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Lines suggested for a door-plate:
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Come not to bribe us! enter our door!

WHERE QUEEN ANNES COUNTY SHOULD STAND.

There is a project under way in Kent county to change the location of the Chester river bridge to the foot of High street, Chestertown. Sentiment in Kent is divided on this change.

In Queen Annes county there should be no division of opinion. Every citizen of the county should unite and cooperate to prevent such a costly and disadvantageous change.

The sole purpose of the removal of the bridge location is to give a questionable advantage to Chestertown merchants, their hope being that they would reap a business harvest from motorists compelled to pass their doors.

Property-owners near the present bridge, on the Queen Annes side, would be put to loss by depreciation of realty if the State road is changed to leave them off the highway. Such a move would result in financial loss to this county and the State would be put to a far more expensive outlay.

It is practically certain that this county's citizens and officials will see the powerful necessity of opposing Chestertown's selfishness.

WHENCE WAR MAY WAFT US.

Recent developments in the world's martial arena are furnishing food for thought and not the least of this comes from the seeming coincidence between Berlin's astounding U-boat move and the report that the Entente Allies cherished a desire that the United States should assume a protectorate over the Holy Land.

As all school children know, Palestine now belongs to Turkey, a German ally. Hence,such a move on the part of America to interfere with the geographic situation would be hostile to Turkey and contrary to the schemes of Berlin. Could this have influenced the Kaiser?

Should the United States enter the war, it would not be against Germany alone. Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey undoubtedly would stand by their ally. A recent change in Turkish officials insures the latter's loyalty, the new grand vizier being a vassal of Wilhelm's.

If there is any nation on the face of the globe that has given the United States just cause for anger it is the Ottoman Empire, which has delighted, in odd moments, to make a Christian massacre to relieve the tedium of a dull day.

While there now might exist military and naval reasons that would render another course advisable, it seems to us that the logical enemy for America to assail first would be Turkey, thus riding the entente of one Teutonic arm of defense. And our navy would be free to safeguard our merchantmen on the Atlantic Ocean.

Our naval vessels and army transports would face little danger from hostile submarines if they crossed the Pacific Ocean. They would have supply bases all the way over and could reach Bombay, in India, or Aden, the British base in Arabia, without much hazard. Thence they could pass up the Persian Gulf and disembark our troops to move up and along the Euphrates river, enabling them to cut off and isolate Palestine and then proceed to reduce its Turkish garrisons.

Once he had mustered, armed drilled, equipped and transported an army, we could support the British now fighting along the Tigris river, at Kut-el-Amarah, and undertake for ourselves the job of ousting the "Unspeakable Turk" from the realm of the Holy Land and the cradle of Christianity. Damascus and Jerusalem would resound with "The Star Spangled Banner" and Zionists would come into their own.

The lone remnant of Moslemism in Europe then would be caught as between the iron jaws of a vise. The Ottoman Empire would be crushed and cease to be a menace to the peace of Europe, in which it has been festering for nearly 500 years. The "Star and Crescent" would sink forever beneath the waves of the Dardanelles.

There is no question of America's martial ability to conquer the Holy Land. With the cooperation of Great Britian and Russia, it would be a comparatively easy task. But whether it would be policy to hold it or whether we thus would provoke a Mongol uprising are questions that are not easily answered.

However, such a move in the game would strengthen the United States after the war. It should show reluctance to chastise the German people directly for the mad-cap acts of their emperor. It would place Uncle Sam in the position of punishing a nation which long ago gave him cause and which has been for ages a stench in Christian nostrils. It would be an offensive against the common enemies that should aid materially in ending the gigantic conflict, even though it provoked a "jehad," or "holy war."

Above all else, it would enable the United States to take a powerful and strategic part in the ultimate peace conference that is to rearrange the maps and policies of three continents.

We believe such a campaign would make a tremendous appeal to the American people. It would savor of a national act that long ago should have been performed. It will place the most powerful, most enlightened and, with a few historical exceptions, the most honorable and fairest acting nation on Earth in control of the most sacred soil on the globe.

It would hoist the emblem of freedom, justice and chastity, the "Stars and Stripes," above the sanctified spots of Palestine. It would make "Old Glory" the guardian ensign of the land which saw the first faint dawn of Christian civilization.

