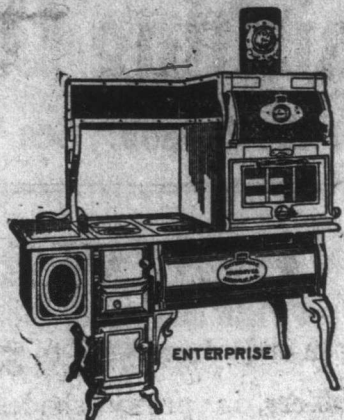


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The Menace Of Mormonism

(By GEORGE GOODCHILD, Author of "Tiger's Cub," "Down Plug Street Way," etc.)

To most people Mormonism is summed up in the word polygamy, but Mormonism is really far deeper than that. Mormonism as taught by Mormon Elders in England, is very much akin to Christianity, but a knowledge of the appalling history of Mormonism conveys quite a different idea.

Nearly a century ago a young man—Joseph Smith—founded the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," which numbered at first five persons. This number comprised himself, his father, and his three brothers. It was all brought about by a "revelation" from God to the said Joseph, in which he was directed to a hill near Palmyra, New York, there to find buried the record of the "Book of Mormon." In the presence of an "Angel of the Lord" Smith unearthed this treasure—a number of gold plates, each engraved with hieroglyphics. With the aid of the Lord Smith translated the writing, and the corner-stone of the Mormon Church was laid.

Smith's extraordinary allegations aroused tremendous interest, particularly as he produced witnesses to swear that they themselves had seen the golden plates; but it was a curious fact that nearly all the witnesses belonged to two families—Smith's and another.

A Clever Fraud.
A man of extraordinary personality

and intelligence, Smith the "Prophet" began his campaign. In a short time the sect grew, preaching with astonishing eloquence and conviction, the "Prophet" gained converts on every hand.

Then a curious thing happened. The wife of a deceased ex-clergyman recognized in one of Smith's quotations from the celebrated "Book" the text—almost word for word—of an imaginative quasi-historical work that her late husband, a literary enthusiast, had written some years before.

It had been sent to a printer and eventually returned to its owner. The printer's compositor, Sidney Rigdon, turned out to be none other than Smith's right-hand man. Other witnesses were produced, and Rigdon's guilt in copying the MS. was proved there to find buried the record of the "Book of Mormon." In the presence of an "Angel of the Lord" Smith unearthed this treasure—a number of gold plates, each engraved with hieroglyphics. With the aid of the Lord Smith translated the writing, and the corner-stone of the Mormon Church was laid.

The Mormons—now a considerable community—flatly denied such accusations, and Joseph, quite unperturbed, continued his work. Despite this glaring fraud, despite the fact that the "Saints" encountered on all sides the most violent opposition and persecution, the sect grew.

It grew so large that it threatened to be a national menace. A city—Nauvoo—was founded in Illinois, and the erection of a magnificent temple was begun. Joseph Smith was Prophet, Mayor, General, and everything else combined.

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Then came the parasites, who saw in Mormonism the chance to indulge in lust and libertinage. Many openly advocated plural wives, to emulate the patriarchs.

The Thin Edge of the Wedge.

To them Smith was at first strongly opposed, and all persons found guilty of misconduct were at once excommunicated.

In the Mormon creed it was laid down that one man should have but one wife, and up to 1843 that still remained one of the tenets of the Mormon Church.

Then on July 12th, 1843, came the notorious "revelation" on Celestial Marriage. In a long screed of twenty-five paragraphs the "Prophet" advocated the doctrine of plural wives.

In the meantime, the persecution of the Mormons in Missouri was being carried out with more ferocity than ever.

Smith, in prison under a false charge, was eventually murdered by an enraged mob, and Brigham Young reigned in his stead. The Mormons were driven from Nauvoo, and finally settled in the now famous Salt Lake City.

Under Joseph Smith, Mormonism—apart from the Celestial Marriage innovation—might have been a decent religion. Under Brigham Young it degenerated into one of the basest things that ever befouled our earth. He set the example himself. He kept nineteen official wives, apart from scores of others to whom he was "sealed."

The Evil Still Continues.

He bade the people go multiply and enlarge the sect. Men married quite indiscriminately. Those who could afford it married whole families. Brigham was the law.

The scenes and incidents that took place in Salt Lake City in the "fifties" and "sixties" are beyond imagination. The old law that a husband must get the first wife's consent went by the board. Priests, apostles, and what not, with the power of the unholy church behind them, took the law absolutely into their own unscrupulous hands.

