



Manchester Enterprise

By MAT D. BLOSSER.

MANCHESTER

In the south-west corner of Washington County, 25 miles from Ann Arbor...

Societies.

- MANCHESTER LODGE NO. 148, F. A. M. meet at Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening...

Business Cards.

- A. J. WATERS, ATTORNEY. And Counselor at Law. Office over Union Savings Bank...

STATE NEWS

THE HEARING OF FOOTE'S CHARGE AGAINST VINCENT.

SOME OF THE THINGS CONVICTS IN JACKSON PRISON HAVE DONE.

The developments of the investigation into the conduct of Jackson prison would be funny if they applied to an ordinary institution. It would seem that Convict Higgins had power, or license, to do some governing himself. The story of "Trusty Savage" that he was induced to run away does not bear much weight.

IN THE STATE.

Oliver Jacobs, of Three Rivers, is seriously ill from inhaling paris green while spraying potatoes.

Army worms destroyed 65 acres of timothy on the farm of Frank Squires, at Dickerson, within a few hours.

Vern Loveliss, aged 20, in bathing in Thornapple river with some companions, got beyond his depth and was drowned.

Jerry Woody, aged 21 fell from a scaffold while working on the sugar factory at Blissford, taking a drop of 20 feet and dying instantly.

Justus S. Stearns will triple the capacity of his salt block in Ludington so that it will have a daily output of between 4,000 and 5,000 barrels.

Gottlieb Lamprath, a well known farmer of Lodi township, was stricken by the heat Wednesday while harvesting wheat and died in a short time afterward.

Four new wells, with a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons a day, were connected with the new pumping station, and Plainwell will hereafter have clear water for daily use.

Peter Lantack, employed in a Menominee cedar yard, was killed by being hurled backward, striking his head on a railroad rail, causing concussion of the brain.

Marin, the 3-year-old son of Thos. Mount, living in "Frankenlust" township, was burned to death by setting fire to his clothes as the result of playing with matches.

Carl Augustine, a well-to-do citizen of Whitehall, has committed suicide by hanging himself. It is not clear why, for his business and domestic affairs were harmonious.

The village of Whitehall is greatly excited over the suicide of a prominent citizen, Carl Augustine, aged 43, who chose this method of committing suicide.

Chester C. Morfitt, a carpenter, while working on a barn in Cresco fell from a ladder 20 feet and broke his neck. He was past 50 years and is survived by a wife and five children.

Anglers who fish for the sport there is in it have called on the state warden to get after a few score of pot fishermen who are taking fish with nets and spears in the Kalamazoo lakes.

Leon Cribber, father of the twin boys burned to death in the fire horror in Eggleston township recently, remains in a dazed condition and cannot be aroused. He will probably die of grief.

During the night Sunday three prisoners, Robert Long, Thomas Jones and James McClure, broke jail and escaped by means of a blanket made into ropes.

Joseph Redusky, of Lansing, found a railway cartridge, laid it on a stone and pounded it with another stone. Part of the cartridge went into his face below the right eye and it is thought he will die.

Kalamazoo police have in custody 15-year-old Della McClure, on information that she eloped from her home at Tampico, Ill., with Jack Taylor, formerly of Osego. Taylor got away. The girl is held for her father.

Albert Little, while attempting to adjust a belt at Bousfield's women-wear factory in Bay City, had his left arm torn off by being caught in the shaft. "Little" was also otherwise injured and may not recover.

Dr. Harvey Gilbert, of Bay City, advances the theory that it may have been mosquitoes instead of poisoned ice cream which carried fever among the students who attended the commencement dinner at Alma college.

It is estimated that the peppermint crop of western Michigan will amount to \$500,000 this season. The first harvest will not yield the usual amount of oil, on account of the slow distillation caused by the continued rains.

Harry McClellan, a respectable looking young man, beating his way, was pushed from a moving freight train by a brakeman at Tekonsha Tuesday evening, and seriously injured. His foot was crushed and his body lacerated.

The promoters of the Lansing-Jackson electric railroad are threatening to cut out Mason entirely from their route and to connect the capital and prison cities by a line going by the way of Eaton Rapids because the Mason council refuses to grant them the right of way which they desire.

