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PEG O' THE RING (Continued from page 7)

"The facts are against you, mother; and the evidence will prove the facts if you attempt to contest the will." He spoke in gentle tones and his sympathy had a soothing effect.

"I've tried so hard," Mrs. Lund said, as if speaking to herself. "I've played a big game."

"And you have lost," said the lawyer. "I would advise you to submit to the terms of the will."

The attorney had been fully informed by young Doctor Lund of the facts that would be substantiated by La Belle's letters and by Flip's testimony if the case should ever be brought to court. Lund had told him of the substitute letter, and had outlined to him in advance, the game Mrs. Lund had been playing in her efforts to dispose of the circus girl.

The circus girl, wrought to a high pitch of nervous excitement, turned to Flip and hid her face on his shoulder. The old clown, as well as everyone in the room, was intensely affected, and for a moment Peg's sobs alone broke the silence of the strange scene.

Then, as if to set aside the last doubt in Mrs. Lund's mind, the lawyer said: "This will and the letters prove, without a doubt, Miss Peg's legal inheritance of the late Doctor Lund's fortune."

The woman gently freed herself from her son's embrace, and started to leave the room. But just as she reached the door, she halted and, turning to the assembled group, she said, in a low, steady voice:

"There will be no contest. I accept the decree, and admit that I have lost the game I have played for. The millions I knew all along were not mine either by right or reason." And then she proceeded to her room.

For some time the lawyer remained in consultation with Lund, his sweetheart and Flip. The funeral arrangements were first completed, and it was decided to take the remains to the old southern town where the Lund estates were located, and where the late showman had made fame and fortune as a medical specialist.

"There will be no more circus for this season," said Peg, when it came time to think of the future of the show. "We'll pay the performers for the rest of their contracts, close right here and ship the show home to winter quarters."

"What about next season?" Flip inquired.

"You will have to look out for that yourself, daddy, dear," said the girl. "The show is going to be yours, to run as you see fit. You have worked long enough, and I want you now to have all the pleasure you can get out of life."

Flip took the girl's cheek in either hand and kissed her. Then he looked tenderly into her eyes and said: "I've been too long with this show to have any pleasure elsewhere, and if you will let me travel with it and do just as I please, I'll be the happiest old clown in Christendom."

"Well, you can begin being the manager right now. Go back to the lot and call the show off for the rest of the season," said Peg. And Flip hurried.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson VIII.—Second Quarter,
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Text of the Lesson, Isa. xxviii, 1-13.
Memory Verse, 7.—Golden Text, 1 Cor. 9:25.—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The title of this lesson is "The Importance of Self Control," and that fits well into the last lesson, for we cannot be faithful unless Spirit controlled. According to the Golden Text and its context, the self life must be persistently reckoned dead if we would win the incorruptible crown. Paul in that passage had no thought or reference to the loss of his soul, but was speaking only of service, which he knew might be rejected or disapproved, and he suffered loss, according to 1 Cor. iii, 14, 15.

This is called a temperance lesson, I suppose because of its references to drunkards and strong drink (verses 1, 3, 7, 8), but the whole chapter and the context refer to those who scorn the word of the Lord and take refuge in lies (verses 14, 15). No doubt the priest and prophet, as well as the people, were given to wine and strong drink and thus were out of the right way, drinking themselves drunk like those in 1 Kings xvi, 9; xx, 16. The filthiness and beastliness of actual drunkards are seen in lesson verse 8, and those who continue such cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, but there are forgiveness and salvation for all kinds of sinners if they will only turn to the Lord, according to 1 Cor. vi, 9-11. In the next chapter (xxix, 9) there are a drunkenness and a staggering with which wine and strong drink had nothing to do. It was the religious, scholarly kind so prevalent today, a sleep from the Lord because they turned away from His word and said that they could not understand it. He called it drawing near to Him with their mouth only, while their heart was far from Him, and they were giving heed to precepts of men and not to His precepts (xxix, 10-13). They said to the seers, "See not," and to the prophets: "Prophecy not unto us right things; speak unto us smooth things. Prophecy deceits. . . . Cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us" (Isa. xxx, 8-11). According to Ezek. xxxiii, 31, they hear, but do not; with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. It was just the same when our Lord was on earth, for He quoted from Isaiah and said, "In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men (Matt. xx, 9). There is only one true foundation, and that is the tried stone, the precious cornerstone, the sure foundation of xxviii, 16, spoken of so plainly in 1 Cor. iii, 11. All else is lies and from the father of lies, the devil, but all shall be swept away by the judgments (verses 17, 18). There is no rest for weary souls but in Him who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. xi, 28). But He still has to say, "Ye will not come unto me" (John v, 40). So in our lesson, verse 12, "This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest, and this is the refreshing, yet they would not hear."

