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Reasons For National Gratitude Shown In the Development of the Arts of Peace—The Wheel as a Symbol of Prosperity.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—This discourse of Dr. Talmage is a sermon of preparation for the national observance of this week and in an unusual way calls for the gratitude of the people; the text, Ezekiel x, 13, "As for the wheels, it was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel!"

Next Thursday will, by proclamation of president and governors, be observed in thanksgiving for temporal mercies. With what spirit shall we enter upon it? For nearly a year and a half this nation has been celebrating the triumph of sword and gun and battery. We have sung martial airs and cheered returning heroes and sounded the requiem for the slain in battle. Methinks it will be a healthful change if this Thanksgiving week, in church and homestead, we celebrate the victories of peace, for nothing was done at Santiago or Manila that was of more importance than that which in the last year has been done in farmer's field and mechanic's shop and author's study by those who never wore an epaulet or shot a Spaniard or went a hundred miles from their own doorsill. And now I call your attention to the wheel of the text.

Man, a small speck in the universe, was set down in a big world, high mountains rising before him, deep seas arresting his pathway and wild beasts capable of his destruction, yet he was to conquer. It could not be by physical force, for compare his arm with the ox's horn and the elephant's tusk, and how weak he is! It could not be by physical speed, for compare him to the antelope's foot and ptarmigan's wing, and how slow he is! It could not be by physical capacity to soar or plunge, for the condor beats him in one direction and the porpoise in the other. Yet he was to conquer the world. Two eyes, two hands, and two feet were insufficient. He must be re-enforced, so God sent the wheel.

Twenty-two times is the wheel mentioned in the Bible, sometimes, as in Ezekiel, illustrating providential movement; sometimes, as in the Psalms, crushing the bad; sometimes, as in Judges, representing God's charioted progress. The wheel that started in Exodus rolls on through Proverbs, through Isaiah, through Jeremiah, through Daniel, through Nahum, through the centuries, all the time gathering momentum and splendor, until, seeing what it has done for the world's progress and happiness, we clap our hands in thanksgiving and employ the apostrophe of the text, crying, "O wheel!"

I call on you in this Thanksgiving week to praise God for the triumphs of machinery, which have revolutionized the world and multiplied its attractions. Even paradise, though very picturesque, must have been comparatively dull, hardly anything going on, no agriculture needed, for the harvest was spontaneous; no architecture required, for they slept under the trees; no manufacturer's loom necessary for the weaving of apparel, for the fashions were exceedingly simple. To dress the garden could not have required ten minutes a day.

Turned Out of Paradise.

Having nothing to do, they got into mischief and ruined themselves and the race. It was a sad thing to be turned out of paradise, but, once turned out, a beneficent thing to be compelled to work. To help man up and on God sent the wheel. If turned ahead, the race advances; if turned back, the race retreats. To arouse your gratitude and exalt your praise I would show you what the wheel has done for the domestic world, for the agricultural world, for the traveling world, for the literary world. "As for the wheels, it was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel!"

In domestic life the wheel has wrought revolution. Behold the sewing machine. It has shattered the housewife's bondage and prolonged woman's life and added immeasurable advantages. The needle for ages had punctured the eyes and pierced the side and made terrible massacre. To prepare the garments of a whole household in the spring for summer and in the autumn for winter was an exhausting process. "Stitch, stitch, stitch!" Thomas Hood set it to poetry, but millions of persons have found it agonizing prose.

Slain by the sword, we buried the hero with "Dead March" in "Saul" and flags at half mast. Slain by the needle, no one knew it but the household that watched her health giving way. The winter after that the children were ragged and cold and hungry or in the almshouse. The hand that wielded the needle had forgotten its cunning. Soul and body had parted at the seam. The thimble had dropped from the palsied finger. The thread of life had snapped and let a suffering human life drop into the grave. The spool was all unwound. Her sepulcher was digged not with sexton's spade, but with a sharper and shorter implement—a needle. Federal and Confederate dead have ornamented graves at Arlington Heights and Richmond and Gettysburg, thousands by thousands, but it will take the archangel's trumpet to find the million graves of the vaster army of women needle slain.

