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CIVILIZATION'S VENUE.

A grave indictment of our western civilization is made in the charges brought by a clergyman whose experience entitles him to a hearing. Speaking of the white man in the east the Toronto Star says:

"Canadians have sometimes occasion to object to the conduct and the habits of Asiatics who come to this country. Apparently the Asiatics have also good cause to deplore the advent of foreign races to their own land. So, apparently, thinks Dr. A. J. Brown, Foreign Mission Secretary of the United States Presbyterians, who declared, in a recently-quoted address, that 'the worst men in the Far East today are not Chinese or Japanese or Koreans; they are degenerate white men. I sometimes wonder whether it is true that the contact of the East and the West is to result in the debauching of the East to a worse extent than it was debauched before.'"

The same authority is quoted as saying that the Japanese are spreading vice and opium all over Korea and Manchuria. The foreign concessions in the treaty ports of the Far East are, he believes, the Godoms and Gomorahs of old, because more intelligently, more ruthlessly wicked. This, it is to be seen, is a serious indictment of our Western civilization. Despite the statements made by a McGill professor lecturing in Toronto the other day as to the "wonderful mental development of the twentieth century," and his assertion that "the human mind has progressed considerably," the depths to which civilized mankind had sunk seem as abysmal as ever; nor, while the sum of human knowledge has grown, is there a corresponding increase in the number of great intellects and fine mentalities.

"The white man who thus goes astray is he whose rule of conduct is guided by a clear view of right and wrong but by the restraints imposed by the law and the opinion of his neighbors. He is the kind of man who desires to be respectable rather than to be right. Such a man is likely to fall when these conventional restraints are removed, and especially when he comes in contact with races whom he has been trained to regard as weaker than or inferior to his own."

SOME OF "THE OTHER HALF"

One of the strongest arguments in favor of the theory that every girl should be taught to earn her living is found in the experience of charitable organizations in Great Britain whose main business is the alleviation of the sufferings of aged and destitute gentilewomen.

Some parents naturally are averse to thinking that their daughters may ever come to need but the cases of thousands of others point to the danger that may lie in the future of any life, no matter how sheltered and well protected it may be at present. Independence through ability to earn her own living and habits of thrift are advocated by an expert in such cases, quoted in the Montreal Witness, which says:

Although there is still much truth in the aphorism that "one half the world doesn't know how the other half lives," it is growing less true every year as human comprehension and sympathy increase. It is certainly less true today than ever it was in the history of humanity that one-half the world doesn't care about how the other half lives. This reflection is inspired by the publicity of two interesting but disquieting legacies, one for the establishment of an institution where ladies over fifty in reduced circumstances but having small means may obtain food and lodging at a reasonable cost; and the other for the founding and endowment of homes for necessitous gentilewomen. There is no more pitiful destitution than that which bravely masquerades behind a tradition of respectability. Miss Finn, the secretary of the Distressed Gentilefolk's Aid Association, has found that there is nothing more needed in London at the present time than a "Rotten House" for men and women who by birth are gentle folk, but whose means do not allow them to pay more than a dollar a week for lodging. Every morning the good Miss Finn receives about thirty letters from ladies and gentlemen of education and culture who have nothing but charity between them and the workhouse. These letters are in many cases the last desperate step, taken when pride has had to give way before pressing need. They may be from an army colonel, or an invalid clergyman or a lady who had lost her small income through the fault of a trustee.

There are thousands of similar cases in the world among people brought up under like circumstances. Such misfortune is nearly always caused by the fault of trustees, or by the failure to make adequate provision for his unmarried daughters, or by illness.

"I would have all the girls so educated," said Miss Finn, "that they could earn a living if the emergency arose, and I would have them save every penny they can spare. The widows of members of the Civil Service or of officers in the army and navy ought to be granted a pension that would make them independent of charity. And every man who marries ought to insure his life. Until all these things are done there will always be a pressing need for a Rotten House for gentilefolk." It does one good to feel that there are many good folk to help such work as this, along by personal attention, and others who are glad to provide the necessary funds. We have no precisely similar charity in Montreal, but even in this country of few class distinctions most painful cases come to knowledge. These, when given, naturally appeal to delicate and generous sympathy. The difficulty is that the most insistent appeals come from the fraudulent and undeserving.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

CHARGE IT.

Sitting in the office of a little country store the other day I finished my letter in time to see a little boy and hear a little voice pipe up the legend at the top of this page, "Charge it!"

His little hands and arms were filled with little parcels, and his clothes were like a very small travelling grocery. I glanced at him as he was a poor man's little boy, and he was doing the family shopping.

