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Thanksgiving

HOW good God is to me, he said,
For have I not a mansion tall,
With trees and lawns of velvet tread,
And happy helpers at my call?
With beauty is my life abrim,
With tranquil hours and dreams apart;
You wonder that I yield to Him
That best of prayers, a grateful heart?

How good God is to me, he said,
For look! Though gone is all my wealth,
How sweet it is to earn one's bread
With brawny arms and brimming health.
Oh, how I know the joy of strife!
To sleep so sound, to wake so fit.
Ah yes, how glorious is life!
I thank Him for each day of it.

How good God is to me, he said;
Though health and wealth are gone, it's true;
Things might be worse, I might be dead,
And here I'm living, laughing too.
Serene beneath the evening sky
I wait, and every man's my friend;
God's most contented man am I...
He keeps me smiling to the end.

—Robert Service.

Anti-Strap Fad

DESPITE what many psychiatrists, psychologists and parents contend to the contrary, there is much in the old adage about sparing the rod and spoiling the child.

Without use of the strap in school in the past, the land would be filled with more criminals, no-goods and other types of misfits than it is today. Few children, even among the bravest, can truthfully claim they are not frightened of it. And many an adult, looking back on his school days, is thankful that it was used to correct his ways of misdemeanor which, otherwise, may have been carried into later life.

It is understandable, then, that teachers in Timmins, Ont., have launched a campaign opposing the ban placed on the strap by school boards, principals and inspectors. It is, they say, their only means of discipline, and without it the pupils are not frightened of anybody.

—The Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

Too Literal

ANYONE who takes seriously the more ridiculous aspects of female garb shouldn't expect to be taken literally.

But there's a tale going around of one male who cracks down on the women of his family with a smirk of real satisfaction. He picks occasions when he knows his action is duly noted and disliked but cannot be argued with.

He simply refuses to open the door to any gallantries to women wearing blue jeans. He doesn't open doors for them, pick up things they drop or stand up when they enter the room. At the dinner table he is careful to hold the chair for a lady in skirts. He ignores the lady in jeans.

—The Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

Scriptures

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy, Matt. 5:7. One way that is affected is by memory. It is far from the only way, but memory can cruelly punish the wicked. Memory is eternal.

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All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

When the atomic bomb first swaggered on the world scene, everybody shrank away in horror.

Now some people are beginning to treat the bomb like an old friend that may have uncouth manners, but is really a good creature at heart, and doesn't mean any harm.

Britain set off the big bang recently at her Australian proving-ground. The display did not impress Major-General Ivan Dougherty, New South Wales chief of civil defence, who said that an underground shelter with three feet of earth or concrete in the roof would give ample protection.

Panics is the chief danger, he said.

Maj.-Gen. Dougherty reminds me of the sort of man who keeps assuring people that his large, grim-looking dog is the gentlest beast alive, and wouldn't hurt a flea.

As the man speaks, his old pal charges at you with jungle ferocity and clamps a death-grip on the fat part of your leg.

"That's strange," the man says, "I never knew him to do that before. I'm very sorry."

You may accept his apology, but it is too late to get your leg back.

We feel the same about Maj.-Gen. Dougherty and the atom-tamers who have learned to know and love the nuclear bomb.

We're just a bunch of poor old laymen, but a lot of us still believe that the bomb can bite.

Even if we accept the assertion that a dugout with a three-foot roof is a safe haven—which is probably wrong, there is still room for grave doubts.

Few shelters exist. And if they did exist, how many people would be in them when the bomb burst? The atom may hit a nation without warning, either from an intercontinental missile that goes thousands of miles an hour, or from a box planted in a ship, or a suitcase.

Thanks all the same, general. With due respect to your knowledge, some of us would rather take the word of Professor Einstein, who warned that atomic war meant race suicide.

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"I am opposed to separate schools." He deposited a \$15,000 cheque with the municipality last Monday but municipal council has not yet decided whether to accept it.

"If I owned the schools I could make a better statement but I believe the Catholic School Board and the Municipality will come to some kind of an agreement."

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