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BEWARE OF FAKERS.

Some time ago the "News" contained a warning against "fakers," and, from reports received at this office, it appears necessary to repeat the caution. We are living in an enlightened age. School attendance is compulsory, and it might be supposed that general education would put an end to the business of the various concerns that prosper on false pretenses. But this does not appear to be the case. Spiritualist mediums are still doing a profitable business, no matter how often the fraud is exposed. The fellow with check, and nothing else, is still able to hold public attention, while modesty and merit stand in the shade, hand in hand. For some reason or other many persons still like to be humbugged, and there is always somebody ready to oblige them. Sometimes the very warning seems to arouse a curiosity that must be gratified. When a signboard states that the wall is just painted, someone is sure to stick a finger into it, just to see if the warning is true.

It is especially deplorable when people suffering from various physical ailments donate their hard-earned money to fakers who depend entirely on public credulity for patronage. Not only Latter-day Saints but all enlightened people ought to know better. They have been taught to exercise faith in case of sickness. But if they have not faith to be healed, but believe, they are to be "nourished with all tenderness, with herbs and mild food, and that not by the hands of an enemy." They have also been taught to call the Elders, and those who are not appointed to death shall be healed, while the others "shall not taste death, for it shall be sweet unto them." These instructions are given for the benefit of the Saints.

It is natural in cases of sickness to seek expert advice. Ever since the days of Babylonian civilization when the sick were placed in a public square and every passer-by was supposed to inquire about the symptoms and suggest a remedy, if he knew of any that had proved effective before in similar cases, this need of expert advice has been recognized. But we should have learned, by this time, to go to responsible men or women, who are known for honesty and integrity, as well as for skill and experience. The perambulating tramps who claim to heal all imaginable diseases; who claim to have discovered remedies with miraculous virtues of which science knows nothing, can safely be set down as charlatans who seek to obtain money under false pretenses. When there is occasion to consult a physician, go to one whom you know, on whose word you can rely, and one whose main object in life is not to get the money of his fellow-men.

CUMULATIVE PERJURY.

Perjury, in the strict, legal sense, is defined as the crime committed when a lawful oath is administered in some judicial proceeding, to a person who swears wilfully, absolutely and falsely, as a matter material to the issue. So writes Coke in his commentaries on Littleton.

In a wider social sense the essence of this sin, considered an offense against good morals consists in "wilfully, absolutely, and falsely" declaring a thing to be what it is not. If the declaration does not concern the character, the words, or the acts of another, the offense is more untruthfulness. If, however, the false and wilful misrepresentations relate to the character, reputation, veracity and honesty of another, then the offense may be as bad as, or even worse than, that of ordinary perjury in the legal sense. For it tends to place a person upon trial in the eyes of the world, before the bar of public judgment, before jurors who may never hear his side of the case, and who may therefore conclude that the defamatory charge is true.

If we have correctly stated the legal and ethical aspect of the question of bearing false witness, we think it follows that the Tribune of this city has convicted itself before the bar of public judgment of a peculiar kind of cumulative, moral perjury, the purpose of which is not precisely evident, while precedents for so shocking and wanton a procedure are rarely to be found outside of its own editorial columns.

We refer to its "wilful, absolute, and wanton" moral perjury in repeating from day to day what it knew to be untrue as to a very simple matter; namely, whether or not the "News" had quoted only writers who lived hundreds of years ago on the question of the Christian doctrine as to the future life.

What most astounds us in this wanton display of false witness is that it seems to serve no very useful end, since it conduces to no decisive result in the controversy. The "News" mentioned certain Christian authorities and asked how many of the ministers would like to be bound to accept as doctrine all that even their most illustrious leaders had said on any given subject. On Friday, June 28th, the "News" quoted Calvin and some of the Christian fathers as to certain beliefs once universally held by Christian churches. On Saturday, June 29th, Calvin and three modern theologians, Dr. Gardiner Spring (1785-1873), John Henry Newman (1801-1890), and

C. H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) were similarly quoted by this paper.

On Saturday, June 30th, the Tribune said, with this article before it, that the "alleged parallel" which we had drawn was destroyed by one fact; namely, that Calvin "was born in the year 1809, while the "Mormon" leaders, whose words have been quoted all lived within a period covered by seventy-five years back."

