

Seven Days A Week

1. MONDAY: In a recent issue of a leading Farm Weekly paper, I saw two interesting items — The first was called "Paper-Mache Wallboard" — and it gave the actual steps necessary to make small panels of this material at home. All that is needed — newspapers and bread-frost paper. "Forty sheets to make a strong panel," said the author, "and it is so durable that it is used for granary chutes and bins, air vents, archways, room partitions and so on." It takes a week for a panel to dry thoroughly. A panel four feet by six feet needs four news paper sheets per layer or a total of two hundred sheets. Edges of the newspaper sheets in one layer must never come in contact with edges of the next layer. You paste layer on top of layer, making the papers are spread smoothly. After your last layer has been pasted, press out your entire panel bit by bit, by laying a board on it and walking over the board. — Buckets, bowls, baskets and vases can be made out of this material too, by using the original one-inverted, as a form. Lay pieces of pasted paper over the desired form, building it up to the desired thickness. Your paper-mache likeness will be perfect when dry and can be trimmed and painted any color you wish. The second item was about a factory in Alberta that uses straw to make strawboard or Strat which is its trade name. Strat was invented in Sweden twenty years ago, is now in Canada, but has been in use in fourteen European countries. By a process known only to the makers, it is made from straw. Which is compressed under heat into sheets 2 inches thick and four feet wide and of various lengths. It is strong, durable and fireproof. The makers claim it will insulate sheath and do as exterior finish too.

2. TUESDAY: "Spill the salt in the morning you'll have words with your husband before nightfall!" So said a dear old lady who was visiting me a long time ago. Whether that be true or not, I don't know. "Take a bit of salt on your tongue and a mouthful of water on Halloween" says a someone else "walk three times around the house and the first name you hear mentioned will be the name of your future husband!" (or wife). More hearsay and its a good thing we don't take such sayings seriously. At any rate salt has many uses that like Jimmy Rogers song says "There's so many you can't count 'em!" Remove egg stains from silver is one use; add a dash to coffee to improve the flavor, add it to the coffee before the water is added. (We always put a bit in the chocolate milk or hot cocoa). To remove iron rust, rub the spot with lemon, then sprinkle with salt and place in the sun. If spots are still showing, repeat the process. I remember years ago, having a grim toothache and a helpful neighbor said "Fill that hole in your tooth with a big double one with salt, that will ease the pain!" I did and it pretty nearly eased my head off or so I thought at the time. I thought the tooth was jumping right out of my jaw. When I told the Dentist what happened, he said, the salt killed the nerve. That's one use for salt I'll never recommend to any one! Just don't try it!

3. WEDNESDAY: In every District now appeals are being made to the Red Cross and I am reminded of the saying, "Who gives

generously gives twice." We know everyone will only be too happy to help those who help us in time of trouble. It's caring for others that counts. After all and this is a true story about a man who cared: It was a cold night up at the front line trenches during the First World War. A guard officer, touring sentry posts, came upon one soldier asleep while he was supposed to be on guard. This was, of course, a terribly serious offense, especially in war-time. The guard was liable for general court martial and could be shot.

The officer woke up the guard, "You know how serious an offense this is!" he barked; then, noticing that the poor sentry could hardly answer him because his teeth were chattering so, he relented. The boy didn't even have an overcoat. He took off his own coat, wrapped it around the boy, and proceeded on his tour of the other sentry posts.

It was a bitter-cold night, and the officer still had a good many posts to check. By the time he finally got back to the guardhouse, he had caught a severe chill which developed into fatal pneumonia. The afternoon that the officer died, a friend was at his bedside. The officer had been delirious for some time, but all of a sudden he quieted. He looked up, and his friend heard him whispering, "I see a man walking toward me. He looks familiar; it looks like Our Lord. It is Our Lord—and He's wearing my overcoat!"

4. THURSDAY: The road was slippery and rough and the young husband was having a hard time to keep the car on the road. Finally he came to an intersection and unable to see to the right he turned to his wife, "Quick, any cars coming on your right?" "No," she replied, as she drove onto the highway and then she added, "Just an oil truck!"

5. FRIDAY: "I just can't like fish" a visitor remarked recently but we'd bet he would like this fish dish. — Trim crusts from slices of white bread. Brush melted butter on one side of each slice and fit into three inch muffin pans, pressing brushed side down into pan to form a cup. Bake in a very hot oven (450 degrees F.) ten to twelve minutes or until golden brown. Fill with creamed tuna or salmon and garnish with bits of celery or tomato.

6. SATURDAY: Mavis said as she listened seriously to a bit of a hockey broadcast, "I wouldn't mind being a hockey player. I think they're lucky!" When we asked a bit wonderingly what she meant she said, "well every now and again you hear the 'nouncer' saying 'they'll be stopping for icing.' — Icing is just icing to her — something you put on a cake so it's no wonder she thought the hockey players were having a "sweet intermission." How much more different are children's thoughts that are ours! One mother who had a hard time to persuade her five year old son to wash his hands and face without cooing thought of this idea. She gently hammered a bright new penny into a bar of soap that had been slightly softened by soaking in water. She then told him that if he washed faithfully every day without being told he would find a buried treasure. She says it worked like a charm. He knows her word is good, he washes up regularly and is as proud of his shiny cent as she would be of winning an Oscar.

7. SUNDAY: We all get the blues sometimes and feels that a certain day or hour is just barely bearable — I stood at the kitchen windows one morning last week and thought, "What a long, disgusting day this will be!" The Man of The House would be away all day, so would Ron — Sleat

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ENGAGEMENT — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Judson of Pownal, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Jean, to Paul Stair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Garnham, Charlottetown. Marriage to take place latter part of March.

