

**PATRON SAINT OF GUNPOWDER**  
Barbara Was Chosen for Honor Be-  
cause Lightning Killed Her  
Executioner.

St. Barbara, or Barbe, is known as "the patron saint of gunpowder," although she lived more than a thousand years before the invention of that explosive. When cannon were introduced the "men behind the gun" searched through the calendar of saints for a patron, and finally selected the gentle martyr, St. Barbe.

Many reasons have been given to explain the choice, but the most probable one is that Barbara's executioner, her own father, was immediately stricken by a bolt of lightning, which was accompanied by a tremendous clap of thunder. The cannoners likened the thunder, which accompanied the infliction of vengeance upon Barbara's slayer to the thunder peal of battle, and St. Barbara was chosen as their patroness.

St. Barbara lived in the third century. Her father, Dioscorus, was a tyrannical parent, and kept the girl immured in a lonely tower after she had manifested interest in Christianity. Condemned to solitude, she spent her time in prayer and study of the new faith, and by stealth contrived to receive instruction from a priest. The father, upon discovering this, denounced his daughter before the judges. Dioscorus declared himself willing to set as the executioner of his daughter, and, after putting her to terrible tortures in an effort to force a recantation, he cut off her head. According to tradition, the sky was clear and cloudless, but a crash of thunder that shook the earth followed the martyrdom of Barbara, and her father, stricken by lightning, fell dead.

**LONG TIME AT THAT**



Mr. Slowwit—Miss Cora, I—er—er—I can't begin to—er—er—tell you—er—er—how much I—er—er—love you.

Miss Caustique—Well, you certainly have been a long time begin—ing.

**GIFT THAT ERRED.**

George Cohan, discussing a Christmas testimonial for David Belasco, said in New York:  
"Christmas gifts should no more err on the overrich than on the over-parsimonious side."  
"A Cohoes woman got an overrich present from her bettor half last year—a limousine of sixty horse-power."  
"Aren't you surprised?" the woman's mother said, "to get such an unusually fine remembrance out of James?"  
"Not surprised, mother dear," the woman answered. "Not surprised, Surpicious."

**CONNECTION OBVIOUS.**

Mrs. A.—You seem rather hoarse this morning.  
Mrs. B.—Well, my husband came home rather late last night.

**WATERS WEAR THE STONES.**

Gigge—Does Badger still come to you with all his troubles?  
Dibbe—Yes, and now he's become one of mine.

**STARTING SOMETHING.**

"John, we have been married 18 years today."  
"Oh, forget it. What's the use of trying to start a quarrel?"

**HARDLY KNOWS 'EM.**

"He doesn't mix much with his friends."  
"Not much. His books are his only friends."

**THE RESULT.**

"Why was Greece so anxious to get hold of Crete?"  
"I hope it was far con Crete par-poise."

**INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

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**LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 8.**

**DARKNESS AND LIGHT.**

**LESSON TEXT**—Luke 11:14-32. **23-25. GOLDEN TEXT**—"Look therefore whether the light that is in thee be not darkness." Luke 11:35.

**I. The Accusation (vv. 14-16.)** The fact of demonology as revealed in the New Testament records is here strongly emphasized. Their existence, their malignity, their evil powers, their relation to the devil, and yet their subjection to our Lord, is all clearly set before us. The devil had so taken possession of this man that he could not speak, yet a word from Jesus, and the dumb spake. That he should have such power caused the people to "wonder" (v. 14). His miracles were for one principal reason (John 6:39). Matthew tells us (12:23) that in this case they asked the question: "Is this the Son of David," e. z., the promised Messiah? The record does not, however, indicate that they believed on him—were converted. They knew what had been prophesied about the Coming One (Isa. 29:18, 33:2, 4), yet they hesitated to come out on his side. Into the midst of their controversy (v. 16, Matt. 12:24; Mark 3:22) the Scribes and Pharisees projected themselves. They had come down from Jerusalem seeking, "that they might accuse him" (John 19:35, 38). It is ever thus that the devil seeks to divert.

**II. The Defense (vv. 17-27.)** "But he, knowing their thoughts," Evidently they dared not openly to make their accusations. They would not accept the natural and true explanation. Jesus endured this contradiction and these charges for us (Isa. 53:3, 4), and must not his disciples expect a like treatment? (Matt. 10:16). With convincing logic Jesus reveals their motive (v. 18) and demonstrates the untenable position and conclusion which resulted from their own charge. Satan is not fighting himself. A king never sends an army against his own soldiers, but against those of his enemy. Therefore, out of their own acknowledgment that the devils were cast out, he proves that the kingdom of God has come upon them. Such an accusation (v. 15) was to Jesus an evidence of the depravity of their hearts. There is keen sarcasm in the answer he demanded from them (v. 19). Evidently they, too, had had power over demons, and it is easy to see the dilemma into which he led them. This is not the only time that Jesus convicted men out of their own testimony (Matt. 21:28).

