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Lenten Meditation

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FAITH WHEN ALL IS DARK

It is part of the trial and glory of faith to learn to see God's hand in what He does for others, and to be content if that same thing is not done for ourselves. The trial can be severe: the blessings which others receive seem clear evidences of His love and power; life's path is smoothed for them, and they walk it as those who have experienced the truth of the Psalmist's words: "The Lord is my Saviour, therefore can I lack nothing," and the fulfilment of the promise, "Ask and it shall be given you," they have tasted and seen that "the Lord is gracious."

He who sees what he does not share may, without grudging them their lot, feel as though he had been overlooked and that in his case God had forgotten to be gracious. As a trial to faith the same comes in the temptation to make comparisons between different experiences, and then to draw the conclusion that the other's experience was manifest, whereas in the other His presence was indeterminate. He does not commend His love to each of His children by some particular mark of His favour as unmistakable to the recipient as is the honour and protection. Such a comparison, with what follows from it, is natural enough; yet it is always to be resisted. God does not deal with individuals with as little difficulty as the flowers push upwards after warm spring rain.

God's love and the answer to that love are made sure on His part and kept firm on ours by something which admits of no comparisons, which was done once for all and on behalf of all. It is Christ that died; rather that is risen from the dead. It is in that unchangeable gift that the Christian should find his security. Particular gifts, blessings, experiences vary from life to life, and within any one life they may be but for a time. The promises of God are not linked with them: it is not only in the presence of death, of the earthly parting from the one deeply loved, that the Christian will learn to say: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Faith has no greater privilege and glory than to continue, when all around and within is dark to walk in the light of the Gospel.

Living & Leisure

The Woman's Realm

WHY DO WE WAIT?

Why do we wait till ears are deaf Before we speak our kindly word, And only utter loving praise When men a whisper can be heard?

Why do we wait till hands are sealed Close-folded, pulseless, are we place Within them roses sweet and rare, And lilies in their flawless grace?

Why do we wait till eyes are sealed To light and love in death's deep trance— Dear wiseful eyes—before we bend Above them with impassioned glance?

Why do we wait till hearts are sweet Sweet opportunities are past, And break our "alabaster box Of ointment" at the very last!

Oh, let us heed the living friend Who walks with us life's common ways, Watching our eyes for look of love, And hungering for a word of praise.

—British Weekly.

LIFELESS HAIR NEEDS MASSAGE

Perhaps your hair has a wintry look—maybe too dry, maybe too oily, often you don't know which, but you do notice it is dull and lifeless and not pretty. If that's the case, take it in hand—literally. A too-oily scalp merits massage with a preparation made specifically for it. The best way to tell whether you have it is to use your own hands and your own eyes. See whether, a few days after shampooing, you find oil visible on the scalp. Or rub your fingers on the scalp and then look them over; if a cannot see a good deal of oil on the fingers, you don't have an excessively oily scalp.

A too-dry scalp is likely to feel dry and tight, and to produce a dryness of the hair. Feel the hair with your hands, and feel the whole length. (Dry ends can be caused by excessive dryness or oiliness of scalp; the scalp and shaft are better guides.)

For too-dry scalp, use a special preparation for that, too, and treat yourself to a few oil-shampoo routines.

With either condition, massage is your ticket. Sit at a low table, putting your elbows on it and resting your head in your hands. Then place fingertips and palms flat against the scalp and try to move it backward and forward as well as in tiny circles. A useful thought is to imagine your head is an apple which you're trying to halve with your palms. Press gently, moving the scalp under your hands. Change position of hands and repeat till you have covered the scalp.

This stimulation of the scalp aids circulation, and stimulates your scalp's glands. Faithful massage will improve the looks of all hair except that which comes from general ill-health.

Don't cook porridge the night before unless you have to. Cook it while you're cutting that grapefruit, or squeezing that grapefruit juice. It will pay you in vitamin dividends. Here's another afterthought. Part of that "must" pint of milk goes on your cereal! A pleasant way to take it.

FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR BAKING



A Morning Smile

Lawyer (persisting)—You've heard what the last witness said, and yet your evidence is to the contrary. Am I to infer that you doubt her veracity?

Belle Young Man (waving a deprecating hand)—Not at all. I merely wish to make clear what a liar I am if she's speaking the truth.

"You wrote a policy on a 92-year-old man!" gasped the insurance branch manager.

"Sure," replied the new salesman. "Statistics show that very few men die after 92."

MERGING ELECTRICS

LONDON—(CP)—Proposals for bringing the 75 electrical undertakings around London under the ownership of one authority have been approved by the Joint Electrical Authority for the area.

FORESTRY UNITS JOB

GLASGOW—(CP)—During the past 12 months 1,199,918 tons of pit props taken from Scottish forests, many of them hewn by Canadian forestry men, have been forwarded to British collieries.

GROWING CELERY

Contrary to general opinion, celery may be grown on any type of garden soil except the very heavy clays. Of all garden crops, it is the most sensitive to moisture variations, and uniform moisture is very important, even if the soil be well manured.

Leave jackets on potatoes when you boil them, and thus keep precious vitamins and minerals intact. Much food value is lost if the vegetables are peeled before cooking.

Ancient Greeks and Romans cultivated turnips and held them in high esteem.

