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### LAST GREAT SHAKE.

AN UNPLEASANT EVENT BOOKED FOR NOVEMBER 13TH, 1899—PROFESSOR FALB'S REMARKABLE PREDICTIONS OF EARTHQUAKES—A PROPHECY WITH A MARVELOUS RECORD—GLOOMY PROSPECTS AHEAD.

The records indicate that people have been looking for the end of the world at intervals ever since the world began, and predictions of this character generally receive very little credence, but when a scientific man of the standing of Professor Rudolph Falb, of Vienna, makes a prediction of this sort it is at least worth thinking about. Professor Falb has a reputation all over Europe for his meteorological knowledge and particularly for his extraordinary familiarity with the habits and customs of earthquakes.

His predictions of these seismic disturbances have been remarkably fulfilled. His prediction of the great earthquake at Zante last year was published in the press dispatches all over the country the day before the earthquake occurred. Another example of his accurate foreknowledge on this subject is shown in the fact that on March 31st, 1893, he wrote to the Tourist club of Vienna accepting an invitation to lecture about earthquakes, but adding that he would like to defer the lecture until after April 13th, as an earthquake would occur by that time, which would aid him in giving them enlightenment. As a matter of fact an earthquake occurred on April 8th, and was felt all over southern Hungary. Professor Falb's prophecies go back over a number of years, have usually been made from nine to twenty months in advance and have in almost every instance been correct.

Now, however, the professor's prophetic eye has shot across a space of five years, and he says that on November 13th, 1899, the erratic wanderer known to astronomers as the comet of 1866 will reappear and collide with our globe; then "the fireworks" and darkness.

By way of preliminary to the main event, however, it may be mentioned that, according to the programme, New York is to disappear under a tidal wave next July or August, while Florida and California will probably become islands as the result of a submarine earthquake. The most unpleasant feature about these prophecies is, as already intimated, the fact that they are not prophecies at all, strictly speaking, but scientific prediction based upon scientific investigations into mundane anatomy. To put his theories in as simple a fashion as possible, it may be said that Prof. Falb believes first of all that the deep down interior of the earth is filled with a molten mass, which is subject to ebb and flow, just like the waters of the ocean.

Between the earth and this molten shell, which is slowly cooling, there is only a shell of an average of eighteen miles in thickness, upon which we mortals live and love and die. In some places the earth's crust is thicker than in others. Where it is thinnest the confined terrible forces of the under world, chiefly in the form of gas, seek constantly to escape, and when the pressure of the atmosphere around the earth is lowest the gas finds an outlet, usually in well defined districts, generally through the volcanic vent-holes.

But beyond the constant pressure of gas Prof. Falb has the theory that the shell-like molten mass beneath us is subject to the influence of the moon, which produces waves, and occasionally great tidal waves, which sweep round the inner crust of the world with terrific force shaking the earth in its passage. Prof. Falb publishes every year a list of the days on which he expects seismic convulsions. These he calls "critical days"—all these days are those when the moon approaches close to the earth. The critical days given by Prof. Falb for 1894 are stated in the order of maximum disturbance as follows: August 30, September 29, February 20, March 31, August 1, April 6, January 21, May 5 and October 28th. Thus the most serious disturbance may be looked for on August 30 and the slightest on October 28th.

In connection with the great scientific contest between mother earth and the comet which, to use a phrase current in scientific circles, is to be "pulled off" in 1899, it is recalled that on January 14th, 616, ten people were killed in China by the fall of a meteor. In the year 823 thirty-five villages in Saxony were destroyed by the fall of a meteor, and many men and animals killed. On September 4th, 1511, one man and four animals were destroyed by falling meteors near Crema. On November 4th, 1749, a meteor struck the mast of a ship that was crossing the Atlantic, killing five seamen. Each of these cases can be regarded as the fall of a small comet upon our world.

It is a comfort to know that some Vienna scientists believe the comet is going to get the worst of it, and point to the fact that the comet Lexell, when it went too near to Jupiter, was thrown off



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### THE PRETTY WOMAN.

