

Great in Results

Changes That Sometimes Affect Pockets of Dealers.

Small things sometimes produce large results, and the results may be either pleasant or unpleasant. For instance, should Admiral Dewey decide tomorrow to grow a beard the thousands of dollars invested in photographs of the hero of Manila Bay would immediately lose their value. Had General Grant shaved off his beard upon his election to the presidency that simple act would have meant ruin to hundreds of photographers who invested their all to get to the nation's capital and photograph the president in the act of taking the oath with the idea of selling prints from their negatives. The danger in these little things is better understood abroad than it is here. Some one in the court circle in Berlin stated recently that the Kaiser proposed growing a beard. Immediately the leading German photographers got together and drew up a petition to King William. They pointed out that many thousands of dollars were invested in photos, color types and small statues of the Kaiser, and in every case his world-renowned mustache figures conspicuously—perhaps even more than it does on the emperor's face. If the Kaiser grew a beard all these photos and likenesses would be a drug in the market. Whether or not it was because of this petition no one can say with certainty, but it is a fact that the Kaiser has abandoned his intention of raising a beard. Curiously enough, the sudden introduction of the khaki uniform into the British army at the commencement of the present South African war was a greater financial blow to Germany, Belgium and Holland than it was to Great Britain. In fact, it restored some thousands of pounds' worth of trade to the latter country. Most of the cheaper toys, especially those in which color plays the chief part, are supplied by the Continental countries named above. So soon as war was whispered these countries began rushing through to England quantities of British soldiers made of tin, all dressed in the regulation regimental

uniforms. The same was done in the war picture line. So soon as the public heard that khaki was going to be the one and only dress, loving fathers and mothers refused to buy boxes of soldiers which were obviously out of date, and a slump in this line followed. Then a few smart British firms jumped into the gap, and made many thousands, incidentally recapturing the English toy market from their foreign rivals. One West End toy dealer told a reporter that the donning of khaki by the British army had cost German, Dutch and Belgian toymakers up to the present something like £30,000, or \$150,000. Some six years ago the head of a large English factory, which employed many hundreds of girls, came to the conclusion that his employees wasted much time every day in tightening their lace shoes. He issued an ultimatum to the effect that after a certain date, every girl was to wear elastic-side shoes. He stated that the loss during a year from girls stopping to attend to their shoes ran into four figures. Nearly every factory followed his lead, and today laceless shoes are in general use in English mills and factories. The manager of one of the largest sweet-meat factories in Great Britain recently told a reporter that the firm had refused women passes to view their works because it was found that during one week, when forty women inspected the manufacturing of their sweetmeats, the output of the firm fell off to the amount of 300 pounds. When this was inquired into it was discovered that as the visitors passed through the departments where girls were employed the workers always stopped work to scrutinize their apparel, and then spent another ten or fifteen minutes arguing as to the wearers' tastes in dress.—New York Press.

Paul Bourget, the French novelist, is probably to make his second visit to this country this winter. His excursion is in pursuit of literary material.