Switch light tender T. A. Hodges, of the Pere Marquette, has been let out. Heretofore he has looked after the switch lights at Waverly, Holland, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and New Buffalo. The new lights burn five days, and every fourth day a man will go the rounds and give them attention.

W. F. Shaler, a prominent hardware merchant of Grass Lake, met a shocking and instant death Saturday morning by the explosion of a gas machine which he was examining the working of and ignited a match to show up the inside. A terrific report followed. Shaler was about 45 years old.

The postoffice at Wolgerline, Mich., was burglarized at an early hour Tuesday morning. The burglars secured an entrance by taking out the window. Two separate charges of dynamite were used upon a large office safe, wrecking it completely and the building too. The burglars secured about \$800 in cash and \$200 in stamps.

Surrounded by fifth and undefinable peculiar circumstances, William Ryan, aged 88 years, a wealthy and miserly farmer, was found dead at his home near Port Huron, Tuesday. It is said that Ryan was the real murderer of a man named Shaley, a tax shark, who roamed the country a few years ago, but as no evidence could be brought against him, he was not convicted.

Josephine Liptack, 12-year-old daughter of John Liptack, of Menominee, disappeared Thursday last and has not been seen since. It is feared that she has been kidnapped or has wandered away and been lost.

NEW MOVES

THE CZAR AND KAISER IN CONFERENCE ON ROYAL YACHT

SOME HEALTHY ADVICE ON RULING AN EMPIRE GIVEN.

Is a New Alliance to Restore Quiet Coming?

The Czar of Russia met and conferred with the German emperor on Monday off the Swedish coast near the island of Helsingor. The meetings were arranged between the two emperors by personal correspondence and not through diplomatic channels.

The meeting is supposed to be understood that the conversation was to be entirely personal and intimate, and therefore no minister from either government was to be present.

The German minister to the correspondence that has been going on between the two emperors concerning peace, in which Emperor William urged Emperor Nicholas to take steps towards peace. Emperor William was then co-operating with President Roosevelt in a series of moves for peace and will continue to advise peace, should the Russian emperor ask for his further views. Emperor William went to the meeting, it is said, "prepared to say, if he were asked, that he thought Emperor Nicholas could obtain a full understanding and reconciliation with the disaffected portions of his people only through reforms. The German government is interested in having the neighboring country peaceful and prosperous, for it is toward the Russian empire that Germany's manufacturers look for a great trade expansion in the future."

The Kaiser has the fullest information regarding the Russian situation and may be able to give Emperor Nicholas statements of fact and deductions from them that are unknown to the Russian emperor.

The conference ended Monday afternoon with a gala luncheon on board the German imperial yacht Hohenzollern, after which Emperor William started seaward, accompanied for a short distance by the Russian imperial yacht Polar Star.

Beyond the additional fact that Emperor William paid a visit to the Polar Star and that subsequently Emperor Nicholas went on board the Hohenzollern and remained until long after midnight in the German emperor's cabin, Emperor William is said to be fully alive to the fact that the revolution in Russia could easily be communicated to Germany, and it is reported that he is anxious for that reason to see that reforms are granted which will restore tranquillity in the territory of his eastern neighbor.

Berlin Post hints that France has grown cold toward Russia; that the Russo-French alliance is on the eve of dissolution and that there is an increased feeling in Russia in favor of "concluding an alliance with Germany even at the cost of great sacrifices."

Coal Miners to Fight.

Evidence accumulates that the anthracite operators intend to give battle to the miners when the present three-year working agreement expires in April. Hundreds of thousands of tons of coal are being stored with a view of resisting to the limit the demands of the union, which the miners are morally certain to make after the expiration of the present agreement in Shooklin this fall. John Mitchell, in a speech a few days ago, warned the miners that the companies are preparing to resist demands. Even now the preparations for a struggle are being made. Hundreds of acres of space are being covered with coal, not only in the mines, but in the open grades as well.

White Manoeuvring in the Aeroplane.

