

S'MATTER POP

By C. M. Payne



ABEZ GORM was a hard nut to crack and proud of it. Nobody realized it more than the group of hard men who sat around a table with him, comfortable in their armchairs, warm with the heat of steam radiators and plenty of coal, and little interested in those who could not pay for protection against the bitter late December cold.

"I guess he could pull through if we nursed him a bit," one of the group was remarking. "He's young, and enthusiastic. His organization's good. Never let himself get cornered like this before. Sure will be a lesson to him."

"Nurse him long enough, he'll get into the wholesale line and increase competition. Aren't there enough of us already?" It was Jabez Gorm who spoke.

"If you don't encourage the good ones a bit, you're apt to get all the more bad ones." A hard voice from a hard face was speaking on the other side of the table.

"Ever seen a good one when he's selling against you?" Jabez countered. "Kinda hard to hammer a fellow the first time he's up against it," a rather kindlier voice broke in.

"Harder he's hammered the tougher he'll get. That's how I got toughened," said another.

On and on the debate went. Figures were tabulated. How much the debtor owed; how much he was likely to produce in bankruptcy; how much the dividend would be; whether it would pay better to take 50 per cent and get rid of a potential rival, or get 75 and let him start again with a clean sheet, or give him lots of time to pay in full.

On and on they argued. The snow clattered up the window and deafened the outside sounds of happiness and good cheer, of hastening feet, of shivering limbs, of arms flapping to keep hungry and ill-clad bodies warm.

And the argument went on. Cheerful greetings, happy salutations, heartfelt good wishes were exchanged right and left in the street below; but in an upper room of the big hotel the hard-faced group argued on and heard nothing.

"Well, look, fellows, we can't stay all night. I gotta take the train to-night. All packed up an' everything. Going to play golf in Florida over the holidays. Gotta get this thing over quick or I miss that train."

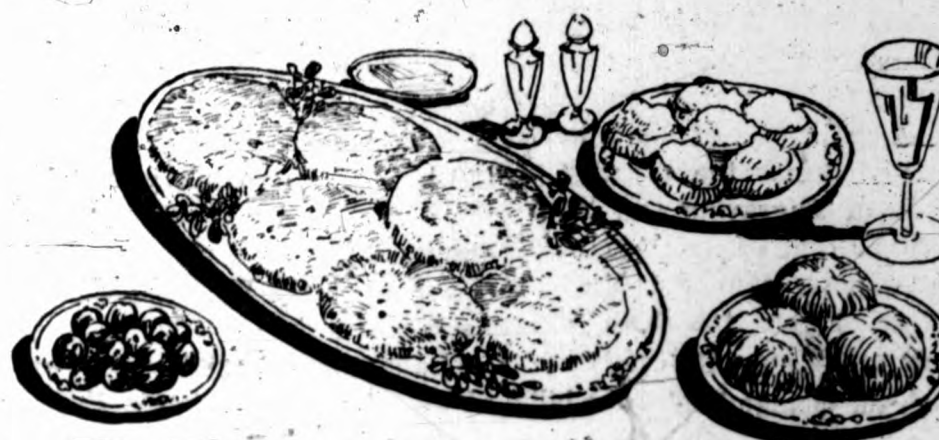
"Lucky dog. I can't afford to play golf in Florida." This from Jabez Gorm. "Neither can I afford to play good Samaritan to bankrupt young fools. Let him assign and be done with it."

The final decision was so registered, and the creditors' meeting broke up, one to fly for a train heading south; some to join hilarious parties in the banquet halls of the hotel; Jabez Gorm to return to a big, stern-looking house in which many servants had prepared with professional efficiency the seasonal decorations, the gifts, and the festive touches that fashion and social custom required to be provided for the children of this very elegant house.

Seven o'clock next morning. The bells were ringing their annual message of peace and good will. A choir in a little nearby church was singing, "Noel, Noel." Charlie Gorm, five years old and full of faith in the things that really matter, was dancing round the paternal bed of the Gorm household.

"Look, Daddy, what Santa Claus left for me! 'N' a letter with it an' evvythin'. Look." Jabez roused himself and read: "I was cleaning up your house when I saw the kid's stocking hung up and remembered about Christmas. Hate to do anybody a bad turn on Christmas Eve. Here's a buck for the baby's Christmas. Look out for your silver and other valuables some other night."

