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OLD AGE RELIEF.

In a series of articles in Everybody's Magazine, Mr. Richard V. Child is presenting, clearly and concisely, the modern movement toward the proper care of old age. He discusses the question from every standpoint and comprehensively explains the detail of policy adopted by all these governments which have already taken action in this important duty.

Mr. Child, in the current number of Everybody's endeavors to impress most forcibly the two facts that the care of the aged is being undertaken by the state in many lands, and that this is fast coming to be regarded as a public duty rather than private philanthropy or charity. He lays emphasis on the condition that the honor, which has so long been admittedly due to old age, is no longer an empty honor, but carries with it the material benefit of state protection.

There is not found anywhere a similarity of policy in handling this great task of caring for the helpless. Britain has adopted what is perhaps the most generous method of all, but even in Britain there are restrictions. Those governments which have so far taken action along the line of old age pensions, have clearly defined those who are entitled to regular relief. Some confine the payments to those whose earnings have been below a certain amount, others favor only the deserving poor, while still others governments open the way to all who are in need. There is no nation as yet which grants absolutely free pensions to all who are in need. Great Britain, even under the very generous provision made by that Government, excludes certain classes of criminals and habitual drunks. The forms of relief favored include the state pensions adopted by Denmark, New Zealand, New South Wales, Victoria and Britain; voluntary insurance in Belgium; pensions and compulsory insurance in France; subsidized compulsory insurance in Germany and voluntary state insurance and annuities in Canada. But whatever the system and however broad or restricted its application, the fact that all over the world governments are accepting the care of the helpless as a state duty, is recognized as an indication of a growth of sentiment in public affairs, of practical Christianity applied governmentally.

Mr. Child points out that between the systems of old age relief which have been adopted in Canada and Britain is this striking difference, that Canada does not accept the notion that protection in old age is an inherent civil right, whereas Britain has readily endorsed that idea. Yet both nations accept the task of caring for the helpless as a state duty, and after all, the difference at the outset becomes in the ultimate working of the plan only one of degree.

Some governments have adopted policies in this matter which they believe will be conducive to strengthening of the individual disposition. Canada, among others, encourages thrift—Britain disregards this phase; Germany recognizes the inability of those whose earnings are small, to lay by any considerable sum for use in old age and comes generously to the assistance of this class. Belgium asks all workers, no matter how meagre their earnings, to save what they can.

MRS. BESANT'S CAREER.

Mrs. Annie Besant, leader of the Theosophists, has discovered that some centuries ago, or to be exact, about the year 400, she was Hypatia, the daughter of Theon, who spent her life in instructing the youth of Alexandria in philosophy, and who, having aroused the hatred of the church, was put to death with fragments of earthware, and her body burned. During the thousand years or so subsequent to that pathetic incident, Mrs. Besant, according to her latest revelation, filled other more or less distinguished roles occupying positions of some importance in various countries of the world, but always, it must be understood, appearing as a person of some prominence. In the explanation of the vision which has come to her, Mrs. Besant, from the time of Hypatia to the sixteenth century when she appeared on earth as Giordano Bruno, the Italian philosopher, what she has been since she died in 1890, Mrs. Besant does not say. In this respect her declaration may be regarded as pathologically incomplete, for certainly there must have been much of interest in her career during the past three hundred years as well as in that period from her premature death as Hypatia until her reincarnation in the person of Bruno. It is impossible, Mrs. Besant could ever have been commonplace and if she could only manage to recollect the full details of her various lives in the periods mentioned, there can be no doubt that our knowledge of ancient customs would be greatly enriched.

It is a most consoling thought to a

man to realize that although he is not much good now, there may have been a day when he was something worth while, and that perhaps after he departs this brief life he will make up in another sphere and with a different personality. But it rather upsets the work of those who devote portions of their time to tracing their ancestry. What is the use of a person delving into dusty records and obtaining absolute proof that he is descended from William the Conqueror or from Moses, only to learn through Mrs. Besant's incontestable method that he is entirely mistaken and that instead of being the second son of John Smith the first, 900 years ago, he was in reality one of the mule drivers at the Battle of Hastings and no relation to the Smith family.