White manoeuvring in the aeroplane made by Prof. Montgomery of Santa Clara college, Cal., Tuesday, Daniel Maloney was dazed and hurt to the earth when the machine turned over. Fully 3,000 people were in the air, after watching Maloney go through several evolutions in the air. The accident happened when Maloney attempted a deep dip towards the earth. The machine overturned, Maloney, with one leg, but after a moment's hesitation, turned over and plunged earthward. Maloney was still living when found, but with nearly every bone in his body broken, died in an hour. The aeroplane was reduced to splinters.

Ex-Secretary Lamont Dead.

Col. Daniel Scott Lamont, secretary of war during the administration of President Cleveland, died suddenly at his home at Millbrook, Dutchess county, N. Y., Sunday night. Heart failure was the cause of death. Col. and Mrs. Lamont were out driving in the afternoon and he appeared to be enjoying the best of health. After dinner he complained of feeling ill, and Dr. Stewart, of New York, who is a guest at the house, immediately went to his aid. The physician diagnosed the case as an attack of heart failure and in spite of the heroic treatment, Mr. Lamont passed away within half an hour.

Failure should be used as stepping stones to future success.

Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., is again teaching a Sunday school class at Oyster Bay.

The swain is said to have been so frightened by the recent bomb throw, that he crawled under the seat of his carriage trembling with terror.

A big bunch of the men who were wanted as witnesses at the Chicago beef trust investigation are still said to be in Montreal. Armour himself spent a week there, it is said.

Gov. Mickey, Nebraska, refused to appoint to office, men who smoke, drink, chew, swear, play cards, go to races, prize fights, raffles or stay out late at night.

STRIKE IS OFF.

THE CHICAGO BATTLE ENDS WITH UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

The teamsters' strike that so greatly disturbed business conditions in Chicago for the past 105 days was officially declared off by the members of the teamsters' joint council Thursday morning. The men have been ordered to seek their old positions, and it is estimated that less than one-half of them will be re-employed. The strikers have made a complete surrender, and will apply for work as individuals and without an agreement of any kind with their employers.

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LATE NEWS

YELLOW FEVER BREAKS OUT, QUARANTINE IS STRINGENT.

THE BENNINGTON'S BOILERS KNOWN TO BE WEAK AND DANGEROUS.

SENATOR MITCHELL SENTENCED TO FINE AND PENAL SERVITUDE.

Fighting Yellow Jack.

The Mississippi state board of health has amended its quarantine orders so as to include the entire state of Louisiana. The new order is to take effect at once. The fear of a case of yellow fever at Gulfport is believed to be unfounded. A thorough system of inspection is being put into effect in New Orleans by the state, city and federal authorities with a view to the prompt report of new cases of yellow fever in the event there is any spread from the dozen or more cases now under control. The situation is to be considered to be well in hand in the district about the French market where the fever had its origin.

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MUCH MONEY, BUT—

PICTURE OF FORLORN JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

John D. Rockefeller, thanks for sympathy, bumper for a kind word. With his uncounted millions and his mastery of men, his lifelong ambition gratified and no more worlds left for his mercenary conquering, the richest man in the world sits by the hour at Forest Hill, his chin sunk on his breast, or walks for hours under the trees of his magnificent estate, always alone except for his guards, who keep a distance from him, always in gloom. His greatest interest now is in his press clipping bureau, which is known to be a system perfected as highly as those maintained for the benefit of kings.

The flood

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Established in 1870. First paper devoted to the interests of the Village of Manchester...

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1906

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Efforts are being made to have the railroad crossing on Ann Arbor street...

Yip Thursday the first national bank of Manchester paid \$50,000...

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Mrs. G. H. Ford of Broopon is at the gallery this week...

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MYSTERY

Some of our citizens are considerably excited over the mysterious disappearance of Thomas Trubert...

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Summer Just Begun

The Heat Hot Day's have not come yet, that's why you should prepare to do Your Washing and Cooking on a Gasoline Stove.

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In Village and Country

George H. Mason advertises a sale on Tuesday...

Sugar beets in this section are certainly looking fine.

Gallop and Lewis have a new advertisement this week.

When did you ever see corn grow as fast as this year?

