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By

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SYNOPSIS

Joan Denby of humble origin, is introduced as a social equal of Miss Georgina La Fontaine, rather than as her secretary. She meets Piers Hannen, millionaire, who forces his attentions on her. Lord Edwards proposes to Joan.

Joan leaves Miss La Fontaine to become a mannequin at the Salon Celeste.

"I'd like you to think better of me," Piers replied drily. "But the price would be rather too high if I were to achieve your good opinion by never seeing you again."

"You'll never have my good opinion," said Joan.

"Then I'll do without it," he rejoined, and added in a low, harsh voice. "But you I'm going to have, and that's that!"

"I COULDN'T MARRY YOU!"

The ferry had pushed off again, and was slowly sliding back athwart the dark flood of the Thames. Joan glanced nervously about her noting that there were people in sight; only a few yards from them a man was strolling up and down.

"Yes, there are plenty of people about," he said, divining her thought. "But one day there won't be; one day we'll clear them all away, all the extraneous and unnecessary people, and there'll only be you and me!"

"You'll buy us a place to ourselves, I suppose, with all your money and your influence," said Joan, and she cried desperately: "Do you want another knife in your ribs, is that it?"

His momentary silence made her realise that she had surprised him; was it her fancy in the dim light, or did his face darken?

"Oh!" he said, and his tone was changed. "So you know that story, do you?"

"Yes!"

He took out his cigarette case, thoughtfully extracted a cigarette, all without a glance at her. For the first time she realised she had shaken his composure, and with a sense of her own justification she sat and gazed across the dark rippling water, anticipating with the starry lights on either bank. Her hands were cold, for it was getting chilly and the night fog was coming up; she was tired, too, after her long day; she did not want to fight against him any more, but to be left alone.

"Who told you?" he asked, at last. "Georgina?"

"No. Do you think it likely? I saw the scar once, in Cannes, when you had just come out of the sea after a bathe. Somebody told me the story."

"I wonder if there was any truth in it!"

"Some girl or other, a dancer, they said, in Monte Video—stabbed you, in self defence."

She waited for his to deny it, and all he said after a pause was:

"It wasn't Monte Video, it was Buenos Aires." And after another he added:

"I suppose you think that I'm some sort of a monster! It didn't happen, you know, quite as you think it happened."

"No."

"You know so much—I might as well tell you the rest. You have been holding this against me, I suppose? Good Lord, and I never knew! No, it wasn't quite as bad as that."

"Oh, I don't want to hear!" begged Joan.

"Is that quite just?"

"No; I'm sorry."

"I'm not pretending that I think that the truth of the matter is exactly flattering to me," he went on, in a lighter tone. "But it happened five — no, seven years ago. I'm thirty-two, did you know? I don't suppose you did, but now you do. You're going to marry a man who is thirty-two, you can lie awake at night and think about that! Anyhow, seven years ago there was a South Atlantic yacht race, from Teneriffe via the Azores to Buenos Aires; I used to sail in those days, and as mine was rather a fine craft, I took part. Ten of us competed; seven arrived, two got hung up at the Azores, and one was lost altogether—my best friend, as it happened. He was never heard of again. Well, my boat arrived first. I didn't know, of course, that my friend was lost—otherwise what happened would not have happened. I was very elated at winning the race; I knew some very bright souls in Buenos Aires and they gave me a terrific time!"

He stopped to glance at her; but she was looking away at the lights on the river, and her expression was quietly attentive, not unkind.

"You probably think that I'm a scoundrel, but I'm not. I'm about as moral as the average man, no more and no less, I suppose," he said. "One night in Buenos Aires a friend suggested going round behind the stage of the Opera House after the performance of the ballet. There was a much admired ballerina — young, beautiful—she really was beautiful—and with a reputation for having a few and only a few favoured lovers. I was told among other things that she abhorred Englishmen. We had all had a fair amount to drink, and I had had rather too much I fancy, for I got a mad idea into my head that I would see how far this abhorrence of Englishmen went. I met her, I thought her extremely lovely, I came to the conclusion that her abhorrence of Englishmen didn't go very far; and that she was the sort of woman who was only waiting to be subdued."

