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Meteorologists Are Predicting Colder Winters

Now that the severe cold of the winter seems to have been broken by warmer weather the meteorologists are studying figures that reflect a winter of unusual severity and predicting an era of cold and wet winters.

The cold weather of the first two months of the year broke many established records, with 50 degrees below zero being recorded in North Dakota for the years' lowest. Many sections report consecutive weeks of below normal mercury readings with average temperatures setting new lows during the six weeks ending with the middle of last month.

Heavy snows visited most of the States, with Paradise Inn, Wash., topping all places with 170 inches. Many states had thick snow on the ground for weeks and in many parts of the South small children saw snow this year for the first time in their lives.

An Ideal Textbook—The Newspaper

A Worthwhile Editorial Reprinted From "Newsdom"

Newspapers are being used as textbooks in Chicago high schools. The new technique is to teach the student with live material. An excellent idea.

Too many of our educational institutions burden the youngster with monotonous lists of dates and names of the past without any reference to their present significance.

The newspaper is exceptionally fitted for timely studies. No matter what the field, be it economics, politics, commerce, labor, agriculture, international relations and a host of others, there will be found in the columns of the newspapers ample material to kindle the youngsters interest and aid him in his studies.

Nor need we fear that the youngster will be duped by propaganda. There is propaganda in every newspaper, but our publishers and editors do their physical and mental best to keep this propaganda down to a minimum. Under the proper guidance the student can be taught to separate the chaff from the wheat.

Chicago's example might well be followed by educators elsewhere. The public confides in the press. The parents of school children cherish their home newspaper almost as much as the family Bible. Why not make it a textbook?—Newsdom.

Liberty Under The Constitution

A Worthwhile Editorial Selected by the National Editorial Association

Today certain critics are subjecting the American Constitution to virginal attack. They are saying it is outmoded and unable to cope with modern conditions. And they are suggesting changes and amendments which, in some cases, would amount to complete emasculation of the rights and liberties we now enjoy under Constitutional protection.

Let us not be too hasty about changing this document of which a major portion is devoted to protecting our rights and liberties. The constitution has been amended many times, and may be again, but never in such a manner as to abridge the rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the other inalienable rights guaranteed within it.

It is usually easier to criticize than to defend, and the critics of the Constitution have found many listeners and not a few converts. Let us forget the virtues of this marvelous document, let us recall the words uttered in 1878 by England's greatest statesman, William Gladstone:

"The American Constitution is, as far as I can see, the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

Some things are timeless. Among those things are freedom—freedom of action within the law, freedom of expression, freedom of speech. The Constitution has nothing to do with booms or depressions—nothing to do with partisan politics, nor have those who interpret it, the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Constitution guarantees us those essential liberties for which men fought for thousands of years. How much would the citizens of Germany, Russia, Italy or Poland give for a constitution such as ours? It is our most priceless heritage, and we have a duty to posterity to pass on to them the same liberties which were handed down to us. Plymouth (Wis.) Review.

Advertising space is what a newspaper sells and it is rarely given away by any newspaper in which it is any good. Neither is it sold "dirt cheap" by any publisher who believes his paper to be worth anything to the advertiser.

They say there are folks who have an insect-eye-view of life and its problems. (Most insects can't see farther than 6 feet).

There are many nails in a man's shoes but the one that sticks up where it doesn't belong makes him sore at everything in general. So it is with some ornery little problem.

Marcy Hart's HOME NEWS

"Don't try to change your voice." That's the advice of Ellen Claire Couch, prominent dramatic coach and teacher of speech.

"You are born with your individual voice—soprano mezzo or contralto—and are likely to injure your speaking apparatus by any attempt to change the timbre or quality. No woman should try to force her voice below its natural pitch," says Miss Couch. She also suggests that many girls make a mistake in thinking that the rule about speaking softly means the use of low, throaty tones. Even a high soprano voice can be as soft and well modulated as a naturally low one.

Care in the pronunciation of words, and a pleasant natural, unaffected voice that best expresses one's individual personality, is more important to success than voice tone, according to Miss Couch.