Besides all the sewing done for the household at home, there are hundreds of thousands of sewing women. The tragedy of the needle is the tragedy of hunger and cold and insult and homesickness and suicide—five acts.

But I hear the rush of a wheel. Woman puts on the band and adjusts the instrument, puts her foot on the treadle and begins. Before the whir and rattle pleurisies, consumptions, headaches, backaches, heartaches, are routed. The needle, once an oppressive tyrant, becomes a cheerful slave—roll and rumble and roar until the family wardrobe is gathered, and winter is defied, and summer is welcomed, and the ardors and severities of the seasons are overcome; winding the bobbin, threading the shuttle, tucking, quilting, ruffling, cording, embroidering, underbraiding, set to music; lock stitch, twisted loop stitch, crochet stitch, a fascinating ingenuity. All honor to the memory of Alsop and Duncan and Greenough and Singer and Wilson and Grover and Willcox for their efforts to emancipate woman from the slavery of toil! But, more than that, let there be monumental commemoration of Elias Howe, the inventor of the first complete sewing machine. What it has saved of sweat and tears God only can estimate. In the making of men's and boys' clothing in New York city in one year it saved $7,500,000, and in Massachusetts, in the making of boots and shoes, in one year it saved $7,000,000.

Practical Education.

No wonder that at some of the learned institutions, like the New Jersey State Normal school, and Rutgers Female institute, and Elmira Female college, acquaintance with the sewing machine is a requisition, a young lady not being considered educated until she understands it. Winter is coming on, and the household must be warmly clad. "The Last Rose of Summer" will sound better played on a sewing machine than on a piano. Roll on, O wheel of the sewing machine, until the last shackled woman of toil shall be emancipated! Roll on!

Secondly, I look into the agricultural world to see what the wheel has accomplished. Look at the stalks of wheat and oats, the one bread for man, the other bread for horses. Coat off and with a cradle made out of five or six fingers of wood and one of sharp steel, the harvester went across the field, stroke after stroke, perspiration rolling down forehead and cheek and chest, head blistered by the consuming sun and lip parched by the merciless August air, at noon the workmen lying half dead under the trees. One of my most painful boyhood memories is that of my father in harvest time reeling from exhaustion over the doorstep, too tired to eat, pale and fainting as he sat down. The grain brought to the barn, the sheaves were unbound and spread on a thrashing floor, and two men with flails stood opposite each other, hour after hour and day after day, pounding the wheat out of the stalk. Two strokes, and then a cessation of sound. Thump, thump, thump, thump, thump, thump! Pounded once, and then turned over to be pounded again, slow, very slow. The hens cackled and clucked by the door and picked up the loose grains and the horses half asleep and dozing over the mangers where the hay had been.

But hark to the buzz of wheels in the distance! The farmer has taken his throne on a reaper. He once walked; now he rides; once worked with arm of flesh, now with arm of iron. He starts at the end of the wheatfield, heads his horses to the opposite end of the field, rides on. At the stroke of his iron chariot the gold of the grain is surrendered, the machine rolling this way and rolling that, this way and that, until the work which would have been accomplished in many days is accomplished in a few hours, the grainfield prostrate before the harvesters.

What quick, clean work the wheel of the reaper does make! Soon after the horses are fastened to the thrashing machine back of the barn. The iron toothed cylinders are ready for their prey. The horses start, the unbound wheat is plunged into the vortex, and the broken straw is in one place and the pure St. Louis wheat is in another place. The driving wheel strapped, the cylinder humming with terrible velocity, the inexperienced warned off for fear of accident, the ground aquake with the mighty revolution, I stand in awe and thanksgiving at the agricultural conquest and cry out with the text, "O wheel!"

Can you imagine anything more beautiful than the sea island cotton? I take up the unmelted snow in my hand. How beautiful it is! But do you know by what painstaking and tedious toil it passed into anything like practicality? If you examined the cotton, you would find it full of seeds. It was a severe process by which the seed was to be extracted from the fiber. Vast populations were leaving the south because they could not make any living out of this product. One pound of green seed cotton was all that a man could prepare in one day, but Eli Whitney, a Massachusetts Yankee, woke up, got a handful of cotton and went to constructing a wheel for the parting of the fiber and the seed.

Benefits of Inventive Genius.

