the neutrality of the Netherlands.—Washington Star.

The Madness of Hamlet.

The late John B. Herreshoff, the famous blind yacht builder, once said at Bristol:

"It is hard to explain how I, being blind, can design yachts—hard because the average man is so ignorant of yacht construction. When I talk yacht construction to the average man I'm in the position of the critic to whom a chap said:

"I went to see 'Hamlet' last night."

"'Hamlet'—indeed," said the critic, wrinkling his high brow. "And now tell me, my good fellow, do you think Hamlet was mad?"

"I know darn well he was," said the other. "There weren't three dozen people in the house."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

To Avoid Telling Secrets.

A New York theatrical manager was advising a friend to be cautious in an undertaking he had in view.

"You can't take too many precautions," he asserted. "An ounce of prevention," as the copybook used to say, "is better than seven pounds of allopathic, homeopathic or hydropathic cure." One of the most contented men I ever knew was the most cautious. He was deaf and dumb, and he never went to bed without putting on boxing gloves.

"Boxing gloves? What for?" "So that he wouldn't talk in his sleep."

Gold Filled.

What does "gold filled" mean? Probably most people who buy gold filled watches fancy that they are mysteriously impregnated with gold. The term is misleading. Gold filling consists in taking two sheets of gold, between which is placed a section of solder coated base metal. This metallic sandwich is heated and pressed, so that the three parts are welded together, with the gold outside.—Chicago News.

Brazilian Coffee.

Brazilians are great coffee drinkers. Numerous cups are drunk each day by the average man and woman. The beverage is made very strong and very sweet. It produces an exhilaration of a more intense and lasting kind than beer. Those addicted to this habit become very restless and scarcely able to sit still or stand still even for a moment.

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SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. W. H. Randall, Pastor

Sunday Services

The Baraca Class will hold their 25th annual anniversary service in the church at 10:30. The class has arranged a program that will be fitting for the day and every member of the class and all those who were at any time connected with the class, are urged to come and all who are in the habit of coming or want to come to form a good habit. The Sunday School will meet at 11:45.

The Federated Service

The federated service of all the churches will be held in this church at 7:30. It will be the third one in the series of "Modern Lessons from Historical Epochs."

This week Friday the Baraca and Philathea Classes will meet at the church at 7:30. This meeting will be for practice for the missionary service on Sunday.

The Baraca and Philathea Classes will meet at Brother and Sister Eggleston's Saturday evening of this week, where a social time will be enjoyed by everyone who comes and we want every member of the two classes to be present.

The Mid-Week Service

The Mid-week Service of the church will be held next Thursday at 7:30. Let all come and worship together.

ELM VALLEY CHURCH

The Sunday School was started again last Sunday and the interest shown by those present was very good. It was decided to hold the Sunday School at 1:30. The preaching service will begin at 2:30, and the number out at the service last Sunday was the best we have had since the new year began.

GALLEY THREE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hamilton B. Williams, Minister

Sunday Morning

Nov. 28.

It gives the minister pleasure to introduce as the preacher of the day, Dr. Walter Green, one of the foremost men of the section. He will make a notable contribution to the thought and ideals of religion. Let the people assemble in large numbers to give Dr. Green a hearty welcome.

Sunday Evening

7:30.

Mr. Randall will give the third of his Historical Epochs series. Let the people respond heartily.

The Sunday School

Growing.

A noticeable increase in attendance gladdens the heart of all who have this most important part of the church at heart. Let the work continue.

Annual Turkey Supper

On December 8th, Wednesday evening, the King's daughters of the Presbyterian church will serve their annual turkey-supper. This has come to be one of the notable events of the year. The King's Daughters and Ladies Aid Society have recently beautified the church parlors with handsome rugs and decorations of walls and ceilings for which they are owed hearty thanks. We desire to make this supper very successful in every way.

The Envelope System

Voted.

At the very well-attended and successful social and congregational meeting it was voted to adopt the envelope system of church-support. The people are urged to use this fine plan. The board of trustees will meet Friday evening, Nov. 26, at the church to organize and make plans to provide the people with envelopes.

The Old Year Passes

Thanksgiving fore-gleams the opening of a new year. We stop to thank God for His gifts and with them to make the new year a better year.

For the King's Kingdom.

LEAVES ARE VALUABLE FERTILIZERS

More than a million pounds of valuable fertilizer is destroyed annually in New York State by the burning of Autumn leaves from forest and shade trees, is the conclusion of Prof. H. R. Francis of the State College of Forestry. He has made a close study of the manual value of leaves and he says the practice should be stopped at once.

Every shade tree owner in the state should learn the simple lesson of saving the leaves for fertilizer.

The ads of the stores, these days, are a sort of wonder-literature. They hint at delightful gift-things to be had by those who are prompt.