TO BE CONTINUED

QUEER WORLD

Charles I, in want of money in 1641, bought of the old East India Company the whole of their stocks of pepper (then a very valuable commodity) on credit, and sold it for cash.

Down 403 steps, up 403 steps, six days a week, month after month, year after year, is part of the normal work of Mr. R. G. Rees, postman of Holyhead, who delivers the mail to South Stack Lighthouse, Anglesey.

Karachi, the Indian airport, has an aerial milestone which indicates the way and distance by air to London, Baghdad, Delhi, and Queta. It is visible from a height of 2,000 feet.

Apples weighing 8 lb. each have been grown by Mr. Ichitaro Matsuda, of Nagano, Japan. Although sour, they have a good flavour. Their size is the result of many experiments.

The Pope has been presented with a wonderful "Eucharistic" clock. It is about two feet high and has a globe-map of the world which is lighted by electricity. On the map is indicated the time at which Mass is being celebrated at any particular moment in any part of the world.

A new material that can be used in place of cotton wool for surgical dressings has been discovered by a Russian doctor. Algimine, as the material has been named, is made from a fibrous water-weed which grows in large quantities in certain Siberian lakes.

Women Wearing Air Badge

Women are rallying to the new movement to make Britain air-minded. They are joining the new National League of Airmen, which is sponsored by the Government to arouse interest in the Royal Air Force and in civil aviation. The women are proudly wearing the tiny silver and blue airplane, which is the badge of the league, and are inducing men to join. The demand for the badges has been so great at times that the supply was several days in arrears. League headquarters in London are usually crowded with applicants for membership. Meetings and film shows are planned to make more widely known the League's aims.

Rogers Joins Bunch Of Old Joshers

Some of Will Rogers' quaint thoughts are recalled from the pages of a book written by his old friend, the late Charles M. Russell, Montana cowboy artist. Russell died several years ago as he was about to complete the book, "Trails Plowed Under," a collection of reminiscences of the old west, illustrated by his own paintings and drawings. The book was published last year.

Rogers wrote the introduction in the form of a letter to his old friend in the other world. It was done about nine years ago.

With characteristic modesty Rogers disclaimed the ability to write an introduction. Continuing, he said:

"There aint much news here to tell you. You know the big Ross gent sent a hand over and got you so quick Charley. But I guess He needed a good man pretty bad. I hear they been working short handed over there pretty much all the time, I guess its hard for Him to get hold of good men, they are just getting scarce everywhere . . .

". . . I bet you hadn't been up there three days until you had cut your old pencil and was a drawing something funny about some of their old punchers. . . . I bet you Mark Twain and old Bill Nye and Whitcomb Riley and a whole bunch of those old joshers was just a waiting for you to pop in with all the latest ones, what kind of a bird is Washington and Jefferson. I bet they are regular fellows when you meet 'em ain't they? Most big men are.

"I would like to see the bunch that is gathered around you the first time you tell the one about putting the limburger cheese in the old proctors whiskers. Don't tell that Charley until you get Lincoln around you, he would love that, I bet you and him kinder throw in together when you get well acquainted, darn it when I get to thinking about all them old top hands up there, if I could just hold a horse wrangling job with em, I wouldn't mind following that wagon myself. . . .

"You will run onto me old dad up there Charley, for he was a real cowhand and I bet he is running a wagon, and you will pop into some well kept ranch house over under some cool shady trees and you will be asked to have dinner, and it will be the best you ever had in your life, when you are a thanking the women folks, you just tell the sweet looking little old lady that you knew her boy back on an outfit you used to rep for, and tell the daughters that you knew their brother, and if you see a cute little rascal running around there kiss him for me. Well cant write you any more Charley dam papers all wet,

"Will."