The church, by its titing and thieving grew tremendously rich. It sent out "Elders" by the thousand to bring in converts, and converts came. In one year 2,500 were shipped from Liverpool, hundreds of them to die on the terrible journey across the plains, and the remainder lived to curse the day they ever met a Mormon Elder.

The Mormon man is lord over his family. His wives never even venture to question him on any matter whatsoever. They have no redress for any ill-treatment. The second, third, or fourth wife comes in the house, and they accept her as meekly as possible. The Mormon wife, perforce, soon learns her job and suffers it.

Brigham Young is dead and gone, but the Mormon Church is the same as when he left it. True enough, the United States passed a bill to prohibit their practices, but they never succeeded in altering the ways of the Mormons, and it seems unlikely that legislation will ever effect the desired change.

The example of three generations is too strong, and must be combated by public opinion, and by reducing the number of "converts." There are Mormons to-day who are sincere men, and who lead lives which are decent according to our own lights. But these do not remove the peril which lies at the root of Mormonism, for this peril is a very real and live one.

The Mormons believe absolutely that the day will come when they shall rule the earth, and they intend to leave no stone unturned to bring about that reality.

To-day there are in England thousands of female Mormon fanatics striving to gain converts to Zion. The Mormons are not fools. They are a rich, clever community, who see that women are better able to delude young girls than men. They intend to profit by the ravages of the war to appeal to the thousands of English women who have lost sweet hearts and husbands.

They may succeed unless something is done to avert the danger. Are we to live to see a gigantic "Gathering to Zion" of our womanhood—young girls, widows, leaving hearth and home for a state of existence that is opposed to every single ideal that we cherish and that men have fought and died for?—Answers.

The Thing That Counts.

Did ever a jewel rare outshine
A heart that's pure within.
That ope's alone to love divine
And bolts its gates to sin?

Oh tell me is a gentle mind
Less dear than palace gold?
The soul that joys in being kind
Hath peace and rest untold.

Has ever monarch's throne more love
Than lowly cottage home?
Resting in sunbeams from above,
Smiling 'neath heaven's dome?

An honest thought is nobler far
Than all that wealth can buy,
Truth shines divinely like a star
That gems the midnight sky.

And so to do what'er is right
Is sure a Godlike plan,
He is whose soul fears not the light
A noble, honest man.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

High Heels Make
Women Mad.

To be in the fashion, many million workers who have been earning large salaries have adopted high-heeled boots and shoes, and have taken to wearing footwear which is in other ways fashionable, but uncomfortable.

Dr. Truby King, in a recent lecture to the members of the National Health Society, pointed out the remarkable fact that high-heeled shoes were often the cause of women going mad or suffering from hysteria. One of the first things, he said, is done when a woman is admitted to a mental hospital is to cut down her high heels, if she is wearing them.

High heels make it impossible for a woman to walk properly or to take healthy exercise. She has got to balance herself all the time and this, though unconsciously, reacts on her nerves and makes her tired and irritable.

The majority of women who go in for outdoor life rarely wear high heels nor do girls in the country who are as healthy as possible. It is the woman of fashion in the big towns who wears these unnatural shoes, and she is always complaining of nerves, and so on.

Rubber heels are the best for walking, as they lessen the shock to the nerves and brain. All the War Offices of the world have long ago recognised that great care must be taken over the design of boots for soldiers, and though these boots may look clumsy, they are more comfortable after the first few days of wear than any fashionable boot.

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A "Lovely" Affair.

Truro, Feb. 10.—A shooting affray involving a returned soldier, his wife, and a clothes cleaner named Harry Blair, caused excitement here on Saturday night. The soldier's name is Lovely. He comes from Perth and is taking a course at the Agricultural College with technical school work also at Halifax.

Coming up from the city Saturday he learned that Blair and his wife were sometimes seen together. He sought for her and found her in Blair's company. He is said to have threatened to kill Blair. Saturday evening he went to Blair's shop and found his wife there. After an altercation Lovely fired three shots at Blair, one of which took effect in one leg, causing a severe wound.

Lovely made no effort to avoid arrest and was taken in charge along with his wife.

