

# THE BOOK

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

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### ALEXANDER SMITH AND THE BOOK

LITTLE as the nine mutineers expected that the tiny boat would ever reach England, they determined to take no chances. They shipped on the Bounty, taking with them six native men, ten women and a girl of fifteen, and sailed away to an island named Pitcairn, after the British officer who fired the first shot at Lexington.

Then ensued what the Encyclopedia Britannica calls "a hell on earth." One of the sailors had worked in a distillery in Scotland and he discovered a way to distil alcohol from a native plant. Before a great while all the native men were dead, and all the white men but one. That one was Alexander Smith, left alone with a harem of native women and a crowd of half-breed children, his own and his companions.

Picture him, if you will, the forlorn monarch of a helpless people, shut up with his own bitter memories. Then consider the thing which happened. In one of the chests of the sailors he found a book. He read it. He began to ask himself what was to become of this population that had had such a bad start. He began to think with shame and remorse of all the past; he repented of his sins and resolved to live a God-fearing life, and to make good men and women of those children. He began to teach those children to read that book. So years passed. The children grew up and married, and more children were born. The community prospered.

Then one day, nearly twenty years later, in 1808, the United States ship Topaz called at this island and brought back the first word which the world had received of the mutineers who escaped the hangman in 1790. Alexander Smith was king and preacher and teach-

er in that little community. In honor of the President of the United States he had changed his name to John Adams, and he much hoped that only ships from America would visit him, for he had no hankering for the gallows in England. But no British expedition went out after him, and he lived and died in peace.

And now, what about the people on that island?

There was no jail.  
There was no hospital.  
There was no insane asylum.  
There was no illiteracy, no crime, no disease.

The people had no doctors, took no medicine, used no liquor.

The island was one hundred per cent Christian; nowhere on earth were life and property more safe.

What changed that place from a hell on earth to a little speck of heaven dropped down in the South Seas?

The reading of The Book.  
(The End)

### Army Opens Enlistments For Panama Service

The United States army has opened enlistments for men between 18 and 35 years old for service in Panama, according to an announcement received from H. E. Rader, recruiting officer at Asheville. Enlistments, it was stated, will be accepted for service in the infantry, coast and field artillery. Those applying must be of good character and have no one dependent upon them for support. The Asheville recruiting office is in the federal building and is open weekdays from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

### Race Horses

The thoroughbred or running horse has been bred for more than 300 years. It has been definitely established that racing capacity is hereditary, and that environmental factors influence racing ability.

### The \$20,000,000 Home of the U. S. Supreme Court



WASHINGTON . . . A view of the imposing twenty million dollar home of the United States Supreme Court, the Corinthian marble temple erected by the government to house the Justices. At its formal opening this week it was dedicated to the philosophy of equal justice under law.

### Railway Report Shows Increase in Car Loadings

A decrease in outgoing and an increase in incoming freight over the Tallulah Falls railway is shown in a report made public this week on loaded car receipts and deliveries for the month of September. The total number of cars handled in September, this year, showed an increase of 26 over September, 1934, and of 31 over the same month in 1933.

The "T. F." received from the Southern railway at Cornelia, Ga., 276 loaded cars during September, 1935, and delivered to the Southern, 104 loaded cars, making a total of 280 cars handled. In September, 1934, the "T. F." received 239 cars from the Southern and delivered 115, a total of 354. In September, 1933, the figures were: Receipts, 220 cars; deliveries, 129

cars, making a total of 349 cars handled.

Most of the decrease in outgoing freight came under the classifications of forest products, mica and cattle.

### Indian "Money"

Indian tribes of the Northwest Pacific coast had unique ideas of money, according to the ethnologists. The slave was the standard of value and was worth from 10 to 20 deer skins. The Kwakiuti Indians, like the ancient Mexicans, expressed values in terms of woven blankets, and, with the Haida of the Queen Charlotte islands, placed an artificially high value on large sheets of decorated copper shaped like large shields. This copper money deteriorated in value greatly when it was made from the copper sheathing off ships' bottoms rather than from pure copper nuggets.

### Rainbow Springs

(Unavoidably Omitted Last Week)

Mr. Wikle, Clay county truck farmer, was seriously injured Saturday night when struck by a truck on highway No. 28 half a mile east of Rainbow Springs. Russell Cabe, of Franklin, a forest service employe, was reported to have been the driver of the truck. Mr. Wikle was reported to have suffered a broken leg, a broken collar bone and possibly a fractured skull. He was taken to the office of Dr. Shields, company physician for the W. M. Ritter Lumber company, for temporary treatment and then was carried to the Murphy hospital. Mr. Wikle was reported to have stepped into the path of the oncoming truck.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tittle and daughter spent the week-end visiting Mr. Tittle's kinsfolks in Haywood county two weeks ago.

L. O. Bailey made a business trip to Asheville Saturday afternoon.

Frank Doyt and Guy Bryant returned home last Friday after attending the world series games at Detroit, Mich.

Jack Bryant, mill foreman of the W. M. Ritter Lumber company, has been on the sick list the past week.

The Rev. Joe Bishop, of Jackson County, filled his regular appointment at Rainbow Springs Saturday night and Sunday.

Repair work on the Rainbow Springs school is now under way with Bill Tippet, of Franklin, in charge. In addition to the repair work and general improvements to the building and grounds, a water line is being constructed to the school house.

### Birds' Visibility

All birds except owls have eyes placed on each side of the head so that they can look two ways at once. Owls have eyes similar to those of human beings.

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