Planting Trees On Farms

Observes the Brussels Post.—There is a Perth County farmer who some years ago started planting trees in a ravine on his property. He said he knew it would never be possible to cultivate the land, and he wanted trees there for two purposes. The first may seem simple — he liked trees — and then he was certain the bush would be a good place for pasturing cattle in hot weather.

The trees are such as are found in ordinary woodlot, but there are a number of spruce and pine as well. The spot today is a place of beauty. That is not all. Last Winter he took out eight cords of wood, and the stuff he removed was surplus growth or broke ndown trees. He says it looks better now that the eight cords of wood were removed. To look at the place today one would think trees had never been removed from it.

It is much easier to get young trees today than it used to be, and there are plenty of farms where there is a piece of land which might well be put to growing trees. The people on the land today may not get the benefit, but the next generation will.

"Actors are expected to say things that are impressive. And when they don't, people are disappointed."—Katherine Hepburn.

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Campus Clothes Must be Both Smart and Useful

The Co-ed's Wardrobe Is On Display From Morning Until Night, So Use Discrimination.

The college term is at hand and co-eds are busy choosing their wardrobes.

First of all, if you haven't much money, choose your clothes of durable material that doesn't wrinkle or spot and don't have fussy trimmings that have to be cleaned or renewed. Have it plain in cut and not too obtrusive in color. If you are on of those people who just must have a touch of color about you, use it in scarf and belt so that you may change it without too much expense when you're tired of it, or it needs renewing.

Here is a list chosen by one of the shops as a guide for your college "trousseau":

STREET AND CAMPUS

Harris tweed coat.
Fur coat, if possible.
2 tweed skirts.
Twin sweaters in gay colors.
1 slip-over sweater that will contrast with skirts.
2 woollen dresses (for campus dates and football games)
2 silk afternoon dresses (one dark and one bright).
1 tea dance dress.
Dress coat fur trimmed.

EVENING WEAR

2 evening dresses (both quite formal).
A long velvet wrap.
Evening slip, if necessary.

UNDERWEAR

1 girdle (even if you are thin)
3 brassieres.
4 pairs step-ins.
2 pairs of woollen bloomers (you'll appreciate these in January).
1 or 2 pairs flannel pyjamas.
1 pair lounging pyjamas.
Tailored flannel bathrobe.
Leather bedroom slippers.
3 slips.
6 pairs hosiery.
Silk or satin negligee.
Mules.
Silk pyjamas or nightie for week-end house parties.

SPORTS APPAREL

1 tennis dress (for that Indian summer which you are sure to have after you get back).
A white dress, or a white sweater and skirt for special occasion.
A riding habit, if you ride.
A ski-suit with matching or contrasting woollen accessories, cap, scarf, mittens, socks, etc., and ski boots.

ACCESSORIES

Brown accessories to go with tweed coat, calf or pigskin gloves, leather purse, and chilie oxfords; brown felt riding type hat.
Couple of Basque berets.
One pair of pumps for afternoon clothes.
A dressy hat for afternoon clothes.
Evening slippers, sandals either silver or dyed to match dresses.
Evening bag either beaded or brocade.
Earrings and other jewellery to be worn with evening clothes.
Pearl stud earrings and necklace for daytime clothes.
1 pair suede gloves.

LUGGAGE

1 trunk.
1 week-end case.
A "duffle bag" is a handy thing to have around and one of those rubber-lined toilet rolls or handbags is almost a necessity to carry your toilet things to and from the tub.

GOOD TASTE

Of course, all these things need not be brought for immediate use. The list is just a "guide" to help you choose your frocks. If you want to be dressed in good taste, choose simple things not only because they may be easily cared for but because simplicity is always the hall mark of good taste. Don't discard all your old things — you may be glad to have them.

