

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

Righteousness is never better for taking a rest.

The polished Christian comes from the mills of adversity.

The wisdom from above will be known by its works below.

You cannot measure a man's righteousness by his reticence.

There can be no finality to truth that comes to fallible men.

The man who is too good for anything is often good for nothing.

The vices of earth become dominant when we are deaf to the voices from heaven.

A successful candidacy for heaven is more than learning to look like a corpse.

Men often think they love the sinner because they are too lazy to prosecute him.

There's a good deal of difference between social prominence and personal eminence.

Some men think that a pugnacious disposition provides them with all the piety they need.

The best banks are in heaven; but the receiving tellers are likely to be in some back alleys here.

THE WEB OF VENICE.

In Venice one is as if caught in an immense network, or spider's web, which, as one walks in its midst, seems to tighten the closer about one. The streets narrow overhead, push outward with beams and stone balconies and with many-turning angles; seem to loosen their hold for a moment where a bridge crosses a narrow canal between high walls and over dark water, and then tighten again in close lanes where the smells of the shops meet and fume about one's face. The lanes are busy with men in rough clothes and with women in shawls, bare-headed, and with great soft bushes of hair, who come and go quietly, slipping past one another in these narrow spaces, where there is hardly room to pass, as the gondolas slip past one another in the narrow canals. The road is difficult to find, for a single wrong turning may lead one to the other end of the way. This movement, the tangles of the way, the continual arresting of one's attention by some window, doorway, or balcony, puts a strain upon one's eyes, and begins after a time to tire and stupefy the brain. There is no more bewildering city, and, as night comes on, the bewilderment grows almost disquieting.

Plays that have Earned Millions.

Kate Claxton played The Two Orphans 5,500 times, making \$2,000,000 out of the play.

De Koven's Robin Hood and Jones's Silver King have each earned \$3,000,000 and still bring in royalties to their happy authors.

Good old Rip Van Winkle holds the record as a money-maker among modern plays. Rip has earned down to date something over \$5,000,000.

Denman Thompson, when he wrote the Old Homestead, little thought that his wholesome drama would earn \$4,000,000 in twelve years. Yet those are the authenticated figures.

When Erminie was first produced in London it was a total failure. But Rudolph Aronson saw the possibilities of the pretty and graceful opera; he secured the American rights, he engaged Francis Wilson, Marie Jansen and Pauline Hall for the leading roles, and he produced Erminie superbly. The result was that this opera, which had been pronounced worthless, was acted 4,800 times and earned \$3,000,000.

Antiseptic toothpicks, warranted free of germs, are being supplied by the large hotels and restaurants in London. It is proposed shortly to serve sterilized food in chemically cleansed dishes.

A tree that is a freak of nature is the Asiatic star tree. It grows from six to eighty feet tall, and for a height of about forty feet the trunk is wholly bare. From that point there spring a number of tangled limbs, which shoot out clusters of long pointed leaves, and these grouped together, emit at night a phosphorescent light.

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Financial Statement, December 31st, 1906

ASSETS.	
Loaned on first mortgage	\$160,005 40
Loaned on shares	667 60
Loaned on agreements	1,542 98
Insurance due us and unpaid	1,033 28
Real estate	703 81
Interest due on loans	2,179 74
Cash on hand	3 00
	\$166,135 81
LIABILITIES.	
Instalment stock	\$ 73,004 55
Prepaid stock	3,099 55
Fully paid stock	370 00
Permanent stock	56,412 61
Reserve Fund	2,618 40
Debentures	2,000 00
Due bank	20,503 72
Credit of profit and loss	8,126 98
	\$166,135 81
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	
Gross earnings from all sources	\$ 6,897 13
Management Expenses Commission, Government Fees, rents, etc.,	
Dividend paid July 1st and Jan. 1st.	2,835 24
Six per cent. permanent stock	203 50
Six per cent. prepaid and fully paid stock	
Dividend to be apportioned	4,341 41
Eight per cent. instalment stock	952 36
Two per cent. bonus to permanent	62 00
Two per cent. bonus to prepaid	1,164 59
Balance to reserve	
	\$16 456 23

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of accounts, vouchers and securities of the Empire Loan Company as on the 31st day of December, 1906, and that the above statements are correct.

(Signed) F. A. WOOD,
Auditor.

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