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THE BOOK
... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains four Great Treasures ...
by BRUCE BARTON

OTHERS TAKE UP THE PEN
The Epistle to the Hebrews, which in our Bible is attributed to Paul, was almost certainly not written by him. The style is very different from his, and it does not seem likely that he would have addressed a letter particularly to Jews. The best Greek composition in the New Testament is in this letter, and so delicate and persuasive is it that there are those who think they detect a woman's hand. Some have conjectured that Priscilla (Acts 18:1) might have been the writer. In her home Paul had a lodging, and she and Aquila, her husband, were among his very best friends.
The letter is general, but its definite purpose is to convince thoughtful Jews that they will lose nothing by embracing the new faith but, on the contrary, will gain. It says: "You can have all that you cherish most and even more in the Christian faith. Do you love your Law? Well you may, but here is the same law written more beautifully. Do you love your temple, your priesthood, your traditions? Everything you have cared for is here, and all the better."
It is noble in its conception of the basic principle of all heroism—faith. Read this grand roll call in chapter eleven:
They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goat-skins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented. . . . they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. . . .
Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.
Others of the apostles now began to write. James, the brother of Jesus, had never felt wholly satisfied with Paul's doctrine of faith; he wrote a letter, a strange one for a man of such devotion to the law, of which one might almost say that it was not religious at all, so little did it regard form or ceremony.
Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.
A younger brother of Jesus, named Jude, also wrote a short letter. It was rather an apology for not writing a longer one which he had in mind to write on "our common Christianity."
John, the son of Zebedee, also wrote, though later, three letters, one a remarkably sweet and beautiful letter addressed to no one in particular and two short ones. Peter, also, wrote two letters and rather fine ones, as might have been expected of this blunt courageous man. But no one employed this method to the extent that Paul did. His letters were copied and lent and read and became a kind of unofficial manual for the administration of the churches.

Through State Capital Keyholes
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a girl and, in fact, even more recently. Two years ago R. T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, was Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina and leader of a Democratic minority that only lacked a mere 7,000 votes of making him Governor. During the recent campaign he made only one speech, at Gastonia, and it is reported here that less than one hundred people were out to hear him. Two years ago the very name of Fountain would draw a crowd, campaign or no campaign. Does that mean that Mr. Fountain's great personal following has gone to sleep?

AMAZE A MINUTE
SCIENTIFACTS BY ARNOLD
POLAR BEARS PREFER SUMMER HEAT!
POLAR BEARS DO NOT LIKE SEVERE COLD, AND RARELY ENTER WATER IN THE FALL AND WINTER. INSTEAD THEY ENJOY LYING OUTSTRETCHED IN THE SUMMER SUN.
ALL THE DIAMONDS IN THE WORLD ARE WORTH FIVE BILLION DOLLARS, ALMOST ONE-HALF OF THE VALUE OF ALL THE WORLD'S GOLD.
LIGHT LIGHT - LIGHT HAS WEIGHT. SO LITTLE DOES IT WEIGH, HOWEVER, THAT AN OUNCE OF LIGHT AT CURRENT RATES WOULD COST \$50,000,000.
THE WORLD'S DIAMONDS - FIVE BILLION DOLLARS, ALMOST ONE-HALF OF THE VALUE OF ALL THE WORLD'S GOLD.

Do You Know How Much Government Costs?
Statistics Show Average Citizen Pays \$71.09 Each Year

Now that the election is over and the officials named for the ensuing term it might not be amiss to direct attention to the cost of our system of government.
According to recent census figures the tax payers of the United States support 3,062 county governments, 16,659 city governments, 28,548 school districts and 19,769 township organizations. The question before the citizens of this country is whether there are too many organizations for modern needs.
We have no objection to any of these arms of government, if the taxpayers are willing to pay for them. However, the average citizen of this republic pays \$71.09 each year to support them, when many of them could be eliminated without crippling government in the least. \* \* \*

In Accordance With New Constitutional Amendment Newly Elected Congressmen Will Take Office Jan. 1

The Congress elected this week will take office in January with only two months intervening between election and succession to office. This comes about as a result of the Norris amendment to the constitution, eliminating the "lame duck" session which used to begin in March, following an election. Under the old system the Congress elected last week would not convene until December, 1935.
Naturally, such a delay in taking office was not necessary in this modern era of transportation and transmission of intelligence. However it may be discovered, later on, that two months is not quite long enough to wait after an election and that changes in governmental policy come too rapidly. Newly elected Congressmen have a lot to learn before assuming to direct the affairs of this republic and vote upon the many important matters that come before them. \* \* \*

Steam, Controlled, Is Power; Babies, Not Strong Men, Scream When They Can't Have Their Way
by John Edwin Price

The papers tell us of many men and women facing death by hanging or electrocution. Those who are today sitting in death cells, their hearts being eaten out with remorse, didn't get to be murderers all of a sudden.