Thinking that possibly our contemporary had overlooked our Saturday article, we first waited for several days for it to correct its mistake, if such it were, and on Wednesday we called attention to the misstatement in these words: "Well, how far back is Spring, Spurgeon, Newman? Do they not come within a period covered by seventy-five years back?"

To this the response of the anti-"Mormon" organ was almost continuous for several issues. It repeatedly referred to the subject, each time repeating its former misstatement and reiterating the now patent falsehood in words like these, The "News" "returns to the attack with an equally untenable proposition." It "quotes Jeremy Taylor, who lived in the seventeenth century—over two centuries before the "Mormon" priests who have been cited by the ministers." Also, "it realizes that the members of the Church will accept its crooked reasoning without taking the trouble to learn whether Jeremy Taylor lived last week, last month, last year, or the year one."

The above was in the issue of July 3. But not content even with this monumental moral perjury, the organ continued to reiterate the falsehood as if it were actually trying to outdo Muenchhausen as a falsifier. Thus, on July 6th it said again: "During a recent discussion of authorities the 'News' has persisted in making unfair comparisons as between 'Mormon' speakers and writers of this day and those of other Christian churches in the past. . . . It has quoted old authors and speakers, etc. Then the organ concluded by falsely imputing to this paper the identical moral obliquity which it was thus parading in its own columns—a display of turpitude upon which thoughtful readers were looking aghast and wondering how many times more it would be brazen enough to repeat.

It said: "Now what purpose the church organ could have had in presenting these themes, of its own selection, The Tribune would not pretend to say. Of one thing it is certain, though, and that is that the News attempted to do what it has always found it necessary to do heretofore. It has been obliged to oblige the question in an endeavor to mislead its readers as to the opposition. Even if the doctrines presented by Calvin, Taylor and others be erroneous, they have one advantage over some of those presented by the Mormon authorities who have been quoted."

Not a few people were wondering what purpose the organ could have in thus proving to every observant reader its own unreliability and lack of ordinary veracity, and that, too, in a case in which the truth would apparently have been as much to its advantage as the continuous reiteration of so transparent an attempt at deception.

FOR HOT WEATHER.

Every hot season the wise men volunteer good advice on the question of avoiding the dangers of over-heating. They tell their fellowmen that the heat of the sun itself seldom injures a man, but that prostrations are due to internal rather than external causes. Too much hearty food, too much alcohol, too much worry—these are the things to avoid.

It will be readily accepted as true that overindulgence in stimulants is responsible for more "sunstrokes" than the sun itself. When the system is placed between two fires it must succumb. Over-eating is another potent cause of sunstroke. A body fired with heat-producing food, is ill prepared to withstand the additional solar assault.

In order to be comfortable in hot weather, so the rules say, be placid. Keep cool, mentally. Eat and drink sparingly. Use cool water, but remember that ice water is deadly. Bathe frequently. No one need avoid hard work on account of the heat, provided he does not exhaust his system by a violation of the laws of hygiene.

DESIGNS ON MEXICO?

Word was sent out from Washington the other day to the effect that negotiations are going on between this country and Mexico for the transfer of the whole, or a part, of Lower California to the United States. By this transaction, if it could be completed, Uncle Sam would acquire Magdalena bay, which is considered the most magnificent natural harbor on the American side of the Pacific coast. Mexico, it is asserted, has shown a very friendly disposition in this matter.

As Mexico undoubtedly would receive a good price for a comparatively worthless strip of land, there would be reason for the rumored business transaction. The country is wild and unsettled. Many of the valuable tracts of land have recently passed into the hands of Americans. The total area of the state is about 60,000 square miles and its coast line measures more than 1,900 miles. The peninsula is traversed from end to end by a cordillera running nearer the eastern than the western coast, the descent on the Gulf side being extremely abrupt while on the Pacific side the coast is reached by a succession of low hills. But countries do not, as a rule, sell territory to neighbors. Patriotism and good policy forbid such transactions. Mexico has a constitutional provision against dividing the country and disposing of any part of it.

A country of little value to Mexico would seem equally valueless to the United States, but Magdalena bay, it is pointed out, would be an excellent drill ground for our ships, and a harbor of immense strategic importance. Inside the bay, it is said, the water is generally as smooth as an inland lake, and the climate is mild the year round. In the event that Mexico should consent to the purchase of only a portion of the peninsula enough would be included in the tract to permit the establishment of a small arms rifle range for the use of the bluejackets and marines on shore. The transfer of practically the entire naval force of the country from one ocean to another, makes it necessary to provide for convenient and suitable

harbors, strongly fortified, but Mexico will not part voluntarily with any of her territory to accommodate Uncle Sam.

