

NOT ALWAYS CONSCIENCE.

Fear of Getting Found Out Also Keeps Men in Order.

There is a notion that the stings, the "scorpion whips" of conscience, constitute the most frightful and agonizing punishment which the human evil-doer can suffer, says the New Orleans Playmate.

This notion is taught almost exclusively in the old-time books on religion and morality, in the hope it would deter men and women from the commission of sins with threats

of future spiritual punishment to back it up.

But it is not too much to say we have reached a point in human development when the stings of conscience and the fear of the future punishment have very little effect upon the deliberate and intentional perpetrators of serious crimes. This is seen in the fact, instances of which are made manifest every day, that public officials and private persons in business of various sorts whose lives are secretly long courses of crime, but who, until finally

they are exposed, live in the odor of the highest respectability—political, social and financial—who probably never felt a twinge of conscience, but are crushed with shame and humiliation of having their black lives made public.

Good men, upright and honorable in their lives, but who either in self-defense or purely by accident, have taken a human life, have been made to undergo extreme suffering by lashings of conscience and the stings of regret, while the really bad man fears nothing but exposure,

and until he is called to account is noted for his cheerful disposition and his happy and free-from-care frame of mind.

It has come about that conscience and fear of spiritual misery only operate on the good, while the secretly wicked and criminal can only be made to suffer for their sins by having them brought to light, with the result of pouring out upon them the shame and humiliation which alone they had reason to dread.

Therefore, punishment for crime ought to invoke as much publicity and humiliation as possible, whereas it seems to be the object in the administration of justice to subject the criminal to as little exposure as possible, and if one should happen to get a term of imprisonment he is saved as much as possible from the hardships of prison life and also from the degradation of wearing the "stripes," the badge of the criminal.

It is only the shame and humiliation of exposure that make the real punishment for such criminals, and if the punishment has been as free from degrading conditions as possible, when he receives his pardon he will feel that the worst that happened to him is the loss of time spent in prison, and whether he shall have reformed or not he determines not to be "found out" again.

After being locked in the Richland county jury room for twenty hours the jury in the case of Curtis W. Spence, charged with killing Robert L. O'Pry, failed to agree and was turned out Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Judge Gary was present when the 12 men came out of the room and a mistrial was ordered. Spence was placed on trial on Thursday of last week; the arguments of the attorneys for the prosecution consumed the best part of Saturday morning, and the case was turned over to the jury Saturday afternoon at 1:35. This is the second mistrial. Spence was tried at the last term of criminal court and the jury then failed to agree. The killing of O'Pry took place in May one year ago in front of the Southern Express building in Columbia.

Much Virtue in Good Yawn. Yawning may be rude—especially in company—but it is a good thing for you to do.

For one thing, it ventilates the lungs. When you take an ordinary breath the lungs are not completely filled, nor are they thoroughly emptied by an ordinary respiration. There is a certain quantity of air left in the lungs always, which physiologists call "residual air."

This air in time becomes a foul and affects the blood, and thru the blood the nervous centers. Certain nerves get tickled, as it were, and the result is a yawn, stretching the lungs to their fullest extent, filling them with clean, fresh air and driving the foul air out.

That's one reason why it is good to yawn. For another, yawning opens and stretches and ventilates all the various passages leading to the lungs. You will perhaps be surprised to know that yawning is even beneficial to your hearing. The cracking sound which you so often hear when giving an extra big yawn is due to the stretching and opening of the eustachian tubes. These tubes communicate between the ear and the back of throat. If they are congested, which happens when you have a bad cold in the head, people complain of deafness.

If you feel inclined to yawn, then, do so. It is Nature's way of cleaning out your lungs and air passages.

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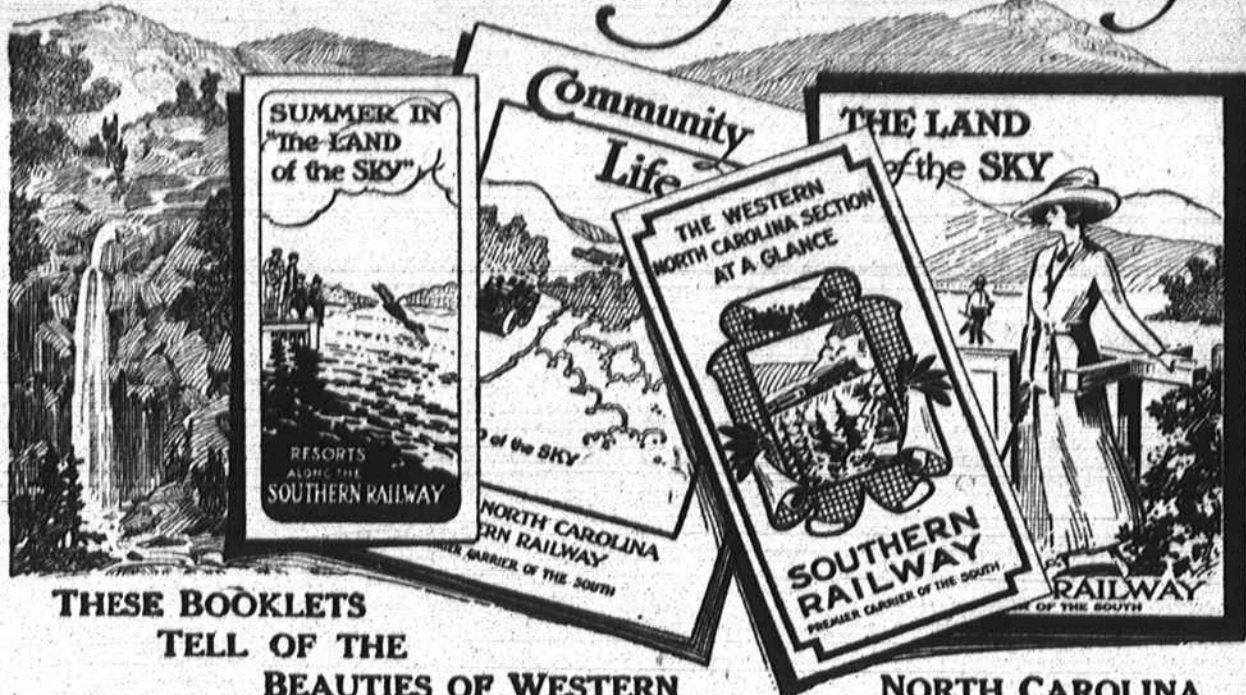
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