Fred Daveling is painting Fred Widmayer's warehouse, red.

E. C. Jenter advertises a special sale on red roofers, Saturday.

The military band will go to Clinton to play for sports day, August 2.

D. A. Donaldson is out on a business trip this week for Lester & Foster.

The Methodist Sunday school held a picnic at the village on Monday.

Mort Henderson is painting Mrs. James Henderson's residence on Water street.

Fred M. Freeman went to Detroit Monday on business and to see the blue ribbon races.

We had another change of temperature Sunday. A cool west wind brought comfort with it.

T. J. Farrell went to Jackson yesterday on business and to see the rural mail route.

They are cleaning house at the young bank and tending up the interior with paint and varnish.

Will Stalko and Oscar Unterhiner are at Franklin again this week working in the sugar beet fields.

Those who went to Jackson to see the exposition of the fall of Port Arthur, tell how they tried to draw the seals in those waters and what quantities of fish they captured.

At a meeting of the military band, Nick's Senger was elected leader in the absence of Robert Maribier.

The universal Sunday school and a number of the friends drove to Wampler's lake today for a picnic.

WAMPLER'S

WHERE COOL BREEZES BLOW
The number of people who devote six days in the week, during the 53 weeks of the year, to arduous toil, is growing less each year.

Not until to those fashionable resorts is well within the reach of a favored few, as the expense was great.

Years ago, those who could spare the money—and some can always spare it if they only can get it—would go to Europe or to some of the fashionable resorts.

People do not go to Wampler's lake to fish and make fashionable calls, though the cottages stand everywhere.

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SHARON.

Henry O'Neil is having his home re-sided. E. E. Stark has a new mower and seed binder.

Fred Brunell has started his thrashing machine. F. E. Jones returned to Battle Creek on Monday.

W. J. Walker and family were at Wolf Lake, Sunday.

Tom Upham has gone to Valley City, North Dakota.

Mrs. Dillie Hall of Ann Arbor has been visiting at C. W. Hall's.

O. L. Turvey of Manchester called on friends here last Thursday.

Mrs. Bert Kuhl, who has been in poor health the past year, is somewhat better.

Hudson (Pomeroy) and family of Chelsea visited at Byron and Ed. Pierce's, Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Rice has left the driving home that has been in the family so many years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Altomberg of Chelsea visited Sharon and Freedom friends, Sunday.

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Jewelry! Confectionery OR Repair Work AT

GOSMER'S. I keep nothing of inferior quality, nor do I allow any but First Class Work to leave my place.

at HAEUSSLER'S

We Have Some Fine Bargains to offer you this WEEK.

LADIES' SUMMER UNDERWEAR AT COST

Reed AND Porch Rookers AT

20c Candy at 12c a lb. \$1.98

Married. GENE-TRACY—in this village, at the residence of Dr. Mrs. E. A. Tracy...

Died. HENDESBOTT—in this village, on Thursday morning, July 27th, 1906...

Over our methods of Farming. Well, we are not Practical Farmers, but when it comes to Milling WE CAN'T BE BEAT.

Home Market. BUTTER—Good demand at 13c...

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FOR YOUNG READERS

The Brook.
Rushing down the mountain, tumbling through the vale,
Sprinkling all the land about with spray,
Sliding under boulders which dot the hill
and dash.
A little mountain brooklet pushed its way.

It helped to turn the mill-wheel of the mill upon the bank.
It made some brook where children love to be.
It helped the merry fisher as his hook and line he sunk.
And it whispered as it ran into the sea.

"I'm glad I helped the miller, and made the children dance."
And I'm glad I made the fisher merry be.
I'm glad I did a bit of work when once I had the chance.
And now I'm glad I've made a larger sea."
—St. Nicholas.

Jackknives.
The word "jack" is applied to any contrivance which does the work of a boy or servant. In French the name "Jacques" is a term used for a youth of mental condition. The term "country jake" is of kindred sense.

Jack-lord, Jack-a-napes, Jack Tar, Jack-o-Lantern, Black Jack, Jack Rabbit, the term Jack applied to the knave in playing cards, Jack-in-the-box, and Jack-at-all-trades show the derivative meaning. Hence jackknife means a boy's knife. In early days the jackknife headed the list of a boy's toys and, with his skates, gave him the greatest pleasure. His skates were made of what do you suppose? Beef bones, fastened to the soles of his feet!



