# . . , the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"

A CENTURY ROLLS BY

CO RAPIDLY has the shadow of the Cross extended that in less than a single century it falls across the emperor's throne. Let us turn back to the Bible record and trace the dramatic steps by which this incredible success was won.

The book of the Acts of the Apostles opens significantly:

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and to

the book was written by the same hard at him and said: man who wrote he Book of Luke and to the same man, Theophilus; and, second, that the writer, in common with the other disciples, regarded the three brief years of Jesus' public work as merely the beginning of His larger life and influence. So the events proved.

Jerusalem of those days was a populous and crowded city, and the

disciples were countrymen from an outlying province. Yet, after a brief period of bewilderment, they organized themselves and became immediately a center of power. Thousands of men, some of them prominent in the city's life, came out to their meetings,



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which Judas carried, and he had paid all the expenses. For a time the Jerusalem community attempted to operate on this basis and, while here was no hard and fast rule, the sentiment was in favor of a common purse, and most of the group acceded to it. This led to the first tragedy.

A man namel Ananias and his wife Sapphira wanted credit for having given their all, but they kept back half of the price of the land they had sold. Peter called Ananias to account, and he brazen-That sentence tells us first that ly repeated his lie. Peter looked

> Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

Whilst it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why htst thou conceived this thing in thine heart?thou hast not lied unto men but unto God.

And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

Three hours later Sapphira came in and repeated the lie and met a similar fate. The incident profoundly impressed the young com-munity. It appears from the narrative that the disciples were not required to give up their property been done in the murder of Jesus, and that some of them did not do and became his truest followers. so and suffered no reproach. But the sham of pretending to do so pooled their revenues in the "bag" met with tragic rebuke.



line of caution at "warmed-over dy for the evening meal. stuff" in hot weather. Better pre- A son, also with the mother, had condition.

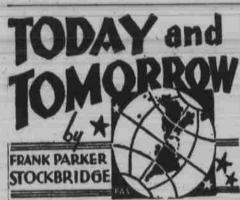
I had a midnight summons this sweet, pure, nourishing properties. week, to attend a mother and her Better watch the refrigerator too, purging; they could hardly be still too clean. tions as to the probable cause.

EVERYDAY SUGGESTIONS | for the noon dinner, in over-supply; I believe in the strictest economy the left-over part had been chuckin food, of course, but I draw the ed into the ice box-and came han-

pare fresh food for each meal,- not eaten any of the noodles or the quantity measured so that little chicken-he did not have any trouor none will be left over as waste, ble; the identity of the offender was or to be warmed over in its stale plain. Of course it had become infected in some way, and was cer-What set me to thinking of this- tainly stale, over-cooked, devoid of

nine-year-old daugher-both suffer- -if you are in the habit of storing ing acutely-severely-vomiting and desserts, meats, etc.-one can't be

long enough to answer my ques- The nation-wide study of pure foods, has about done away with Well, they had both eaten supper the old-time "summer complaints" at a public cafe; a bowl of chick- that used to make the warm season en-and-noodles had been prepared a nightmare for the family doctor.



who lived at Charles Stockbridge's would get his supper. tradini post, it was organized as a Up in the thick woods, however, church in 1734, with the Indian the call of the wild was too strong chief, David Konkapot, and one of for the bear. He slipped his leash my own ancestors, as deacons. one night and vanished into the Many famous preachers have serv-ed the old church, most celebrated bear did not return. Finally some of them being Jonathan Edwards, woodsmen at Paul Smith's organwho left it in 1758 to become presi- ized a search for him.

live in the town. grown up in such an environment was the only way he had ever should be influenced by the ancient been taught to get a living. traditions of the country and its I always think of that rather papeople. Our ancestors believed that thetic anecdote whenever people every man was entitled to what he talk about moving city workers to

would not work should not eat. The landless man, who was content to work for ages, was looked upon as inferior; so it became every able man's ambition to own a home, however humble, and a piece of land he could till and live on, if wages

DEPENDENCE . a la bear The principal trouble with the American people today is that we TRADITION . . up our way have become too dependent upon Up in my county we celerbated the pay envelope. We are like the the 200th anniversary of the Con- tame bear that a travelling showgregational Church at Stockbridge, man took around the summer re-Mass., the other day. Founded by sorts in the Adirondacks. The bear Yale College theological students in would do his tricks, the showman 1733 as a mission to the Indian's would pass the hat, and the bear

dent of Princeton College. The descendants of many of the first middle of a clearing, all alone, gomembers of the old church still ing through his whole repertory of tricks and then looking around for It is natural that those who have smeone to come and feed him. It

could earn, and that those who the farms by wholesale. I am

body can get a living off the land he told me. unless he has first learned how.

my New York office is, inherited ployed, have better food, better a small farm in his native Czecho- clothing, more enjoyment in life, Sloyakia. He took his wife and than all but a few anywhere else children and gaily set sail for Eu- in the world. rope. Fourteen months later he was back-and, fortunately for him, COMPETENCE . . the job clean than the broiling grid and was able to get his old job back. | Charlie, my Czecho-Slovak friend, pan.

afraid that a great deal of the "They think they are prosperous got his old job back because he is planning for "subsistence home- if they can get just enough to keep a competent man at that particular steads" overlooks the fact that not them alive and warm over there," work, of running an elevator. It is

think we are in great distress be- just good enough to get by. an elevator, in the building where this country, and even the unem- not enough on doing one's job well.

not easy to find competent men in Everything in life is relative. We any line of work. Too many are

cause money doesn't come as easy I think there is too much of a DISILLUSION . . of an heir as it used to. But the plain fact tendency to put the emphasis upon - A young man who was running is that the lowest-paid workers in the enjoyment of leisure time and

> Broiling in a gas oven is both easier and better done in a pie tin under the flame. The pie tin saves the juice, and it is much easier to

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