

# THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"  
and which contains Four Great Treasures

## by BRUCE BARTON

**AN OLD MAN SETS OUT**  
PAUL left Ephesus after the riot, but not to return to Jerusalem; he was going across into Europe again. We may imagine the conversation that took place



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for we get a wonderful glimpse into his mind in the letters to the Corinthians. "You are going over the same ground again, Paul?" "Yes, but every time widening the circle. This is my third time out, and each time I make a little larger swing, and see the work growing." "When do you get back to Jerusalem?" "Next spring at Easter. I am going to take back the biggest collection that the Jerusalem church ever received." "Are you going to stay there?" "Stay there? Do you think I could ever be content to settle down and stay in Jerusalem?" "But you are getting to be an old man, and travel is hard on you and dangerous." "Yes, I have been in dangers of many kinds. It has been my privilege to travel farther than any of the other apostles, in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with

rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

In journeyings often, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness."

"That is a long list of perils, Paul. It must nearly have broken you down."

"I have still a heavier burden, my anxiety for all the churches I have established."

"Do you carry them in your mind and feel responsible for them?"

"Who is weak and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble and I burn not?"

"You have done a great work and have much to be proud of."

"I am proud of it, and have been criticized as being vain about it. I have sometimes been ashamed of myself for letting people know my pride and joy in all this. Yet, while I have sometimes made myself a fool by seeming to boast, I really am not boastful. God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Christ and in the joy of service."

"When you go out again where shall you go?"

"Back again over the same ground, but more widely, to all the Roman sub-capitals in Asia Minor and Greece, and then to Rome."

(Next Week: Paul in Irons)

feet of boards, scantling and slabs, worth forty or fifty dollars a thousand rough-piled on the lot.

There are, I guess, ten acres of woods to every acre of cleared land over most of Berkshire county. Counting household fuel and merchantable timber, the annual crop pays big interest on the land value. Five dollars an acre is a good price for most of the pine-covered mountain tops.

Trees are a good investment for a man who is content to stay put. Not so good for the man who is always on the move.

**SUGAR from maple trees**

Down East when I was a boy few country folk bought "store sugar." Unrefined brown sugar cost five or six cents a pound. In the 1870's I remember that granulated sugar was ten cents and more a pound. We bought some "blackstrap" molasses, but there was better sweetening right in our own woods. Maple sugar.

A farm wasn't a real farm in those self-contained days unless it had its "sugar-bush." Up on my hilltop, where the land levels off before you get to the slopes of Tom Ball Mountain, possibly a hundred huge sugar-maples remain of the old sugar-bush. They have not been tapped in years. Store sugar is too cheap and farm labor too high to make it pay.

I asked for maple syrup the other day in a city restaurant, where I had ordered a plate of buckwheat cakes. There wasn't any more maple in the syrup than there was buckwheat flour in the cakes.

I've a good notion to ask the head of the CCC camp over at Lee to send a bunch of the boys over next March to tap my sugar trees. It would be an education for them, and maybe I could get some real maple sugar once more.

**HORSES still with us**

Say what you please about the "vanishing" horse, I notice more real interest in horses and more of them in use, in the East at least, than for a good many years past. I went to the National Horse Show in New York a couple of weeks ago, and was specially interested in the handsome six-horse team exhibited by one of the big milk distributing companies. It used to be the "brewers' big horses" that were the last word in horseflesh; now it's the milkman's.

Farmers are replacing gasoline tractors and trucks with "hay-burners," for which they can grow the necessary fuel and at the same time cut their fertilizer bills. And in the city streets, nobody has yet built an automobile that will move on to the next house by itself while the milkman is making his morning deliveries.

It takes too much gas to start a car, especially in cold weather, to make it as economical as a horse in any kind of business that calls for frequent stops and starts.

**TREADWAY of Stockbridge**

The Congressional district in which I vote, the First Massachusetts, has sent its Representative and my neighbor, Allen T. Treadway, back to Congress for the twelfth time. We are inclined to be conservative in New England. If a man is doing a good job we usually keep him on it as long as he wants to stay, especially if he is "home folks." Congressman Treadway was born in the same little country town where he still lives, Stockbridge, Mass., and owns the old Red Lion Inn there, which has been a tavern since before the Revolution.

The defeat of Representative Britten of Illinois makes Mr. Treadway the "dean" of the Republican representation in Congress.

My guess is that Allen Treadway will pull a strong oar in the coming reorganization of the Republican Party.

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# THE FAMILY DOCTOR

By JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D.

**OUR GRIM VISITOR**

I write this, thinking of old Winter—grim to most of us who live in the so-called "Temperate Zone." Winter certainly adds to the householder's responsibilities as well as to the duties of the family doctor.

The kiddies are going to school... What a blessing. Have you immunized your little dears against possible contagions they may encounter working in the little army? Diphtheria may put in its ugly appearance. Scarlet fever should be provided against. And, there is a good immunizer against whooping-cough. It's nice to be safe, you know.

I shall not attempt to advise you in this important procedure; I'm just reminding you that it's time to see Dr. Goodheart, your family doctor. He has all the things you need.

Now is a good time to take in-voice, as it were,—of the children's feet. Give those toe-nails a going-over. See that each little treminus is in proper shape for the winter's housing. . . . Those little feet that take a thousand steps to your one! Select shoes for winter wear with capable soles that give a natural casing for the growing foot. Above all, do nothing that will cramp the toes. Also, insure against cold or wet feet.

I do not believe in "darning-needle toes", for shoes, either juvenile or adult. The feet are very important organs. They are the best of servants if properly respected.

I perhaps need not say this but my big-parent-heart is right. I do not believe in, nor endorse in any degree, the cute little nothings that I see worn by my ladies and little daughters out on the streets in winter. And I look at feet often.

## TODAY and TOMORROW

by FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

**LAND** . . . soon in demand  
If I am any hand at reading the signs of the times, then the country is in for another big era of land speculation. And when you stop to think of it, the whole history of America is a history of speculation in real estate.

The urge that brought most of our ancestors to America was the chance to get land cheap and sell it at a profit, except such as they needed to subsist on. George Washington was the greatest land speculator of the 18th Century. In an old newspaper in which his death was reported I saw an advertisement of lands for sale along the Ohio River, "Address George Washington, Mount Vernon, Virginia." I have lived through many land booms, including the rush of home-

steaders into the West, the opening up of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Strip, the great rush of settlers into Southern California, innumerable suburban booms around a dozen cities, and the great Florida speculation which collapsed in 1926.

It looks to me as if the combination of better highways, cheaper cars, Federal encouragement, higher city taxes and the beginning of a return of prosperity is certain to stimulate the demand for land farther and farther away from urban centers.

Look for the next big land boom to set in around the end of next year and reach its peak in, say, 1937.

**TREES** . . . good investment

The cheapest crop to grow and the one that assures the greatest return in the long run is trees. Up my way the annual harvest of the tree crop is beginning now. Down by the river on my farm Bill Howland is cutting birch, beech and maple for cordwood. My share will go a long way toward the 1935 taxes.

Just below me, Will Seeley has moved his portable sawmill into Noble Turner's pine grove next to the old burying-ground and will saw out maybe a hundred thousand

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