Make six two-syllable words by getting a hint from the pictures. The pictures suggest the last syllable in each case, and all are commonplace words. When they are guessed correctly and placed in their numbered order, the initials will spell the best time to eat nuts.

A Wise Donkey.
There was once a farmer who had a donkey, and like most people who own donkeys his master did not have a great deal of respect for his wisdom. One day the donkey showed him that he knew a great deal more than he was given credit for. At any rate after this occasion the farmer thought him far wiser than a whole forest full of owls, who have ever been regarded as the wisest of feathered folk. But to begin at the beginning.

The hero of this tale—the donkey—was very hungry. His master thinking him only a donkey thought he did not know the difference between eating prickly thistles and something better. The donkey was very tired of thistles, and his stomach felt like the "old scratch" because of them. He gave a loud bray and before he got to the end of it—not far from the orchard was open. The donkey had always longed to go into this forbidden place, but the gate was kept securely locked. His master could not lock the smell of the apples and pears from reaching the donkey's nose, though, and this smell made the donkey long more and more after the good things which grew there. The donkey could scarcely believe his eyes or nose, either, but the second glance showed him that his eyes had not deceived him. The gate was open, consequently the donkey was invited into the orchard. Once inside he lost no time in sampling the fruit of a fine apple tree. You know how fond your pet pony is of a nice juicy apple? Well! you can imagine how a donkey, who had been raised on thistles, would regard a tree full of them. He ate and ate until no pig would have recognized him. Branch after branch came off the tree in Mr. Donkey's attempt to get the delicious apples. All went well until his master returned. When he saw what the donkey had done, poor donkey got the worst whipping that he had ever got in his life. The master almost cried, for his tree was ruined and the apples were the finest ones he owned.

The year following what was his surprise to see that the tree he had looked upon as ruined bore double as many apples as any other tree in the orchard? Besides this, the apples were finer and larger than any he had ever grown. He was ashamed of the way he had treated the donkey for his part in the scheme. He gathered a large basket of the apples and himself

carried it to the poor donkey. Ever after this the farmer pruned all the trees in the orchard, and from so stupid an animal as a donkey the valuable process of pruning trees was discovered.

Would You Make Some Money?
When selecting a business or a profession for life it is worth while to think very carefully what you can do best and what you would most of all like to do. But there are times when almost every boy or girl wishes he could do some little thing in spare half hours to make spending money. The question then is, What do people want done? Of course, there are gardens to make in the spring and paths to shovel in winter. But anybody can do that, and those jobs come only at odd times. What is there that is always needing to be done, that you can do, and that not many persons are trying to do?

Well, here is one suggestion: Be the neighborhood mender. First get a bottle of cement and a bottle of glue, some sandpaper, putty, a small box of paints and a little varnish. Hunt up everything about the house that needs mending and practice upon it. Toys, furniture, china and glassware, book covers, picture frames, etc. Mend them as skillfully as you can, and then get some boy with a printing press to run off 50 business cards for you, announcing that you will neatly and promptly repair broken articles of every description—naming them. Distribute your cards, either by hand or by mail, and then call regularly every week to see what work there is for you. As you become more skillful you can charge enough to make a neat little income. In this as well as any other enterprise you will need pluck, patience and perseverance. Command these three and success is yours.

That's Why.
There is a true story of a young official in the American navy who met knowledge in a landsman when he least expected it.

While his ship was in harbor, a volunteer naval brigade came on board for a little practical instruction, and the young lieutenant was detailed to give the landsmen their lesson in gun-manoeuvres.

He showed them all the different types of guns and explained their mechanism. Once, however, his knowledge failed him. One of the guns was a new model, and something about the breech mechanism was novel and perplexing.

"This gentleman is a new attachment for—"
"One of the volunteer naval brigade spoke up."
"Excuse me, sir; it's for range finding." Then he went on to explain the working of the thing, but after a few words stopped and retired. The officer looked at him coldly.