Teeth on cylinders, brushes on cylinders, wheels on wheels. South Carolina gave him $50,000 for his invention, and instead of one man taking a whole day to prepare a pound of cotton for the market now he may prepare three hundredweight, and the south is enriched, and the commerce of the world is revolutionized, and over 8,000,000 bales of cotton were prepared this year, enough to keep at work in this country 14,300,000 spindles, employing 270,000 hands and enlisting $281,400,000 of capital.

Thank you, Eli Whitney, and L. S. Chichester of New York, his successor. Above all, thank God for their inventive genius, that has done so much for the prosperity of the world.

When I see coming forth from this cotton production and cotton manufacture enough cloth to cover the tables of a nation, and enough spool thread to sew every rent garment, and enough hosiery to warm the nation's feet, and enough cordage to fly the sails of all the shipping, and enough wadding to supply the guns of all the American sportsmen, and enough twine to fly all the kites outside of Wall street, and enough tape to tie up all the briefs of all the attorneys, and enough flannels to blanket a slumbering world, I thank God.

For the $50,000 received for his cotton gin Whitney gave a wealth that makes the word "millions" imbecile. Strange that one machine should work such marvels. Have you noticed the construction of the cotton gin? On one side of it I count three wheels, and on another side I count three wheels, while on the third side there is a wheel on the top of a wheel, and the salutation of the text bursts from my lips, while I cry in ecstasy and admiration of gratitude, "O wheel!"

Thirdly, I look to see what the wheel has done for the travelling world. No one can tell how many noble and self sacrificing inventors have been crushed between the coach wheel and the modern locomotive, between the paddle and the ocean steamer.

I will not enter into the controversy as to whether John Fitch or Robert Fulton or Thomas Somerset was the inventor of the steamboat. They all suffered and were martyrs of the wheel, and they shall be honored. John Fitch wrote:

The 21st of January, 1743, was the fatal time of bringing me into existence. I know of nothing so perplexing and vexatious to a man of feeling as a turbulent wife and steamboat building. I experienced the former and quit in season, and had I been in my right senses I should undoubtedly have treated the latter in the same manner; but, for one man to be teased with both, he must be looked upon as the most unfortunate man in the world.

Prophets of Evil.

Surely John Fitch was in a bad predicament. If the steamboat boiler did not blow him up, his wife would. In all ages there are those to prophesy the failure of any useful invention. You do not know what the inventors of the day suffer. When it was proposed to light London with gas, Sir Humphry Davy, the great philosopher, said that he should as soon think of cutting a slice from the moon and setting it upon a pole to light the city. Through all abuse and caricature Fitch and Fulton went until yonder the wheel is in motion, and the Clermont, the first steamboat, is going up the North river, running the distance—hold your breath while I tell you—from New York to Albany in 32 hours. But the steamboat wheel multiplied its velocities until the Lucania of the Cunard and the Majestic of the White Star line and the New York of the American line and the Kaiser Wilhelm of the North German Lloyd line cross the Atlantic ocean in six days or less, communication between the two countries so rapid and so constant that whereas once those who had been to Europe took on airs for the rest of their mortal lives—and to me for many years the most disagreeable man I could meet was the man who had been to Europe, despising all American pictures and American music and American so-

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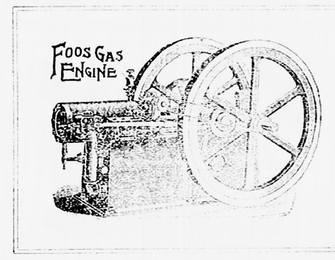

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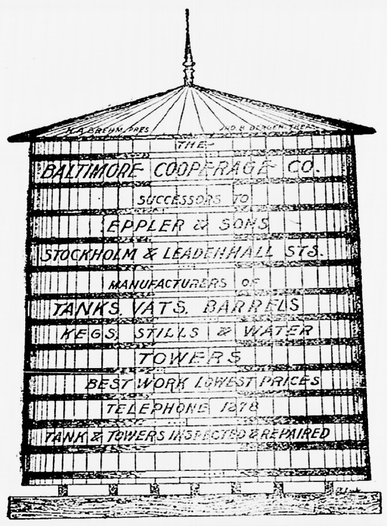

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