Again in chapter xxx, 15, "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength, and ye would not." The failure is ever on our part, and He has to say, "I would; . . . ye would not" (Matt. xxiii, 37). These scornful men mocked the Lord's messengers, saying, Does He think that we are children just weaned, that he must be ever repeating precept upon precept, line upon line, not knowing that there is no other way for such slow people (Isa. xlviii, 6; xl, 9; xxviii, 1-17). The father of lies and all his deceived ones shall go to their own place, and there shall be one king over all the earth (Rev. xix, 29; xx, 10; Matt. xix, 41; Zech. xiv, 9). Until that time only the meek shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel (xxix, 19). As in Matt. v, 3, 5, "Blessed are the poor in Spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven; blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth;" also in Matt. xi, 29, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." All other beauty but His is a fading flower, for all flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever (verses 1-4; chapter xi, 6-8). There has always been a remnant, a little flock, to whom the Lord has been their all in all—the Abels, the Enochs, the Noahs.

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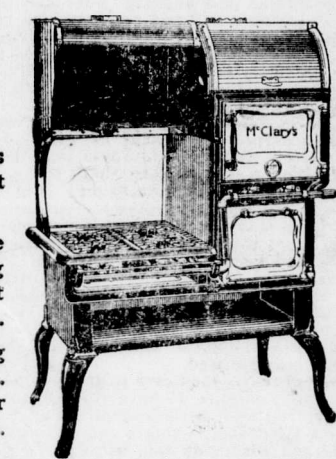
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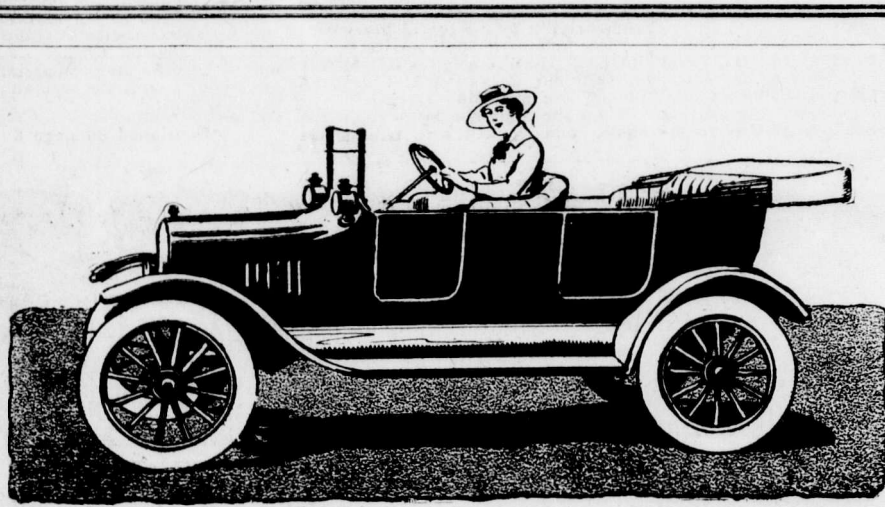
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