Silk prints for spring are sprinkled with stars, vegetables, birds, beasts and fish. These are spattered like polka dots over the fabric and are so tiny that one must look closely to recognize their real form. One effective creation features white beads on a wine background. Flowers, too, are popular in the microscopic designs, and one can find chessmen, flower pots keys, and even the alphabet utilized in the dot technique.

White on dark backgrounds is favored for daytime, with vivid clear tones and many colored effects in larger patterns for evening wear.

Glass sauce pans with which you can cook right over the flame are among the newer novelties to win favor. They are fitted with detachable handles so that the food can be served in the same container in which it is cooked.

Hollywood Star-Lites

by Chuck Cochard

Hollywood, Calif. Mar. 7.—Ladies—discover what flower you are like and you have solved your fashion problem from then on! Says Omar Kiam, chief costume designer for Samuel Goldwyn productions and one of Hollywood's most famous stylists:

"Once the smart woman discovers her floral type and dresses accordingly—even suiting her actions and personality to that type—she will find herself actually blossoming."

Greta Garbo is a "water lily" according to Kiam's method of figuring. The two stars for whom he is at present designing costumes are Miriam Hopkins, the blonde, and Merle Oberon, the brunette, are honeysuckle and wild rose, respectively.

Kiam's list for the ten most distinctive "floral types" of Hollywood stars: Greta Garbo, water lily; Katherine Hepburn, poppy; Merle Oberon, wild rose; Miriam Hopkins, honeysuckle; Marion Davies, iris; Dolores Costello, gentian; Princess Natalie Paley, lilac; Jean Parker, mountain laurel; Josephine Hutchinson, forget-me-not; Billie Burke, morning glory.

STARLITES: When the colorful Gloucester schooner, Ortha Spinney, sails out to sea, none other than Spence Tracy will be stationed at the helm for he has been signed for the role of the captain in Kipling's saga of Labrador fishing banks, "Captains Courageous" in which he will co-star with Freddie (David Copperfield) Bartholomew. Your correspondent is indeed very happy over the good news that Rudolph Friml's tuneful operetta "The Firefly" which launched Emma Trentini to fame, has just been purchased by M-G-M for screen production. Maybe I'm taking in too much territory, but I would almost bet my life that Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy will co-star. . . . nothing could be sweeter. . . . Because of their success together in "Petticoat Fever" Robert Montgomery and Myrna Loy will again play the leads in "Love on the Run" which is the story of the adventures of an American news correspondent, stationed in London, and a duchess who is seeking escape from an unwelcome marriage. . . . Due to a change in set-up, Robert Taylor, (a new sensation among the screen's male heart breakers) has been cast in the role of the quick-witted American in P. G. Wodehouse's "Piccadilly Jim" in place of Robert Montgomery.

WHAT new male star (whom I mentioned a few weeks back as playing the lead in a musical that gave a girl stardom overnight) is now being seen places with a brunette star? Here's a hint. Two weeks ago Hollywood thought romance was really blooming when he was being seen everywhere with the female star of his present picture (she is known all over for her parts as the sweet country girl). That's all for today. Wait till next time.

This makes for considerable savings in time and convenience, as well as fewer dishes to be washed. And there are glass matching covers to go with the sauce pans.

Do you keep a bottle of hand lotion on a kitchen shelf? A quick massage after each washing will help to prevent redness and "chapping" and keep your hands soft and white. Some of the lotion makers are now offering large, economy sizes so that their product can be used more frequently and, also, so that it may be used on the legs, ankles, and knees during cold weather.

Spring meant tonic time to an older generation. Today it means greater attention to the importance of vitamins in the diet, for we now know that most "tonic" effects come from the vitamins in our foods. Milk, eggs, plus sunlight or cod liver oil, plenty of fruit, and the new green vegetables such as lettuce, celery, endive, parsley, cress and spinach will help supply your quota of spring tonic vitamins.

It's so simple you'd think it would have been done long ago, but a brand new type of metal kitchen stool just shown in Chicago's Merchandise Mart has a simple folding back rest that drops down completely out of the way when not needed and lets the stool slip easily under a kitchen table.

Handy Kitchen Hint: A damp cloth will enable you to pick up easily, the smallest fragments of a broken glass.