Personals

Congratulations are in order to Mr. Roderick MacDonald, Sacred Heart Home, who celebrated his 92nd birthday on Saturday, March 19th.

and rain, (yes and mud too; where it came from I'll never know!) beat against the panes drumming a mournful tattoo. Behind me on the kitchen floor Garth and Mavis tried to see which one would make the most noise (or so I thought!) Then along came the ever-faithful mailman and donning the baby's stocking cap, the teacher-son's overshoe and Ken's old rain coat (in case I might be blown away I wanted lots of recognizable identification!) I hied out to the mailbox — When I got back to the shelter of the kitchen and "dis-mantled." I eagerly dissected the small parcel I received. From a lady in Eastern P. E. I., it contained a number of house flower slips — all done up nicely in moss and white tissue paper. The nice letter that accompanied the unexpected gift from a complete stranger, was heart-warming and cheerful, immediately the day became brighter; sure it would be only six hours or so until the men came home and the kiddies, bless they were just normally noisy. "Isn't it wonderful what a kindly deed will do." These slips added to the ones given by a lovely neighbor of ours, have me well started on a new house flower collection.

So end another Seven Days, made brighter by the kindly deeds of friends near and far-gentle reminders to us to Keep Sweet. Suppose a world of troubles do annoy you day by day: Suppose that friends considered true, your trust in them betrays; And rocks may bruise and thorns may tear your worn and weary feet; And every day you meet a snare and keep sweet. Suppose you have not each desire that forms within your mind; And earth denies you half your hire, and heaven seems unkind; And you have not the best to wear, nor yet the best to eat; What tho' you have the meanest fare? Keep Sweet! Make things worse and harder still to bear; A bitter heart destroys the curse and makes the heavens fair; So I advise, what e'er your cause

Religion and Life

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SAINTS, SINNERS TELL OF CONTACT WITH GOD

Quite a sensation has been created in British religious circles lately by a series of addresses over the BBC by Mrs. Margaret Knight. Her subject was morals for children without religion. Her position is that "orthodox Christianity is no longer intellectually tenable, and that scientific humanism provides the best answer to our need for a constructive attitude to life and for a code of conduct." She does not think it desirable "for children to grow up in ignorance of the New Testament," not knowing what Christmas and Easter mean, but uses the facts in social life are creative facts in human history and cannot be dismissed by anyone with a wave of the hand.

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STUPENDOUS What makes a believer wonder is how a scientific mind can leave so completely out of account the spiritual experiences of the centuries. We see such thinkers taking into account every known fact of the material universe, but passing by the contact with the Divine Being witnessed to by saints and sinners in every generation. Now these experiences of God with their stupendous effects in personal and social life are creative facts in human history and cannot be dismissed by anyone with a wave of the hand.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Did you know that a lawsuit once involved the fate of the British Empire? The startling event took place in 1866, when a woman calling herself the Princess Lavinia of Cumberland sued in court to be declared the legal and rightful ruler of the country.

Her right to the throne was claimed by Mrs. Anthony T. Ryues. She claimed that her mother was the legitimate daughter of Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, by a secret marriage. Queen Victoria was then on the throne.

When arguments presented to prove that Mrs. Ryues was the legal Queen proved to be forgeries, the suit for an empire was lost.

To win a two-bits bet, John Luggie, 16, of Gratz, Australia, swallowed two live mice. He was hailed into court. The charge: cruelty to animals.

The street lights and many lights in homes never go out in Flin Flon, Manitoba. Why? Well, there is so much low-cost power available in this town of 14,000 people that it actually costs to keep the lights on than it would to turn them off and on as in the case in other cities.

"All we own we owe to udders" says a sign on a farmer's milk truck at Wainwright, Alberta. For poking fun at the bald-headed dome of King Louis XIV, Francis Seldon, a boy of only nine years was sent to prison for 69 years!

At the time, Seldon was a student at Clermont school in Paris. One day the king paid a visit to the school and to honor or humor his majesty the school officials changed the name of the place to "The school of King Louis the Great." This so amused young Seldon that he said: "The name Clermont is good enough for his Majesty." The other boys got a kick out of this because Clermont, translated literally, means, "bare top." The quib went over nicely until someone reported it to the school authorities. Covering at the feet of the king, they told him

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They are the efforts of religious men to account for their own spiritual experiences and the similar experiences of others in the past and present. If we object to such statements of faith as the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, what about the restatement of Christian belief by Wm. Temple and John M. Whaley when the former was Archbishop of Canterbury and the latter President of the Council of Non-conformist Churches of England? These were men of vast learning, transparent honesty and humble faith, and the substance of their belief was precisely the same as that which the Nicene Fathers tried to express.

Once I reviewed for a group of Christian scholars the doctrines of the person of Christ found in the historic Creeds of Christendom from the first century down to the present day, and every one of my audience, Modernist and Traditional alike, agreed that whether we liked their way of phrasing their faith or not, we were one with those ancient church fathers in the faith underlying their creeds.

The issues before the thinkers of the ages may differ and their thought-forms cannot but differ, but the fundamental needs of human beings do not change, and the fullness with which Christ meets them increases with the years. And believers transformed by His grace cannot but try to present to the world what Christ means to them.

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an address in a downtown mission in Vancouver on St. John's teaching about the New Birth. At the close of the address a man with a cultured accent but every sign of dissipation in his face and figure told me that he just couldn't understand the truth I had tried to present.

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Now St. John had watched changes such as this taking place for two generations, in all parts of his world, and he accounted for them by saying that the Creator was creating men anew.

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