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CHARLES DICKENS

He Went To School For Only Four Years—Yet He Wrote Seventeen Immortal Novels

Ninety years ago a little book was published in London—a story to become immortal. Many people have called it "the greatest little book in the world." When it first appeared, friends meeting each other on the Strand or Pall Mall asked, "Have you read it?" and the answer invariably was, "Yes God Bless him, I have."

trait of Oliver Twist holding out his empty porridge bowl and asking for more.

Dickens wrote vivid scenes of perfect domestic bliss. Yet his own marriage was a failure—a dismal, tragic failure. He lived for twenty-three years with a wife he didn't love. She bore him ten children. But year by year his misery deepened. He had the whole world fawning at his feet; but his own home was filled with heartbreak. Finally the misery became so sharp, so poignant, that he could no longer endure it. So he did an unheard-of thing in those Victorian days—he published an announcement in his own magazine declaring that he and his wife had separated. Did he shoulder the blame himself? He did not. He tried to throw it all on her.

Dickens was the best-loved and most idolized man of his day. On his second visit to America, people stood in line for hours, shivering in the wind, while waiting to buy tickets. In Brooklyn, people lighted bonfires and lay all night on mattresses in the street, risking frostbite and pneumonia for the privilege of paying three dollars apiece to hear him talk. And when the tickets were sold out and hundreds had to be turned away, his admirers actually started a riot.

INTERROGATOR. A justice of the peace who asks prisoners such foolish questions as "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

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It is estimated that farmers of Gaston County will plant between 125,000 and 150,000 seeding trees this season. More than 12,000 pounds of lespedeza seed was saved by 800 farmers.

DEPRESSION (now known as a Recession) A period that occurs every seven years in the United States, during which time no one but the government has any money and they use it to keep constituents alive until the next election so they can vote for the party who is supposed to have brought about their recovery.

Georgia Tries Again



LOS ANGELES... Pretty Georgia Coleman, former Olympic and World's diving champion, who practically lost the use of her legs following an infantile paralysis attack, again takes to the water for her first workout since her illness. She predicts that it won't be long before she regains her old form.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

Feeding the Hungry. Lesson for Sunday, March 13. Mark 6:30-44. Golden Text: Mark 6:37.

The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle to be found in all four of the gospels. St. Mark's account is the fullest, and is also noteworthy for its graphic touches. Take such phrases as these: "Come ye yourselves apart;" "no leisure so much as to eat;" "as sheep not having a shepherd;" "the green grass."

The miracle easily lends itself to a rational explanation. It has been argued that the generosity of Jesus and his disciples in sharing their few loaves and fishes with others persuaded many more, who had brought some food with them, and were inclined to keep it for themselves, to distribute what they had until all were well fed. While this interpretation by no means disposes of all of the difficulties in the parable, it has much to commend it.

It is significant that this familiar incident marks a crisis in the ministry of Jesus. His popularity was then at its peak. The people were not only convinced that he was the Messiah but wanted to crown him as their king. How, by making it clear that his aims were entirely spiritual, he forfeited his renown, is a part of the tragedy of his dramatic career.

St. John uses the miracle as an introduction to his long discourse

Spring Sailor



NEW YORK CITY... The pigama type of sailor is quaintly trimmed. Dusty pink and navy blue reversible ribbon makes the perky bow and streamers on this blue gray tope. It is worn with a blue gray ensemble of soft diagonal weave.

on the bread of life (see chap. 6). Under this interpretation the miracle becomes a symbol of the Lord's Supper. As our Lord fed the people on the grass with phy-

sical food, so he feeds, through the agency of his ministers, the souls of believers in the sacrament of the Holy Communion.

The Golden Text, "Give ye them to eat," might well be used as the basis for a discussion of the serious agricultural and social problem involved in the sad fact that millions go hungry in a world of plenty. This is peculiarly true of

the Orient, but there are many underprivileged folk in America whose diet is far from normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smiley, of Wilkes County, have ten children, each of whose names end with the letter "o". The names are: Atto, Rosco, Alphonso, Plato, Tedro, Brisco, Wisco, Genio, Escco, and Leo.—Carolina Cooperator.

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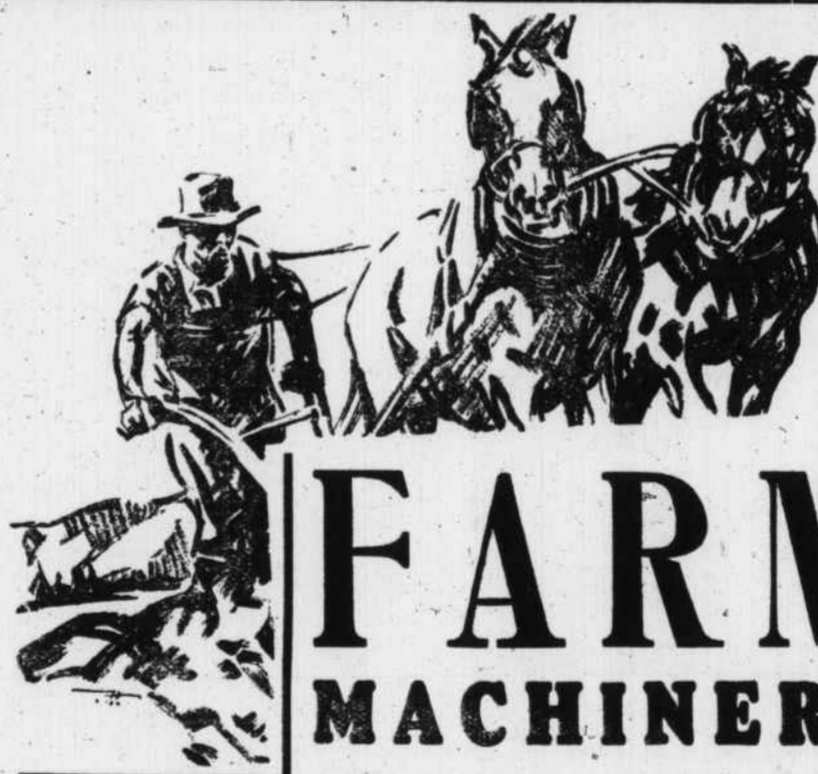
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