Hawk Shadow

Gerald Raftery, in the New York Sun.

A hawk on rocking wings goes dreamily over
The placid meadow,
Casting on sunny slope and tangled clover
His cruel shadow.

A stillness goes before him as he passes,
This death who flies,
And furred and feathered lives among the grasses
Shrink from his eyes.

With peering, cruel head he sweeps away
And out of sight —
And then a raucous crow cries out his say
To hide his fright.

Agreed

"Now, children, stop quarrelling. Can't you ever agree?"

"We have agreed this time, mother, Jack wants the biggest piece of cake, and so do I."

Ten cowhides were used in making the uppers and over 481 hides of leather the soles and heels of the biggest boot in the world. It measures fifteen feet in height and took six master shoemakers of Saxony town, and their assistants six months to make it.

Liver-Fed Trout Make Big Gains Seven Ounces Each In 11 Months

From The Canadian Fisheries Bulletin

As proof of what selective breeding and efficient feeding methods can do in hastening the growth of trout, consider the case of speckled trout fingerlings raised at the fish hatchery operated by the Dominion Department of Fisheries at Antigonish, N.S., where they reached in 11 months as great a weight as three-year-old fish living under natural conditions and foraging for themselves.

There were 10 fingerlings in the lot that was studied and all of them were the progeny of selected parents. When first put on the scales these fish babies weighed less than a pound, all told, or, to be exact, 15.2 ounces, but in slightly less than 11 months they had grown to weigh 709 ounces, which simple arithmetic shows to have meant an average of seven ounces each.

Other studies — for instance, research by fisheries biologists in Ontario—have indicated that trout living will take about two and one-half years to reach an average weight of seven ounces, though it must be kept in mind, of course, that bodies of water, like parcels of land, vary in their fertility and fish grow faster in some lakes and streams than in others.

The fingerlings handled in the Antigonish test were not only the product of selective breeding but they were fed, of course, in accordance with approved hatchery practice. For the most part, their diet consisted of beef liver. In approximately the first month of the test their aggregate weight increased from 15.2 ounces to 99.5, or more than 230 per cent., and in the next three months there was a further gain of over 200 per cent., and total weight rose to 709 ounces. The next seven months brought the figures to 700 ounces.

Fish raised at departmental hatcheries are used for stocking suitable waters, angling waters in some cases and commercial fishing areas in others. Anything which can be accomplished toward improving the strains is, therefore, of a good deal of importance. It is for this reason that the department gives as much attention as may be feasible to experiments in selective breeding.

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Woman's World

By Mair M. Morgan

IMPORTANT MEAL TOO OFTEN OVERLOOKED

Thinking up variations every in and year out for three square meals day—it's a career all by itself, even if the census makers and other statisticians do persist in putting the housewife down as one with no occupation.

Breakfasts are particularly difficult, if we are to judge by the letters that come to this desk voicing plaintive calls for help.

Kinds of Breakfast

The very light breakfast includes fruit, some sort of bread—such as toast or rolls, and a beverage—milk, cocoa or coffee. This type of meal is suitable for adults whose habits are sedentary and who eat adequate noon meals.

The slightly heavier, though still light breakfast adds cereal to the above. This meal is convenient because it provides the essentials of the children's breakfast and takes care of adults who are moderately active physically.

The medium breakfast consists of fruit, cereal, eggs or their equivalent, bread and beverage. It is suitable for school children, adults who are active physically and those who take only a little luncheon at noon.

The heavy breakfast adds an extra dish to the medium breakfast. Persons who are engaged in strenuous muscular work and those whose total food requirements for the day are high need this kind of meal.

For Inactive Persons

Keeping these classifications in mind, it is simple to plan one breakfast menu which will meet the needs of all members of a family no matter how diversified their interests. The inactive person may merely reduce the extra dishes and concentrate on the light or medium items.