Moreover, and above all else, it would put the United States of America in its logical place as the guide of peaceful enlightenment, international progress and brotherly love between all mankind.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Editors, The Observer,
Centreville, Maryland.

Messrs. Editors—The erroneous impression that the soul is immortal is brought about by the teachings of uninformed theologians and has for its support nothing more than inference deducted by the human mind.

In the second chapter of Genesis, seventh verse, we have the creation of man fully explained in the following language: "And the Lord God formed man of the duct of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

This text is diametrically opposed to the fallacious belief that the soul is an invisible spirit which returns to the Creator when the body ceases to perform its functions of life and becomes inaninimate as it was before The Breath of Life was breathed into man's nostrils.

By the very reading of this passage of scripture we are made to understand that the whole composite man is a soul and not simply the spirit which some scientists have figured to weigh a very minute particle.

Immortality, as defined by lexicographers, consists in being immortal; exemption from death or oblivion; and this is the definition that is accepted by theologians when reference is made to being immortal.

In first Timothy, sixth chapter and sixteenth verse, we have an emphatic denial of man's immortality: "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

This is a refutation of the implied teachings of theorists who seek to impress the public with this divine attribute of their nature. The public having fed at the banquet of immortality is in no mood to have this divine part of their nature rescinded and they close the book of books accepting the human interpretation put upon it.

The word "immortality" occurs only five times in the bible and it states emphatically that: "God alone has immortality by nature." In Romans, second chapter, sixth and seventh verses, it says emphaticallip that man must seek for immortality.

Why should a man have to seek for something that he already possesses? Isn't it reason to conclude that the sacrifice of Jesus the Christ was in vain if man already has an immortal soul?

In the third chapter sixteenth verse of the Gospel by John, we have clearly set forth the reason of Jesus coming into the world. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Here we have the terms by which man may attain immortality and in the second Timothy, first chapter, tenth verse, we have a further prescribed stipulation to the final attainment of immortality. "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

In Ezekiel, eighteenth chapter, twentieth verse, it says: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." In the same chapter, twenty-seventh verse, it says: "Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive."

Why, then, in the face of all evidence to the contrary, will human beings insist in believing that which is contrary to the teachings of the Bible?

I have been in many churches and listened to the singing of the hymn, "A Never Dying Soul to Save" and wondered how an intelligent people could be so inconsistent. Why is it necessary to save a never dying soul?

Souls do die—It is the immutable law of God—and any theology to the contrary is built on error and not on truth. This takes us back to the creation of man. God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.

What was man prior to the receiving within his nostrils of the breath of life?

Man was an inanimate object fashioned in the image of God.

After receiving the breath of life man became a living soul.

By "living" is meant the state of man that has action and being in the mortal world. In this connection we again refer to the book of Ezekiel, eighteeth chapter and twenty-seventh verse. "He shall save his soul alive."

Here we have the statement that the man who doeth according to the will of God will save his soul in the same state as it was with the first man after God had breathed into his nostrils the breath of life—that is A LIVING SOUL—Composed of molecules of matter which go to make up man. While in the same chapter it says: "The soul that sinneth it shall die"—that is cease to exist—pass into oblivion—which is the opposite of immortality.

ROBERT L. WHALEY.

HARTNETT—REED.

John J. Hartnett, of Elkton, well known in Centreville as court stenographer of the Second Judicial Circuit, and Miss Lucy M. Reed, of Chesapeake City, daughter of the late John M. Reed, were married last Monday in Elkton R. C. Church by Rev. P. T. Arnd, the pastor.

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OPINION ON OYSTERS.

Baltimore Paper Prints Some Pertinent Points On Production.

A good many schemes for replenishing the depleted natural oyster bottoms have been tried—out; or rather, the one scheme of allowing these bottoms to replenish themselves with a good many variations. Great expectations were based upon the large area reserved several years ago in the Upper Potomac River by mutual arrangement between the states of Maryland and Virginia. Both tongers and dredgers have been kept off this area and when it was recently opened to the tongers it was in expectation that a renovated supply would come from this source that would meet the demand of Maryland shippers, as, also, the needs of the local markets.