I think there was a half pound of butter, a half pound of soda, a bunch of matches, half a pound of tea, a spool of thread, and some other little things he stored in his pockets and he looked like a very small travelling grocery. I suppose what he had would represent the wages of his father for a day and a half.

And then I thought of the many little boys and girls all over the land carrying home the scanty supplies for the home. Some of the little boys and girls had no credit for the father's drink, and the boy or girl who could get things by simply using the magic words, "Charge it," used such "magic" that they were the envy of those who could not get anything without paying money.

I know without knowing the man that he is honest, or has a reputation for honesty, or his children could not get the things he needed by simply saying "Charge it!"

I have been thinking since the little boy went out with his "charged" parcels, what a mistake the whole credit system is. It is generally a loss to the man who charges it for he knows that it is a risk for him. If the man does not get sick or break a limb and there is not much sickness in the house, he will get his pay. And some of his "charge" customers will get sick, lose their job, or run away and he must lose some of his good money. The misfortune of some of his customers and dishonesty of others.

He often loses the friendship of some of the men who trade with him for he does not realize how much he is getting charged and when he sees the amount he thinks the trader has made a mistake or been dishonest and charged him with things he never got. The customer loses by having things charged. He has to pay more for his goods. If he paid for them when he got them, he would have got them cheaper.

And then the man who says "Charge it" and the man's wife, often get things they would do without if they could not get them in such an easy way. Paying down for things is a great curb on our desires, and many a man would go ahead who goes behind, if he could not get things without paying. But there is always a settling day. Things charged have to be paid for in some way. Sometimes with a mortgage which is another way of saying "Charge it." Sometimes by going to jail, and sometimes by running away, which are other ways of saying "Charge it."

Since the little boy went out, I have been thinking that a good many of us who think we never say "Charge it" are having things charged against us. The hard, unkind words we say; the wrong things we do; the drunk we had; the illicit pleasure, are all charged and some time we must all "pay, pay, pay."

Thaddius

MORE LIKE IT.

"What that horrid Jones man's profession?"
"He's a civil engineer."
"You mean an uncivil one?"

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

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The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

How strong and well you look," someone said to me a day or two ago. It has been a tonic to me ever since. I once heard of a man who was told by so many people that he looked very ill, that he finally was convinced that he must be ill, took to his bed and died.

I am not sufficiently a new-thoughtist to entirely credit that, but I do believe in the power of suggestion enough to think that it helps to be told you look well and does harm to be assured that you have the general appearance of having one foot in the grave.

People so seldom tell you how well you look, if you have been up late or overworked or anything like that, there is always someone to say, "What have you been doing to yourself?" or "You look terribly," or "You'd better look out or you'll be sick," but how seldom anyone says "How well you look."

Why not be original and reverse the process? Why not say nothing at all on the subject of looks unless you can say something pleasant, but when you can say something pleasant, never miss the chance. Try it sometime.

Salute someone as I was saluted—"How strong and well you look."
You know it can't do any harm and you don't know how much good it may do.

"Well, I shouldn't think the L's could afford a telephone. They live very simply and they dress almost shabbily. I should think Mrs. L. would rather have an occasional new suit than a telephone."

I don't mean in substance but in spirit. If you live with, or are an avowed woman, I'll wager it has.

For rare indeed is the woman who doesn't occasionally find it incumbent upon her to criticize the way her neighbor spends her money.

And isn't it absurd? If your neighbor, provided she pays her debts and does her duty towards her less fortunate fellow beings, chooses to spend her spare money for a yellow carpet bag or two or three tons of pickles, what is that to you?

And what right have you to say she is extravagant? The only extravagance is in not getting as much pleasure or utility out of any sum of money as you could have by spending it at some other place or in some other way.

And how on earth are you to judge of what is pleasure or utility to your neighbor?

When I visited Vassar college not long ago I was deeply impressed by one thing and that was the custom of having the regular Sunday night Chapel preceded by an hour of twilight music.

The huge Chapel is left entirely in darkness. The girls drift quietly in from time to time. The later service is compulsory, while this is not and yet the music is always of the best, of course—procured by a skilful organist or a beautiful singer—and out of the twilight it comes with a doubled beauty.

"I like the silent Church before the service begins better than any preaching," Emerson said once.

I am sure he would have liked Vassar's Chapel in the music filled twilight even better than the silent Church.

I cannot imagine any more peace-giving service than this twilight music hour. I think it would appeal to many who do not enjoy formal services and I think every Church in the land would do well to adopt it.

What sort of after-dinner speaker is Billings?
"One of the kind who start in by saying they didn't expect to be called on, and then proceed to demonstrate that they can't be called off."—Washington Star.

Jack—Those young widows have an advantage over you. They are because they know all about men.
Madge—Yes, and because the only man who knows all about them are dead.—Boston Transcript.