The child's breakfast should furnish nourishment. His stomach has been without food for the long period during the twenty-four hours, and is ready for a meal which will supply food for energy since an active child uses up a vast amount of nervous and muscular energy during the day. Fruit or fruit juice, hot or cold cereal with cream or top milk, milk or cocoa made with milk, toast and a soft cooked egg makes a well-balanced breakfast for a growing child.

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VALUABLE USES OF ICE AND ICE WATER

To a great many people, ice has become simply a means of making summer drinks refreshingly cold. We're apt to overlook the many valuable uses of ice and ice water, as well as cold, in the household, laundry and sickroom.

Here are a few suggestions:

A chilled knife will cut meringues, cakes and pies in neat, even slices, without sticking. Simply dip the knife in cold water each time before cutting a slice in a meringue-covered pie, and you will have evenly cut pieces.

Iced water is used to thaw out frozen fish before it is cooked.

Several minutes' standing in cold ice water makes hard-cooked eggs easy to shell.

Ice water washes the salt from butter that is to be used in making pastry.

Cold makes cream whip better and quicker. Place cream, bowl, and whipper in the refrigerator a while before whipping cream.

Ice water and chilled utensils make pastry more tender and flaky.

Cold makes bread that is too fresh, "firm" for sandwich cutting. Place bread in electric refrigerator an hour and it will resemble day-old bread when cut. Angel-food cake also cuts easier after placing a while in the refrigerator.

Cold sets the flavor in dishes such as soups and stews. Store these dishes in the refrigerator and reheat for second serving.

Chilling makes cookie dough easier to roll, and permits using less flour.

Ice cubes folded into a dampened soft muslin or cheese cloth make an excellent face pack to stimulate the skin.

Cold storage in the refrigerator makes facial cold cream go farther.

Ice water applied to face and hands is first aid in fainting.

Ice water compresses are the best bandage for an eye which has been injured or cut by a foreign particle, until the doctor comes.

Ice water baths and ice packs are used to reduce the patient's temperature in case of sunstroke.

Soaking a new toothbrush in cold water overnight will prevent the bristles from loosening until the brush is ready to be discarded.

Cold or ice water helps remove grass stains. Moisten stain with cold water and cover it with soda, let stand for two hours, and then rinse out in warm water.

Cold water removes egg stains on dishes or cloths. Dishes which have contained eggs should always be rinsed in cold water before putting in hot soap suds.

Cold water loosens the dirt in clothes. Make a suds of cold water to soak clothes before laundering.

Cold water poured over frozen plants may save them. Cover the plants with newspapers and set in a dark place several days.

Chilled air sometimes offers quick acute condition, temporary relief may be had by putting the head inside a refrigerator which holds relief to hay-fever sufferers. In an temperatures well below 50 degrees.

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EGGS IN MANY GUISES

ENRICH VEGETABLE MEALS

Eggs are always good as a substitute for meat. Only, when you feature eggs in the meal proper, be careful not to serve an egg-y dessert such as a custard or souffle. All vegetables cook deliciously with eggs, and scrambled or poached eggs and a crisp salad make a fine luncheon.

Unless many vegetables are included to furnish bulk, eggs are good on a toasted foundation.

Eggs, Chilean style, are piquant and appetizing. Try them for dinner some evening.

Eggs Chilean Style

Two cups chopped fresh tomatoes, ½ cup grated cheese, ½ cup chipped dried beef, 1 teaspoon grated onion, 2 tablespoons shredded green pepper, 1 teaspoon paprika, 1 tablespoon butter, 4 eggs, 4 squares hot buttered toast, fresh cress.

Press tomatoes through a coarse sieve to remove seeds. Add cheese, dried beef, finely chopped. onion, pepper and paprika. Cook over a slow fire until cheese is melted. Add butter and eggs slightly beaten. Stir and cook until eggs are just set. Serve on hot buttered toast and surround with water cress. The tang of the cress is perfect with the egg and cheese combination.