The Potomac River reservation has proved disappointing. Some good oysters are being obtained by the tongers, but the yield is meager—scattering. According to the information given out through the State Conservation Commission, the supply from this source will probably be exhausted within the next ten days. Oysters of fairly good quality are now retailing in Baltimore at forty-five cents the quart—$1.80 the gallon. There seems to be no escaping the conclusion that the yield of oysters from Maryland bottoms is decreasing steadily. From 15,000,000 bushels annually a quarter of a century ago, the annual yield has fallen to less than 3,000,000 bushels.

Consider this and then consider that oysters, on bottoms that are adapted to their growth, can by artificial effort be raised as easily as potatoes can be produced in the best lands of Harford or Frederick counties, and far more abundantly. That "God given right" of the son and grandsons of men who hunted the wild oyster for a living a half century ago needs to be saved from doing itself to death. We must farm oysters as we farm potatoes; we must make way for systemized individual enterprise. There is no other way to save the oyster as a food commodity.—Baltimore American.

RADNOR—LOPER.

Millington friends of Miss Lillian Loper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Loper, and Ernest H. Radnor, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Radnor, were greatly surprised last Saturday afternoon when they learned that the young couple had motored to Massey. They were married there in the P. E. rectory by Rev. C. R. Hirshach.

Miss Anne Radnor, sister of the bridegroom, and Spencer Stevens, cousin of the bride, acted as maid of honor and best man respectively. After the ceremony, they accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Radnor as far as Middletown, Del., at which point the newly weds boarded a train and continued their honeymoon tour through the North. They will make their home in Wilmington, Del.

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad, but loving remembrance of a dear wife and aunt, who departed this life one year ago, February 25, 1916.

Loved in life; in death remembered.

By the beautiful gate she stands and waits,
My dear wife, from pain set free.
I shall clasp her hand and feel her kisses
When the hinges turn for me.
By her husband, John Hesse.

One thought comes to me in my sadness,
She is free from all sickness and pain.
And I trust when my journey is ended
I shall meet my dear Aunt again.

I cannot forget you, dear Aunt,
Though long may seem the years.
And oft in my lonely hours
I wipe away my tears.
Her devoted niece, Mrs. Ella Melvin.

THE AUTHOR OF EVIL.

Inquire no longer who is the author of evil. Behold him in yourself. There exists no other evil in nature than what you either do or suffer, and you are equally the author of both. A general evil could exist only in disorder, but in the system of nature I see an established order which is never disturbed.

Particular evil exists only in the sentiment of the suffering being, and this sentiment is not given to man by nature, but is his own acquisition. Pain and sorrow have but little hold on those who, unaccustomed to reflection, have neither memory nor foresight.

Take away our fatal improvements, take away our errors and our vices, take away, in short, everything that is the work of man, and all that remains is good—Jean Jacques Rousseau.

SOWING OF ALFALFA.

The best time of seeding alfalfa for the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky is about the middle of August, and for southern New Jersey, southern Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, Arkansas and Tennessee, and the Gulf States from the middle of August to the middle of October, depending upon the latitude.

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DIARIES FOR FARM ACCOUNTS.

A number of ways in which farmers may use a diary in keeping accounts of their farm business are suggested in a new Farmers' Bulletin, No. 782, prepared by the Office of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture. Many successful farmers, it is said, have found that a diary is sufficient to enable them to keep track of their affairs without compelling them to devote an undue amount of time to elaborate accounts.

There are two classes of records in which farmers are particularly interested: 1, Receipts and expenditures; and 2, the records of work and production, such as the dates of planting and of harvesting, crop yields, live-stock, feed, etc. In many cases the diary has been found to be the most convenient means of keeping these records. The new bulletin contains a number of blank forms and other information in regard to the use of the diary in this connection.

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PUBLIC MEETING

A meeting of the citizens of Queen Annes County is called for Thursday morning, March 1st, at 10.30 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Claude F. Parks, on Chester River for the purpose of protesting to the State Roads Commission against the removal of the Queen Anne's end of Chester River Bridge, to a point in Queen Annes county directly opposite High Street, Chestertown.

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In Equity

ORDERED this 16th day of February A. D. 1917, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Harvey L. Cooper, assignee, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 26th day of April next, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Queen Anne's County once in each of four successive weeks before the 26th day of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $800.00.

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