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READING WISELY.

A good many people waste a good deal of the time that they devote to reading. They do not exercise discrimination in the selection of their reading matter, but spend much time reading frothy, sensational and meaningless stuff.
An evening's reading of this kind leaves the reader no wiser or better off than he was before. An evening of instructive reading would leave him with broader views and with a new idea stored away for future use. Instructive reading need not necessarily be "dry." The best weekly papers and magazines are coming to realize that their matter must be interesting as well as instructive, and are printing much valuable material that is as easy reading as one of the "six best sellers." The wise man reads to remember, to increase his store of knowledge and ideas, and to broaden his sympathies and his understanding, and reading matter which fulfills these requirements should be plentiful in every home.

PARCEL POST IMPROVEMENTS.

That the parcel post is "making good" there is no doubt, but its usefulness is more limited than was at first supposed because many of the rates are as high or higher than express rates, without giving service of equal quality, and restrictions on certain articles make it useless for many purposes. It is probable that these matters will be remedied, however. In fact, Postmaster General Hitchcock's annual report, recently made public, hints that changes are now under consideration. He tentatively suggests the reduction of some of the rates and the increasing of the limit of weight, and recommends the consolidation of the third and fourth classes so books and papers may be forwarded by parcel post.

This new method of transportation is sure to be useful and well patronized as soon as it is perfected and becomes familiar to the people.

Eating Sunflower Seeds.

Sunflower seed eating is the favorite holiday pastime of the Spanish Hebrews of the Levant. The kernel of the seed, which is about as large as a grain of rice, has a nutty, oily flavor somewhat similar to raw peanuts. On Saturday, after synagogue, Hebrews all over the Orient are to be seen munching the sunflower seeds with gusto. The wealthier classes substitute the salted pistachio for the sunflower seed.

Couple Too Much Occupied.

An example of an absent-minded bridegroom is reported from Switzerland. A couple had arranged for their marriage by the civil and religious authorities failed to appear at the appointed hour, having as they declared, "more than all about it."

Mrs. Lawrence came back from the woman's club with a firm determination that her husband should reform. This feeling had been aroused by a very remarkable paper by Sarah Jane Hutchinson of Boston, who had mapped out an elaborate system whereby husbands could be reduced to their proper subservient and helpful state in the household.

Mrs. Lawrence's husband's reform was to begin on Wednesday. Mrs. Lawrence wisely refrained from mentioning the fact to him. Sarah Jane Hutchinson had said that the more subtly, one acted in the matter the better would be the results. Mrs. Lawrence was thankful that the prescription didn't call for an open conversation with the patient. Her husband had an awful temper and he might not understand at first just how good the treatment was going to be for him.

The plan was going to be a very easy one to work. According to Sarah Jane Hutchinson, if the articles of wearing apparel which the husband flings about in the morning are left undisturbed until his return in the evening his dignity and the effect upon his clothes will be so great that he will be a model of neatness from that time on.

Wednesday morning Lawrence strove around the bed, the usual number of collars, neckties and shirts. He got out his mackintosh and umbrella and then, having decided that the day would be clear, took down his new fall topcoat. On discovering that the temperature was too high for this garment he dumped it into the Morris chair and made a hurried dash for the door, leaving a couple of soiled handkerchiefs on the divan as he went out of the door.

For the first time Mrs. Lawrence surveyed this scene with satisfaction. Nothing could be a better object lesson for her husband than the fact in its present condition. She decided to do the breakfast dishes and the leaving for her sister's house. She preferred that her husband should face the confusion alone on his return.

In the course of an hour she set about dressing for her visit. She had to put away some of the neckties in order to find her jacket articles. She was obliged to put the collars in the drawer so that she could make the bed. The clean shirts which had been rejected in favor of the ones which Lawrence wore the morning could never be left on the window seat, for a shaver might come up and soak them. The laundry was paid for out of the house pocketbook and it wouldn't be good policy to be so extravagant in this reforming business.

Before she realized it, the bedroom was quite neat and free from the original appearance of disorder. She upbraided herself and then reflected that the parlor and dining room would be had enough to take the desired lesson. She had to take the hat and raincoat off the sewing machine in order to sew up a rip in her skirt and really the easiest thing to do was to hang them up to get them out of the way.

When she left the house there were just three of her husband's belongings still misplaced—the two handkerchiefs and the new topcoat. This last would be an awful example to him, for it was in a nice little heap in the seat of the chair and would wrinkle beautifully.

Mrs. Lawrence made a long day's visit and returned home at 3:30 in the evening. Lawrence was due home at 5 and his wife thought how touching the scene would be when James should take her in his arms and say, "Dearest, I see the error of my ways. Never again will I be so careless."

She didn't know whether to say, "Darling I forgive you," as her heart would prompt her to do, or to remark coldly, "I hope you will remember this lesson," as Sarah Jane Hutchinson had suggested.