**III. The Application (vv. 21-26.)** With a true teacher's skill Jesus drives home the truth brought out in the preceding paragraph. Satan is a "strong man," but he, Jesus, is stronger. He has power to overcome and to take from the strong man his armor (defense), and his spoil, and to bind him fast (v. 22; Mark 3:27; Rev. 20:2). Those bound by chains of sin are the spoil of Satan, and Jesus is the only one powerful enough to—  
—break the power of canceled sin  
—and set the prisoner free.  
—Cleanse the "Palace."

With Christ there must be entire possession; there can be no neutrality (v. 23). We cannot belong to Christ and be a slave to Satan, to mammon, to self, or even to others whom we may love. The persistence of evil is here indicated. Unclean spirits are ever seeking a habitation. Therefore it is not enough for a man to be cleansed, his dwelling must be occupied, and if the Holy Spirit does not take possession, the evil one will. The parable that follows (vv. 24-26) teaches this truth negatively. In one case Satan is dislodged by Christ, he finds the "palace" (v. 23) (man) to be pre-occupied. In this case the palace is empty (Matt. 12:44). The absence of a positive attachment, too, or possession by Jesus Christ, involves hostility to him. This picture is that of the reformed man, not of the regenerated man. This latter has his place pre-occupied, and the returning spirit can find no place of abode. Unless, however, such be the case, the latter end of that man is far worse than his first state; witness the gold-cured intemperate men who return to their cups (2 Pet. 2:22); they return because they have no strong defender to drive off the returning enemy. This application and principle have propounded may, and does, account for most of the back-sliding after many of the so-called conversions, viz., that the germ of character has not been generated (John 3:7). It is by far the most difficult proposition in Christian work to reach one who is thus gospel-hardened.

**IV. The Illustration (vv. 23-26.)** In his teaching, Jesus constantly used familiar objects as illustrations. The incongruity of placing a candle under a bushel suggests rather than in its rightful place that it may conspicuously perform its proper function is at once apparent. Jesus is the Light (John 1:9; 8:12), so also is the Christian. They are to be so set before men that, seeing Christ reflected in them, they will glorify the Father who sent him. This is that which is used by God in redeeming, transforming and sanctifying man's sinful condition.

**It Always Helps**

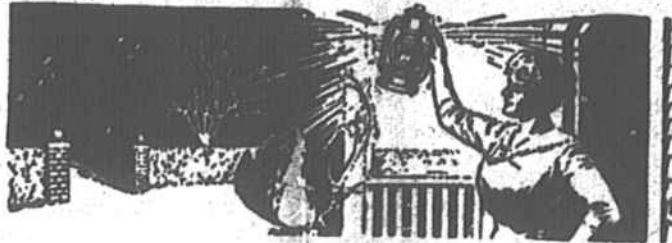
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**HARD LANGUAGE TO LEARN**

Peculiarities of English Tongue Seem to Have Somewhat Mystified This Student.

It is hard for the person to whom English is his native tongue to realize what a struggle the foreigner has to understand some of the peculiarities of our spelling and the following is a description of his first lesson in an English class:

We have been given a book to learn the letters. I arrive at the class, having learned them perfectly.

Soon, in the course of the lesson, we have the word l-o-w. "Love," I pronounce it, thinking the w has the sound of v.

"No; it is pronounced 'lo,' said the teacher.

"Then why is the w there?" I inquire, mystified.

"It is there because that is the way the word is spelled," responds the teacher; "but it is silent. Never mind why; it is sufficient to know that it is there."

Before long we come to the word n-o-w.

"Pronounce it," says the teacher.

"No," I reply.

"Why will you not?" she asked me.

It is some time before she understands that I am trying to pronounce the word when I say "No." Then she declares that although l-o-w is lo, n-o-w is now.

"If you want to make it no," she explains, kindly, "you put k before it."

You may believe I am bewildered. However, I memorize that n-o-w is now. The next word is s-n-o-w. I pronounce it like now with an s before it. The teacher laughs. The w is again become silent, apparently for no reason, and the word is called sno.

But that is not all. Later I find that if you drop the n from snow you can pronounce it whichever way you like!

**WISE TO THE GAME**



"Women won't find campaigning as easy as they expect."  
"That's so. The female candidates won't be able to jolly the women voters by going around and kissing their babies."

**THE EXCEPTION.**

Blobbs—Jack Potts is a vegetarian. He says he has no use for meat.  
Slobbs—Perhaps not, but I have known his to play poker for stakes.

**CONSIDERABLY WRINKLED.**

Cooke—Umson tells me he has been living in his trunk of late.  
Frye—Maybe he has, but he looks as if he had been bunking in a suitcase.

**NOT QUALIFIED.**

"Does Mrs. Gaddons belong to the exclusive set?"  
"I'm afraid not. She's never been fined for smuggling."

**MATTER OF MAKEUP.**

"Don't you think Miss Flabbin has a beautiful complexion?"  
"Well, to tell you the truth, I haven't seen her today."

**ARBITRATION.**

"You said you would make papa some to terms."  
"I did; and they were the vilest anyone ever applied to me."

**NATURAL RESULT.**

"Did you notice how roughly that man grabbed those fox fur sets?"  
"Yes; but I also noticed he wore dogskin gloves."

**A CONTRADICTION.**

"The gray mare is the better horse in that house."  
"I don't see how that is possible when she is such an old nag."

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This January 21st, 1914.  
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