

Threading the Mary.



Mr. Gowest (at a Chicago evening party)—May I mark your card for the next party, Miss Breezy?

Example of European Politeness. In Italy, as well as in France, we often find a pleasant disposition to offer service, even if it is not directly paid for.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

A Youngster Who Did Not Take to Boarding-House Life. Little Fred and his father and mother were going to board with a neighbor for two weeks, while the house was undergoing repairs.

Judgment Rendered. Four-year-old Goldie, of Jersey City, was somewhat sharply chastised by her mother for what the child failed to consider a breach of discipline.

Willie's Hair-Cutting Idea. A certain Albany merchant reckons among his valuable possessions a bald head and a 3-year-old son.

Signs of Septicism. George is 4 years old. One day the youngster had been taken with a slight attack of prostration, and wishing to impress upon his infantile understanding the sinfulness of telling lies, the father related the story of George Washington and his little hatchet.

George's Cold. George comes down to breakfast with a swollen visage. Whereupon mamma says to the 4-year-old: "Why, George, darling, don't you feel well? Tell mamma what the matter is."

A New Name for Them. One Sunday a lady friend of mine took her little niece to the Episcopal church for the first time and placed her in the infant's class.

Prize Cigar. Featherly to Dunley, who has just given a cigar to him—Why do you (put) call this the (put) "prize" cigar Dunley?

Ready for Emergencies. Dinah—When you get these ere crockin', Sam? Sambo—To de mectin' ob de Othello Literary club.

The Credit All His Own. "Your husband is a self-made man, I believe," remarked a gentleman to a congressman's wife.

Proof Positive. Spectacles were invented some 200 years ago, and it is asserted that this may safely be relied upon, inasmuch as several bald girls who took part in the first spectacles are still extant.

THE TEN VIRGINS.

LESSON IV, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, APRIL 22.

Text of the Lesson, Matt. xxv, 1-13. Golden Text, Matt. xxv, 10—Memorize Verses 10, 11, 12, 13—Comment by Rev. H. S. Hoffman.

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Notes.—Lamps, torches. No oil, no grace. Oil with their lamps, grace should go with a profession. Tarrying, the Lord will not come enough for you, no one can supply grace for another's need.

V. 1. The number "ten" would seem to be the perfect number of secular life, as "seven" is of the spiritual life. It may "have originated in the arithmetic of the ten fingers."

V. 2. The numbers make nothing to the case, only the division is essential. The church at Christ's coming, as now, will consist of the two classes, the nominal and real Christians.

V. 3. In the case of the foolish virgins the taking of the lamps is everything, but the wise seem most concerned about taking oil in their vessels. Some are anxious about the profession and forms of religion. Better be concerned about having grace in the heart.

V. 4. At "midnight," when that which was promised had not been made right, a herald or a part of the retinue went before, announcing the approach of the bridegroom.

V. 5. Allusion is made to a longer delay of the Lord's coming than believers reckoned. While the bridegroom tarried they all, both wise and foolish virgins slept.

V. 6. At "midnight," when that which was promised had not been made right, a herald or a part of the retinue went before, announcing the approach of the bridegroom.

V. 7. Stitches of the joyous music were already heard on their ears. Excitement was rising into enthusiasm. The "virgins" all awoke.

V. 8. The religion of impulse, of excitement, of mere forms, of only a profession fails in the hour of need. Unable to rekindle their lamps in the crucial hour, their joy and hope are extinguished.

V. 9. Character and grace are not transferable. There are times when prudence has the appearance of selfishness. To have divided the oil would have involved all in darkness and "defeated" the purpose of the parable.

V. 10. We cannot prepare for the crisis at the moment. It took the virgins longer at this unreasonable hour to buy oil than at any other time. There is a special time when a duty must be done.

V. 11. The foolish virgins returned as Esau, too late for the blessing which no tears could give him. There is a time coming when it will be too late for even prayer.

Hot Water to Relieve Thirst. It is a mistake to suppose that cold drinks are necessary to relieve thirst. Very cold drinks, as a rule, increase the feverish condition of the mouth and stomach, and so create thirst.

Protection Against Tickling. I was a very ticklish youngster, and my comrades sometimes used that weakness for their own amusement. One how used to show me how little effect tickling had upon him; but one hot summer day, when he was lying reading, I tickled him on the ribs, and he almost went into convulsions.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES.

Arbor Day to-morrow.

Mike Brenner has sold out his livery stock. Decoration day comes in about six weeks.

Fred Steinkohl has moved into his new residence. We learn that Mr. Filber, the tailor, is quite sick.

The street sprinkler has commenced its work for the season. Some of the farmers are plowing up wheat and putting in oats.

A good, warm rain would help to bring the grass and wheat into view. The merchants have cleaned the street in front of their business places.

We had quite a hail storm on Tuesday last. No damage done however. Mr. & Mrs. George Haessler entertained a card party last Friday evening.

Wild geese are said by sportsmen to be plenty, but the law protects them this spring. A band of german musicians were in town yesterday afternoon playing for collections.

There will be a regular communication of Manchester Lodge, F. & A. M., next Monday evening. Those who contemplate spreading party this spring will do well to read Haessler's advertisement.

"Uneventful Lives," subject of sermon next Sunday morning at 10:30, at the universalist church. "Jakey" Girardin came here on Monday to accept a position as pitcher for the Manchester ball club.

Remember that to-morrow is Arbor day and everyone who desires a house and lot should plant a tree. One of our citizens says he will turn his stock out to grass soon, if he has to put green goggles on them.

Clark Bros. are getting up some tasty cabinets to hold the books for Travis' readers' unions, or libraries. The reason why the lutheran church bells have not been rung of late, is because Mr. Reutz has been sick.

Geo. Nisle took three of his best buggies to Somerset yesterday, where he always finds ready sale for his work. Street Commissioner Case was out with the road scraper a few days ago, and our streets are in better condition in consequence.

This is the season of the year when the cleaning up of the front and back yards, and other places which need it for the public health, should take place. There will be no bounty paid in this township for woodchuck scalps this year, but we advise the farmers to kill the woodchuck and preserve the scalps, for next year they will undoubtedly pay a bounty.

The entertainment given by Frank J. Kellogg at Goodyear Hall was not largely attended. The views were very good and we would advise the gentleman to take a week in study and the preparation of a suitable lecture. A man named Lee, who resides at "Happy Valley," started for home last Tuesday evening, and put his horses into a run, the wagon rattling so that the people thought surely a runaway had occurred and expected to see the team go into thicket or dash against some other team on the road. We learn that he has been warned not to do so again, and hope that the officers will see that he does not.

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