

Maria Millis and the Young Earl.

One of the best and greatest men in England was the late Earl of Shaftesbury. He was well known through all the country as the helper of the poor and the oppressed. He took an active part in every good work. He was for years a blessing to the whole country; and every one who knew him was and is always ready to speak his praises. He was not only very good and great, but also very rich; and he used his riches to help others in many ways. But the Earl of Shaftesbury owed all his greatness, under God, to a poor servant girl.

When he was an infant his mother had a faithful servant girl in her family, whose name was Maria Millis. His mother appointed Maria to be the nurse of the young earl, and gave her the entire charge of him. She knew what an important position he would have to occupy when he grew to be a man, and she made up her mind to be faithful to the great trust committed to her charge. She felt very much as the mother of Moses did when God, through Pharaoh's daughter, said to her—"Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages."

She was an earnest Christian, and she determined to do all in her power to make that child a follower of Jesus. She prayed for him continually with all her heart. She set before him a good example. As soon as he was able to learn, she taught him, in a simple and attractive way, the story about Jesus, and the truth wrapped up in that story. She kept on doing this very faithfully till the young earl was seven years old, and then she died. But the seed she had sown so carefully in his heart took root there, and sprang up, and brought forth abundant fruit.

He never forgot the example she had set before him, and the lessons she had taught him in those early years of his life. He became a Christian when he was quite young. He grew up in the way in which he had been so early led; and for years he was known and honoured all through England. No one can tell how much good he was the means of doing; but the faithful work Maria Millis did for the young earl was the cause of it all. She was truly great in what she did for him; and we may well speak of that poor servant girl as an example of greatness without riches.

It is Not What we Say,

But what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that makes it sell, and has given it such a firm and lasting hold upon the confidence of the people. The voluntary statements of thousands of people prove beyond question that this preparation possesses wonderful medicinal power.

Hood's Pills cure Constipation by restoring the peristaltic action of the alimentary canal. They are the best family cathartic.

Evenly Balanced.

We are often told that no man can do more than one thing at a time, but the man who attempts to confine his efforts to one thing, is in danger of going to an extreme. Almost every pursuit consists of several departments or branches. One who divides his time and energies between various occupations cannot reach the highest measure of success in either, but one who does not master all the departments of one calling cannot usually do justice either to his work or himself.

Humanity of Our Lord.

Another proof that our Lord's humanity was more perfect than ours is the absence in Him of what we call character. All men and women have some special characteristic; one is brave, another humble, another patient, and so forth. Moses was the meekest of men, Solomon the wisest, Job the most patient. What does that mean? It means that those qualities predominated over the rest of the character in their respective possessors.

But the predominance of any special quality is a mark of imperfection. The perfection of man's constitution is to have its qualities in equipoise; each in its proper place; each coming to the front when required; but none overshadowing the rest.

Read the history of Christ as you find it in the Gospels, and you will see that one of the most wonderful things about it is this absence of any special characteristic. All His intellectual and moral faculties are in perfect equilibrium. Each was in its proper place, each asserted itself when necessary, just to the extent required, and not a jot beyond.

He was the bravest of all men when bravery was required; the meekest when meekness was needed; the most indignant when the occasion demanded indignation; the most merciful where mercy was deserved. But there was no special quality which distinguished Him; no particular attribute which dominated the rest of His human nature.—*Canon MacColl.*

Salvation.

Salvation—what music there is in that word; that never tires, but is always new, and always rouses yet always rests us. It holds in itself all that our hearts would say. It is sweet vigour to us in the morning, and in the evening it is contented peace. It is a song that is always singing itself deep down in the delighted soul. Angelic ears are ravished by it up in heaven; and our Eternal Father Himself listens to it with adorable complacency. It is sweet even to Him out of Whose mind is the music of a thousand worlds. To be saved! What is it to be saved in the fullest and utmost meaning? Who can tell? Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard. It is a rescue from such a shipwreck; it is a rest, and in such a home. It is to lie down for ever in the bosom of God, in an endless rapture of insatiable contentment.—*F. W. Faber.*

The Jack Rabbit Plague in California.

On the San Joaquin plains of California the jack rabbits are a nuisance, and the practice of the farmers is to thin them out by annual drives. A corral is formed with barbed wire fence, and around this, forming a circumference ten or twelve miles long, from 5,000 to 7,000 persons collect at the appointed time. Many are mounted; there are many hundreds of light wagons and other vehicles; the mass on foot form a skirmish line in advance, provided with clubs. As the line contracts the jacks are put up and headed for the corral. Marshals so direct the advance that the animals are massed on the opened side of the corral. The close of the latest drive is thus described by the *San Francisco Examiner*: "Before the contracting line of men, women, boys and girls lay about 500 acres of plain so thick with madly rushing hares that the ground was actually hidden from sight."