"How do you know what you're talking about? This device wasn't put in any ship until three weeks ago," he said.

"I know, sir, but you see, I invented it," answered the volunteer, to the lieutenant's dismay.

Fittermice.
All winter long the fittermice have been hanging, heads down, in their gloomy cave. Now the spring sun beaming on the roof has told them it is time to wake up and fly out to enjoy life once more. See that big fellow chasing gnats there over the brook! How he darts this way and that!

From the spectator's point of view at least, a hobble-hoop race is one of the funniest sports imaginable. A regular hoop or a barrel hoop is all that is necessary to be furnished each competitor. The hoop must first be laid flat on the ground and then the racers are invited to step inside it, after which the hoop is lifted to ankle height, and then strapped or tied securely to both ankles which are on the inside.

takes at our supper time, for her day begins when the first stars twinkle in the sky. So the babies fasten their little thumb hooks tightly into their mother's fur and away she darts, smacking her lips in anticipation of the juicy midges awaiting her.

Acrobatic Rat.
Sir Godfrey Lagden, having found his stables in Johannesburg overrun with rats, had great difficulty in putting down the pest. They lay quiet by day, did great mischief at night, and wouldn't look near a trap. However, he killed a good many by one plan. He placed a square box, two feet deep, lined with tin, in a room, and inside the box put some burnt cheese. No self-respecting rat can resist toasted cheese; but, having got inside the box (which was easy), it was quite another thing to climb up the slippery sides, and so several rats perished. One morning Sir Godfrey's children found a rat in the box, and placed their cat—an excellent ratter—beside it for company. But the two animals clumped up in the friendliest way, and the cat at last jumped out. Their dash was introduced; the dog showed fight at once; but the rat dodged it cleverly round and round, and finally climbing on the dog's back, leaped out of the box and escaped.

What is He Looking At?



Ned Robinson was one whose mind to evil deeds was much inclined. He studied always how to do some mischief to the good and true. The more, then, did it cause surprise to Mr. Sweetings, kind and wise. When he saw Ned, with gentle smile, look o'er the fence quite without guile.

"Well, well," good Mr. Sweetings said.

"There's something virtuous in Ned! It is completely clear to me. He has a deep respect for me!"
"Was Mr. Sweetings right?" Just turn the picture upside down and learn.

Good Outdoor Game.
Close two captains, one Turkish and one Greek. They should stand with arms lifted high and hands joined in an arch, under which all the other players should pass, one by one, each grasping the next one's clothes, and all singing:

"Open the gates as high as the sky,
And let the Sultan and his troops pass by."
At the word "by" the two captains should suddenly lower their clasped hands and make a prisoner of the one who happens to be passing at the moment.

Then the prisoner must be asked:
"Will you be a Turk or a Greek?" and he must take his place behind the captain of his choice.

When all the players have been caught and have chosen their captains they engage in a "tug-of-war," and the side that succeeds (within five minutes) in dislodging the other from its position wins the victory.

Time for Sticks.
Why don't more of you boys and girls take to stiltis this summer? They're fine.

The Japs are the most enthusiastic stilters in the world, it is said. They make their stiltis of bamboo. They mortise the blocks for the feet on to the sticks and bind them in place with withes. The queer thing is that the blocks, instead of projecting sideways, project backward, and the little Jap boys and girls hold on by grasping the sticks between their big toes and little toes.

The Bible has saved languages from oblivion: it has raised half-beastly sounds into ordered speech; it has given illiterate languages a literature; it has sustained the standard of the nobler tongues, and beyond all other books together it has made human speech glorious. Like Christ himself, it is universal.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS LESSON

LESSON FIVE—JULY 30.
GOLDEN TEXT.—Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34.

I. The Evil Son of Godly Parents.—
"As 1, 2. We have studied the history of the great and good King Hezekiah, who was buried "in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David; all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honor at his death. These are the men who redeem history from contempt. How will the history now run? Surely it cannot drop a level from which it cannot drop. We shall hear no more of bad kings of Judah."—Joseph Parker. Alas! Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, was worst of them all.