Egg and ham timbales are economical but are so "dressy" in appearance that you could serve them at a guest luncheon.

Egg and Ham Timbales

Four eggs, ½ teaspoon salt, few grains pepper, ¼ teaspoon onion juice, 1 cup finely chopped ham, 1 cup milk, six rounds of toast.

Beat eggs until light. Add remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Turn into individual, well buttered timbale molds and place on many thicknesses of paper in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven for 45 minutes or until firm to the touch. Turn each timbale onto a round of buttered toast and surround with creamed peas. Garnish with tiny sprigs of parsley and serve at once.

Peach Fritters

Three or four peaches, 1 cup flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 3 tablespoons sugar, ¾ teaspoon salt, 1-3 cup milk, 1 egg.

Pare peaches and cut in thin slices. Mix and sift flour, salt, sugar and baking powder. Beat egg until light with milk. Stir in dry ingredients and when well blended and smooth add sliced peaches. Drop from spoon in deep hot fat heated to 370 degrees F. on a fat thermometer or hot enough to brown an inch cube bread in sixty seconds. Drain on crumpled paper and serve with raspberries crushed and sweetened.

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MAKING CURTAINS FOR A FRENCH WINDOW

The French window which is really a long narrow glass door, with no small casement windows on either side of it, needs only a simple pair of floor length curtains, and a finish across the top.

This finish can be a flat pelmet of the curtain material, or a contrasting one, repeating something else in the room; or a painted plywood one—enchanting if well done; or mirror glass.

The French door with casement windows on either side, in suburban or country houses, is quite another story. This needs unsophisticated curtains of chintz, cretonnne, folkweave, slub repp, or linen, and should be floor length at the French door and sill length at the side windows. A box-pleated matching valance running across the top gives continuity and makes the curtains a set.

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LOOSE MAT ON POLISHED FLOOR IS DANGEROUS

Polished floors are certainly a guarantee of cleanliness in the house. And polished floors, provided we know them to be polished, are not exactly a direct source of danger, for like Agag, we can go delicately over them. But the polished floor when its polish is concealed may be very dangerous. A loose mat on a polished floor is a thing to be avoided, for it is extremely liable to slip away from the feet of the unwary person, causing him to fall heavily.

It is the suddenness with which a mat on a polished floor will slip from under a person that is disconcerting.

Particularly dangerous is a mat placed just at the foot of a staircase if the floor of the hall is highly polished. A person is so liable to run down stairs and step on to the mat which flies from under him, so that he falls heavily on his back and strikes his head on the stairs.

Whenever you commend, add your reasons for doing so; it is this which distinguishes the approbation of a man of sense from the flattery of sycophants and the admiration of fools.—Steele.

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The Bards Enjoy A Little Joke

The Right Hon. David Lloyd George, famous British statesman, and his wife and daughter, Miss Megan Lloyd George, who recently was initiated as a bard, attended the National Eisteddfod, Wales' age-old annual festival of poetry and music, which was held this year at Caernarvon. This photo shows a bit of Bardic good humor. Left to right: David Lloyd George, Dame Margaret Lloyd George, Miss Megan Lloyd George and Sir Michael Assheton Smith, Mayor of Caernarvon.

Sunday School Lesson

LESSON XII — September 22
JAMES (A GREAT CHRISTIAN LEADER).—Acts 15 : 1-21; James 1 : 1-17.

GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him. James 1 : 12.

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THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time—The council at Jerusalem took place at some time between A. D. 47 and A.D. 52, the date being determined by the particular chronological scheme the student chooses to follow. It fell between the first and second missionary journeys. The date of the Epistle of James cannot definitely be determined. It was no doubt written before the council at Jerusalem. Some place it as early as 45 A.D.

Place—The council of Jerusalem took place in the Holy City. No doubt James wrote his Epistle from this city also.