"Within a space of a few acres over 25,000 rabbits were huddled together. In one place the terror-stricken mass had rushed into one corner and lay there over a foot deep. It is estimated that at least 3,000 were never touched by club, but were simply smothered to death by the rush of those in the rear. Photographs were taken of the mass as they lay huddled up, and then the veteran guard of California, clubs in hand, were formed in line of battle, and with a yell moved down upon the mass of 25,000 bunnies, clubbing as they ran. A sickening slaughter too place, lasting about an hour."

A Rain of Mud.

On April 4th there was a shower of mud along the Union Pacific Railway at Onaga. The rain commenced early in the day, and soon the south and east sides of all houses were covered with yellow clay. The windows received such a coating as to shut out the sun's rays.

A Union Pacific train which ran through the storm had its windows covered, and the headlight was so completely plastered that the light was shut in and the train ran in darkness to Rossville, the next station, where the mud had to be scraped off.

This storm lasted until after daylight. As far east as Topeka, the windows showed that the edge of the mudstorm had extended this far. It was more severe about fifty miles northwest.

Hints to Housekeepers

WORTH \$10 A BOTTLE.—DEAR SIR, I have used Burdock Blood Bitters for dyspepsia, and have found it to be the best medicine I ever used. I could not eat without suffering from a terrible burning pain in the pit of my stomach. I used six bottles of B. B. B. and am glad I did so, or I should have been in my grave to-day; it completely cured me. I take a bottle every spring and would not be without it if it cost \$10 a bottle.

DAVID PEDLEY, Morley, Alb.

OFFENSIVE SORE CURED.—DEAR SIR, I take pleasure in testifying to the great healing qualities of your medicines. I had the misfortune to injure my leg, and through cold and neglect it broke out in a running sore; my leg became inflamed and very painful, and the discharge was very offensive; various remedies failed to help me, when I had the good fortune to try your B. B. B. and Burdock Healing ointment. Before I had finished the second bottle the discharge had stopped, and in two weeks more my leg was as well as ever. I feel justified in recommending it to the public as a cure, if only given a fair trial.

GEO. LAURIE, Portage la Prairie, Man.

Tired, languid people who lack energy and appetite should take Burdock Blood Bitters, the best tonic strengthener and purifier extant.

TO MAKE A MUSTARD PLASTER.—For young children:—Mix one teaspoonful of mustard and three of wheat flour with water to the consistency of a stiff batter, and apply between soft muslin cloths. For adults:—One part of the mustard and two of flour.

SIMPLE REMEDY FOR DYSPEPSIA.—One teaspoonful of flaxseed taken just before each meal and at bedtime, and a half-teaspoonful of celery-seed taken after each meal and at bedtime. The flaxseed should be rubbed in a dry cloth to free them from dust. They may be swallowed whole, with enough water sprinkled over them to dampen, or chewed before swallowing; the latter is preferable; as they have a rich, nutty flavor, the taste is not unpleasant. They may be taken an hour or two or immediately before meals, and just before retiring. Any time after meals take the celery-seed, either chewing or swallowing whole, and a few minutes after the flaxseed at night. For thin persons, an excellent addition is a tablespoonful of pure glycerine taken three times a day, after or with the celery-seed. This is flesh-producing.

A DELICIOUS DISH.—Peel and slice oranges with a sharp knife and take out seeds, sprinkle sugar and desiccated cocoanut between layers an hour or two before using. This is a nice dessert when served with cake, or can be used for sauce.

PICKLE FOR HAM.—Four gallons water, six pounds salt, two and a half pounds of sugar, two and a half ounces saltpetre. Boil and skim the pickles; put the hams in when perfectly cold; let them remain in the pickle six weeks. This is sufficient for fifty or sixty pounds.

Kerosene will take iron rust and fruit stains from almost every kind of goods, without injuring the fabric. Wash the soiled spot in kerosene as you would in water. The spots must be washed in the kerosene before they have been put into soap and water, or it will do no good.

SICKNESS AMONG CHILDREN, especially infants, is prevalent more or less at all times, but is largely avoided by giving proper nourishment and wholesome food. The most successful and reliable of all is the Gail Borden "Eagle" Brand Condensed Milk. Your grocer and druggist keep it.

Influence of Bible Reading.

"We question if any person, of any class or school, ever read the Scriptures regularly and thoroughly without being, or becoming, not only religious, but sensible and consistent. Scriptural instruction is too much undervalued, and therefore not urgently and faithfully applied."