Her features must be small and fine,  
Her eyes be clear and softly shine;  
Her skin must be of pink and white,  
Her figure must be plump and trim,  
Her feet a rosy and powder quite.

She must have glossy, silky hair,  
It matters not if dark or fair;  
Her figure must be plump and trim,  
But not too large, waist not too slim.

Her mouth a perfect one must be,  
Her neck the swan's for symmetry;  
Her hands must show the greatest care,  
Her feet a dainty, slender pair.

In word or act a charm, a grace  
A little tact for time and place—  
The woman thus by nature blessed  
Needs nothing, saved to be well-dressed.

### AN ENCOURAGING WORD.

ENCOURAGING WORDS ARE THE SPARKS THAT CRACKLE AND SNAP FROM THE FIRE—ANY ONE MAY BECOME A MAGNET.

There is no table of weights and measures whereby may be estimated the value of an encouraging word. Applied to the balance of power for good or evil, it weighs heavily on the side of the former, and if tossed into the scales at the proper moment, it tips the beam on the side of right human action.

The human ear is never insensible to its vibrations. It heralds the belief that some one has in you and a whole volley of hope is fired into your soul; a round dozen of latent virtues wake up and salute you and wander where you have been to have allowed them to go on napping, and after that springs get into your heels and loose into the atmosphere and unconsciously a standard of excellence formulates itself into your mind and good intentions spur you on to scramble up to it.

An encouraging word is a good thing to give. Too few of us give them away, and notwithstanding the fact that it is only when we give them that they pay interest. Encouraging words are a regular investment. Try it on somebody and see Try it in the children. It is the secret of all education, because it is an infallible rule in the education of the heart, which is after all the most important education. Technical education should form a combination, and when they do the world will rest upon the proper foundation of intelligence.

How the methods of the educator have changed since the present generation was in the primer and regarded the school teacher as the national adversary of everything young and human! The rod and the insanity of excessive tasks were the discouragers of disobedience then, the roll of honor is the encourager of obedience nowadays. The world is growing daily to understand the futility of despotic methods in government. If you have not thought about this, it is a capital subject for reflection. It holds in every particular. Why, human nature starves for the want of encouragement and appreciation. Wherever you go you see faces made black and unresponsive for the lack, as black and unresponsive for the lack of giving as of receiving it. What is personal magnetism, that rarest of gifts? It is the outward glow of the inner fire of genuineness and sympathy.

Encouraging words are the sparks that crackle and snap from the fire. Any one may become a magnet. Rally all your impulses and dispense them in the form of encouraging words. They cannot yield if you look them up in your own bosom any more than money can pay interest if you keep it in your trunk. The world is starved for them, and they are worth all the way from five dollars to five thousand dollars apiece. They only yield interest when you give them away. It sounds paradoxical, but try it as an investment.

### BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

### THE DISCIPLINE OF LIFE.

Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept thy word.—Psalms, cix., 67.

Why we are so constituted that nobility of character can only be attained through the discipline of sorrows is as yet an unsolved problem.

That we must needs travel over the corduroy road of difficulty, successive obstacles, harsh circumstances and continuous effort if we would reach the gate of Paradise or fit ourselves to cross its threshold is the moral puzzle of the universe.

In our unwisdom we think the macadamized and level highway a better means of progress, and are astounded when told that smooth roads make small men.

He who would get a glimpse of the widest landscape must climb the hill from which alone it can be seen. That is the first law in the statute book of Providence.

The night is growl and lonely, but half the universe is veiled from him who has not seen the stars as well as the sun, and darkness alone can render them visible. This, too, is the law—namely, that you must sit amid the shadows of night if you would see the heavens at their best.

You cannot get music from the cello with loose strings. They must be stretched, and if they could, they would cry out with pain, but the stretching until concert pitch is reached is what gives the musician an instrument worthy of his skill.