Nationality and sex make no difference to Mrs. Besant; she goes to her grave as a woman—she wakes up as a man; dies as an Italian and rises a full fledged Chinese. The absolute ease with which she overcomes all these and similar difficulties must prove one of the strong attractions of her belief. Now if she could only tell who she will be next and put all the rest of us in a position of knowing similar facts about ourselves, she would deserve the thanks of many who now see very little ahead of them.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

THE MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENTS

If you go out into the country these days be careful how you go through a strip of woods, and if you are going into the wilderness, get insured as largely as you can. The innocent of your wife, mother, or mother-in-law and say your prayers before you go, for the chances are that you will not come out alive.

Go where you will you will hear the sound of the gun, every day of the week, Sunday included. If the guns were always in the hands of careful, responsible men it would not be so dangerous, but when the twin idiot of the man "who rocks the boat" is out of the asylum with a gun and shoots you because he thinks you are a mouse, or points the gun at you that is not loaded, you had better make your will and "git religies" before you leave home.

If game licenses were only given, for a few years, to the kind of imbeciles I have mentioned they would kill each other off and then we could go into the wilderness and feel comparatively safe.

Now, mothers and wives see their sons and husbands go away to the woods with as many fears as if they were going to the wars. Some of the innocents who will be massacred this "Open Season" will be a few (all too many) of the men who will be sent to massacre those more innocent than themselves.

Much of the killing in the wilderness is innocent, and is as God meant it. But much of the killing is not innocent, for God never meant that the harmless inhabitants of the wild woods should be wantonly destroyed.

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Uncle Walt  
The Poetic Philosopher

I know of a man who is smiling, all day, like a basket of greens; the mirth in his face is beguiling—he beats all the grinning machines. He smiles, for it brings him the money—he's the boss of a prominent store; some say that he wouldn't be sunny if he found that it paid him no more. He smiles at the maiden, the charmer, who to the emporium sails; he smiles at the honest old farmer who comes to trade butter for nails; he smiles on the kid with a penny who asks for a section of gum; he'd smile on the bogies, if any should to his establishment come. When done is the day, with its labors, he home to his mansion repairs; and I am informed by his neighbors, who watch him from peepholes of theirs, that he is a regular goatee, who smirks at his children and a wife; some day, with a bludgeon of willow, they'll knock all the smiles from his life. This smiling, that's boasted of so often, is surely an excellent gift; alas for the heart that won't soften, for the fellow who never has laughed! It's good to be cheery and winning, with laughter as light as the foam, and fine to do some of your grinning with children and mother, at home.

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A FORTUNATE MISHAP.

In a certain New England town they manufacture a well known kind of gowd, most efficient for drying purposes. How that towel first happened to be made in the form which has proved so profitable to its makers is the subject of an amusing legend. It savors strongly of belonging to the too good to be true genus of anecdotes, and is as follows:—

Once the machinery in the towel factory, busily engaged in turning out a very conventional brand of towel, suddenly went wrong and began, practically, to go backward. There was much excitement. Eventually the machinery was chastised and set to work again. But it was discovered that the towels turned out during that interval of mechanical anarchy were of a texture quite unrivaled for use as bath towels. At once the machinery was set going backward again, and has been traveling in that direction ever since, to the great delight of the stockholders in the towel company.

MR. HERMAN DYING OF STONE IN THE BLADDER

Gin Pills passed the stone

513 St. James St., Hamilton.  
"Four years ago I was taken down with what the doctors called inflammation of the bladder—intense pain in the back and loins, great pain and difficulty in urinating. The pain was greatest in the region of the bladder, and the attacks, which became more frequent, amounted to such a degree of agony, and I became so weak that I could not walk across the floor. Doctors could do nothing to help me. One wife read in the paper about Gin Pills and sent for a box.

From the very first I felt that Gin Pills were doing me good. The pain was relieved at once, and the attacks will not return. In fact, the stone in the bladder came away and the pain stopped entirely. I have had no return of the trouble, and I have not lost a day's work on account of it. I cannot express myself strong enough when I speak of what Gin Pills have done for me. When I remember how I suffered, and how now I am healthy and well and able to do a full day's work, I feel I should speak and tell other sufferers of my experience and of the wonderful merits of Gin Pills.