The story is a revival of a rumor that has been heard on previous occasions. It may be part of an agitation for an enormous increase of our navy. It should be accepted for what it is worth, and no more.

HASTE MAKES HEAT.

A child's mind is never so vacant as in a vacation school.

Nothing needs a sweeping reform so much as the janitors.

All aboard for Kansas! Seventy million bushels of wheat to be harvested!

It is to be hoped that Mayor Schmitt's successor will not be his imitator.

"Call nothing common," says Dr. David Starr Jordan. What, not even Boston Common?

John D. Rockefeller owes Judge Landis a debt of gratitude. It was he who gave him true liberty.

If the worst comes to the worst, send Miss May Sutton to Japan. She will give them a racket.

It is objected to the new bullet that it will kill more than the old ones did. What are bullets for, anyhow?

There are many tellers of fish stories but old Isaac remains the most charming of them all.

The President pitching hay does not make him a mollycoddle but it puts him in the same class as Maud Muller.

A beautiful New York girl has given up prospective millions that she may follow art. The day will come when she will be glad to give all her art for a small part of the millions.

In all this talk about our differences with Japan and their possible consequences, not once has the voice of Captain Hobson Richmond been heard. Why this thushness?

A graceful compliment to the people of the Emerald Isle was the wearing of a green necktie by King Edward and a moss-green toque by Queen Alexandra on the occasion of their Dublin visit. And it was graciously received.

Mark Twain paid a most beautiful tribute to the memory of his wife when he said to a London reporter who asked him if he were going to marry again: "I have not known and shall never know any one who could fill the place of the wife I have lost. I shall not marry again."

People generally will agree with Mr. Harriman that if it is right for the government to ship coal to the Pacific coast in foreign bottoms, there is no good reason why others shouldn't have the same privilege. True. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

When the battleship fleet starts on its long voyage for the Pacific it will sail under war-like conditions and keep a sharp lookout for imaginary enemies, whom it will repel. Such enemies are so much easier to repel than the other kind, and they are always repelled. May all our enemies in the Pacific and elsewhere ever be imaginary!

The serial publication of Ellen Terry's autobiography is to be proceeded with. A portion of it was published sixteen years ago, but very few American readers made acquaintance with it. If the autobiography is worth anything it will be as interesting today as ever and of course there will be new additions. What a splendid advertising it has had!

OUR NAVAL STRATEGISTS.

New York Evening Post.
The prompt denial of the reported determination to send our entire battle ship fleet to Asiatic waters puts an end to one of the most mischievous canards yet produced by the Japanese troubles. It is a pity that the Herald, which fattered this story, cannot be induced to show its contrition by ceasing its anti-Japanese campaign. In all probability, the Herald had as a basis for its yarn some plan or recommendation of the navy's general board, which would prove again how dangerous our navy strategists may become when they enter the realm of high politics. There is, of course, no objection to their making all the war plans they please. It is an amusement no one would deny them, but simple common sense dictates that those plans should be allowed to repose peacefully in some dusty drawer, and not be given to the public or allowed to leak out at times when much harm can be done. Naturally, Mr. Roosevelt must see that to send a lot of battle ships to the Pacific just now would be as foolish and reckless an act as was the sending of the Maine to Havana. He would do well to order the general board, if it is the author of this plan, to limit its activities strictly to purely technical questions. The war talk and rumors of trouble which emanate from Washington naval circles in the course of a year are really becoming a public nuisance, if not a national danger.

THE COMING BATTLESHIPS.

New York Evening Mail.
We have two coasts, washed by two oceans, to defend. We are quite as likely to need the ships in one of these oceans, the Pacific, as we are to need them in the other, the Atlantic. We are treating the Pacific Ocean exactly as if nothing unpleasant could ever happen there. We are treating the Atlantic Ocean as if an enemy lurked behind every wave. England, if there is truth in the report that 16 of our battleships are to be transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific, we shall see a reversal, for a time, of Uncle Sam's apparent thought, about the oceans. The change will point to a conclusion on his part that his right side needs defense, at present, even a little more than his left side does.

TARIFF REFORM ARGUMENT.