The state proved to the satisfaction of a jury, in most cases, that the murders they did were premeditated. They planned to do the killing. But the particular planning for the murder which landed them in their despairing situation was not the beginning.

They first thought of themselves as killing. There is perhaps no axiom of life truer than one which says, "We become like that on which our hearts are fixed." It is said on good authority that it is impossible to do that which we cannot visualize or picture ourselves as doing. Mental pictures precede all actual physical expression from construction of a chair to a skyscraper. The development of the will to do it, the ability to do it and the actual accomplishment, are all gradual.

A bank is not robbed by someone who never before stole. Somewhere away, way back in childhood there was a letting down in the mind of the bank robber of his strict ideas in regard to what belonged to him and what belonged to someone else. Somewhere back there there was a slight slipping from a sincere regard of the rights of others over their property. At first it was just a passing thought. He would have scoffed at the idea that he could take what didn't belong to him. His first temptation was easy to resist. The idea of him stealing even a pin was preposterous. Gradually as succeeding opportunities came to pick up things unnoticed he entertained the thought a little longer. He gave it brain room, just as a thought of course. Possibly he was clerking in a store.

One day he may have just let his mind plan a little with imaginary money which he could take from the cash register. He toyed with the thought until it became more and more at home in his brain. Then one day a baby came to his house. It needed a crib, a carriage, et cetera. He just "lifted" a few dollars "temporarily" from his employer's cash drawer. It wasn't missed and so he put off putting it back. Gradually he took a little more and a little more. Of course, all robbers don't start just like this. But first there must be a breaking down of a natural aversion to theft.

It is by a similar line of weakening that murderers are grown. First, in a fit of anger, a brain storm, the thought is entertained of wanting to kill someone who has bested them, or insulted them, or done them a real injury. When one has taken a good course of liver-stimulant or poison is otherwise regained, the ideas held in the brain storm or brooding period seem preposterous. "What, him deal out murder for a trivial injury?" Murderers don't burst into being overnight like mushrooms. Brainstorms do not indicate strength. Steam, controlled, is power. BABIES, not strong men, scream when they can't have their way in everything.

What has become of the old-fashioned banker who used to make an occasional loan on the strength of the borrower's reputation in the neighborhood. \* \* \*

Public servants aren't inferior men. It takes a keen one to get rich on a salary of \$200 a month. \* \* \*

Speaking of life's afflictions; have you ever walked far in a pair of tight shoes?

Louisa's Letter

LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE BRING HAPPINESS

Dear Girls:—
Everyone in town wondered how Mary Smith put up with her husband, John. He worked just about half of the time and occasionally took too much liquor. One would think from this description that Mary Smith was a very unhappy woman, but she was not. Of course, she had to do sewing on the side and the children had to do without lots of things they needed, but all of them seemed about as happy as the average family.
On the other hand, the town-people envied Emily Jones her husband. Emily had a lovely house, a nice car, the children were sent to expensive schools, and vacations were spent at the seashore, in the mountains, or abroad. Everything, apparently that heart could desire, and yet Emily had an unhappy face and the children seemed a discontented lot.
The secret of these two women's happiness and unhappiness was this: Although Mary knew that John was not much account when it came to making a living, he was a very pleasant person in other respects. He never criticized anything that she did and was always proclaiming to the world what a swell manager she was. He was willing to help out around the house, though goodness knows his wife and children would have fared better if he had been sticking to a job, and he stayed in a good humor.
But Emily Jones had to be very particular. If things didn't go to suit Bob in the office he vented his spleen on the family. The children always wanted to see what kind of humor he was in before they opened their mouths. They knew from experience that the least thing they might do or say would cause a veritable storm of abuse enough to shatter their nerves for days. Consequently, the whole family lived under a strain. They never knew when Bob would develop a grouch or make some sarcastic remark. Although gen-

The Family Doctor
by John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

AN OLD-TIME FRIEND

The fall of the year is the season when elimination, so important in the human system, may become seriously interfered with, due to changes in the weather. Obstructed elimination is generally announced by feelings of overfulness, lassitude and other warnings which generally announce acute toxemia. Then, there are apt to be eruptions on the skin, unsightly and disagreeable, and which suggest the old friend mentioned in the heading; I refer to the old family medicine, SULPHUR.

Sulphur has been a "family remedy" well back through the ages. I can recall it far back into childhood, when health was much less costly than it is now. Most of the old boys and girls remember the sulphur and molasses, which were supposed to "clean and purify the blood."

