

THE BOOK

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

by BRUCE BARTON

MARY OF MAGDALA

THE name Mary was immensely popular in the time of Jesus because of the love of the Jewish people for Mariamne, the Jewish wife of Herod, who was murdered by him. Hence there are so many women in the New Testament named Mary that we sometimes find it difficult to keep track of them. Foremost, of course, is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Next in order of her importance is Mary of Magdala. Of her early history we know nothing except that she suffered with some nervous or mental complaint.



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And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God; and the twelve were with him. And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils. We know the names of a few of the women who followed Jesus on that last journey from Galilee to Jerusalem and "ministered to him of their substance." Three of them were Marys. Some apprehension of expectation of crisis, some woman's instinct caused them to leave their homes and be His companions in this last stage of His public work.

"Crucified, dead and buried!" Terrible words. The apostolic group was stunned and paralyzed. How the eleven disciples spent the hours from nightfall of Friday till dawn of Sunday, we do not know. But on Easter morning, "while it was yet dark" (John 20:1) these women who had seen Jesus crucified came with spices to anoint His body. They did not know that Joseph of Admiahaea and Nicodemus had already performed that melancholy service.

They reached the tomb, wondering who would roll away the stone for them, and behold, it was already rolled away. And the angel said, "He is not here; He is risen." The others hurried back to tell the disciples, but Mary "stood without, weeping." She it was who first saw the Lord.

No wonder Renan, skeptic as he was, marveled at the faith which caused her to see that vision of a living Christ and to proclaim it. He had a skeptic's easy explanation, but he said that no sane person ever saw anything that gave to the world such comfort as the vision of love that the Magdalene beheld. Peter and John ran to the sepulchre and found the empty tomb; the whole city knew of it before night.

But Mary's eyes first beheld Him and her glad voice first told the incredulous disciples. In the power of her faith and the blessing of her good tidings only Mary the mother of Jesus deserves to stand before this other beautiful and devoted follower of Jesus, Mary of Magdala.

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two or three hundred years to go before the general run of people will be intelligent enough to discriminate between the plain truth and glittering falsehoods.

STUNG! . . . modern bee I am always interested when somebody discovers that people knew about as much many years ago as they do now. In my boyhood it was a common belief that bee stings would cure rheumatism, and many stories were told of elderly people who bumped into a bee hive and discovered, after the pain of the sting had disappeared, that their rheumatism had vanished also.

The other day my wife went to our family doctor to see what he could do for a rheumatic knee-joint. What she needed, he told her, was to be stung by a bee. Modern science has proved that the old folk remedy was based upon sound experience, and now an extract of bee venom injected with a hypodermic produces the same result that upsetting the bee-hive would in grandfather's day.

At least, the doctor gave my wife an artificial bee sting and her rheumatism stopped.

EFFECTIVE . . . speed law

The most ingenious plan for checking reckless motor driving that I have heard of is the one which has been adopted by the highway police in Serbia. When a motorcycle cop orders a speedster to pull to the side of the road, instead of handing him a ticket, he orders him to get out of the car and let the air out of all of his tires.

This is said to have a much more powerful effect upon the offending driver than a summons. He either has to pump up his tires before going on, or hire somebody to do it for him, perhaps after walking a few miles before he can find a mechanic to do the job.

After one experience of this sort, it is reported, Serbian motorists pay a great deal more attention to the traffic regulations.

TRAVEL . . . "dollar days"

The latest scheme to stimulate railway travel, which is being seriously discussed by railroad men and the Interstate Commerce Commission, is to charge flat-rate fares for any distance. The principle is the same as that of letter postage. A three cent stamp carries the letter five miles or three thousand miles. The post office loses money on the long hauls but makes it up on the near-by deliveries.

Under this new railway scheme anyone could buy a ticket for a dollar which would entitle him to travel the entire length of the particular railroad that issued it. But if he were only going to the next station the fare would also be a dollar.

Perhaps that won't be the exact figure, and doubtless exceptions would be made for high-speed trains, but the principle, which works successfully on the New York Subways, might result in giving the railroads more passenger revenue than they have ever had, and in starting more people traveling than have ever traveled before. I don't know whether anything will come of it or not but it will be interesting to watch.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Annie Ledford, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of May, 1936, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 7th day of May, 1935.

LUCILLE SILER, Administratrix.
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The Queen Mary, the British bid for Atlantic supremacy, will come a year later. The Literary Digest reports that enormous first-class dining-salons of either of these superliners easily could hold the Britannia, which made a record ocean-crossing in 1840 from Liverpool to New York of fourteen days and eight hours.

Financed, in part, by government banks, work was begun on the French Normandie and the British Queen Mary to win for one or the other the tourist and luxury passengers to Europe.

Simple in line, an honest, sturdy, sea-worthy ship, the 1,018-foot Queen Mary, now a mere hull, will dock in the Hudson River some time in 1936. But the sleek, pert, smart Normandie, with all the chic of the latest creation by a Paris dressmaker, has taken the lead. Her predecessor in the French Line docked in New York from Havre in 1864, a mere 340 feet long, and 3,400 tons.

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THE FAMILY DOCTOR

By JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D.

ACUTE INDIGESTION

About half the deaths in our community this year have been ascribed to acute indigestion. This, I must confess, is strange to me; for, in all of my more than 40 years' experience, I have never lost a patient in that way.

I have treated acute indigestion at times, all of my life, from little William's case of green apples, to the old Soak's debauch of the night before; severe cases they might have been—and I have never been boastful of superior skill; but, I have been a firm stickler for correct diagnosis.

There is no question in my mind that, all deaths from supposed acute indigestion, had some well-

grounded case of heart or lung or stomach disease back of them, and that, these had not been recognized as they should have been.

Recently an acquaintance was stricken, and died in a few moments; the cause was given as "acute indigestion." I am sure that he had chronic heart disease! Another died suddenly, which shocked a great circle of friends; he possibly died of carbon monoxide poisoning, although his death was reported due to acute indigestion.

There are just two problems to acute indigestion: first, the acquiring of a poison, and second, the getting rid of it; but don't nurse a serious, chronic disease until acute indigestion comes along.

tells us that business and industry have always been based on the inhuman exploitation of wage workers and of children. That sort of talk is pure propaganda.

EDUCATION . . . long process

The great mass of mankind has always believed that there are malicious enemies lying in wait for human beings at every corner. Primitive races still believe in a multitude of evil spirits; even today in so-called civilized countries the belief persists in a personal Devil lying in wait to trap the unwary.

People who have discarded those superstitions seem to find it necessary to believe in some other kind of evil spirits. They have to have something to hate. That is why so many people listen credulously to demagogues who tell them that all employers are rascals and everybody who owns anything is the enemy of every man who owns less.

Owen D. Young put his finger on the only remedy for such mass delusions, the other day at St. Lawrence University. Education, free to everybody, is the only answer, he pointed out. It is a slow process, because education seldom "takes" in one generation.

Free education for the masses is a peculiarly American institution, but we have only had it for a little more than a hundred years. While we have achieved a higher average level of intelligence than any other nation, we probably have

TODAY and TOMORROW

by FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

PROPAGANDA . . . tainted.

The good old word "propaganda" is being tossed about pretty loosely. People use it as if it denoted something wicked, whereas it really means only an effort to convert other people to the propagandist's point of view, which is entirely legitimate, so long as the facts and arguments used are truthful.

Undoubtedly there has been more lying and misleading propaganda in circulation these past two years than ever before in America. Most of it has been political, some of it attacking the Administration at Washington, some of it emanating from the Administration. The truth about any controversial question has never been so difficult to arrive at.

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