1. "Manasseh." The name of a tribe in Israel, given "perhaps in allusion to the zeal with which that northern tribe had joined in Hezekiah's reforms, or to the desire which prevailed in Hezekiah's reign for a union of the two kingdoms."—Stanley. "Was 12 years old." "In Judah, as in England, a king was not supposed to be of age until he was 18. For six years Manasseh must have been to a great extent under the influence of his regents and counselors."—Farrar. And much of this influence was probably bad. "When he began to reign." He was the sixteenth king of Judah. "He reigned fifty and five years." The longest reign in the history of Judah and Israel. A comparison, however, with Assyrian records makes it likely that this figure is a copyist's error, and that Manasseh reigned only forty-five years.

2. "But did that which was evil." "The sins of Manasseh's reign appear to have been those which filled up the measure of Judah's iniquity and brought down the final sentence of doom on the last remnant of the chosen people—a sentence of which not even the piety of Josiah could obtain the reversal."—Cook. "In the sight of the LORD." Whose judgment is everywhere in the Bible recognized as the only final test of right and wrong. "Like unto the abominations of the heathen." Catalogued in verses 3-8 in almost the same words as in Deut. 18:9-14. "Whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel." The Canaanites and other original inhabitants of the land (see the list in Josh. 3:10), whom Jehovah conquered by miraculous interposition, as at the fall of Jericho, and also indirectly, by strengthening the bodies and souls of his people.

3. "Manasseh's Great Sin."—Vs. 3-4. Manasseh's great sin rose in four steps to a climax.

First Step: The Abominations of Idolatry (Vs. 3, 6). "He built again the high places." Idolatrous sanctuaries, originally built upon hills, but the name came to be applied to heathen shrines even in valleys. "Which Hezekiah his father had broken down." As one step in his great reformation (2 Chron. 34:1). "And he reared up altars for Baalim." R. V., "the Baalim." "Baal was the title of the supreme god of the Canaanites, who was worshipped in different places under somewhat different aspects; hence the plural ('Baalim') here."—Cambridge Bible. "And made images" (R. V., "Asheroth"). Wooden groves or symbols of a licentious appearance and significance, connected with the worship of the Phœnician goddess of love. "And worshipped all the host of heaven." The sun, moon, chief stars, and the twelve signs of the zodiac. "From this superstition Judah had hitherto been free. Probably it was imported from Arabia or Babylonia, Hezekiah's ally."—Wood.

Consider verses 4, 5, in connection with verses 7, 8, below.

6. "He caused his children (in 2 Kings, 'his son') to pass through the fire." The sacrifice of children by fire was part of the worship of the Ammonite god Moloch. "At Carthage the victim was placed on the hands of a colossal image, from which it rolled off into a pit of fire."—Hastings. "The valley of the son of Hinnom." This valley appears to be that of the Kidron, east of Jerusalem (see Hastings' Bible Dictionary). "Also he observed times." R. V., "practiced augury." "Augury" among the Romans consisted chiefly in observing birds and interpreting the observations made, but augurs observed also various natural phenomena."—Cambridge Bible. "Serpent charms."—Wolffendale. "And used witchcraft." R. V., "practiced sorcery." "And dealt with a familiar spirit." R. V., "with them that had familiar spirits." "And with wizards." Diviners. See Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible, article "Sorcery." No wonder that all this "evil in the sight of the LORD" should "provoke him to anger."

Second Step: The Desecration of the Temple (Vs. 4, 5, 7, 8). 4. "Also he built altars (to his false gods) in the house of the LORD." "The altars of this verse seem to be the same with those of v. 5, and consequently were not in the Temple building, but in the outer and inner courts (cf. 2 Kings 23:12)."—Cook. "Whereof the LORD had said." etc. Speaking to Solomon by night (2 Chron. 7:16).

5. "In the two courts." The outer "of the people," the inner "of the priests" (2 Chron. 4:9). Thus sacrifices were offered to idols alongside the great altar of burnt offering."—Wood.

7. "He set a carved image." In 2 Kings 21:7. R. V., "the graven image of Asherah"—a wooden carving of shameful shape and meaning, doubtless worshipped with licentious orgies.

