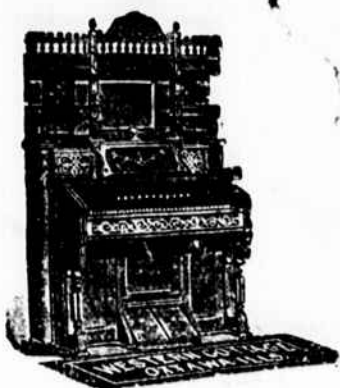


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THE DEVIL.

Concerning the origin, source of life, and term of existence of this very energetic personage, spirit, demon, or what-not, I know nothing. Indeed, the origin of evil is a question that has puzzled moralists, theologians and metaphysicians from time immemorial. Just when the devil began to be, whence he came and what he was made for I know not. Scholars of olden times claimed that there were two forces in the world, good and bad, emanating from two sources, a good god and an evil one; these were disciples of dualistic theories. Still others who think philosophically, claim that man's disobedience created within the individual man a demon spirit, and that all men possess a personal devil. And still others believe that God, the one righteous God is the beginning of all things, both physical and metaphysical. Consequently, He is the Creator of the devil. Well, let these things be as they may, the fact remains that there is a devil, and he is much in evidence in the world of thought and action. A thousand personal devils there may be, and no doubt are, but I am convinced that there is one great, big, powerful center devil. "A devil there is I am sure, who for some inscrutable reason has a share in the ruling of this planet—a devil who delights in mocking us from the cradle to the grave."

Believing that a devil does exist, what then is he, where does he dwell, and what is his work? First, he must, of course, be a spirit; for, his territory of work and action is in the spirit realm; and his omniscience, omnipresence, all demand it. To hold his grip upon the lines of so many lives, he must be a spirit. The idea of a physical body is contrary to reason. Certainly, these human representations of his Satanic majesty, such as we see in "Faust" are very good and true. They convey an idea that is indeed impressive. With horns and hoof, forked tail, a grinning malicious face, and bodily color of burning red,—we are possessed with an idea not soon banished. Anyhow, he is a spirit and rules spirits. As to the nature of this spirit we have certain foundations for knowledge. It is a devilish nature—but there my expression becomes tautologous. They, the nature of this spirit is the quintessence of all meanness and viciousness; all that is wrong, unholy and low; and the summa summarum of all those attributes and characteristics pertaining to morality not possessed by God. Name all God's attributes, take their antonyms, add these together and you have the devil's nature.

The devil's work is of three kinds; viz, to oppose all good, to tear down good work, and to suggest plans and help carry out evil work. "No sooner is a temple built to God, than the devil builds a chapel hard by" is a fact beyond dispute. When good motives suggest themselves to man, the devil introduces his side of the question; not in open plain apparel, but always in some plausible, pleasant and desirable form. Oh, no! The devil is too smart to tell the truth; he hides his designs beneath something that appeals to man's nature. In opposing good thought and good deeds, the devil is ingenious beyond our comprehension; there are few arguments that he cannot meet plausibly, or at least with seeming plausibility. And when man begins to give ear to these suggestions, his progress on the good road is amazingly slow.

But a great deal of good has been done in the world, and the devil has a job on his hands to tear this down. Through his human agencies, he works day and night at this task. Effort is made to turn the results of good men's lives into evil channels, to make their work count for naught, and thus make easy the growth of wrong. As a designer the devil is, in truth, a most versatile and original genius. He has a suggestion for every step a man contemplates, advice concerning every course and a promise as to the outcome. When it comes to inventing forms of vice for his followers to revel in, there is nothing he cannot devise. For the vulgar, he suggests the most vulgar of all vulgarities; and the meanest, lowest and most brutish obscenities. For the refined he has all that taste and culture could desire—refined crime, cultured meanness and high class vice. And to the indifferent, he deals out an assortment of amusements and occupations, calculated to please all classes and conditions.

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aim or the other. That is why the devil is in the world—to destroy it. He does not love it at all, neither his servants; he uses and then destroys them.

Just how long this spirit of evil is to exist on the earth, rule in the hearts of men and lead them to hell, his home, I cannot say. But this much is certain, not until the state of perfection is reached, not until men's hearts become no longer fit, habitation for such a spirit, will he be compelled to quit this planet. So it is incumbent upon every being of earth to do his part in the world's perfection and not retard or hinder the work of divine forces. To perfect creation is the desire of God, "that one, far off divine event, to which the whole creation moves."

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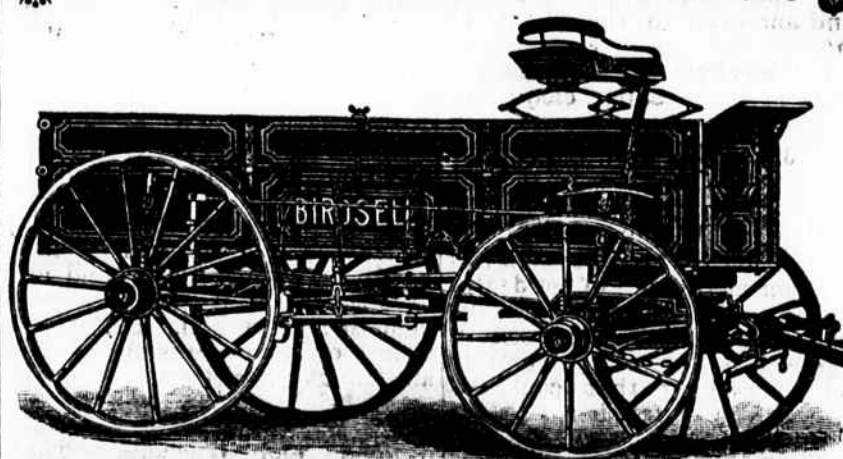
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