

PEARLS OF TRUTH.

It is the height of art to conceal art. Some men, like pictures, are siffer for a corner than a full light. Lot no one overload you with favors; you will find it an insufferable burden. It is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall—the general flame of charity in the heart.

Christmas is the only holiday of the year that brings the whole human family into common communion.

Nothing can occur beyond the strength of faith to sustain or transcending the resource of religion to relieve.

Directly the idea of durability fades from the mind of the workman, not only does the work begin to suffer, but also his manhood.

It pays best in the midst of the greatest preoccupations to keep in hand continually a certain reserve of time which is not absolutely set apart for any appointed task.

The only way to shine, even in this false world, is to be modest and unassuming. Falsehood may be a thick crust, but in course of time, truth will find a place to break through.

The church bells of innumerable sects are all chime bells to-day, ringing in sweet accordance throughout many lauds, and awaking a great joy in the heart of our common humanity.

The crowning fortune of a man is to be born to some pursuit which finds him in employment and happiness, whether it be to make baskets, or broad swords, or canals, or statistics, or songs.

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, of which smiles and kindness and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure the comfort.

"Spirit" is now a fashionable word. To act with spirit, means only to act rashly and talk indiscreetly. An able man will show his spirit by gentle words and resolute actions; he is neither hot nor timid.

"The most agreeable companion," says Lessing, "is a simple, frank man without any high pretensions to an oppressive greatness, one who loves life and understands the use of it, obliging alike at all hours; above all, of a golden temper, and steadfast as an anchor. For such an one we gladly exchange the greatest genius, the most brilliant wit."

"Too much work to do! The highest pleasure and greatest satisfaction are found in work only; and the more work a man has to do, if it is work to which he is adapted, the better he likes it." The men to pity are those who can get nothing to do and those whose only business is to hunt for pleasure for itself—the men who have no other occupation than that of killing time.

Mere polish does not make a man; nor does a rough exterior necessarily make a man. The man is within. What is the heart made of? What is the grasp of the intellect? What is the quantum of common-sense? What are you doing for others and for God? These are questions by which to test manhood. See that your life and your work, whatever your place is, will abide these tests.

One man spoils a good repast by thinking of a better repast for another day. Another one enjoys a poor repast by contrasting it with none at all. One is thankful for his blessings. Another is morose for his misfortunes. One man thinks that he is entitled to a better world, and is dissatisfied because he has it not. Another thinks he is not justly entitled to any, and is satisfied with this. One man makes up his accounts from his wants, another from his assets.

If we could measure the pains we receive from unkind words and unkind deeds, from expressions of distrust, or suspicion, or scorn, or reproach, from the forgetfulness of those we cherish, we should probably find it comprised by far the greater part of our misery. Taken separately, each one of those little pains so freely scattered around and so constantly endured does not appear very important; but, coming as they do, one upon another, day after day, and year after year, they press heavily upon us, taking the light from the eye and the joy from the countenance, and deepening the wrinkles which age alone would trace but lightly. "Small sands make up the mountain, moments make up the year, and trifles life."

"LADIES' JOURNAL"

Bible Competition No. 9,

\$20,000.00.

During the year ending with September last, the proprietor of the LADIES' JOURNAL has given a very large and valuable lot of rewards to his subscribers aggregating an immense amount of money. We are sure that the Pianos, Organs, Gold and Silver Watches, Silver Tea Sets, Books, etc., etc., have given great satisfaction. A good deal of excitement has been caused by the advent of some of these costly prizes into the towns and villages of Canada and the United States. They have been sent to all parts almost, of the two countries, quite a number even going to England, and other distant places. Full lists of the winners are always published in the LADIES' JOURNAL immediately at the close of each competition, names of winners are given in full, together with the street and number, where possible, so inquiry can readily be made by those who are doubtful. There can therefore, no fraud. We can positively assure you to the fairness of the matter ourselves, as we know everything is carried out exactly as promised. For the benefit of those of our readers who desire to compete, we give the plan in detail.

To the fifteen hundred persons who correctly answer the following Bible questions will be given, without extra charge, except for freight and packing of goods, beyond the regular half dollar yearly subscription, the beautiful and costly rewards named below. We will give the Bible questions that require to be answered first:

THE BIBLE QUESTIONS.

- 1. Where are NOAH'S first mentioned in the Bible?
2. Where are CAROL first mentioned in the Bible?
They are very difficult, but require a little study to look them up. So don't delay; the sooner you answer them the better. Here you have the list of first rewards. Number one in this list will be given to the sender of the first correct answer to these two Bible questions. Number two to the sender of the second correct answer, and so on 'till all this series of first rewards are given out.

