

# MAGAZINE FEATURES

## Legal Tangles of Druids Make Complications In Opera, "Norma"

To the Editor:—As you probably read in the papers they've been a lot of the drama here as well as elsewhere but the only belated ticketed show has been so far as the grand opera that cost so much but which may not kill as many people though at least 1 and some times 2 or 3 of the performers die in the last act.

Well I told my friends in last week's issue about seeing Gertrude in poor Butterfly down to the opera house in N. Y. city so the other day the Mrs. made the remark that the Chicago opera singers were at the Lexington theater so on acct. of us being from old Chi you might say why we figured it wasn't more than fair to go there I night so I looked in the paper and seen where Rosie Raisa was going to play Norma and she is the best soprano singer I ever heard outside of maybe Norma Bayes so I said leave us go and hear her.

So I day I couldn't help from being in N. Y. city so I went up to the Lexington theater and halled out a roll of bills that would choke a goat.

"Well," says the bird in the box office, "it certainly seems good to see a guy from old Chi. How are you?"

"I wonder if you could fix me up for next Tuesday night for Rosie in Norma," I said sticking my roll back in

tell you what it's about.

### Drawbacks to Druid Days.

Well it seems that in the old days when Galia was comes diva in par-ta trees they was a Elks lodge over there with they called the druids and the minute you joined them you was exempt from military service and you didn't have to pay no taxes and I guess they didn't have no trouble increasing their memberships. The only drawback was that you had to worship a oak tree and live on acorns and you couldn't have no children with is why pretty near everybody in the show was old geezers with beards.

Well in this show it starts out that the wops have knocked the Galls for a touchdown and goot and they's a bird name Pollo from Roma who has been placed in charge of the druids and it seems like him and Norma who is arch queen of the druids has been married or something and any way they have got 2 children 1 of them 7 yrs. old and the other 9 and on acct. of it being vs. the druids laws to have children, Rosie has kept her secret and I will half to slip it to her for so doing, as personally I know something about children and I will give anybody \$900.00 that can keep them a secret 9 minutes to say nothing about 9 yrs. But I seem to of strayed off of the



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my thimble.

"You bet I can," said the bird, "and if it wasn't going to be a sell out I wouldn't take your money."

I just set this down to show how I stand with birds from old Chi. He took my money but he wouldn't let me could help it.

Well Tuesday night finally come and sure enough it was a sell out and be-



I wonder if you could fix me up for next Tuesday?

sides every seat being full they was 2 or 3 100 persons parked on their doos and you had to hound your way to your seat. Well I of the N. Y. music critics said the next A. M. that it was the 1st time Norma had been sang for 140 years, except in Chicago with of course don't count and the last time it was really sang by Lilli Lemon in N. Y. city the yr. Lord Cornwallis for president so any way it's a old story and I guess I may as well

## Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

### BEHIND THE PLAN.

I reckon when the world we leave And cease to smile and cease to grieve. When each of us shall quit the strife And drop the working tools of life, Somewhere, somehow, we'll come to find Just what our Maker had in mind.

Perhaps through clearer eyes than these We'll read life's hidden mysteries And learn the reason for our tears— Why sometimes came unhappiness, And why our dearest joys were brief And bound so closely unto grief.

There is so much beyond our scope, As blindly on through life we grope,

So much we cannot understand, However wisely we have planned, That all who walk this earth about Are constantly beset by doubt.

No one of us can truly say Why loved ones must be called away, Why hearts are hurt, or e'en explain Why some must suffer years of pain; Yet some day all of us shall know The reason why these things are so.

I reckon in the years to come, When these poor lips of clay are dumb, And these poor hands have ceased to toil, Somewhere upon a maker's bill God shall to all of us make clear The purpose of our trials here.

## Rann-Dom Reels

### THE HAIR PIN.

The hair pin is an almost human device which, when properly attached to the graceful, sloping head of a woman, gives it a knobby and determined aspect and prevents the hair from coming off until it is time to go to bed.

In olden times women wore their hair to quite a large extent, and allowed it to flow down the back without building a dam at any point. For thousands of years woman never thought of twisting up her hair into the form of an ice cream cone and thrusting long, nervous hairpins through it, where they could work loose and drop on the floor or deposit themselves in an incriminating position on the back seat of an automobile. In those days women did not have to put in a full hour before going down town in doing up their hair and then wonder if it would stay on until they got back.

As the world progressed in civilization, however, and natural hair became scarcer, the present method of wearing the hair in a loose, unconfined droll sprang into popularity. This made it necessary to secure a prop which would hold the hair in a rigid upright attitude, so somebody invented the slim, two-legged hair pin with curvature of the spine. As a result, no woman ventures out nowadays without carrying enough concealed and semi-concealed hair pins to fill a two quart pail.

### FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER.

**Eggless Muffins.** Shift together two large cups of flour, three heaping teaspoons of baking powder and half a teaspoon of salt. Wet to the consistency of muffin batter with rich, sweet milk, and beat the mixture until light and very smooth. Enrich with three tablespoons of melted oleo or shortening and after beating again, pour into well greased muffin pans. Bake in a hot oven.

**Apricot and Raisin Marmalade.** Two cups of dried apricots, 1-2 cups of sugar, 2 cups water, 2 cups raisins, 3-4 teaspoon salt, 1-2 cup of honey. Wash apricots, then put raisins and apricots through food chopper, using the finest cutter. Put all the ingredients into a 2-quart saucepan. Boil slowly for forty-five minutes, or until thick. This makes four and one-quarter cups, and is delicious.

some bird gives me a pair of tickets without holding out his hand like they was a aftermath or something.

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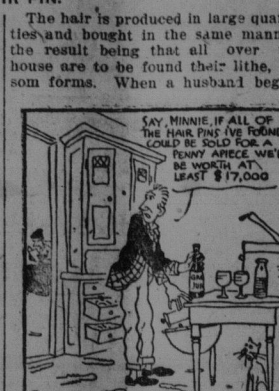
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When a Husband Begins to Hunt for a Corkscrew He Will Encounter Hair Pins in Every Drawer

He Pulls Open

to hunt for some useful article, like a corkscrew, he will encounter the neglected remains of shiny hair pins in every drawer he pulls open. The life of a well-made hair pin has never been determined because, like a poker-playing bank cashier, it is cast off as soon as it becomes crooked.

### TIPS TO HOUSEWIVES

If steel knives are rubbed with an onion and the juice left on for 24 hours, it will remove the rust. They should then be polished with a bath-brick and turpentine.

When boiling potatoes in their jackets turn the water off the moment they are done and let them dry in the kettle with the cover off for a little while. A Turkish bath can be given a few house plants by turning the scalding hot water on in the bath tub, shutting the door and letting them steam half a day. Cool off by degrees.

Did you know that fat stains can be removed? Rub the spots with a little butter. Let it remain on for some time and then wash with warm water and a little yellow soap.

**Currant Jelly Sauce.** Melt three tablespoons of butter in a saucepan and cook until richly browned (but not burned). Add four tablespoons of flour, and stir until smooth and well browned. Add gradually one cup of brown stock, continue stirring until sauce is smooth and glossy. Season with one-fourth teaspoon of salt and a few grains of pepper. Whip one-half cup of currant jelly with a fork, add to brown sauce with one teaspoon of lemon juice. Let simmer gently five minutes. Serve with roast venison, mutton or lamb.

"He seems very narrow-minded in an argument."

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## AN OTHER-WORLD VISITOR

By William T. Ellis.

Of a sudden, the world has been stirred over spiritualism, and the newspapers are giving as much attention to spiritualism and evidence concerning an existence beyond the grave as if the theme were as brand-new as the recent wireless disturbances which certain scientists straight-way attribute to messages from Mars. (Some day a digger among the newspaper files will produce, by instances, such as an indictment of the sensationalism and superficiality and co-sureness of "evidence" as will make us all turn again to faith in plain common sense.)

Str. Oliver Lodge is given a credence which is practically denied to Paul and Luke and the other New Testament chroniclers. Conan Doyle has been accorded a popular breath rank as an authority upon the supernatural which gives him more temporary authority than John the Apostle to whom the heavens were opened at Patmos. There are many other wise sensible persons who would rather listen to the trivialities of these recent prophecies to spiritualism, concerning outbursts, boards, table-liftings, tambourine bangings, table liftings, and mediums' "messages," than to read the sublime affirmations of Holy Writ concerning the glorious truth of immortality.

### Spiritualists or the Scripture?

The clear teaching of the Bible is that personality persists beyond the grave. The simplest pages present a noble picture of a glorious realm wherein the redeemed are praising and serving the Lamb who saved them. Our dearest with the Lord, they are not tugging at curtains in the dark, trying to talk such banalities as "I am with you" and "I am happy." They "know fully" for they are in the presence of Perfect Life, Perfect Light and Perfect Love. The teaching of Christianity concerning the future state is inspiring and comforting, and in marked contrast with the pettiness and fragmentariness and real bewilderment of modern spiritualism. If the present agitation will only turn people's minds to a study of Holy Scriptures it will not have been in vain.