She walked into their apartment and looked about anxiously. There wasn't a soul in sight. The coat was still in its reforming heap. The mail was untouched. Evidently James had not returned! After all, it would be rather fun to see just how he

looked it.
At 7 o'clock she heard the familiar sound of the latch key in the door. Then in walked James with two members of the firm whom he had brought home to dinner.

Mrs. Lawrence was excited. She hurriedly made the Morris chair ready for the corpulent senior member and hung the new fall overcoat on the bed. James followed her out to the kitchen and demanded a hurried dinner. He had to go that evening with the two men to put through an important business deal.

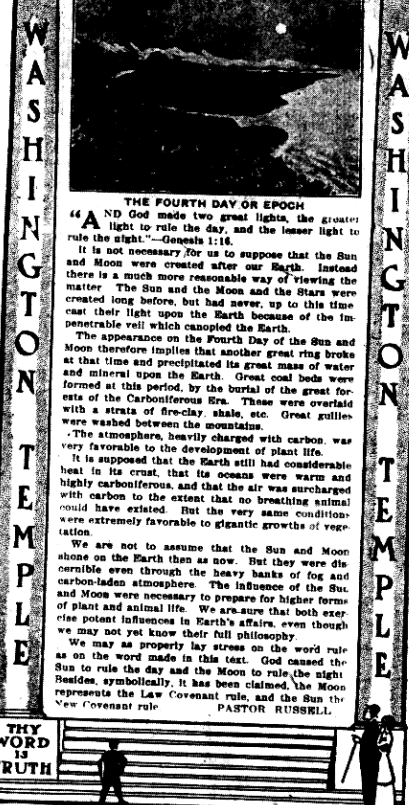
He rushed out after dinner with the men, and Mrs. Lawrence had the evening to herself. The coat worried her. Really, she now had so much to do that it is hard for them to think of little things. She hung up the wrinkled garment penitently. The next morning she smuggled it down to the tailor's to be pressed, using the money that she had saved out for the mattress.

Lawrence never knew how narrow-ly he occupied being reformed.—Chicago Daily News.

A man may praise a woman's pin, but that's no sign he will eat it!—Buffalo News.

WORDS OF TRUTH

FROM



THE FOURTH DAY OF EPOCH

"AND God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night."—Genesis 1:16.

It is not necessary for us to suppose that the Sun and Moon were created after our Earth. Instead there is a much more reasonable way of viewing the matter. The Sun and the Moon and the Stars were created long before, but had never, up to this time, cast their light upon the Earth because of the impenetrable veil which canopied the Earth.

The appearance on the Fourth Day of the Sun and Moon therefore implies that another great ring broke at that time and precipitated the great mass of water and mineral upon the Earth. Great coal beds were formed at this period, by the burial of the great forests of the Carboniferous Era. These were overlaid with a strata of fire-clay, shale, etc. Great gullies were washed between the mountains.

The atmosphere, heavily charged with carbon, was very favorable to the development of plant life. It is supposed that the Earth still had considerable heat in its crust, that its oceans were warm and highly carboniferous, and that the air was saturated with carbon to the extent that no breathing animal could have existed. But the very same conditions were extremely favorable to gigantic growths of vegetation.

We are not to assume that the Sun and Moon shone on the Earth then as now. But they were discernible even through the heavy mass of water and carbon-laden atmosphere. The influence of the Sun and Moon were necessary to prepare for higher forms of plant and animal life. We are sure that both exercise potent influences in Earth's affairs, even though we may not yet know their full philosophy.

We may as properly lay stress on the word rule as on the word made in this text. God caused the Sun to rule the day and the Moon to rule the night. Besides, symbolically, it has been claimed, the Moon represents the Law Covenant rule, and the Sun the New Covenant rule.

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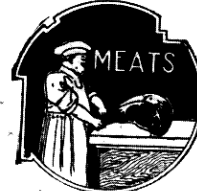
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BY HADIAN READ

THE EXCLUSE IS NOT USEFUL.

Speculation, philosophy and mountain-peak observations are splendid developers of thought—but thought until it culminates in action, generates no power.

The hermit lived away from mankind to devote his mind to heavenly contemplation. They evolved into what they started out to be—useless beings; powerless, because power is action.

The long-haired, grey-headed solitary cannot love people, because he does not understand them.

He cannot mold what he does not touch, and hence his learning has no effect upon the world; the efforts and results are caused only by contact.

It is not sufficient to be wise; it is necessary to be useful; and to be useful is to be in contact with the world.

Power comes from the ability and willingness of those who know, to improve that which is within by power to do so to those who do not know. The world's darkness is not the darkness of every man who does not know others is a darkness. His knowledge does enlighten him and Charles saw him when the river flows, not dark, untroubled and wrong.

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