King Henry, of England, was so pleased with a roast his chef prepared that he drew his sword and knighted it on the spot. That's why we ask for sirloin today. King Henry made it Sir Loin!

the principals will neither deny or affirm anything, it's a pretty good sign of marriage.

This is meant to reduce any element of surprise within the next four days if Steffi Duna and John Carroll decide to tread down that narrow aisle peopled with bulging eye-balls.

THOSE MARQUEE NAMES: A local theatre advertised the following dual bill. THE GHOST GOES WEST YOU MAY BE NEXT

DO YOU KNOW: That Ruby Keeler was born August 25, in Halifax, N. S. . . . she is five feet, four inches tall and weighs 105 pounds . . . she is a blue-eyed brunette . . . she has only been married once . . . began her career at the age of 13 in the chorus of "The Rise of Rosy O'Reilly" . . . her only pets are bullfrogs?

THROUGH A KEYHOLE: Henry Fonda dining with Margaret Sullivan and Director William Wyler at the Seville club. . . Herbert Marshall lunching daily with Gertrude Michael at the Paramount commissary. . . Henry Wilcox and Isabel Jewell are being seen everywhere together. . . . Other familiar terms are Sylvia Sidney and Fritz Lang, and Marlene Dietrich and Willis Goldbeck. . . . Bruce Cabot still hopes for a reconciliation with his wife, Adrienne Ames.

INSIDE GOSSIP: Last week's young society girl was Patricia Havens-Montague and the interested radio man was Tommy Lee, head of the Don Lee Pacific coast network. It is rumored around this here berg that because of interest in her he was responsible for her obtaining a movie job.

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Asacula and Battery Judge—Why did you beat up this man? Prisoner—Three years ago he told me that I had better consult an alienist.

Judge—Then why did you wait until today to hit him? Prisoner—This morning I happened to find out what an alienist was.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Member of Faculty, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for March 15

JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY

LESSON TEXT—Luke 11:1-13. GOLDEN TEXT—If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.—1 John 5:14.

PRIMARY TOPIC—When We Pray. JUNIOR TOPIC—Teach Us to Pray. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Jesus Says About Prayer. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Why Should We Pray?

Prayer is a matter which ought to be of great concern to every believer, for, "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them" (Ps. 145: 18, 19). There was something about the praying of Jesus that so impressed the disciples that they requested him to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1). May everyone of us enroll at once in the school of prayer with Christ as our Teacher. In response to the disciples' request, Jesus set forth the following principles of prayer.

I. The Right Relationship of the One Praying (v. 2).

1. Filial—"Father." The suppliant in prayer must be a child of God. God's gifts and blessings are for his children. This relationship can only be entered into through regeneration. Not all men have a right to say, "Our Father," when addressing God. Only those who are children of God by faith in Jesus Christ can so address him.

2. Fraternal—"Our Father." God has many children. His children are bound up together in nature and interests. Even in our secret prayer we should address him as "Our Father," which is a recognition of the interest of others alongside of ours.

II. The Right Attitude in Prayer (v. 2).

1. Reverent adoration—"Hallowed be thy name." As children we have certain rights and privileges, yet holy reverence becomes us.

2. Loyalty—"Thy kingdom come." When praying to God we should come with a spirit of loyalty which cries out, "Thy kingdom come." We should not only receive him as the Lord of our lives, but should loyally labor with him in inducing others to submit to his rule.

3. Submission—"Thy will be done." We should have no will of our own regarding the rule of God. We should let him direct us in all things.

III. The Right Spirit in Prayer (vv. 3-8).

1. Dependent faith—"Give us this day our daily bread" (v. 8). We should realize that not only bread, but life itself is ours to enjoy because of him and he is able to do for us "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

2. Penitence and love—"Forgive us our debts" (v. 4). We should come to him realizing that we have sinned, and cry out to him for forgiveness. Our heart should be so filled with love for others that we will forgive those who sin against us, as God has so willingly forgiven us.

3. Holiness and caution—"Lead us not into temptation" (v. 4). Because we are God's children, and realizing the depravity of our natures and the consequent tendency to practice that which displeases him, we should shrink from that which, if indulged in, would dishonor him, and earnestly cry unto him to lead us not into the place where we would likely fall.