Cheese Adds Zest to Familiar Dishes



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VERY good cook has two laudable ambitions — to have her food look appealing, and to give it some little touch of distinctive tastiness that will more than fulfill the promise of its appearance. A bit of grated cheese is a popular resource in this direction, but its effectiveness is frequently lost by improperly selected or poor cheese. Ordinary cheese will naturally result in an ordinary dish. Few cooks seem to know that genuine Swiss cheese, which has an aromatic Alpine flavor peculiar to itself, will transform a commonplace dish into something so tasty and delicious that it will scarcely be recognized. And aside from its flavor, it adds greatly to the nutritional value of the food. The Switzerland cheese may be added to any dish in which cheese is ordinarily used.

Mashed Potatoes whipped to a frothy whiteness, then sprinkled with grated Switzerland cheese and paprika, and placed under the broiler to brown lightly, are delicious and nourishing. Potato Craters are merely mounds of the mashed potatoes in which irregular wells have been made in the tops. In these wells is placed a sauce made by mixing together one-half cupful of grated Switzerland cheese, one quarter cupful of chili sauce, a dash of Worcestershire sauce, with salt and paprika to taste. The craters are placed under the broiler until they brown lightly and the sauce bubbles and flows down the sides.

Potatoes halved, rubbed all over with fat and then baked until nearly tender, take on a different and more delicious flavor if a slice of genuine Swiss cheese is laid over each, and sprinkled with paprika. Return to the oven until the cheese melts. Tomato Toast with Switzerland Cheese is tempting. Toast the bread, trim it neatly and butter it. On each slice arrange a slice of tomato, season well; cover this with thinly sliced cheese, and place strips of bacon over all. Bake until the bacon crisps. Serve at once.

Switzerland Baked Cabbage: Chop boiled cabbage fine and mix it with white sauce to moisten. Place in a buttered dish and sprinkle the top with buttered bread crumbs and grated Switzerland cheese. Bake twenty minutes in a moderate oven.

Switzerland Tomato Salad: Scald, chill and skin small, regular sized tomatoes. Hollow them deeply. Make a filling of four tablespoonfuls of grated Swiss cheese, one tablespoonful chili sauce, one tablespoonful of cream, four chopped olives, a tablespoonful of tomato catsup. Mix well, chill and place in the tomatoes. Serve on lettuce leaves.

Immediately.

1. Who is Jesus Christ (1:1)? He is none other than God's Beloved Son.

11. The Forerunner of Jesus Christ (vv. 2-8).

1. Who he was (vv. 2,3). He was John, the Baptist, who was prophesied of more than five hundred years before (Isa. 40:3).

His mission was to prepare the way for Christ's coming. He represented himself as but a voice of one crying in the wilderness. He was therefore God's voice sounding forth the divine will and purpose. He was content to be but a voice.

2. John's message (vv. 3-8). (1). Prepare ye the way of the Lord (v. 3).

It was customary for servants to go before distinguished personages and prepare the road over which they were to travel. In this preparation there was to be removal of stones, the leveling of the surface, etc. John's message meant therefore that the people should remove from their hearts everything which hindered the coming of the Lord.

(2) The baptism of repentance (v. 4).

In preparation for the coming Christ the people were to repent of their sins. Those who repented were to be baptized. Baptism was to be administered to those who repented as an expression of penitence which led to forgiveness of sin.

(3) The coming of the Messiah (vv. 7, 8).

The coming one was to be much greater than himself; so great that John was unworthy to loose the latch of His shoes. The superior dignity of Christ was not only in His person but in the work He was to perform.

3. His success (v. 5).

People from all over Judea and Jerusalem went out and were baptized. His food and dress indicated that he had withdrawn from the world as a protest against its follies and sins.

III. The Baptism of Jesus Christ (vv. 9-11).

Jesus was not baptized because He had sinned and therefore needed repentance, but because He was now about to accomplish a work which would constitute the basis of all righteousness. He was now dedicating Himself to the task of bringing in righteousness through His sacrificial death.

(1) The opened heavens. This indicated His connection with heaven.

(2) The descent of the Spirit upon Him. This gave the divine seal to His work.

(3) The voice of approval from heaven. This made clear to John the fact that Jesus was the Messiah.

IV. Jesus Christ Tempted by Satan (vv. 12-13).

This took place immediately after the heavenly recognition. This testing was to demonstrate the reality of the incarnation. Because of this demonstration believers can be assured that the Son of God has become incorporated with humanity for the purpose of its salvation.