"James, 'a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ." It is significant that the author does not speak of himself as the brother of the Lord. It was more to be bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ than to be brother of the Lord after the flesh. "To the twelve tribes which are of the Dispersion." "Greeting." The literal meaning of the word is to rejoice, and here it would mean, I wish you joy."

"Count it all joy, my brethren." Brother is a form of approach to a member of a strictly defined society such as the Jewish or the Christian brother would address to other members whom he recognizes as equals. "When ye fall into manifold temptations." It should be noticed that the word temptations in the margin is translated trials. It is a word used, in a general sense, of proving and testing, and thus also of adversity, of affliction sent to prove or test a man's character.

"Knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience." Patience here implies not only mere passive submission, but the perseverance which does not falter under suffering, in the midst of the trials and temptations of which James is here speaking.

"And let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing." The form of the counsel implies that the work might be hindered unless the will of those who were called to suffer cooperate with the divine purpose.

"But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." Wisdom is more than knowledge and is better. Man may have extensive and accurate knowledge, and, at the same time, be anything but wise.

"But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting : for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed." Lack of faith is virtually making God a liar.

"For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." Whether the word Lord here refers to the Father or to the Son, is difficult to determine. Possibly, however, the word was used without the thought of a distinction between the divine persons.

"A doubleminded man, unstable in all his ways." Doubleminded is a most expressive word, as if the man had two souls; one trusting, the other doubting; one for and the other against. The double-minded man whom St. James has in mind is the man whose moral nature is enfeebled by the vacillation and double-hearted condition of his own soul.

"But let the brother of low degree glory in his high estate." The brother of low estate is, of course, the one who is either exceedingly poor, or without prominent place in a community or in the iife of the Church. He is a child of God through Christ, heir of eternal blessedness; instead of resenting his poverty and being discontented with his obscurity, let him remember that he is a prince and glory in it.

"And the rich, in that he is made low : because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away." How many rich men have, in the last four years, since the terrible depression which has come upon our land, known what it is to be made low! In this one is also to rejoice, because it compels him to see that he may lose everything, and that he is just as dependent upon God as the poorest of his children.

"For the sun ariseth with the scorching wind, and withereth the grass; and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth : so also shall the rich man fade away in his goings." It is amazing how many truths the writer of this Epistle illustrates from the scenes of nature. The love of nature which runs through them was, no doubt, remembered and cherished in the village home at Nazareth, and it forms another link between St. James and his divine Brother.

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved." Approved here means tested and found genuine, as metals are tested to prove their worth. "He shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him." A crown is given to the victor, and, in many cases, is worn by those who are truly kings. Thus a crown speaks of both triumph and sovereignty.

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God." Thus did Adam insinuate that he fell because of God's gift to him of Eve (Gen. 3 : 12); cf. Prov. 19 : 3; 20 : 8, 9. "For God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man." He who was absolutely righteous could not be the originator of sin. He tries men, but does not tempt them.

"But each man is tempted. when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed." Lust, or rather, desire, in its widest sense, includes desire for safety, riches. ease, as well as sensual pleasure. Adversity and persecution expose man to the evil solicitation of his lower nature. In both, desire tempts the will to depart from what it knows to be the will of God.

"Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin : and the sin, when it is full-grown, bringeth forth death." Desires never remain dormant. They are alive and powerful; they grow; they lead on to other things.

"Be not deceived, my beloved brethren." Cf. Gal. 6 : 7. Satan is liable to deceive men into believing that those truths and laws which have just stated are non-existent.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." The two nouns are different in the Greek; the first expressing the abstract act of giving; the second, the gift as actually bestowed. The perfection of the one flows from the goodness of the other. "Coming down from the Father of lights." James would have us to know that God is the father of all forms of light, moral, intellectual and spiritual. "With whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning." The best and most perfect of all gifts has come from above—the unspeakable gift of God's dear Son, and with the gift of his own Son, he gives you the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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