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The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, brick-dust or sediment in the urine, head ache, back ache, lame back, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

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STRANGE LETTER ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY CHRIST.

Remarkable Story of Letter Which Has Been Handed Down to One Family for a Thousand Years. Found Under Stone at The Foot of The Cross.

A remarkable letter, alleged to have been written by Christ, is being published in the United States and Canada, and the story of its seeing the light is surrounded by superstition worthy of the dark ages.

In the letter was an injunction that it should be published to the world by whoever found it, together with the statement that misfortune and bad luck would follow the persons having possession of it in the event that it was not given publicly. There was likewise a promise that whoever might have a copy in his or her possession would prosper and be followed by good fortune.

According to the history of the letter, it was written by Christ just after His crucifixion, signed by the Angel Gabriel 99 years after the Saviour's birth, and presumably deposited by him under a stone at the foot of the Cross.

On this stone appeared the legend, "Blessed is he who shall turn me over." No one knew what the inscription meant, or seemed to have sufficient curiosity to investigate, until the stone was turned over by a little child, and the letter which follows was discovered:

"Whoever works on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church and keep holy the Lord's Day, without any manner of work. You shall not idle or misspend your time in bedecking yourself in superfluities of costly apparel and vain dressing, for I have ordered it a day of rest. I will have that day kept holy that your sins may be forgiven you.

"You will not break my commandments, but observe and keep them, they being written by my hand and spoken from my mouth. You shall not only go to church yourself, but also your man servant and maid servant. Observe my words and learn my commandments.

FINISH AT SIX O'CLOCK.

"You shall finish your work every Saturday at six o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five days in the year, beginning on Good Friday and continuing the five days following, in remembrance of the five bloody wounds I received for you and mankind.

"You shall love one another, and cause them that are not baptised to come to church and receive the Holy Sacrament, that is to say, baptism, and the Supper of the Lord, and be made a member thereof, and in so doing I will give you long life and many blessings. Your land shall be replenished and bring forth abundance, and I will comfort you in the great temptation, and surely he that doeth to the contrary shall be cursed.

"I will also send hardness of the

heart on them, and especially on hardened and unpenitent unbelievers. He that hath given to the poor shall find it profitable. Remember to keep the Sabbath Day, for the seventh day I have taken as a resting day to myself.

"And he that hath a copy of this letter written by my own hand and spoken by my own mouth, and keepeth it without publishing it to others, shall not prosper, but he that publisheth it to others shall be blessed by me, and if their sins be as many as stars by night, and if they truly believe they shall be pardoned; and they that believe not this writing and my commandments will have my plagues upon you, and you will be consumed with your children, goods and cattle, and all other worldly enjoyments that I have given you. Do but one thing of what I have suffered for you, if you do, it will be well for you in this world and in the world which is to come.

FOUND BY A CHILD.

"Whosoever shall have a copy of this letter and keep it in their house, nothing shall hurt them, neither pestilence, thunder nor lightning and if any woman be in birth and put her trust in me she shall be delivered of her child. You shall hear no Scriptures until the day of judgment. All goodness and prosperity shall be found. Finished."

The story goes that the little child who found it passed it to one who became a convert to the Christian faith. He failed to have the letter published. He kept it, however, as a sacred memento of Christ, and it has passed down to different generations of his family for more than one thousand years.

During this period the family suffered repeated misfortunes inigrated to different countries, until finally one of them came to America, bringing the letter with them. They settled in Virginia, then moved further south, still followed by misfortune, when finally the last member, a daughter, approached her death bed and called a neighbor, giving her the letter, and related its history for more than one thousand years. The woman began the attempt to have it published, and it first appeared in a Georgia newspaper on October 31, 1891. It then appeared in the "Dalton Citizen" and an Indiana woman clipped it and kept it in her possession for many years without an effort to have it published. She was followed by misfortune, which she attributed to her neglect in trying to have the letter published.

Still another woman is said to have had a copy and failed to make an effort to have it published for three years, and was followed by a varied lot of misfortunes which she attributed to the fact of her neglect in this respect.—(From People's Journal, Aberdeen, Scotland.)

The Boy Who Says "We."

Don't laugh at the boy who magnifies his place. You may see him coming from the postoffice with a big bundle of his employer's letters which he displays with as much pride as though they were his own. He feels important, and looks it, but he is proud of his place. He is attending to business. He likes to have the world know that he is at work for a busy concern. The boy says "we" inditing himself with the concern, its interests are his. He sticks up for its credit and reputation. He takes pleasure in his work and hopes to say we are in earnest. The boy will reap what he sows if he keeps his grip and sticks to his job. You may take off your hat to him as one of the future solid men of the town. Let his employer do the right thing by him; check him kindly if he shows signs of growing too big for his place, counsel him as to his habits and associates, and occasionally show him a pleasant prospect of advancement. A little pride does an honest boy a heap of good. Good luck to the boy who says "we."—Snake River Sentinel.