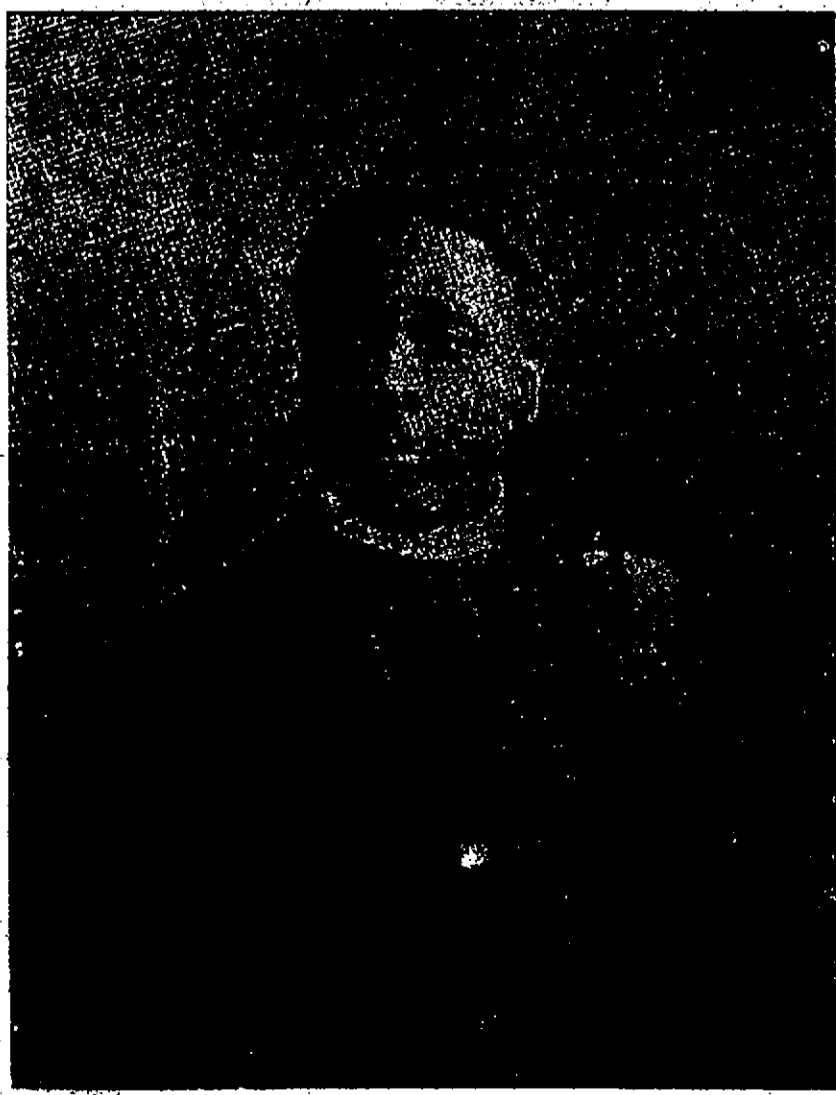
Wonderful Alaska

Fish, Grain and Gold Among Its Marvelous Resources.

To speak of Alaska is to speak of a wonderland, says Samuel Lichenstader, a mining expert, now visiting in New York. A mere catalogue of its resources could be woven into a romance. Fish in the seas, grain in the soil, gold in the hills, are there in an abundance. The placers of Nome and Dawson have yielded more than \$25,000,000 within three years. The seal industry adds millions of dollars annually to the world's product, and an industry less heard of than any of these, the salmon fisheries and canneries, produces no less than \$20,000,000 worth of salmon annually. The Klondike excitements of the last three or four years have tended to further picture Alaska as a kingdom of ice and snow. But this is wrong. The snow and ice are there, but so are there perennially snow covered peaks in the western ranges of Oregon, of Washington and of California. Yet where is the citizen of any of these states who does not know that from these mountains he can see grain, green trees and the other vegetation of a temperate climate in the lowlands beneath him? So it is with Alaska. Unhappily the Klondike "rushes" left behind the wrecks of many fortunes and the ruins of many hopes. Those northern icy passes and glacial gorges are the sepulchres of hundreds of pioneers. These death rolls, however, are simply a register of a part of the price which humanity pays to the progress of the world. And progress there surely has been in Alaska. The seekers after gold

who traveled trails of ice did so to pass beyond the frozen summits and to find that the trails led to green fields and navigable waters. Probably the most interesting of all the industries to study is the fish industry. Only recently I had occasion to take a trip up a small stream about five miles from Ketchikan in company with an old classmate, Henry Bratnaber, of San Francisco. Our craft was a small steam launch. We overtook a school of salmon ascending the stream, and you can imagine our surprise when we found ourselves passing gradually from a river of water into a compact mass of wriggling fish. The propeller of the launch became entangled, and we were brought to a stop just as effectively as if we had run upon a sandbar. From this you can see that there is no trouble in keeping hundreds of canneries in operation. Within 50 miles of this one stream 40 canneries are turning out 1,000,000 cases of salmon a year, costing about \$2.50 a case to market and bringing in about \$3.75 a case to the trade. Thus it is that the vast resources of this great territory, of which this is only one, could be listed. I often wonder what some of those critics who so persistently and malignantly condemned Secretary Seward for his \$7,000,000 Alaska purchase would say were they on the Alaskan part of the earth today. I think that Mr. Seward made a bargain, doubly creditable, for the reason that statesmen so seldom successfully invade the realm of barter.

Men Who Would Public Opinion in Favor of the Negro.



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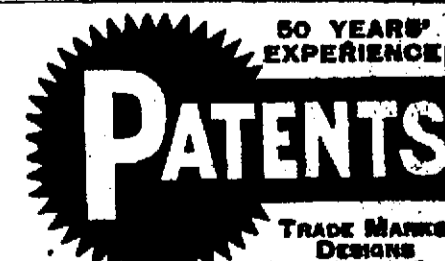
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Midnight's Musing.

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of Mrs. Spence without getting hurt and I jumped out and shouted free at last. Nothing is worse than a drunken man, and I have made up my mind to have nothing to do with them. Now as night all them great big preachers and all the people in town got into Bethel Church, and Dr. Porter told them that there was going to be something out of the ordinary, so then Bishop Tyre started one of his good, old-time hymns and some of the people joined with him and then he prayed a prayer and introduced me to make a talk and I told them people all about how me and Gen. Grant use to tote our muskets around that place, and how we shot the rebels to death until we got in full charge of the town, and I will tell you those folks just walked up and presented me with some money to get into the next town. Bright and early the next morning found us started for the place I am this very moment, and now I am bothered with two old hens who are giving me lots of trouble while I am striving to pen you these few lines this week, but then I am not going to say too much about them for they may pull my head and slap my face. As I moved along up the road I met many people, and what do

you think? I passed through Greenville, and Dr. E. W. Lampton got on board and told me to make myself at home. I suppose that I must be at home in this riding business any way. His wife was at the stable and shook my dilly back hand and told me to make myself at home, which I did with all my heart. She reminded me that she was coming up the next day and if I would meet her at the stable she would have a friend chicken for me, and that it would be fried, so I smoked my mouth and went on my way rejoicing. "Frier's Point!" shouted the big mounted reporter and conductor, and we all got off. The preachers fled off in large numbers, and Rev. C. S. Bowman was jumping around like a chicken with his head out trying to receive us all at one time. Bishop Tyre and his wife were cared for and then Col. Midnight was assigned to stop with one of the biggest men in town, if not the biggest man in this section of the country. "Dr. Lampton," said the pastor, "I would like for you to show the Colonel to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen."