There is no more honest, dependable stimulant for the elimination than the old-fashioned sulphur and cream of tartar mixed equal parts; the dose of the compound being a heaped teaspoonful in a half glass of water, at bed-time for a few nights until the bad feelings disappear. Your family doctor will agree with me.

And, remember sulphur ointment for those ugly, obnoxious skin blotches? What a friend is sulphur ointment! I just prescribed an ounce a-day, for a young man whose skin eruption I was not able to diagnose. This brings to mind a noted skin specialist, who told me some years ago that, if a doctor prescribed sulphur for every skin disease, he would probably be right over half the time. Don't forget the packet of sulphur for your household medicine chest.

erous enough with worldly goods, he was stingy with his praise and his smiles.

Which all goes to show that sometimes the little things of life are as important for happiness as the bigger ones.
Yours,
LOUISA.

ANNOUNCEMENT COMING—
One aftermath of the recent campaign is a rather confirmed opinion around Raleigh that Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, has been running for Governor for some time. If Mr. Hoey hasn't been doing that his friends have been staging for him a campaign. Many of his close personal friends in the Capital City are expecting his announcement to follow on the heels of sine die adjournment of the coming session of the legislature.

PROLONGED JOB—There's no hope of completing remodeling and fire-proofing of the State's old fire-trap of a prison here this winter. Prison officials had expressed hope that the job could be completed before the heat had to be turned on but that's now out of the question. Because the walls of the structure are being preserved the work is progressing slowly and will require many months to finish. At the rate it has been going remodeling may not be completed by next winter.

SHINING STAR—Congressman Frank Hancock, of the Fifth District, is viewed by many North Carolina politicians as the most promising member of the North Carolina delegation in Washington. They point out that in his comparatively short service in Washington he has attained high ranking place on the House Banking and currency Committee and although he has taken some bold steps in voting on measures his District continues to give him handsome majorities in primaries. He was unopposed in the general election.

BIG STICK—The State School Commission has a club it uses to get the most favorable bids for hauling coal from cars to schools. Last summer the com-

mission had a number of utility bodies built for trucks at the highway shops near Raleigh at the cost of thirty dollars a throw. If bids for hauling coal are higher than the commission thinks they should be, then its members say: "Alright, we'll just haul our own coal." Off come the passenger body on school trucks and on goes the utility body all set for the sooty job. Or in other cases the bids are lowered and it isn't necessary to change the bodies. Which just goes to show you that there are still many ways to bring death to a feline.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS—Life is anything but a bowl of cherries for State Parole Commissioner Edwin Maurice Gill. Capital punishment cases give him the most trouble but the pitiful old ladies, mothers of prisoners seeking release of their sons, make some of his decisions mighty hard. Recently he was called out of bed at 2:30 in the morning to go to State's Prison and receive the confession of a man convicted of murder. All manner of pressure is brought to bear upon him in every capital case and he must weigh the facts carefully. Often his decisions are not popular for the simple reason that lawyers have guided public opinion in another direction.

Not Dependable
Boss—"When you caller up my wife and told her I would be detained at the office, and would not be home until very late, what did she say?"
Steno—"She said: 'Can I depend on that?'"—Vancouver Province.

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THEY ALL GET A LIFT WITH A CAMEL!
AIR HOSTESS. "When I'm off duty, my first move is to light a Camel," says Miss Marian McMichael who travels with the American Airlines. "A Camel relieves any feeling of tiredness—and how good it tastes!"
FAMOUS SPORTSMAN-WRITER, Rex Beach says: "When I light a Camel, it quickly gives me a sense of well-being and renewed energy. As a steady smoker I have also learned that Camels do not interfere with healthy nerves."

"KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES"—Same Word, Different Meaning —By POP MOMAND

Comic strip panels showing characters in a kitchen.
Panel 1: YES, AL CLARICE WENT TO A CLUB MEETING—SHE WON'T BE HOME FOR DINNER. BUT SHE SAID THERE WAS A BAKED HAM IN THE ICE BOX!
Panel 2: THEN WE'D BETTER GET A PADLOCK ON IT, BECAUSE SERGEANT SQUIRT IS OUT IN THE KITCHEN WOLFING DOWN ALL THE FOOD IN SIGHT!!
Panel 3: MEAN-WHILE, AT THE KITCHEN WINDOW HA! SO!
Panel 4: YOU'D BETTER HAVE SOME MORE CAFE, SARGE.
Panel 5: DON'T FILL ME UP WITH COFFEE, BABE! WHERE ARE YOU HIDING THAT HAM?
Panel 6: YA HEARD ME—SARGE! WHO'S A HAM??