THE FIRST REWARDS.

- 1. Six Hundred Dollars in Gold Coin. \$ 600
2. One Grand Square Piano, by a celebrated maker. 600
3 and 4.—Two Grand Square Pianos. 1,000
5 and 6.—Two Fine Toned, 10 Stop Cabinet Organs by a celebrated maker. 600
7, 8 and 9.—Two Fine Quadruple Plate Silver Tea Services—six pieces and One Five o'clock Tea Service. 300
10 to 15.—Six Gentlemen's Solid Gold Stem-winding and Stem-setting Genuine Elgin Watches. 600
16 to 20.—Five Ladies' Solid Gold stem-winding and stem-setting Genuine Elgin Watches. 450
21 to 25.—Ten Renowned Williams' Singer Sewing Machines. 600
26 to 30.—Ten Gentlemen's Solid Hunting-cases or Open-faced, Coin-silver Watches. 500
31 to 35.—Ten Solid Quadruple Silver Plate Cake Baskets, elegant designs. 300
36 to 40.—Fifty Dozen Sets of Heavy Silver Plated Tea Spoons. 400
41 to 50.—One Hundred and Thirty Elegant Bound Volumes of Tennyson's Poems. 300
51 to 60.—One Hundred and Ninety well-bound volumes of World's Cyclopaedia a library in itself. 570

Then follows a series of middle rewards which will be given in this way: At the close of the competition all the answers received will be counted by three disinterested persons, when to the sender of the middle correct answer (of the whole list) will be given number one of the middle rewards. To the next correct answer following the middle one will be given number two, the next correct one number three, and so on till all these middle rewards as enumerated below are given away. Here is the list of

MIDDLE REWARDS.

- 1. Seven hundred and fifty dollars in gold coin. 750
2, 3 and 4.—Three magnificent Grand Square Pianos, by a celebrated maker. 1,650
5, 6 and 7.—Three Fine-toned Cabinet Organs, by a celebrated maker. 750
8, 9, 10 and 11.—Four Ladies' Solid Gold stem-winding and stem-setting Watches. 400
12 to 17.—Six elegant quadruple plate Hot Water or Tea Urns. 300
18 to 21.—Thirteen Elegant, Heavy Black Silk Dress Patterns. 520
22 to 24.—Twenty Elegant Black Cashmere Dress Patterns. 240
25 to 28.—Ten Fine Lace Curtains. 100
29 to 30.—Thirty Quadruple Plate Crost Stands. 300

- 31 to 37.—One Hundred and Sixty-seven Elegant Rolled Gold Brooches. 500
238 to 240.—Three Hundred and Forty-two beautifully bound volumes, Shakespear's Poems. 1,029

After these follow the Consolation Rewards, when, to the sender of the very last correct answer received in this competition will be given number one of these Consolation Rewards named below. To the next to the last correct one will be given number two, and so on till all these are given away.

THE CONSOLATION REWARDS

- 1.—Five Hundred Dollars in Gold Coin. 500
2, 3 and 4.—Three Fine Grand Square Pianos, by a celebrated maker. 1,650
5 to 8.—Three Fine Quadruple Plate Tea Services. 300
9 to 12.—Eight Ladies' Solid Gold Hunting-cases genuine stem-winding and stem-setting genuine Elgin Watches. 500
13 to 20.—Eleven Heavy Black Silk Dress Patterns. 680
21 to 24.—Forty-one Fine Black Cashmere Dress Patterns. 442
25 to 28.—Sixty dozen sets silver-plated Tea Spoons. 300
29 to 30.—One hundred and forty elegant rolled-gold brooches. 600
31 to 40.—One hundred and ten fine silver-plated butter knives or sugar spoons. 110