will honor it, and you know well that when we can do this we are somebody. It is true to his church and true to his race and no Methodist preacher is ever known to go hungry if he can get around Allen. He helped to elect Bishop Turner and has helped to make some of the Bishops of the A. M. E. Church. His wife is a native of the country also and she is a wife that you read about. Now these two have moved along together, and they have two children in the kingdom, and not a one left in this world; but they have wanted to do something in this business so they adopted Miss Lillian H. Lewis as their own daughter in fee simple absolute. I have not told you about Miss Lewis, but she is refined, cultured, full of music and is possessed of good common sense. It is a pleasure to meet and converse with her. I wish that I had the time to tell you many things about her ability. She is general manager and cashier of Mr. Allen's business and she knows her business I am here to tell you. She can go into the kitchen and cook a good meal, she can entertain in the parlor and make a good speech. We should feel proud of this class of our women. I want to say that Mr. Allen owns horses, cows and a fine carriage for his family use, a business block, and the Lord knows what else. I could just tell you about him for a whole week and then leave something unsaid that should be said. I am proud to have met him and been entertained at his home. All the bankers, business men and municipal officers eat at his place and now he is serving three meals a day to a white man who must soon leave this world. He will be hanged December 23rd. I think that if they allow a man to live this near Christmas they might as well allow him to enjoy the day, but they tell me that they are not going to do it. He is being fed on chicken, oysters and other good things. He is given the best the market has in store. It must be a hard thing to die, though I do not know for I have not died yet, and when I do die I want to tell you all

right now that I am not going to write to you anymore. I have had the pleasure of meeting many people in this town, and the North Mississippi Conference is also being held right here in town. I wish that you could drop over and have a look at the earnest preachers striving to accomplish something for God and the race. Bishop Tyre is on hand, and as I am going to talk to you about him next week, I suppose that I will not go into details this week. So I want you to listen when I get ready to talk to you about him. Miss Carrie J. Lloyd, who played on the organ is one of the girls of our race that deserves to be congratulated for she has worked through thick and thin traveled through the mud to school getting something in her head, and now she is organist for the Sunday school, and a teacher of music. Her ability brings her in touch with many of our race and if you have no objection I will send you her picture in order that you take a look at her yourself. Now I must bring this letter to a close. I hope you will write to me. I have told you about Miss Lloyd and others that I met here but I mentioned Miss Lloyd because she is an example for our girls and shows what it is possible for our girls to do if they will prepare themselves instead of going around after the boys. I trust that you will live long and be



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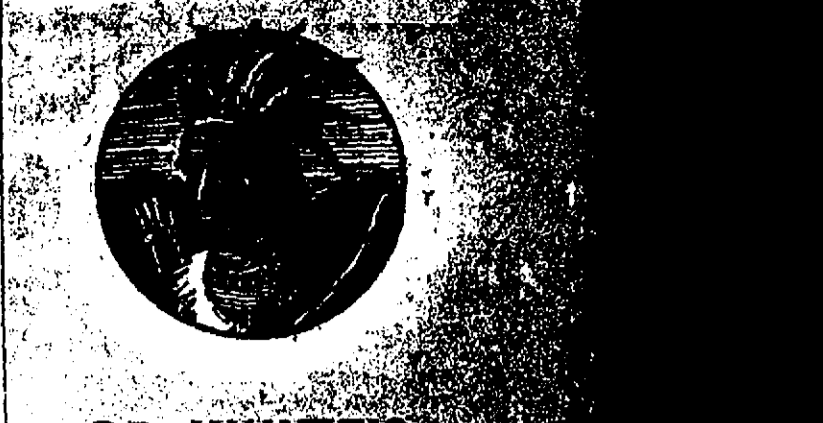
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International Lesson Comments For December 22

Subject: Christmas, Luke, 1: 1-7—Golden Text, Luke 11, 11—Memory Verses 4, 7—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

1. "Shall not be such." The darkness shall not be as great as it has been. There was a ray of encouragement for those who were ready to receive the prophet's words.

2. "The people that walked in darkness." The people of Judah. They were at this time under a two-fold darkness: (1) The darkness of outward trouble.

3. "Thou hast multiplied the nation." The prophet shows them the Messiah and His work. He moves them to hope, awakes faith, arouses to righteousness, by the vision of good times coming.

4. "Thou hast broken the yoke." The Jews were successively delivered from the burdensome and galling yoke of the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Persians and Macedonians.

5. "For every battle." It was the custom of antiquity to pile the arms of prostrate enemies at the feet of the victor.

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