



HEAVEN-PROVIDED BREAD. Matthew 14:13-21; 15:29-39—May 29. "I am the bread of life."—John 6:35.

THE Gospels give us two distinctly different miracles of feeding the multitude in the wilderness places. On one occasion the number fed was five thousand and on the other four thousand. In one instance it was a lad who provided five small barley cakes and two fishes; in the other case the disciples had seven loaves and a few fishes.

Not all, even of those who associated with our Lord, understood, appreciated, believed in his wonderful miracles. Where there is a desire to disbelieve there is also a possibility. Indeed, the Scriptures are evidently quite true in their assurance that faith is a difficult matter at the present time and that for this very reason it is specially appreciated of the Lord in those who profess to be his followers.

God has not made faith equally possible to all, in that he has not given mankind the same opportunities for exercising faith by not giving all the same degree of knowledge upon which to base faith. And even amongst those who have the necessary knowledge, faith must depend considerably upon the structure of the brain.

While God declares that none can be of his Church now being called unless they have faith, including the necessary knowledge as a basis for it, yet he does not say that those who have not the knowledge and have not the faith will, on that account, be turned over to demons for eternal torture.

Failure on their part to exercise faith should not bring upon them any additional disadvantages. God has decreed that faith shall "come by hearing and hearing by the Word of God," and that none can believe except they hear, and that none but the believing will have part in the Church's salvation now being effected.

Approaching these miracles from the Bible standpoint, they are most rational, but not from any other standpoint. The power of God, which proceeds in the recently discovered "miracle-wheat," as much as two hundred and fifty grains from one kernel, is surely sufficient to produce many times as much if the necessity occurred.

It is the lesson of Divine power; a lesson also that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God, through whom that Divine power was exercised. This lesson leads us onward to the thought that this same Jesus is appointed of the Father to be the Savior of the world.

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PERSIAN WEAVERS.

The Way the Carpets Are Made by the Hand Workers.

In describing Persian industries Mrs. Hume Griffith, in "Behind the Veil in Persia and Turkish Arabia," tells how the beautiful carpets of that country are made, of course without machinery of any kind.

"The weaver does not see the pattern as he works, for he sits with the reverse side of the web toward him. The looms are generally kept in an underground vaulted room, often with water running through the center. At each loom three or four workers sit, according to the size of the carpet. Sometimes the workers consist of one man and two children, and occasionally the owner uses boys and girls only for the weaving.

"I sat on the high stool by the side of a tay girl, whose fingers were working away so fast I could hardly follow her movements. The over-seer was walking up and down the room calling out instructions to the workers. To me it sounded a horrible, incoherent jumble, but the children seemed to understand it perfectly.

"The over-seer held in his hand a paper, from which he was apparently reading out instructions. It was something like this:

"To No. 1, three blue threads, one white, two green; No. 2, four yellow, one white, and so on, each child repeating after the master the instructions given. As it was all said in a high pitched monotone the result was confusing and deafening. But there the little weavers sit, day in, day out, week after week, in this dark, gloomy cellar, kept hard at it by the over-seer."

WONDERS OF A WATCH.

Its Marvelous Mechanism and the Power That Moves It.

We hear much from time to time of the wonders of this or that complicated and intricate machine, but there are few pieces of machinery more marvelous than that of the common watch.

A watch, it may be stated as a general proposition, is the smallest, most delicate instrument of the same number of parts that has ever been devised. About 175 different pieces of material enter into its construction, and upward of 2,400 separate operations are comprised in its manufacture.

Certain of the facts connected with its performance are well nigh incredible when considered as a whole. A blacksmith strikes several hundred blows on his anvil in a day and, as a matter of course, is glad when Sunday comes, but the roller jewel of a watch makes every day—and day after day—432,000 impacts against the fork, or 157,080,000 blows during the course of a year, without stop or rest—some 3,153,600,000 blows during the space of twenty years, the period for which a watch is usually guaranteed to keep good time.