This altogether forms one of the most attractive and reasonable plans we have ever seen. The aim of the proprietor of the Ladies' Journal is of course to increase his circulation. In fact, he says so, but adds that he also hopes to encourage the study of the Bible, but frankly states that this part of the plan is not his sole aim, and goes on to explain that he has lost so much money by dishonest agents, and has spent so much in valuable premiums to encourage them to send large lists, that hereafter he has decided to give all these things direct to subscribers, for answering these Bible questions. Aside from the rewards offered you are sure to be pleased with your half dollar investment, as the Ladies' Journal consists of twenty pages of the choicest reading matter, and contains the sum and substance of many of the high priced fashion papers and magazines published in the States, and all for the low price of half a dollar, or one year's subscription. It also contains two pages of the newest music, short and serial stories, household hints, fashion articles by the best authorities, finely illustrated. In short it is about the best monthly publication we know of anywhere for fifty cents, and is as good as many at a dollar. Be sure to remember that everyone competing must send with their answers fifty cents by post-office order, scrip, or small coin. They therefore pay nothing extra for the privilege of competing for these costly rewards, as fifty cents is the regular yearly subscription price to the Journal. The competition remains open only till fifteenth February next, and as long as the letter is post marked where mailed either on the day of closing (15th February) or anytime between now and then, it will be in time and eligible to compete. You answer this promptly now, and you may doubtless secure one of the first rewards. If you answer anytime between now and fifteenth of February, you may secure one of the middle rewards, and even if you answer on the last day (15th Feb.) and you live a good distance from Toronto, fifteen days being allowed after date of closing for letters to reach the office from distant points, you are almost certain to secure one of the consolation rewards. At all events we most heartily recommend it, and trust many of our readers will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity of securing at once an excellent publication and a probability of a piano, organ, gold watch, silver tea set, or some other of the many rewards offered. The address is Editor of the Ladies' Journal Toronto, Canada. Don't delay attending to this but do it now, and you'll not regret it, you may depend.

Consumption Cured

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all throat and Lung affections, also a radical and reliable cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Novas, 149 Down's Place, Rochester, N. Y.

Small puffs of black velvet, moire, or satin ribbon, with a small aigrette, are very fashionable for the hair at the opera, and are placed a little to the left side, in front.

How to be cheerful—that is, how to fairly content in existing circumstances—the problem which one must solve for himself, it may seem a hard task; and certainly no mere act of volition and nodding effort can achieve it. We cannot change our low spirits into higher or our morose feelings into cheery ones by simply determining to do so; but we can apply our feet to bear upon the conditions on which, at rest, we can put to flight many causes of dejection and nourish many germs of serenity and comfort.

A Wise Conclusion.

If you have vainly tried many remedies for rheumatism, it will be a wise conclusion to try Haggard's Yellow Oil, it cures all painful diseases when other medicines fail.

The boy's evening suit this season is ribbed or Terry velvet, but plush is altogether out of vogue.

Mrs. A. Nelson, Brautford, writes: "I was a sufferer from Chronic Dyspepsia eleven years. Always after eating, a burning sensation in the stomach, at times very distressing, caused a drooping and languid feeling, which would last for several hours after eating. I was recommended by Dr. Popplewell, Chemist of our city, to try Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Bismuth and Dyspeptic Cure, and I am thankful to say that I have not been better for years than that burning sensation and languid feeling has all gone, and food does not lie heavy on my stomach. Others of my family have used it with best results."

Etamine is the rage in Paris.

Seriously Ill.

A person suffering with pain and heat in the small of the back, with a weak, watery feeling and frequent headache, is seriously ill and should look out for kidney disease. Burdock Blood Bitters regulates the kidneys, blood and liver, as well as the stomach and bowels.

The dog's collar around the neck matches the color of the aigrette and points feathers of the coiffure.

Ayer's Pills cure constipation, improve the appetite, promote digestion, regulate healthy action, and regulate every function. They are pleasant to take, gentle in their operation, yet thorough, searching and powerful in subduing disease.

Etamine, coarse or fine, is canvas-wool.

A Safe Investment.

Investing twenty-five cents for a bottle of Haggard's Pectoral Balm, the best throat and lung healer known. Cures cough, bronchitis, asthma and all pulmonary complaints.

Ball dresses are extremely décolleté, and have no sleeves to speak of; sometimes a shoulder strap.

A. M. Hamilton, Warkworth, writes: "For weeks I was troubled with a swollen ankle, which caused me much pain and annoyance. Mr. Mayhew, of this place, recommended Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for me. I tried it and before one bottle was used I was cured. It is an article of great value. Beware of Electric or Electron Oils, as they are imitations of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil.

Etamine is the leading spring need fabric.

Do not delay in getting relief for the folks. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is a pleasant and sure cure. If you have your child why do you let it suffer when remedy is so near at hand?

A moderate sized toumure gives style to a costume but a big bustle is ludicrous.

Restlessness, morbid anxiety, and a feeble disposition, are usually met with in dyspeptic. These mental indications show close is the connection between brain and stomach. Their most prolific cause is pepsin, in a complaint for which Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Purifier is used with unvarying success. It also remedies Bileousness, Constipation, and Impurity of the Blood.

Even the finest ribbed knit or merino shirts for babies have long sleeves.

A Double Purpose

The popular remedy, Haggard's Yellow Oil, is used both internally and externally for aches, pains, colds, croup, rheumatism, deafness and diseases of an infantile nature.

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