

**The Deacon Got the Half.**

Being an occasional church-goer, he was supposed to be able to behave properly and preserve his equanimity through any ordinary service. His family was therefore somewhat curious when he returned from church one Sunday noon with a most disconsolate air.

"Didn't you like the sermon?" asked his wife.

"Oh, the sermon was all right," I guess," said he glumly.

"Well, what's the matter?" she persisted.

"Nothing's the matter," he retorted sharply. "Can't a man look solemn when he gets back from a solemn religious service without causing a riot in his own home?"

His wife said nothing for a time, and then, with happy inspiration, asked casually:

"How much did you put in the contribution-box to-day?"

There was a pronounced pause, and then the reply came with serious deliberation:

"Seventy-five cents."

"Wasn't that rather liberal?" she inquired, knowing that he usually made a quarter the limit.

"Rather" he answered. "Rather liberal, it struck me. Rather too liberal."

Then he chuckled and went on without further urging.

"You see, it was this way. I was sitting alone in a back seat on the side aisle. When the deacon started down for the contribution, I felt for some change and found I had just two pieces, a quarter and a half. Somehow, I felt pretty good natured, and was thinking of putting in the half instead of the quarter, as usual. While I was deliberating, I'm blessed if the half didn't slip out of my fingers and roll out into the aisle, close to the second pew in front. I didn't want to scramble for it then, and figured I could get it at the close of the service. So I sat back and waited for the box to come along, dropping in the quarter.

"Just as he got to me, the deacon noticed that he was half a lap ahead of the deacon on the other side, and stopped there to wait. And naturally, while he was waiting, his eye lit on the half-dollar lying in the aisle in front of him.

"And what did that old sinner do but grab for it, look around curiously a minute, and then drop it into the box. And I didn't have the nerve to breathe a word. Just sat like a dummy and watched the half go with the quarter. Seventy-five cents gone to the angels, and me without another cent in my clothes, having to walk home instead of taking a trolley. Wouldn't that make you mad?"

Then he added, chuckling again: "What I'm wondering now is whether I get credit from St. Peter for giving the whole seventy-five cents or just for the quarter."

"You won't get credit for any of it," observed his wife. "St. Peter'll check off the credit for the quarter to cover your wicked feelings when you saw the half-dollar go, too."

"That'd be a mean trick," he responded, as he reached for his Sunday paper.—Providence Journal.

**Root Grafting.**

Root grafting is commonly done in the winter, preferably before February, the roots and scions having both been secured in the fall and stored. The scion is placed on pieces of roots from two to six inches long, and from one to three-quarters of an inch thick. These roots may be entire root system of one-year-old seedlings, or pieces of these seedling roots, or small roots of older trees that have been dug up. The entire root of a seedling is preferred. The operation is performed exactly like the whip-grafting of established trees. Cleft-grafting is used to work over old trees. The stock is split by a chisel and a wedge-

shaped scion is inserted on the margin. Budding is the most common method of securing new plants of apple, pear, cherry, peach, plum, oranges, lemon, pomelo, persimmon, and many other fruits; also to change young trees of undesirable varieties of fruits into more favored sorts. Seedling stocks must first be secured. These are usually taken up and stored at the end of their first season, and are set out again the following spring about six inches apart in the row. They are ready to bud late that summer. Peach stocks, however, are ready to bud in September, from pits planted the same season. Budding can be done any time when the bark of the stock peels readily; but it is commonly done in late summer or early fall, because mature buds can then be cut directly from the trees. If done in early spring, the buds need to be taken from scions that were cut during the previous fall or winter. Apples and pears are commonly budded in late July or early August. Plums and cherries may be budded later, and peaches last of all, in early September. A few days before budding, remove the leaves from the base of the stocks to a height of several inches from the ground. This makes the bark somewhat firmer to receive the bud.—The garden magazine.

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Sidney Weatherspoon.

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