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Strange Case of Blind and Handless Man.

There is a man in Kansas City who loves his Bible so much that he reads it most of the time, although he is blind and has no hands with which to feel his way over the raised alphabet commonly used by blind persons.

He is William McPherson, says a Reuter New York message, and he reads the scriptures by picking out the raised letters with the tip of his tongue. Mr. McPherson lost his eyesight and his hands in an explosion almost seventeen years ago. He was born in 1866 at Inverness, Scotland, and went to America in 1883. He was engaged in the rock quarrying business, and while he was planting a dynamite charge in a bed of rock in a Colorado quarry in 1906, the dynamite exploded prematurely, and Mr. McPherson was maimed for life.

When She Kissed the Bible. It was six years later that he began to learn to read in the strange fashion which he has since then so thoroughly mastered. He was living in a home for blind persons when he heard an evangelist tell of a blind woman in England, whose finger tips suddenly became paralysed so that she was unable to read her Bible. She bent down to kiss the Braille Bible, and she was happily surprised to discover that her lips were as sensitive to the raised alphabet as her fingers had been.

Mr. McPherson thought a great deal about the experience of the woman. He was unable to learn to read by touching the type with his lips, for he could not feel the letters distinctly. One day the thought came to him that he might use his tongue.

Alphabet in Two Weeks. A teacher of the blind, from Chicago, was sent for, and the lessons started. As the blind man picked out the characters of the raised alphabet with the tip of his tongue the teacher traced the same letters upon his shoulder with her fingers. After more than two weeks of patient effort the alphabet was finally mastered, and Mr. McPherson began to read the Gospel of St. John.

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SIDETALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

RUSTY NEEDLES AND DISTANT FUTURES.

America is a prodigal country. Doubtless it is inevitable that it should breed prodigal people. In my needle case the other day I found some rusty needles.

What to do with rusty or broken needles and their blood relatives, old razor blades (no, I would not be deliberately guilty of such a ghastly pun), is one of the eternal problems. I fancy most housewives sidestep it by putting such articles in a box and sticking the box on a high shelf to be taken down at house-cleaning time, looked at and put back.

So, running true to form, I said to the inhabitant of my kitchen: "I'd like to throw these away, but I don't know just where to throw them."

"Don't throw them away at all," said she. "Just put them on a stone and rub your foot back and forth over them and they'll be as shining as ever."

They Just Buy New Ones.

And then she added: "Folks don't do those things in this country, though. They just buy new ones." Surely a true indictment—if I do say so against whom it was made.

Many Americans don't know what thrift means. They know what economy means. It means going without things. But in the matter of thrift—which means making the most of what you have, making things last by proper use, making every cent count—there are very few of us who

do not have to take off our hats to people brought up in the economic pressure of Old World conditions.

Two Inheritances.

Here is another clever summing up of a typical American attitude. A man whose business is the understanding of financial conditions said to me in regard to America's attitude toward money: "If an American inherits some money he says: 'I have inherited \$3,000' or whatever the amount is. If a Frenchman inherits the same amount of money he says: 'I have inherited 500 francs,' or whatever the interest on that amount is. That is, the American looks upon the principal as something to use, the Frenchman regards it as capital to be kept sacred."

America is a prodigal country. Perhaps it is inevitable that she should breed a prodigal people.

Facing the Future.

But she will not always be so prodigal. It is estimated that in the year 2100 there will be about one hundred and ninety-seven million people in the United States. And that will be practically the saturation point. Moreover, at the prodigal rate at which we are using up our oil, and our forests, and our coal, we shall have used up long before that the natural resources that make life on this side of the water the comparatively easy thing it has been. That all means that American people will have to develop thrift.

The more we teach the principles of thrift to our children, the more we are going to make the transition that they or their grandchildren may have to make.

Manitoba Opposed to Prohibition.

UNDER THE NEW BILL THE GOVERNMENT WILL APPOINT COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER SALE OF LIQUOR, AND BREWERIES CAN DELIVER DIRECT.

WINNIPEG, June 28.—Manitoba has gone "wet." By a sweeping majority which went beyond 25,000 in Winnipeg City and which was going up slowly as the country was heard from, the bill of the Moderation League was endorsed and the policy of prohibition represented by the Manitoba Temperance Act, the law of the Province for seven years, was overturned.

The weather also was wet and a violent electrical rainstorm which swept the city at ten o'clock drove the bulletin crowds to cover, hampered newspaper offices and hampered seriously the collection and compilation of returns. It had been shown, however, that the country had reversed its traditional policy of "dryness" and appeared to be voting fairly evenly, while the city, which voted wet in the importation referendum of 1920 by about 7,000, rolled up tremendous majorities in almost every poll and more than tripled that figure.

Prohibitionists Admit Defeat.

Prohibition workers admitted by ten o'clock that their cause had met decisive defeat. They were surprised and disappointed at the showing from the rural polls and the smaller towns, and at the size of the majority in Winnipeg. Moderation League workers expressed gratification and pointed out that they had claimed a change in sentiment throughout the Province.

Under the bill of the Moderation League which Manitoba has to-day adopted, the Government will appoint a commission of three members to administer the sale of liquors for consumption as a beverage in the permanent or temporary residences of permit-holders, who may be residents of the Province or guests. Breweries will be permitted to deliver direct.

The Legislature will meet in July pledged to enact into law the bill which was approved to-day. A second referendum is to be taken on July 11 on a proposal of the Hotel Men's Association for sale of beer and wine in dining rooms of licensed hotels with

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Finds Tomb 3,000 Years Old.

A tomb, believed to be about 3,000 years old, has been discovered at Catterline, four miles from Stonehaven, England, according to the Stonehaven correspondent of the London Daily News.

While James Scott was digging in a field his spade struck a large stone slab. He continued digging and exposed to view three layers of stones. He sent for the Rev. Mr. Fraser of Kinross, an antiquarian. With assistance the large stones were removed, and a grave was revealed containing the skeleton of a full-grown man, lying on his left side, with an earthenware food urn beside him.

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