But the wonder of it does not cease here. It has been calculated that the power that moves the watch is equivalent to only four times the force used in a flea's jump. The watch power is therefore what might be termed the equivalent of a four flea-power. One horsepower would suffice to operate 270,000,000 watches.

Furthermore, the balance wheel of a watch is moved by this four flea-power 143-100 inches with each vibration, or 3,558 1/2 miles continuously in one year.

Not much oil is required to lubricate the little machine on its 3,500 mile run. It takes only one-tenth of a drop to oil the entire machinery for a year's service.—Harper's Weekly.

Duck by Duck.

An old farmer had brought twenty ducks to the market to sell and, after the usual amount of haggling inseparable from a bargain of that description, managed to dispose of the lot to a dealer.

"That's 30 shillings I have to give you," said the dealer as he proceeded to count it out.

But the old chap's strong point was not arithmetic, and he was not satisfied with this mode of payment.

"No, no!" he exclaimed. "Ye bought them at wan an' six pence, an' ye'll jist pay for them duck by duck."

And "duck by duck" it had to be.—London Scrap.

How It Is Done.

Returning from school the other afternoon, a little girl proudly informed her mother that she had learned to "punctate."

"Well, dear," said her mother, "and how is it done?"

"You see, mother," explained the child, "when you write 'Hark!' you put a hatpin after it, and when you ask a question you put a buttonhook!"

In Doubt.

Visitor—So your boy is in college, is he, Mr. Cornstossle? Farmer—L can't say exactly. He's in ther ball nine, an' in ther rowin' crew, an' in ther jimnazyceum, an' in ther domitory, but whether he's ever in ther college is more'n I kin find out by his letters.—Harper's Bazar.

Time's Changes.

Father (meditating on time's changes)—Ah, yes, the fashion of this world passeth away! Daughter—Indeed it does, papa. I shall want a new hat next week.

DOPE FOR THE INFANTS.

Morphine, Cocaine and Other Drugs For Babies.

When the police discover an opium joint they raid it, says a Washington dispatch, and, amid wild public applause, send to jail the women and men whom they catch, smoking the deadly stuff.

When a helpless baby cries annoyingly a peevish mother or a sleepy nurse "dopes" the child with opium or some other as lethal.

When the baby grows up, if it survives the cherubic slumbers induced by soothing syrups and other "infants friends," the odds are that it will be arrested on a raid of an opium joint. Or a quivering imbecile, victim of cocaine, it will end its wretched days in a lunatic asylum.

Such is the irresistible deduction to be drawn from a pamphlet issued by the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture. L. F. Kebler, chief of the division of drugs in the bureau, wrote the pamphlet, well named "Habit Forming Agents, Their Indiscriminate Sale and Use, a Menace to the Public Welfare."

THE DRUGGING OF INFANTS.

Mr. Kebler, whose chief, in turn, is Dr. Wiley, of the famous "poison squad," writes:

"The several classes of products will be considered as nearly as practicable in the order in which they are used, from infancy to old age. It should be stated that only the most commonly used and known products of each class are considered in this bulletin, but others of the several classes are under investigation, and it is expected that the result will be published as soon as completed."

So he starts with the bottled quietus given to squalling babies and says:

"It has long been known to the medical profession that certain products as a rule contain habit-forming agents, but the majority of mothers have been and still are ignorant of this fact, although some degree of publicity has been given the matter during recent years.

Lest any suspicion of fear should be aroused in the mind of the mother by the fact that the presence of opium, morphine, chloroform, cannabis indica (better known as larkspur) or some other harmful agent is declared upon the label, the manufacturer or dealer endeavors to allay such fear by statements of the following character: "Contains nothing injurious to the youngest babe; mothers need not fear giving this medicine to the youngest babe, as no bad effects come from the continued use of it."

Statements of the following character were also made in connection with preparations containing morphine or opium, or both before the food and drugs act went into effect. "This valuable remedy does not contain opium, morphine, laudanum, or paregoric," and "it is free from harmful agents."

Then the chemist names some representatives of this class of drugs with their compounds: Children's Comfort (morphine sulphate.)

