Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore

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FOLK TYPES—THE INDIAN

We sometimes think that the Indian did not become prominent in literature and tradition until he was a vanishing remnant of a former grandeur. In reality he was idealized in the eighteenth century quite as much in America as in faraway Europe, where there was no danger of scalping and captivity. One of the oddities of our American literature is a play called Pontiach, written by Major Robert Rogers in 1756, the year after he had helped crush the conspiracy of this valiant Indian chieftain of the West. No later writer has made more of the noble savage than this hardened Indian fighter. The whites of the play are deceitful, overbearing, and worthy of the contempt felt for them by the savage chief. Before the Revolutionary War Philip Freneau was singing the praises of the Indian, in such poems as "The Indian Burying-Ground," "The Indian Student," and "The Dying Indian." Just at the turn of the nineteenth century Alexander Wilson, a Scotch weaver who had come to America, found the vanishing red man very poetical, especially the Indians of New York State, who were at that time being forced from their ancient hunting grounds. More than a generation before Cooper was singing the praises of the Indian in this very area, Wilson was writing rather creditable verse about the native warrior who reluctantly was leaving the places where he and his ancestors had lived for unnumbered centuries. Bryant, Whittier, Cooper, Simms, Bird and Thoreau are only a few of the writers who found the Indian a great literary figure a century or more ago. The culmination of this whole tradition was the writing of Longfellow's Hiawatha, which is itself a versification of legends and traditions collected by Schoolcraft among the Ojibways of the Lake Superior region. Cooper has often been accused of making his Indians too noble, a criticism that certainly would not apply to the Indians of Simms and Bird. In the novels of these two men the American savage is a brute, with few if any good qualities. Without doubt each of these had determined to modify the entrancing picture of the savage as Cooper had painted it.

In more recent years there has been a determined effort on the part of scholars to record faithfully the actual achievements of the Indian. Indian music has come to have a real value, and such musicians as Lieurance have done much to make everybody appreciate the haunting melodies of the natives of America. Folklorists have been equally busy in taking down the stories the Indians have told for ages. Some of the scholars in this field have had Indians tell the stories in their native language and have recorded them in a written code or even had them reproduced on a victrola.

Indian basketry, pottery-making and other arts are gradually becoming known everywhere. Though our real knowledge of the Indian is late in developing, it is sure to influence many of our artistic creations in future years. The folk conception of the Indian for a long time blinded us to actual values.

Mrs. Margaret Neville of Indianapolis, charged her former husband with stealing an electric iron from her, but when the judge summoned her, she refused to testify, explaining: "We are going to be married again this afternoon."

Judge M. B. Pressey of Coalings, Calif., had the unique experience of performing a marriage ceremony for his own parents, W. W. Pressey, 81, and Flora Pressey, 78, who made up after being divorced 34 years, and decided to remarry.

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Lesson for March 27

CORRECTING WRONG IDEAS OF RELIGION

LESSON TEXT—Mark 7:1-13.
GOLDEN TEXT—This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.—Mark 7:6.
PRIMARY TOPIC—A Present Time.
JUNIOR TOPIC—What Is Real Religion?
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Counts with God?
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Sincerity and Hypocrisy

The never-ending struggle of Christianity is to keep the simple gospel of the grace of God in Christ Jesus free to operate in all its glory and power, unencumbered by the traditions and formulas of men. It has been my privilege to read a recent book by a brilliant young man who, while serving as a professor of philosophy in a large university, is also versed in the related fields of theology, psychology, psychiatry, and psychotherapy. He has had first-hand experience in dealing with the problems of men and women. With this background of both study and experience he gives it as his absolute conviction that we must get "back to the original simplicity of the Christian gospel." He suggests that we need to "dust off the additions and superstructures" that have been added since Christ came to seek and to save the lost.

Our lesson for today finds Jesus meeting that very issue with the traditionalists of His day.

I. What Hands and Unwashed Hearts (vv. 1-5).

In our [illegible] or interpreting the law of Moses and applying it to the affairs of daily life the religious authorities of Israel had developed a mass of intricate and onerous rules which had literally buried the law itself and had substituted ritualistic formalism for spiritual life. So fond had the scribes and the Pharisees become of these traditions that they became bold enough to declare that they were far superior to the law itself.

Their attack on Jesus because His disciples ate with unwashed hands did not refer to the proper cleaning of one's hands before eating, but to the ceremonial washings which were said to be necessary if one had accidentally touched a Gentile, or something that a Gentile had touched in the market place.

Jesus skillfully and finally disposed of that question by reminding the objectors that they were serving God with their lips only, but their hearts were far from Him. Washed hands are not a thing to be condemned, and Jesus says nothing about that point. When the washing of hands becomes of more importance than the cleansing of the heart, however, the soul is in great danger.

II. Traditions of Man Versus the Commandment of God (vv. 7-13).

Here is the heart of the entire matter, for while we may not always be aware of it the fact is that our anxiety to maintain human tradition which is contrary to the law and Spirit of God is fundamentally for the purpose of evading our full and true responsibility.

A Jew who was so avaricious that he did not wish to support his aged and needy parents could entirely evade that God-given responsibility by declaring that his property was "Corban," dedicated to God. Thereafter no matter how great was the need of his parents they could receive nothing. The execution of this oath was carried out to such a fine point that a son who had declared his property to be "Corban" could visit a sick father or mother for only a brief period lest he might stay long enough to perform some duties of a nurse and so contribute to his parents by saving them some expense.