New York Tribune.
A surplus of \$87,000,000 is unwieldy, and if the Treasury's receipts continue to grow as they grew last year sound national policy will dictate a reduction of taxes. The fact that imports are increasing even more rapidly than exports, and the further fact that a larger and larger share of import duties is collected on materials needed for manufacturing suggest the conclusion that the Dingley schedules have done

their work in certain lines and need revision. The balance of taxation on imports could be shifted, so as to readjust burdens and encourage trade. We do not want to collect taxes just for the sake of piling up money in the Treasury, and the nation's incessant growth and rapid changes in the conditions of its trade and industry make it desirable to overhaul our tariff and internal tax systems at suitable intervals.

OFFICERS OF THE ARMY.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican.
Down in 1898, less than ten years ago, General Wood was an Army doctor. General Grant had spent his life in civil pursuits and General Funston was utterly without military experience or education, except that of the bushwhacking sort in Cuba. Funston was made an officer of brigadier rank because he kidnapped a fictional duke because of his family name; Wood because of his administration of a peaceful and contented Cuba and his friendship with Mr. Roosevelt. Distinguished as the special gifts of these three officers were, still they were not gifts that pointed to high military command; nor were their special claims such as to merit lofty military station.

JUST FOR FUN.

New York World.

Where is the one man of weight today who dares to stand up in public and declare that either the government of the United States or the government of Japan desires a war or is preparing for a war, or that either government has not exercised every care to overcome every obstacle due to that ignorance or folly of individuals who take no account of international obligations?

Chicago Post.
It is preposterous to think for a moment that President Roosevelt will lend his countenance to the scheme of the naval board to dispatch a great fleet of battle ships to the Pacific in this hour of strained relations with Japan. There is no danger of war now, but there will be sharper danger of war if the hotheads of the navy have their way.

The Lute Player.

He touched the strings; and lo, the strings.

As waters dimple to the rain, Spontaneous rose and fell again.

In swaddling-clothes of silence bound His genius a soul had found.

And wakened it to light and sound.—John B. Tabb, in the Atlantic.

Squarely for Homicide.
At any rate, the Virginia jury didn't monkey with brainstorms and "demoniacal" influences. They came out squarely in favor of homicide as a means of cooling the temper.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

On the Fourth.
He blew into the cannon's vent, and now the truth is known, said with great home is rent, he blew and then was blown.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Prepared.
If the Japs should decide to attack us before we get our ships around the Horn we can turn Harry Orchard loose in the Pacific—Philadelphia North American.

Had 198 Chances.
A young man proposed for the hand of a millionaire's daughter.

"Well," said the millionaire, frowning thoughtfully, "what are your prospects? Is there any chance of promotion in your business?"

"Any chance?" cried the young man. "Well, I should say so. Why, we employ two hundred men, and my job is next to the lowest in the establishment."—Puck.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In the July number of Success appears an article in which President Roosevelt is described as an ideal Deseret. The variety of effort that have been made from time to time, by noted swimmers, to swim the English channel, are touched upon by W. G. Fitzgerald in his article, "An Eighteen Hour Swim." "The Moon-shiners," by H. S. Cooper, the first chapters of which appear this month, is a romance of the Tennessee mountaineers. Montague Glass contributes an account of his experiences with that presiding genius of the business world, the office boy. "The Wireless Telegraph Bubble," by Frank Fayant, tells its dramatic story of the operations of the men who have made this great discovery a byword of reproach, is concluded in this issue. Henry Beach Needham's history of baseball is continued. "A Quart of Turbulences," by Henry Milner Rideout, "The Perambulating House," by Elliott Flower, and "Robert Galahue Todd," by Wilbur Nixson, are fiction features.—22 Waverly Place, New York.

The leading feature in the current Harper's is an appreciation of Judson Harmon, of Ohio, an interesting Democratic Presidential possibility, by William Inglis, together with an expression of Judge Harmon's views on the duties of Democracy in the next campaign. How the "Fourth" was celebrated one hundred years ago in little old New York is the feature in the article by Frank Marshall White. The stirring scenes and thrilling incidents of that time when our country was on the eve of the second war with England are faithfully portrayed. The usual illuminating comment and editorial touch upon the Federal courts and State railroad laws, the question of the Democracy of Mr. Bryan, and other leading topics of the day.—Harper & Bros., New York.

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