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MY NEW MESSAGE

Dear Readers:

If you notice some changes in the editorial manner and style of The Fool-Killer this month, do not be surprised. I have had these changes in mind for some time, but until recently I had not finally decided when the changes would occur.

For more than seven years now The Fool-Killer has been running, and it has become widely known as a "funny paper." Well, a funny paper is all right in its place, and I believe The Fool-Killer has been of real service to its readers in the way of providing them with some harmless amusement. A good laugh is often better than medicine.

But since I started this "funny paper" in January, 1910, great changes have come about in the world. The year 1913 and back of it is ancient history now. The world is not the same and will never be the same again. New problems are before us and new ways of meeting them must be found.

The mental attitude of the human race has been revolutionized, and amusement that were proper enough in those happier days seem utterly out of place now. The world is feeling the need of getting away from its mere amusement and grappling with the grim realities of these awful times.

During all these years through which I have been making a monkey of myself to tickle the crowd, I have had hidden away deep within my heart a more serious message that I wanted to deliver. But the world was not ready for my serious message then. It would not stop to listen or notice me unless I stood on my head and cut fool capers to make it laugh.

But, as I said, things are changed now. The world is getting sober enough to listen. And I feel impressed with the duty of taking off the cap and bells and getting down to something that may be at once a warning and a comfort to my fellow men in this trying hour.

I have some ideas about the Great War and what it means to the world that will very likely be new to most of my readers. I don't expect every one to agree with me, but even if you disagree, I will give you something to think about.

POURED OUT INTO THE AIR.

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air."—Rev. 16:12.

The above is one of those mysterious sayings of Revelation which no man could understand until now. But now even a child cannot fail to see the meaning.

Look!
Think!

What does it mean?

Is anything strange or unusual happening in the air these days? Certainly—the Flying-Machine.

There never was such a thing in the air until recent years. The inventive genius of the world worked for generations on the problem of mechanical flight, and for a long time such efforts were regarded as a joke. It seemed certain that men would never get smart enough to fly.

All at once the right combination was hit upon, and men began to fly. How simple and easy it looked, and then the world began to wonder why it had never been done before.

And men said the flying machine was another great victory for civilization. It was another long step toward universal peace and the perfection of the race. We were going to have a man-made paradise right away.

But the next thing we heard was somebody planning how the airplane could be made useful in war. And it has been in that direction that most of the new developments in flying have since been made.

It seems that men value any new invention or discovery only in proportion as it can be used in war.

And now they are saying that the flying machine is to be the deciding weapon in the present world war. The side that can launch the most fighting-machines into the air and drop the most bombs will be the winner.

And so the air over the battle lines in Europe is already black with flying-machines, and getting blacker every day. Just look! Just imagine! Great flocks of these terrible winged engines of death and destruction "poured out into the air."

The United States government is planning to make tens of thousands of airplanes for use in France. We are helping to do the pouring of this "last plague"—the last of the "seven vials of the wrath of God."

Look out, old world!

Yes sir, The Fool-Killer is back in the ring good and strong. Now just watch it stir up the sleepy-heads.

THE BIBLE.

Most everybody are familiar with the outside appearance of a book called the Bible. It can be found (usually covered with dust) in nearly every home. But mighty few people these days know or care anything about the inside of it.

And still we boast about being a "great Christian nation." What sort of grounds do we have for such a boast? And where does the Bible come in—or does it come in at all?

There is just one of two things certain. Either the Bible is just an ordinary human book, or it isn't. If it is just an ordinary human book, then why don't some present-day writer produce one as good—or better? On the other hand, if it is in some way an inspired book, containing divine truths that are of vital importance to the human race today, then why on earth don't we pay more attention to it?

It don't matter what you believe about it, a fact is a fact, and all your believing can't change it. If the old Bible prophets didn't have some far-reaching means of looking into the future and knowing what was going to happen, then they certainly were the best off-hand guessers that ever lived. They actually did foretell things that have since come to pass, and things that are coming to pass right before our noses every day. But these predictions were usually veiled in mysterious phraseology and hidden figures of speech so that they could not be understood until the time was ripe for the things to happen. And even then they are not understood by the world in general. In Daniel 12:10 we read:
"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."

Reader, where do you belong, among the wicked or among the wise? If you will just stop and think, and look over the world today, your own common sense is bound to convince you that the world is rushing headlong and blindly into some terrible doom. Then if it is true that the Bible prophets can throw any light on this thing, hadn't we better stop, and look, and listen? What do you think about it, anyhow?

No, I didn't say it was the end of Time. I said it was the end of the Age. The Gentiles Dispensation is closing and Millennial Age is right at the door.

COME DOWN.

This business of trying to spiritualize everything and put it all away up in the skies is what has caused so much confusion about the teaching of the Bible.

If we could just get it into our heads that the Bible is a book written for the people living on this earth, and that everything it says applies to this earth, that would simplify matters a whole lot and give the Book a new interest to many people.

Let's get our minds out of the clouds and see what the Bible says about this identical earth we are living on—right here and right now.

THE "SEALS" ARE BEING OPENED.

Above all the disorder of earth there is a divine order, and God has an appointed time for everything to happen. The Bible plainly tells us that the nations of earth will get so rich, proud, vain, corrupt and oppressive that they will have to be wiped out. And it gives actual dates and tells just when these things are due to begin. But God ordered His prophets to "seal up" these things "until the time of the end." That is, they were to be represented in types and figures of speech that could not be understood until the time was ripe for them.

Read the 12th chapter of Daniel. Take notice that the prophet received a message and wrote it down, and yet he did not know himself what it meant. So he says:

"And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?"

Then listen to the answer Daniel got:

"And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed to the time of the end."

That time has now come, and many dark sayings of prophecy that have been sealed up and hidden from past generations are now being made plain. The time of the end is here, and the "Seals" are being opened. These things don't need any outside proof—they are proving themselves right before your eyes today.

Now don't go off and accuse me of trying to start some new "ism." It isn't new at all. It is right there in your Bible, and it has been there all the time. What are you going to do about it?

Now hurry them clubs along. We are ready to handle all you can send.