"What is the difference between valor and discretion?"
"Well, to go to a restaurant without tipping would be valor."
"I see."
And to go to a different one next day would be discretion.—The Sun.

"I tell you in that railway collision, when I was hurled off my seat, I saw stars."
"Of course, the cars were telescoped."
"Baltimore American."

"And did you go through Berlin while touring abroad?" asked the caller.
"Did we, dear?" said the wife to her husband.
"Yes," replied the busy man from behind his paper; "don't you remember we bought some gasoline there?"
"And Paris—did you stop in Paris?" continued the caller.
"Did we, dear?" asked the wife of her better half.

Why, of course. Don't you know we bought a bicycle there and had to have a new one put on!—Yonkers Statesman.

Shipping

March 10—Str. Monmouth, 2560, Kendall, from Bristol, C. P. R. Co., general cargo.

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Coastwise—Schs. Sam Slick, 90, Newcomb, and G. H. Perry, 89, McDonough, St. Martins; Str. Westport III.

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HALIFAX, N.S., March 11—Arrived: Str. Virginian (Br.), Liverpool; Rosalind (Br.), New York, and sailed for St. John, Nfld.; Canada (Br.), Liverpool and sailed for Portland; Chester (Dan.), Antwerp, for Philadelphia, short of coal.

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HUGE GRAFT IS EXPOSED IN FRANCE

Socialist Leader Makes Grave Charges

Briand Replies—Truth to be Disclosed and Justice Pitilessly Applied.

PARIS, Mar. 11.—M. Jaures, in the Chamber of Deputies today, read documents to show that Minister of Finance Caillaux in 1906 questioned the circumstances of the sale of the Chateau for \$10,000 for which another company had offered \$100,000. He demanded that the government explain the immunity granted Le Courtaier.

Mr. Berry, Conservative, followed up the assault by M. Jaures, by declaring that it was not astonishing that Dues robbed the state when the state had robbed the congregation.

Premier Briand replied exhaustively to these attacks, reading from documents and correspondence. He said the original mistake was the law of 1901, which said that only "the congregation shall be dissolved," without specifying the method to be used. He explained the complicated procedure of the liquidation of a single congregation like the Christian Brotherhood, which involved innumerable suits and adjustments.

Even after the resignation of Dues, the premier said, he wrote the prosecutor advising his prosecution. With regard to Le Courtaier, he premier said he defied anyone to say that he had benefited by his complaisance. He insisted that when the final exposure came the government had not hesitated to do its duty.

"The scandal is not in the exposure, but in the immunity," M. Briand concluded. "The Republican regime need not blush. All regimes develop scandals, but crime is in the attempt to stifle them."

The premier promised that the truth would be disclosed and justice pitilessly applied, regardless of who was found guilty.

The debate went over until Monday.

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Household : Hints

Fashions and Fads

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A soft cloth wrung out in hot water and wrapped around a hot water bag will make the latter much more effective, as the steaming heat is better than the dry.

A pleasing dessert has canned peaches as a basis. Serve half a peach on a plate and top it generously with whipped cream, sprinkled with crumbled macaroons.

The careful cook always breaks each egg separately into a saucer or a cup. Then, if perchance one is bad, it will not spoil the other ingredients in the dish she is making.

To remove grease from men's coat collars, rub with a cloth dampened in ammonia. This will sometimes remove the gloss from rubbed places, such as elbows and seams.

If cans of fruit are wrapped in old newspapers after they have cooled from the canning process and placed in a cool, dry spot, the printer's ink and paper will prevent their molding.

A stain remover that has proved successful with fruit and vegetable discolorations on the hands is made by adding four drops of carbolic acid to half a pint of glycerine and rosewater.

Flannel will not harden or shrink if when new it is put into clean, cold water frequently. Wash well in warm water, using a little soap to remove the dyes. Flannel thus washed never hardens.

Indigestion is dangerous. It leads to other and more serious diseases, it diminishes the amount of nutrition that blood, brain, bone and flesh ought to have. It breaks down body and brain, causes constipation, nervousness and general ill-health. It is when a person is in a state of indigestion that the deadly germs of disease always get in their nefarious work.

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MARION, Ind., March 11.—Sanford Love, a prominent business man, who Miss Lottie Murden, his fiancée, now today, and she died this afternoon without regaining consciousness.

Love called at the home of Miss Murden and shot her, once in the breast and once in the back. The shooting followed the breaking of the engagement by the young woman.

Eight years ago Love shot another young woman, Nora Miller, to whom he was engaged. She recovered.

After shooting Miss Murden, Love returned to the business section of the city and gave himself up to the police. He is proprietor of a restaurant, and is 25 years old. Miss Murden was 18 years old. Her home was with her mother.

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