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The Asheville Citizen tells this story about a violin in Asheville over one hundred years old, and worth a big pile of money:

Three hundred and three years is the age of the violin, one of the three in the United States made by Mignini, a violin which sang in unison with Jenny Lind when the English Nightingale appeared before those enthralled thousands in Castle Garden, so many years ago, a violin which is valued at \$5,000 and which is now owned by Prof. W. H. Allman, of Asheville.

So wonderfully clear and sweet is its expression that at the opening of the Omaha exposition building its voice was heard distinctly above the tones of forty other fine violins, and so birdlike is its call that it may be heard at a distance of four city blocks.

Prof. Allman carries his precious violin with him on all his journeys and he has owned it since 1887. The shadows are beginning to lengthen for the musician and dancing master, but never is the Mignini out of his sight or without his care. Famous masters of all great instruments has asked that it be sent to them for their examination, and Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, the mistress of Biltmore, has become personally interested in it. But to no one will the professor trust his well-beloved Mignini. Experts have pronounced the violin to be without a flaw, and fruitless efforts were made to have it included in a recent exhibition of world famous violins that sold in New York at prices ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

"I didn't believe I could part with it," says the dancing master, touching the ancient instrument with all the care and reverence a mother touches her first born. "It has a soul, as I have a soul, and I understand it. Some one else might not," he ends, very simply.

ITS HISTORY.
This violin, fashioned so many years ago by a master craftsman in far-off Italy, really does seem to have

"A tone
Of some world far from ours,
Where music, and moonlight, and
feeling are one."

Its earlier history is unknown, which is a very great pity, indeed, for without doubt the souls of masters, have found their divine expressions through the ancient instrument. Its marvelously clear tones, as different from the tones of the ordinary instrument as the subdued moonlight is from the glare of the mid-day sun, sets the imagination to light, brings visions of strange worlds, and brings peace to the soul of the listener. It is known that this ancient violin accompanied Jenny Lind when the sweetest singer in all the world appeared in this country, and wonderfully clear and sweet as were the tones of the English nightingale, the song of the Mignini was no less of the essence of harmony.

It is said that this violin represents the life blood of one genius the world knew not, and who gave his life that he might keep his well-beloved violin. This was in London, in old London, more than 200 years ago, when a young man, struggling for recognition of a heaven-sent talent, was finally reduced to the choice of selling the Mignini or of starving. He could not part with his violin, even then known as a sweet-toned instrument, and so he gave his life instead. They found him in his garret room, so the story goes, dead, with the precious violin clasped in his arms.

"Music is the luxury of the rich, and the solace and comfort of the poor," said the dancing master, looking with eyes full of love at his violin. "I often wonder how many souls this thing so full of music has rejoiced, how many hours of pain it has eased, and now many it has inspired since the time it left the hands of the Mignini craftsman 303 years ago."

Just a little powder on a woman's nose acts as a powerful nerve stimulant.

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THE THINGS THAT COUNT.

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Now, dear, it isn't the bold things,
Great deeds of valor and might,
That count the most in the summing up of life at the end of the day,
But it is the doing of old things,
Small acts that are just right;
And doing them over and over again, no matter what others say:
In smiling at fate when you want to cry, in keeping at work when you want to play—
Dear, those are the things that count.

And, dear, it isn't the new ways,
Where the wonder-seekers crowd,
That lead us into the land of content, or help us to find our own.
But it is keeping to true ways,
Though the music is not so loud,
And there may be many a shadowed spot where we journey along alone;
In flinging a prayer at the face of fear, and in changing it into a groan—
Dear, these are the things that count.

My dear, it isn't the loud part
Of creeds that is pleasing to God,
Nor the chant of a prayer, or the hum of a hymn, or a psalmist shout or song,
But it is the beautiful proud part
Of walking with feet faith-shod,
And in loving, loving through all, no matter how things go wrong,
In trusting ever, though dark the day, and in keeping your hope when the way seems long—
Dear, these are the things that count.



JUST TO DIE RICH.

What a mighty sepulcher is the ocean! What an uncounted multitude have died at sea and found the foaming wave their winding sheet. Of all the millions that are strewn over those unfathomable channels, the majority of them came to an untimely death by shipwreck.

We are like ships upon the sea, and for us, as for the ships, there are many dangers on the wide sea of life. Many a Christian who started prosperously on his voyage to heaven has made shipwreck of his faith and never reached the haven.

One of the greatest dangers which has wrought such havoc to so many souls is the desire for riches. A ship carrying an immense amount of gold was wrecked. All on board were safely rescued from the sinking ship except one sailor, who had been seen on deck filling his pockets with coins. When told that the ship was sinking under him, he answered that he had always lived a poor man and was determined to die rich. Many another beside that poor sailor has shipwrecked his life, his soul, his honor, that he might die rich.—Rev. Arthur H. Kaud, of Chicago.

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PREPAREDNESS.

This is the Preparedness Needed
By Man To-day.

When the Master Builder of the earth upon which we reside conceived the idea of its fashioning, and fitness for the reception of the millions of humanity He intended placing upon it. He knew what their needs would be thus He filled it throughout with material, with inexhaustible productive power, and all things necessary that when utilized, and developed would be for man's good; this was preparedness on God's part.

Did God then create merely a responsive machine, a recorder, a talking machine? yes, and more! He gave it a mind, reasoning power, creative power, essentials for man's education, and fitness for uses that God designed and today God's world, and man's habitation, is without a parallel in grandeur, wealth, beauty, and intellect; and if Jehovah's still greater plans were being faithfully carried out and we were following the lines of Christ's work, which He outlined for us, before He returned to Heaven, we would be strangers to such tragedies as are to-day blighting our beautiful world.

Violation of trusts reposed in man, and abuse of the exalted privilege, known as "free moral agency" brought about such a state of things upon the earth, that even a merciful Father could no longer hide the monstrosity of sin so swiftly taking precedence in the earth, hence the chaos of today.

In the face of present calamities, the world should concede the absolute necessity of a speedy return of the "prodigal" that it may once again become ingrained in God's favor before it is too late.
Weldon, N. C., July 29th, '16.
J. B. T.

How To Give Good Advice.

The best way to give good advice is to set a good example. When others see how quietly you get over your evil by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy they are likely to follow your example. This remedy has been in use many years and enjoys an excellent reputation. Obtainable everywhere.

Time may be money to every body but the loafer.

Are You Looking Old?

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The less honor a man has the more sensitive he is on the subject.

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Elderly gentlemen seem to have a propensity for younger ladies.

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The conceited woman who is always saying "Dear me!" usually means it.

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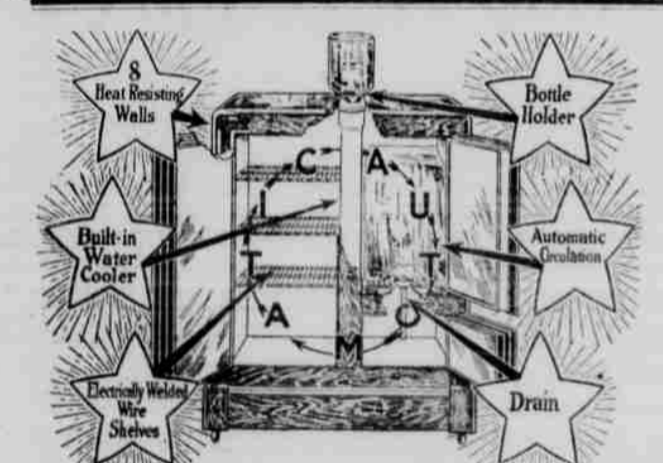
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