From Beginning to End But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven; a land which the Lord thy God careth for; the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.—Deut. 11:11-12.

From God's Hand Whatever comes from God's hand bears good fruit.—Fenelon.

Gov. Johnson's Nemesis



Photo shows E. P. Hill, speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, who is called the leader of the movement to impeach Governor Johnston.

chairs in one corner of the room and call it a steamboat. They trail mud through the house; they leave marks on the walls. They break out in new misconduct every day. We cannot cope with all the varieties of their mischief.

"And so we punish them. We punish them because they make us angry, interfere with our plans and cause us worry. No parent likes to have his day knocked into a cocked hat."

Unfinished Production

After an entertainment in a North side church, the chairman of the committee came up to one of the class members and said, sympathetically:

"I am sorry we didn't get to call on you for your magic art, but we had to cut a lot of the numbers. I hope you don't feel put out about it."

The amateur magician hung his head. "I am put out—just \$5 worth."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, I didn't get a chance to get back the \$5 bill I smuggled into a man's pocket, which I was going to mysteriously produce in one of my main tricks."—Youngstown Telegram.

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TREASURER'S TAX NOTICE

The County Treasurer's office will be open for the purpose of receiving taxes from October 15th, 1927, to March 15th, 1928. A penalty of one per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes on January 1st, 1928; two per cent. February 1st, 1928, and seven per cent. March 1, 1928. Tax books closing and executions issuing after March 15th, 1928. Taxes are ascertained by the valuation multiplied by mills levied. Treasurer's duplicate as made up by Auditor lists real estate and does not itemize personal property, which must be secured from Auditor. When inquiring as to amount of taxes due, you are required to give each and every tax district you own property in as a separate tax receipt is issued for each district for real estate or personal property. Your tax receipt, giving number of acres covered by it.

Table with columns: State, Ordinary County, Road and Bridge Bonds, Past Ind. Bonds, Constitutional, 6-0-1 School, Special Local, TOTAL. Lists various counties and their tax amounts.

The commutation road tax of \$3.00 must be paid by all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 55 years. All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years are liable to poll tax of \$1.00.

Annual capitation dog tax of \$1.25 per head, payable during month of January, on all dogs, male and female, old and young, except suckling pups (See Acts 1924, No. 655, at page 1088.)

It is the duty of each school trustee in each school district to see that this tax is collected or aid the Magistrate in the enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

Checks will not be accepted for taxes under any circumstances except at the risk of the taxpayer.—(The County Treasurer reserves the right to hold all receipts paid by check until said checks have been paid.) Tax receipts will be released only upon legal tender, postoffice money orders, or certified checks.

J. B. ARMSTRONG, Co. Treas.

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Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. R. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

Lesson for January 1

JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:1-13. GOLDEN TEXT—He must increase, but I must decrease.

PRIMARY TOPIC—John Tells About Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—John Welcomes and Baptizes Jesus.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPICS—John Prepares the Way for Jesus.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—John Heralds the Mighty One.

In order to understand the lessons for the first six months of the year it is necessary to grasp the central purpose of the Gospel according to Mark. In the Old Testament is set forth an august portrait of Jesus Christ. He is the Branch, the King (Jer. 23:5); the Branch, the Servant (Zech. 3:8); the Branch, the Man (Zech. 6:12); the Branch of the Lord (Isa. 4:2).

The fourfold account in the New Testament called the Gospels, placed alongside of the Old Testament predictions, fits exactly. Matthew presents Him as the King; Mark, the Servant of the Lord; Luke as the Kinsman Redeemer and John as the Son of God. The theme of Mark is the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (ch. 1:1). The word gospel means "good news." Jesus means "Savior." Christ means "Anointed." It is good news therefore because it is the good tidings that God has anointed Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. The key verse is Mark 10:45, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." The key words are, "straightway," "forthwith,"

Commercialism and Art Those who decry the commercialism of America find it interesting to observe the economic condition of nations during their golden ages of art and literature. Even that dream jewel of romance and delicate architectural beauty, Venice, acquired most of its greatest art treasures with the wealth obtained as commercial mistress of the Adriatic, and at the very apex of its glory was nothing more than a seaport capital renowned for its energetic merchants and virile trade. Those who postulate that one cannot be a sincerely great artist and still make a living at the profession have no criterion upon which to base their statement.—Gariton Kendall in the North American Review.

Some men wouldn't want to waken up and find themselves famous if it meant losing any sleep.