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California Pears, Best stock  
All other seasonal Fruit of best quality at lowest prices at 37 Waterloo Street. O. L. JENKINS, Phone 1986-47. We measure our own tea cream.

ASQUITH'S ANNOUNCEMENT  
ON THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE  
Imperial Army and Navy Scheme Outlined—Establishment of a Pacific Fleet—New Colonial Fleets

(London Daily Mail)  
Mr. Asquith outlined a deeply attentive House of Commons the preliminary plan for a great co-ordinated British fighting force throughout the world. It is the result of the Defence Conference between the Colonies and the home authorities. The scheme is as follows:—

1. Standardisation of Dominion forces, weapons, transport, and the like with those of Britain.  
2. But if a Dominion desires in emergency its forces can be rapidly converted into a homogeneous Imperial Army.

IMPERIAL NAVY.  
1. New Zealand adheres to the policy of contributing to the home navy.  
2. Canada and Australia lay the foundation of the new navy.  
3. The training of Dominion personnel will be the same as in England and the ships and guns will be uniform.

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2. Fast scout cruisers.  
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ANOTHER JEWISH  
MASSACRE AT KIEFF  
Horrible Tales of Outrages  
Perpetrated by Russians

A Thousand Wounded and at Least Thirty Killed by the Mob.

BERLIN, Sept. 24.—News reached here today of an anti-Jewish pogrom at Kieff, Russia, which began on the Jewish New Year Day, September 16, and continued for two days thereafter. The Russian censorship succeeded in preventing the news from reaching the outside world until today.

It is stated that eighteen Jews were killed; eleven died later of their wounds; 150 were seriously injured, and more than a thousand less severely hurt. The Jews in defending themselves killed three of their assailants and wounded eighteen.

According to the stories published here from Jewish sources the outbreak was organized, like others that have occurred, by the reactionary League of Patriots in consequence of the reform movement. The league brought a mob of peasants into the town from the surrounding country. They were made half drunk with spirits, their anti-Jew superstitions were worked upon, and then with town hoodlums they were let loose in the ghetto.

The first attacked a synagogue where a new year service was going on. They butchered the rabbi, drove the worshippers into the streets and pursued them with clubs, axes and suchlike weapons. Those who were not caught on the streets, were chased in houses, where they were struck down, after which the furniture in the houses was thrown into the streets to furnish material for bonfires. On one such fire two Jewish boys were thrown and roasted alive.

Elsewhere rioters collected a number of Jewish women and girls, stripped them naked and drove them into the streets, the onlookers jeering and spitting at them.

A few young Jews who had revolted stood with their backs to the mob and kept their assailants at bay for a while, shooting three of them. Ultimately the youths were overpowered by numbers and backed to death by axes.

In the meantime the owners of houses that had not yet been attacked barricaded their doors and windows, and when the mob began to batter at the doors women poured boiling water on them from the upper windows. The infuriated rioters finally forced their way into the dwellings, sought the Jews supporting the women and hurled them out of the windows into the streets.

Similar atrocities, regardless of age or sex, continued for three days without interference by the authorities, until a Jewish deputation finally persuaded the Governor to send troops, who dispersed the mob and occupied the approaches to the Ghetto.

None of the rioters were arrested. The murdered Jews were removed to mortuaries. Many of the wounded were taken to hospitals.

WOMEN BOYCOTT  
VILLAGE PRIEST  
His Ban on Only Dancing Festival in the Year is Bitterly Resented.

PARIS, Sept. 24.—Through his condemnation of the frivolity of dancing, the curé of the little town of Puget-Ville, near Toulon, has found his church boycotted by all the women of the community.

Some Sunday ago a number of dancing booths were set up on the occasion of the local festival. But the vicar considers dancing immoral and in his sermon on the Sunday morning of the festival he said the only young woman who would be permitted to dance that evening would be those of frivolous character and light morals.

The women of the congregation took great offense at the sermon, for dancing takes place only once a year at Puget-Ville, and all the women take part in it. So that evening all the young women of the congregation attended the ball. They have also boycotted the curé and the parish church, walking three miles to the neighboring parish on Sundays.