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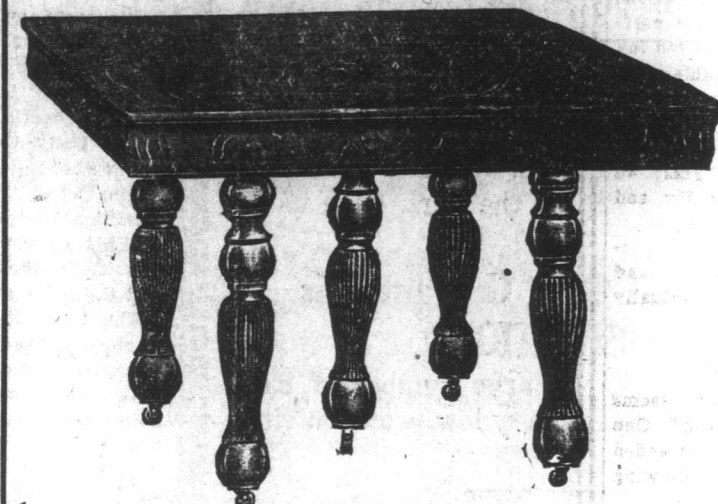
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It is often the little things that children do which give the best indications of what their future characters will be. In work and play the sort of man and woman the child will become is daily unfolded.

In such a small matter even as the sharpening of a pencil, valuable hints may be obtained by anyone in the least observant. Here it may easily be discovered whether a boy or a girl

is careful, destructive, wasteful, or economical.

The boy, for instance, who sharpens his pencil into a stub is inclined to be economical, careful, and quick in action. The boy or girl who takes an inordinately long time to make a slender point, cutting very precisely and regularly all the time will usually prove to be of an artistic and dreamy disposition. The child who, regardless of the look of the pencil, gouges out great pieces in order to get to the lead will show impulsiveness and generosity.

Mere destructiveness, however, comes apparent when a child is a delight in sticking his knife or pencil and splitting it—or destroying it in some other way.

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Burglars.

They Leave Behind
Them.

A country-house lately
Among other things
ed a sealskin jacket,
to originality in the
rests upon the message
upon the wall of the

you have these bars re-
window for my next
I had a truck for all
have taken a few things,
armed. Hope you all
ours, "The Housebreak-

appointed burglars who
big house recently left
note in the sitting-
room. Dear Sir,—We are
r home at our disposal,
is nothing of any port-
cept the bottle of red ink
we are writing this note.
that, and also a green
our scribbles. Trusting
misses these articles, and
a happy New Year, we
ly, "Gentlemen Jim and

a red letter—was print-
to afford no clue, and
mentioned were actually
missing!

Literary Legacy.

Woman burglar seems
sort of "cheek." One
of the lamp-light added
carry with the following
note:—

I want your mouldy coat
wanted something better.
I climbed through the
a pretty sound sleeper
have been, I reckon, not to

police-court, when she was
charged, she added:
told the truth. I wanted
old clothes and cheap

the most remarkable
left by a burglar is
a blackman, illustrated with
safes and doors and com-
docks. In a casual preface
declares that courage, so-
verance, and, above all,
should form part of the
burglar's equipment.

Piping the Air.

has lost no time in getting
era of commercial avi-
is coming. Already in-
have been sent to Army
in various parts of the
start a series of cross-
to cities in their sec-
to chart the "air lanes,"
maps, and gather valuable

they will locate sites
fields and aerodromes.
fields will become part
link up by air every im-
munity in the continent
to coast.

stant part of this work by
vice consists in bringing
the records started years
American cavalry, which
country rides, made exten-
for future emergencies.

showed all available shel-
locations, good roads, bad
a, bridges, and food and
as.

Medal Myths.

may wear his father's
asked an indignant corres-
a daily paper, "why not a
his son's?" Certainly.
But and this will surprise
he—only the man on whom
is conferred has the right
it. Though the next-of-kin
the medals which would
given to fallen soldiers
had they survived, they
them as personal decora-
same prohibition, it should
extends to the appropriate

popular myth is that there
significance in the colours
ribbons. Arctic ribbons are
white—for the obvious rea-
Afghanistan, 1870-80, rib-
red for England and blue to
Standard of the Prophet,
of that colour; and pro-
ribbon of India was intend-
to an Oriental sunset. In
however, the colours in rib-
no symbolism.

generally believed, again, that
once bestowed, cannot be
away for any reason. Wrong!
der of our premier decora-
prived of treason, felony,
disgraceful crime, his name
removed from the list.

All medals for gallantry in
etc., do not, contrary to
belief, carry a pension or
None is attached to our own
medal, which in this respect
most of the foreign mili-
tations given our troops.