USEFUL HINT

If new shoes pinch, soak pieces of rag in boiling water and, with the shoes on the feet, place the wet pieces of rag over where the pinch is. In a few minutes the leather will give to the shape of the feet, and the result will be a comfortable shoe.

Dorothy Dix Says—

GIRLS SHOULD JUDGE BOYS BY ATTITUDE, NOT BY GLIB TALK

Free Love Lure Just Play On Pretty Words Offering Heartbreaking Disillusionment

DEAR MISS DIX—A girl recently wrote you that she had turned down a young man of fine character, whom she knew would make her a good husband and whom she liked as a friend, because he didn't have a line of darning that thrilled her. I would like to say to the little nitwit that to the average well-meaning male there are just two kinds of women, those that count and the ones of no-account. The first girl is courted earnestly and the man treats her with due respect and consideration because he hopes to marry her. But the other kind of girl, when taken out is exposed to all the arts of seduction because the man has no intentions except to smooch himself.

It is always a source of wonder to men that so few women understand this simple rule.

A girl having wisdom will hand on to the man who treats her as if she were a lady, if she likes him. He is aiming at the altar. She will also treat the Hi Toots fellow as he deserves, and drop him with an audible plunk. She knows that his approach is just a come-on to make her. But as one girl told me: "I know it is pure baloney, but how I love it!"

The "nice" girls keep their sweetness after marriage and by love foster love and make two kisses grow where one grew before. They are one-half of the couples who after fifty years or more of marriage are still in love. Whilst the lightweights make the headlines and fill the divorce courts.

So girls have to make their choice. They can either be the life-long sweetheart of one and the respected friend of many, or the flashlight of love of many and the sweetheart of none.

FREDERICO.

GIRLS STILL FALL FOR HONEYED WORDS

ANSWER—This is wise advice that girls would do well to heed, but alas, nothing seems to make a woman lose her sweet tooth, not even age, and I fear she will always fall victim to the smoothie who woos her with honeyed words. Many a girl is so entranced listening to some glib talker tell her how beautiful and wonderful and different from all other girls she is, that she never notices that he never says anything about making a wedding date.

I have spent many years of hard labor and wasted many tons of good white paper in trying to impress upon girls the fact that the writer of this letter puts so pointedly and definitely to them—that the best way to judge of a man's intentions towards them is his attitude towards them, and not his sales talk. If a man is really in love with a girl and intends to ask her to be his wife, he treats her with respect. He protects her even against herself. He doesn't try to drag her down. He wants her to stand on a pinnacle so that he may look up to her and believe in her.

When a man begins talking to a girl about the beauty of free love, and telling her that marriage is an outmoded institution, or promising her that at some future time in the sweet by and by he will legalize their liaison and give their love nest a staple foundation, it is merely conversation. He is playing upon her love of pretty words and of romantic situations and her credulity, and if she listens she pays the price of lending him her ears in heartbreaking disillusion, and often in shame.

Maybe the dumb lad who chokes on his Adam's apple when he pops the question may not be so thrilling as the nifty line of the seducer, but the one is offering you a faithful husband and a good home and security and the other is trying to see if you will just fall for a few promises that he never intends to keep.

DEAR MISS DIX—I am 22 years of age. Happily married. Been in the service nearly a year. I get along with my buddies exceptionally well. I am a happy-go-lucky sort of a guy and have never let anything worry me unduly.

Here is my reason: I am a crook, a liar and a thief I have committed practically every crime from petty larceny to stealing automobiles but I have always gotten away with it so far and have never been arrested. But now I have reached the place in life where I can't go on pretending any longer, and I would admit everything and take my medicine, but I can't do it without hurting my wife who knows nothing about my misdeeds. There are no clues to my past and she still thinks that I am the

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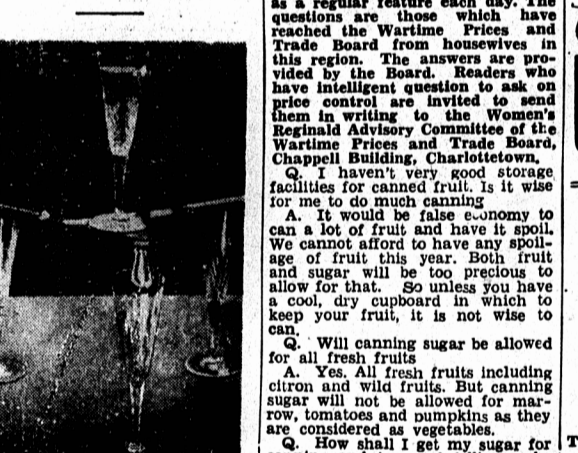


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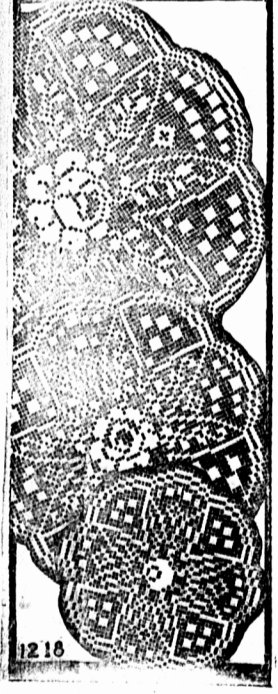
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