Dr. Fahey's Pepsin Anodyne Compound (morphine sulphate.) Dr. Fahey's Teething Syrup (morphine and chloroform.)

Dr. Fowler's Strawberry and Peppermint Mixture (morphine.) Dr. Groves' Anodyne for Infants (morphine sulphate.)

Hooper's Anodyne the Infants' Friend (morphine hydrochlorid.) Jadway's Elixer for Infants (codeine.)

Dr. James' Soothing Syrup Cordial (heroin.) Kopp's Baby Friend (morphine sulphate.)

Dr. Miller's Anodyne for Babies (morphine sulphate and chloral hydrate.) Dr. Moffett's Teethina, Teeth-

ing Powders (powdered opium.)

Victor Infant Relief (chloroform and cannabis indica.)

Mrs. Winslows' Soothins Syrup (morphine sulphate.)

Proceeding from the cradle toward the grave, the learned chemist deals with medicated "soft drinks," so called and huris anathema thus:

"It is well known that parents as a rule withhold tea and coffee from their children, but having no knowledge of the presence of cocaine, caffeine or other deleterious agents in soft drinks they unwittingly permit their children to be harmed by their use. Manufacturers of drinks of this class, containing cocaine, have been successfully prosecuted, for example, Koca mola, cele; y cola, wiseola, Pillsbury's koke, kola-ede, kos-koska, cafe-coca and koke."

Of alleged catarrh cures it is affirmed that no doctor, however learned knows the exact cause of asthma nor its treatment. Chemist Kebler goes nearly as far in statement about catarrh and its cure, then sets the ban on "Dr. Birney's Catarrh Powder," Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder, Dr. Cole's Catarrh Cure" and the "Crown Catarrh Powder."

Having analyzed these cures Mr. Kebler, with Uncle Sam's seal of approval, vows they are composed largely of "habit-forming agent."

Among "cough and cold remedies" he named the following as containing one or more habit-forming drugs: Acker's English Remedy (chloroform.)

Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam (herion hydrochlorid.) Dr. Fenner's Cough-Cold Syrup (morphine.)

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup (morphine, later codeine.) Jackson's Magic' Balsam (chloroform and morphine.)

Kohler's One-Night Cough Cure (morphine sulphate chloroform and cannabis indica.) Von Totta's Cough Pectoral (morphine and chloroform.)

He then says that the same habit-forming agents are offered to the public in from of confections under such names as cough lozenges and pastilles, and cites these as examples: Linseed Licorice and Chlorodyne Pastilles (morphine' chloroform and ether.)

So drug additions are formed and nourished. Then, according to Mr. Kebler, arises the opportunity to treat the habits thus established. He writes:

"In most instances these treatments contain the very drug, or drugs for which the treatments is advertised and sold."

Hopeless. "Your store is no good, sir! I asked for lace curtains last week, and I couldn't get 'em."

"Indeed?" "Yes, and I asked for silk socks yesterday, and I couldn't get 'em."

"That's strange?" "And today I ask for credit and can't even get that. Is this a regular store, or what?"—Toledo Blade.

Paralytic Sent to Prison.

No man who has ever been confined in the state penitentiary at Frankfort, Ky., has shown greater indifference to the clanging behind him of the big gates than did John Huff, who was brought here from Fletcher county to serve an eight years' sentence for manslaughter. Huff is a hopeless paralytic, unable to move hand or foot. He was partially paralyzed at the trial which he was convicted and later suffered a second stroke which completely incapacitated him.

Do farmers eat the proper sort of food?

The farmer of today buys a much larger proportion of the food that goes on the table than he did ten years ago. It's a good thing that this is so because he has a great variety to select from. He should, however, use great care in selecting for the best results in health and strength.

The widespread tendency in the city to increase the amount of Quaker Oats eaten is due very largely to the recent demonstrations by scientific men that the Quaker Oats fed man is the man with greatest physical endurance and greatest mental vigor.

Farmers should give this subject careful thought and should increase the quantity of Quaker Oats eaten by themselves, their children and the farm hands.

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