4. Intercessory (vv. 5, 6). The man who asked for bread did not ask for himself, but for a friend. Prayer which pleases God is unselfish in its requests.

5. Perseverance (vv. 7, 8). Though the friend refused at first and offered excuses, because of the one making the request would not take "No" for an answer, he arose from his bed and gave him as many as he needed. Prayer pleases God and gets results.

IV. Encouragement to Pray (vv. 9-12).

1. God's promise (vv. 9, 10). True prayer cannot fail of answer, because God definitely promises that, "Everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

2. Example of an earthly father (vv. 11-13). No father will give a stone to his son who asked for bread, nor a serpent instead of a fish, nor a scorpion instead of an egg. God is infinitely more willing to answer the prayers of his children than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children.

V. The True Goal of All Prayer (v. 13).

God's best gift is himself in the person of his Holy Spirit. All those who practice the principles which Jesus taught in this model prayer shall experience the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

BRUCE BARTON SAYS



There Are Other Worlds

A man who has made some money without work, and therefore thinks he knows everything, was recently delivering himself on the subject of religion. He dismissed the idea of immortality as mere superstition, the yearning of children afraid of the dark. "Of course, there is no other world," he said.

To which a friend responded quietly: "You yourself have already been a resident of another and very different world. The world in which we now have our existence is a world of alternating periods of sunlight and dark; it is a world wherein human beings draw air into their lungs and expel it, eat and drink through their mouths, and walk around on their own legs. For nine months you lived inside your mother's body, in a world where there was no light, no air, where no nourishment reached you through your mouth and you were moved about on other legs than your own. Suppose an embryo were endowed with intelligence and imagination. How could it ever form any notion of this outside world? Wouldn't any description of it seem absurd? Wouldn't the embryo say, as you have just said, 'There can be no other world?'"

The smart man is still thinking up his answer. Just before I left the house this morning I held a conversation with a member of my family in the presence of our dog. As we talked, his little head swung back and forth, his round eyes looking first at one of us and then the other, trying so hard to understand. He dwells in the same house, eats the same food, breathes the same air that we do. But what we say and do and think and hope is utterly beyond his comprehension. He and we are citizens of two different worlds.

I have friends who live in worlds which I never have been able to enter. They see values in pictures my eyes cannot see; music speaks to them in a language I do not understand; they

have spiritual experiences which never have come to me. When I am in the presence of the best of them I have no difficulty in believing that there are possibilities of human life far and above our highest imaginings. Even beyond and above the mystery called Death.

The Show is a Flop

When the tension between England, France and Italy was at its highest point recently, the French veterans sent an appeal to their Premier not to make war on Italy. They said that armed conflict with the soldiers who had been their brave allies was unthinkable. Now this is a very interesting development in history. In times past the veteran use to sit around the tavern, relating his deeds of courage and urging the young men to prepare themselves for the day when they too would fight.

The veterans of the World War went back to their respective countries with no impulse to boast; memories were graven on their hearts that never can be erased; modest, quiet, tight-lipped, they have kept their war stories to themselves. In almost every country they are now leaders in the cause of honorable peace.

The young people who come to my house tell me that in all colleges and schools the anti-war sentiment is very strong. Does this mean that modern youth is less courageous than its forebears? Not at all. It means that the whole world is coming to realize that war as it is used to be and war as it is are two entirely different things. There may have been glory in hand-to-hand conflict; there is no glory in long-distance slaughter.

The age-old road-show called War has lost its following. Today the scenery is worn and tattered and spotted; martial music has lost its magic, the costumes and the well-worn lines of the principals seem to belong to the years of Nellie the Beautiful Cloak Model. The show is a flop.

Prevention is golden here. Keep the child's bowels freely open. Require plenty of drinking water, and good, plain, nutritious food. Air the bedrooms well during the day. I would not house children too closely. Cultivate tolerance for pure outdoor air but wrap the body warm. Keep feet and legs warm and dry especially. Treat the victim with sweating and inhalations of turpentine vapor, eucalyptus, or from slaking lime, until the doctor arrives.

Singer—Did you note how well my voice filled the great hall? Friend—Yes, people were kind enough to leave so, as to make room for it.

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