A large fortune is the worst accident that can befall a youth, for his temptations are stronger than his ambitions. The boy with money inherited from his father, and, therefore, with nothing to work for, is already half conquered by evil passions. The youth with a high heart and wholesome poverty receives his inheritance from God, and, God's gifts are better than man's. God's denials are the best part of His providence. He gives nothing without its price, and that price is toil. We find fault at first, but later on discover that what is working for; that work gives dignity to the soul and is the equivalent of education.

That is the secret of omniscience which we find it hardest to learn.

The men who live in marble and bronze because they have done us such service that we cannot forget them, and would fain express our gratitude by means of the sculptor's art are they who have born the brunt of circumstances.

It is also true that personal sorrows, as the loss of dear ones, have an uplifting tendency. Bereavement forces the soul to recognize its destiny. Tears are sometimes telescopes with which other worlds are viewed. Aching hearts feel their helplessness and then call on God for the comfort that is not within reach. They see visions, have revelations and doors are opened the key to which is forged out some grief.

The ties of earth are loosened that we may be bound by stronger cords to heaven. The cruelty of death imbues us with a longing for immortality. The surgeon cuts in order to save the body and when it is all over we bless the knife. God wounds because a wounded soul needs sympathy and consolation and can only find them in thoughts of another life.

An artist had just finished a splendid fresco on the ceiling of a cathedral. Pleased with his work, he stepped back to note the general effect. Forgetful of the dizzy height, he was about to take one step more, the fatal step, when his quick witted assistant dashed a mass of color on the picture and ruined it. The painter sprang forward—his life was saved.

In like manner, God's severest discipline is always merciful. The only purpose is to compel us to see what He wishes us to see, and see it as He sees it. If He ruins our hopes or gives us a wrench, or sends the dread Messenger to our household, the sad song we sing brings the angels nearer, and from the ashes of consumed desires springs a faith which draws the curtain aside and shows us a better life.

That God chastens because He loves is a hard saying, but they who have been chastened can oftentimes find in their agony a treasure which happiness is too blind to discover.

The end to be sought is largeness of soul, and this—so strangely are we made—is to be attained, not by having our own way, but by giving up our way and adopting God's way.—N. Y. Herald.

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WARNING NOTES CALLING THE WICKED TO REPENTANCE.

Christ is God's idea of a man.

It is better to suffer than to sin.

Opposing God's truth is rebellion against God.

There can be no real life where there is no love.

All sins are big, no matter how small they look.

It lightens a duty to resolve to do it cheerfully.

A civil tongue is a better weapon than a bowie knife.

Those who would lead others should always look up.

Love is the greatest of all things, because it gives all things.

It takes temptation to show us how much we need Christ.

When you bid your sin good-bye don't shake hands with it.

One of the devil's hiding places is behind a pile of money.

Every dollar in a good man's pocket hath the name of God on it.

God made the heart of man so big that this world is too small to fill it.

The man who lives only for himself is engaged in a very small business.

To be all the time feeling for feeling is a poor way to promote religious life.

No man is pleasing God who does not love his neighbor as he does himself.

Keep your heart full of sunshine, and God will soon give you a face to match it.

There is more help in an ounce of encouragement than there is in a ton of advice.

The man who would have done so and so if he had been there, never gets there.

Some people never think it worth while to try to get religion in the hands and feet.

It is the religion that shines at home against which the devil fights the hardest.

There is no such thing as the joy of the Lord in the heart in which there is no faith.

A fool will build a house without windows, and then blame God because he has to live in the dark.

People who have such a good opinion of themselves will tell you that the devil is not such a bad fellow.

"Give and it shall be given unto you," is a promise that shows how anxious God is to make us all rich.

The man who repents on a sick bed from which he recovers, generally backslides before he pays his doctor's bill.

A man who unconsciously does much to sour the milk of human kindness, is that fellow who snores in the sleeping car.

The only people who oppose God's way are those who would have to give up something like an eye or a hand to walk in it.

The father who does not put good reading in the hands of his children has never done any real praying for their salvation.

When a man claims to love God with all his heart, you can generally find out whether he means it by going to him with a collection basket.

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