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Nothing has ever been snatched out of the hands of Christ—except the nails which fastened him to the cross.

Provision for Daughters.
Give the tenth of your income to God and the poor, not forgetting, perhaps, your own relations. Then live within two-thirds of the remainder, capitalizing one-third for any children, particularly girls, whom God may hereafter give you.—A. F. P. in Daily Graphic.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will see the effect when the weaving of a lifetime is unraveled.—Chas. Wagner.

Fashions for Men's Coats

The modern cutaway sprang from the body-fitting justacorps of the French as known to the courtiers of Louis XIV and Louis XV, and the garment was in turn probably evolved from the frock or tunic, worn in the fourteenth century, says the Sartorial Art Journal.

The first trace of a cutaway in anything like its present form is seen in old prints of French military uniforms, early in the eighteenth century. For civilian use it was worn in England about 1785 as a riding coat, the tails being very long. In 1793 it was adopted in France for walking as well as for riding and was then in shape and cut much nearer the modern cutaway than any of its predecessors, though it was usually double-breasted. Early in the nineteenth century the cutaway had eight or nine buttons, only the fourth, fifth and sixth being used. This admitted of the wearer showing his neck-cloth, fancy waistcoat and frilled shirt to the best advantage. Not till 1840, or thereabouts, did the cutaway become almost identical with the modern garment, and since then the changes in its shape have been comparatively slight. In 1841 the word "cutaway" became a fixture in the language.

Incidentally, we may add, the present black dress coat has, by the English-speaking nations, been restricted to evening wear little more than half a century. In some continental countries the dress coat is "proper form" for wear at court or other important formal assemblages held in the daytime.

The sack coat probably dates from the "Macaronies," who introduced it into England in 1172, though a garment somewhat similar was worn by the "Roundheads" of Cromwell's time.

Cowardice in Social Life

Just see how it is, in these respectable lives of ours; see how almost all our trivial shortcomings have their root back in this one shameful sin of cowardice. Take extravagance, which means theft; take affectation, which means untruthfulness; take worry, which means distrust—and is not distrust an irreverence of the mind, if not of the lips? Take concern about small physical ills, which means selfish narrowness,—ah, well, the list grows as long as the Ten Commandments as we think it over. Indeed it is a most disagreeable line of thought, and far pleasanter and easier to work out for other people, say, Messdames X. Y. and Z. than ourselves. For instance, we can see clearly enough Mrs. X's cowardice—in her extravagance. That woman, if you will believe it, buys a new carpet, though she hasn't paid her butcher for two months, because she is ashamed of the worn spot in front of the window. A rug would look queer in such a place, so she can't cover the spot, but she is afraid to have people see it, so she buys a new carpet. Of course she could perfectly well pull the old carpet up and have decent clean boards, but, heavens, no! she has not the courage for realities. Hence, Mr. X, sighs, and the butcher, when another month goes by and he is still unpaid, swears, and Mrs. X's forehead takes a new wrinkle. Coward! the chief, too, from the butcher's point of view; for, of course, the price of that carpet has come out of his pocket. And fool, the Sinner adds, severely. For being a woman of more education than Mrs. X, she understands the dignity and refinement of economy.—Margaret Deland, in Harper's Bazar.

A Vermonter's Round Barn

Waterford, Vt., a town containing many prosperous and enterprising farmers, is proud of Winfield S. Hastings, and Mr. Hastings is justly proud of his round barn, says the Boston Globe. Though built solely for use it has, nevertheless, attracted much attention, and over 2,500 persons have driven up the hilly road from the valley of the Passumpsic to the high ridge of land where his 400-acre farm lies. Mr. Hastings runs a dairy farm and the barn was built in this way, as he believed it would be more serviceable than any other kind.

It is eighty feet in diameter and the basement contains no posts, but is trussed with 14 by 10 timbers 31 feet long, radiating from the center like spokes in a wheel. Around the wall are the nests for a flock of 100 hens, which contribute twenty-five dozen of eggs to the weekly product of the farm. Eight octagonal sties, all connected, encircle the silo and furnish a home for forty pigs.

Resting Places of the Stock.
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