Thus do men even in our day make "the word of God of none effect" (v. 13), through their traditions. No right minded person objects to the worthy traditions of worship and service which are such a precious heritage of the Christian church. Rightfully apprehended and properly used they are both desirable and helpful. But we must never permit the grace and power of God in Jesus Christ "to be brought under the trammels of human teachers or the arrangements of human office-bearers. The first movement toward the mastery of the soul by tradition is the movement of that soul away from immediate, direct, first-hand fellowship with God" (Morgan).

The crying need of our day, as it was of the time when Jesus was on earth, is that we should clear away hindering encumbrances.

Goodness

The general goodness which is nourished in noble hearts, makes every one think that strength of virtue to be in another whereof they find assured foundation in themselves.—Sir P. Sidney.

Simplicity of Religion

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A NOVEL VERDICT

(Elizabethtown News)

The man has bitten a dog, or news just like it comes from the Oldham Circuit Court at La Grange. Several months ago in Oldham county a grade crossing accident involving a cattle truck and an L. & N. train occurred. Otto Gullion, brakeman on the train, was killed, and his estate instituted suit against Ray Gay, the truck driver, and Roy Watt, the truck owner, for damages of $50,000. Last week a jury returned a verdict awarding the estate $7,500. The jury ignored a claim for $24,444 on the part of the railroad company for damage to its equipment, and found nothing for Gay on a $1,500 counter-claim. The interesting feature of the trial is that in a traffic accident between a train and a motor truck, a jury found, not merely that the truck driver should not recover, but that damages should be awarded to the estate of a railroad company employe killed in the collision.

The railroads have not made much progress in accumulating money, due to a variety of causes, but public sentiment toward them certainly shows a vast improvement over what it used to be. Forty years ago the fact that an accident occurred at a grade crossing was the best thing to prima facie evidence that the railroad was negligent.

Mrs. C. J. Perkins of St. Louis, withdrew suit for divorce when her husband took the pledge for life not to drink liquor.

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Ben Berry heirs, 1 lot ... 2.30
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SPRING FEVER

(Richmond Register)

What is Spring Fever? What is that languid and restless feeling Dixie seizes hold of so many folks as the birds sing their greeting songs, and the trees and shrubs burst into foliage and bloom?

To hear the stem old-timers talk, you might think it was just laziness, a desire to lead vagrant and roving lives, the sentiment that makes you hate to tie yourself up to a bench or desk.

Cold weather draws your nerves a little tighter, and when the mild days remove that stimulus, the body slumps. It is a bit like a violin which makes beautiful music when tuned to pitch, but when the strings are less tight, it gives out only a discordant wail.

Man's nature is more or less roving. It comes from our ancestors, all of whom wandered far away from their former homes. The modern person should not be too severely blamed if spring fever and the call of the blood tempt him away from toil.

When two women were arraigned in court in Chicago for fighting, the judge told them to go home and read the 133rd Psalm together.

Edward R. Davidson, 53, of Syracuse, N. Y., has earned his livelihood the past 35 years by posing as a mechanical man.

W. F. Davis, an ex-soldier of Jacksonville, Fla., makes his living going from house to house painting mail boxes at a nickle apiece.

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THE GARDEN

THE EARLY CROPS

By John S. Gardner, Kentucky College of Agriculture

Cabbage—Among the first things to go into the garden are the early cabbage slips. For the most part these are southern grown so-called "frost proof" plants. Although these may have the shortcoming of varietal mixture and of bringing with them a greater or less percentage of infection with Black rot and yellows, the frost proof plants are by all odds the most convenient to use, especially for home gardeners who need only a small number of plants.

Only enough frost proof plants should be set to provide cabbage until July 15, and seed should be started about April 1 in a cavity covered frame, to provide cabbage through August, September and October.

If possible, the frost proofs should be of the variety Golden Acre, or Copenhagen Market, or Bald each. These are roundheads, less subject to bursting than the Wakefield. Golden Acre corresponds to Early Jersey and Copenhagen, to Charleston Wakefield. The late summer varieties are, All Seasons, Succession and Early Flat Dutch.

In gardens affected with the cabbage "yellows" or "wilt," the varieties just named will not serve but resistant ones must be used instead.

This year, for the first time, several of the "four-horse" plant growers are offering the yellows resistant seed. Market, simply say in season to Copenhagen Market. For the later cabbage, stamp the gardener should grow his own plants of Wisconsin All Seasons, Jacope or Marion Market. For late cabbage, Wisconsin Hollander (or "Number 8," as some seedsmen call it) should be used, where trouble with yellows is likely; Louisville Drumhead, in "clean" gardens.

Peas—Another vegetable started early is the English pea. Because peas are so sensitive to high temperatures, and stop bearing when the cool weather passes, the seed should be sown in deep furrows (3 to 4 inches), but covered only lightly. The furrows filled when the peas have grown out. Alaska is still a good standby but Radio is better. The wrinkled-seeded, high-quality peas should be planted two weeks after the first. Blue Bantam is the best, but the semi-tall Thomas Laxton and Prosperity make many more peas. Last, but by far the most productive, is Telephone.

Greens and Turnips—No early garden is complete without a greens' patch. Mustard is still a favorite, but Tendergreen is better, and earlier, sown at the same time. Table turnips for quick maturity are Purple Top Strapleaf, whose tops incidentally, make early "Turnip greens" as well.

Because her husband would come home in the dead of night, stand at the foot of the bed, and recite Poe's mournful "Raven," Mrs. Andrew Darling of Camden, N. J., sued for divorce.

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