SCOTT'S EMULSION
is taken by people in tropical countries all the year round. It stops wasting and keeps up the strength and vitality in summer as well as winter.

ALL DRUGGISTS

Baseball Editor Reports sermon

Says an exchange: Recently the baseball editor of a metropolis was sent to report the sermon of a new minister as the religious editor was ill. This is the copy he turned in: "Quite a bunch were present last Sunday evening at the church, owing to the presence of a new star and the box of boosters were anxious for a line on his work. Rev. _____ was certainly there with the goods and performed to the satisfaction of all present. Owing to the fact that this was his first appearance on the local grounds he was a little nervous the first inning. Encouraged by the coaches in the 'Amen' corner, he let himself loose and had the game in hand from then on. His New Jerusalem slow ball is a peach and when he turned loose eternal punish his speed was terrific. As this was his first work out it is too early to predict a future for him, but if he can keep up the gait he has started with it's him for the big league next year."—News and Observer.

Short on Country Meat.

Last week we hunted the town over for some country meat. We wanted some good old country bacon try to predict a future for him, but not one pound could be found in the city. We asked several of the farmers if they had some country bacon for sale, and each said they did not. Others said they had to buy meat.

Upon further inquiry we find that very little country bacon or meat is brought to this town, but that thousands of pounds of Western bacon and Western cured hams are shipped here and sold each month. From information that we could get together we figured out that about \$10,000 worth of Western meat is sold on this market alone. According to this rate, at least \$15,000 worth of Western meat is sold in this whole county.

Don't Give Up.

If your luck is breaking badly
And you feel you're slipping back,
Worriement will make you weaker,
For it paints the future black.
Just recall the days of sunshine
Far outnumber day of rain.
As the hours of health and pleasure
Outweigh all the hours of pain.

Try to pull yourself together;
Don't go craving sympathy,
There's greater satisfaction
In a lone-fought victory.
Pin your fate upon the future.
And what troubles you to-day
Will soon fade beyond recalling—
Life lasts longer than a day.
—James Sullivan

SILENT THIRTY-ONE YEARS.

Voluntary Aute Makes Effort to Speak When Dying, But Fails.

Silas Hoffman, the strange man of Bedminster, who kept his bed while apparently in perfect health and refused to speak for 31 years, is dead.

He passed away last night without breaking the silence which he had preserved for so long a time, but just before he died he made an effort to speak to his devoted sister, Mrs. Margaret Lane, who cared for him in his lonely habitation throughout his eccentric career. It was too late, however; the years of silence had deprived him of the power of articulation.

Hoffman's strange conduct had made him a subject of comment among the country people of Bedminster township for so many years that he had ceased to be an object of curiosity to his neighbors, who were inclined to shield him from public gaze, and even now are attempting to keep his death a secret, out of fear that it would cause a curious crowd to gather there from all the countryside.

His funeral will be held on Thursday from the house where he died. He was 67 years old. Whether he was insane was never determined, although he had been examined by a score of physicians, with a view to ascertaining his mental condition. His eternal silence and his blank smile baffled all alienists and physicians often said he could not be declared insane, as his condition was apparently normal.

Hoffman was one of five sons of a prosperous farmer of Bedminster township. The other four are living and are prominent in the agricultural and business life of Somerset county.

Hoffman spent his early life like his brothers, on his father's farm. At the age of 30 he possessed a farm and was the owner of a spanking team of gray horses, of which he was very proud. He was fond of society, and was known all around as a gay young man.

Misfortune overtook him. He lost his farm and his pet team of horses had to be sacrificed. Inconsolable, he went to bed and turned his face to the wall, and for a long time refused either to speak or eat. Food was left on a table near his bed, and when he was nearly starved he arose one night from his bed and ate and took a stroll out of doors.

ROAD BUILDING IN IOWA.

How 380 Miles of Highway Were Put in Good Condition in an Hour.

A great piece of road building was completed in Iowa one day recently when in the short space of one single hour a line of road 380 miles in length and stretching entirely across the State of Iowa was put in the most perfect condition of any road west of the Mississippi river.

Weeks and months were spent in preparation for the work, but not a pick or shovel was used until the designated second was ticked off. Then, as if by magic, 10,000 workmen swarmed out onto the roadway and when they ceased work sixty minutes later Iowa had one of the finest long distance roads in the entire west. And not the least interesting thing in connection with the tremendous piece of work is the fact that not a man of the entire 10,000 engaged on the work received one cent of wages. Good will and patriotism alone is responsible for the splendid showing.