Every reader of the Bible knows that God has at times sent his angels to minister to the needs of his work in the world. The fact is no new discovery of Str. Oliver Lodge. It seems implied that there is service and growth for the redeemed in a universe which is vaster than any of our imaginations. This present Sunday School Lesson hinges upon an errand fulfilled by a celestial messenger, who, during natural life, appeared to Peter in prison, and carried him beyond bars and walls and warders, and set him free.

When King and Christendom clashed, the angel, figure principally in this lesson—Peter, King Herod and the mad Rhoda. Herod was a trudging, tramping, misadventuring politician. Like the school board which recently dropped the study of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," because the Jews were displeased with the character of Shylock, so Herod thought to catch the Jewish vote by persecuting the Christians. James he beheaded, and Peter he clapped in prison. He was determined to crush the order of the ext. a trophy was characteristic of him. Sympathetic crowds were crying, in applause of his speech, "This is the voice of God, and not of men!" Instantly an angel of the Lord struck him, because he had not given the glory to God, and, being eaten up by worms, he died, and was buried by an angel; for Peter, the blow meant liberation, light, life; for Herod, it meant death. God's message was clear—both Peter and Herod were struck by the same lightning of God's enemies. This is that immortality is a glorious expectation for the Christian; and a thing of fear and horror to the sensual, selfish, sinful person.

Herod had power to imprison Peter's body; the real Peter he could not touch. The prisoner slept on the stone floor of his cell that night as sweetly than Herod on his purple couch. Peace is not of the pillow, but of the pillow.

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the first touch of the angel's hand. The obedience and co-operation of Peter with the angel was fairly military.

### A Man as an Angel.

At the time of the famous so-called "conspiracy case," when one hundred twenty-five Korean Christians were in prison, a Korean missionary was at dinner in the home of an American newspaper man. She recounted the whole story vividly, and then said, with some degree of concern, "And, do you know? these single-minded believers really expect that God will send an angel, to open their prison doors, just as he did for Peter."

That evening, upon retiring, the newspaper man said to his wife, "I'd like to be that angel." Thereupon he began an elaborate and far-reaching propaganda which really freed the Christians; although only a few persons know the inside story of how world opinion was brought so overwhelmingly to bear upon the Japanese Government that it surrendered its plans respecting the Korean Christians.

That incident illustrates the principle made clear in the lesson story, that God never sends a celestial angel to do what a human servant can as well accomplish. The angel left Peter as soon as the otherwise insurmountable barriers were passed. God never does supernaturally what man may do of his own powers. There may be—doubtless are—ministering spirits sent from heaven on earthy errands; but most of God's messenger work on earth must be done by men and women, who thereby become his "angels," or "messengers."

### Mightier Than Mediums.

While Peter slept in jail, the Jerusalem Christians, wide-awake, were assembled in the home of John Mark, praying. There is a direct connection between these supplicating saints and the freed apostle. Prayer reaches farther than even faith can imagine. Mightier than spiritualistic mediums in commanding supernatural resources is the simple prayer of faith. The person who is tempted to go to a medium better go to his knees. All barriers of time and sense, are crossed by the prayer of faith. Julia A. Baker has put the thought into verse:

"Thou goest thy way, and I go mine, Apart, yet not afar;

Only a thin veil hangs between, The pathways where we are, God keep watch 'tween thee and me, This is my prayer;

He looketh thy way, he looketh mine, And keeps us near."

Childhood has no difficulties of faith. The maiden Rhoda, or Rose, answered Peter's voice (always the most recognizable expression of a personality), for very joy forgot to open, but ran into the company, crying her good tidings.

The assembled Christians could not at first believe that their prayers were answered. They were like that man who said his faith was so great that it could remove the neighboring mountain. He shut his eyes and prayed for its removal, and opening them, said, "There it is—just as I knew all the time it would be." How amazed must it be to us would be our prayers were as actually and promptly answered as those of the Christians in the home of John Mark's mother in Jerusalem! "Lord, increase our faith!"

**SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS.** Take life as you find it but don't leave it so.—Anon.

All things are admired either because they are new or because they are great.—Lord Bacon.

In spite of the stare of the wise and the world's derision, Dare follow the star-blazed road, dare follow the vision.

—Edward Markham.

Hope is not the man for your bank, or through me for a travelling companion.—Halliburton.

He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength.—Isa. 40:29.

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TOO COMMON PHENOMENON.

A medical paper advances the theory that "man is slightly taller in the morning than he is in the evening."

We have never noticed this, but we have certainly noticed a tendency to become "short" toward the end of the month.—Books of Today and Tomorrow.

**HOUSEHOLD RECIPES**

Cottage cheese makes a nice salad when fruits and vegetables are scarce. There are several combinations to use with it. Walnut meats added to it or chopped pineapples and onion and good. Mould into balls and serve with mayonnaise dressing.

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