Last winter the Iowa roads became so fearfully bad that traffic was practically killed and farmers were compelled simply to remain in their homes. Finally the matter became a political question and both parties got behind the movement. Governor Carroll called a good roads meeting at Des Moines early last March and out of this meeting was evolved the plan of a river to river road stretching from Council Bluffs on the Missouri river to Davenport on the Mississippi, a distance of 380 miles straight across the State from east to west.

"Make the river to river road as near perfect as is possible to make just common dirt," was the sense of the good roads convention.

Instead of appointing new committees to handle the work the regular Republican and Democratic committees in each county through which the road would pass were appealed to. The chairmen of the committees of each party were asked to get in the game and work for the road. "Everybody agreed to do so, and soon a rivalry was created between Republicans and Democrats, each to see which party would have the most workmen on the job when the time for work arrived.

When the appointed day arrived the farmers were out in force. Hundreds and thousands of plows, picks, shovels, scrapers, road drags, grading machines, and other implements were brought along. Every farmer brought his team with him. Superintendents and overseers had been appointed previously and the work went on without a hitch. After just one hour's work the job was finished and the farmers went back to their fields, leaving Iowa in possession of the finest piece of long distance roadway in the west.

ONE BIG FOOL

But He Doesn't Live in Scotland Neck Nor Read The Commonwealth.

A man in Connecticut gave a doctor, a specialist in catarrh, \$50 to cure him of this common yet most obnoxious disease.

The specialist gave him a bottle of medicine and told him when and how to use it.

The fool took the medicine home, took one dose, put it on a shelf and made no further effort to follow instructions.

Three months later with the medicine still on the shelf he told a friend that the specialist was a fake; that he had paid him \$50 and still had catarrh as bad as ever.

This story is told for a purpose. HYOMEI (pronounce it High-o-me) won't cure catarrh if you don't breathe it; it will cure catarrh if you breathe it regularly.

Furthermore, you don't need to give a catarrh specialist \$50 to cure you of catarrh, for the specialist is yet to be born who can write a better prescription than HYOMEI.

E. T. Whitehead Company and druggists everywhere guarantee HYOMEI to cure catarrh or money back—A complete outfit which consists of a bottle of HYOMEI, a hard rubber in haler and simple instructions for use costs only \$1.00. Separate bottles of HYOMEI if afterwards needed costs but 50 cents. If you already own a HYOMEI inhaler you can get a bottle of HYOMEI at E. T. Whitehead Company for 50 cents. No stomach dosing—just breathe it.

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NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITOL.

Halifax, N. C., Sept. 5, 1910.—The third Quarterly Conference for Enfield and Halifax charge, was held in the M. E. church on Monday morning, presided over by Rev. J. E. Underwood. According to the reports the work for charge is a little behind, but all are hoping that at the end of the conference year every thing can be reported in full. To this the Presiding Elder urged the official members to work.

Little Raymond Harlowe, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Macon Harlowe, died here at the residence of grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harlowe, on last Thursday, being placed away in the family cemetery West of this place on Friday. The little fellow had been sick for about six weeks and suffered much. The parents have our sympathy.

Mrs. I. G. Shaw and small children, left Monday for Pembroke, to visit relatives, and will be gone some weeks.

Mr. Geo. A. Hux left Sunday for Baltimore to purchase 5 and 10 cent goods for his store.

Mr. Lonny Applewhite is off this week for his vacation, and will spend the most of it in and around Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Froelich, of Rosemary spent Saturday and Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Butts.

Dr. E. F. Fenner, of Henderson, was here on Monday to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fenner.

Miss Frances Slater is this week at Scotland Neck visiting Miss Minnie Dunn.

Mr. E. W. Foster who is now located in Spartanburg, S. C., came Sunday to see his family.

Miss Urtie Keeter left a few days ago for Richmond, and will be gone some time.

Mr. E. N. Dickens, of Thelma, a former Halifax man, has been visiting friends and relatives around here several days.

Mr. W. D. Wilcox spent last Sunday in Weldon with friends.

Rev. C. H. Trueblood, of Elizabeth City, who was on his way to Wake Forest, preached two very interesting sermons here in the Baptist church Sunday.

Your correspondent spent a very enjoyable day last week at Dawson's, being well pleased with the friends we met. We are indebted to Mr. J. O. Applewhite for many courtesies shown.

W. F. COPPEIDGE.

Sale of Land for Taxes.

I will sell at the court house door in the town of Halifax, N. C., on the first Monday in October, 1910, the following tracts or parcels of land to satisfy taxes and costs due for the year 1909:

D. M. Prince, 91 acres, Nelson land, \$9.37.

Mrs. A. M. Perry, 102 acres, Deep Creek land, \$9.06.

Bryant Smith, 350 acres, Burwell land, balance \$3.18.

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