

TELLING REMARKS

Politics?

This story is related by a person connected with the White House:

One Sunday after the President had returned from church, where he had gone alone, Mrs. Coolidge inquired:

"Was the sermon good?"

"Yes," he answered.

"What was it about?"

"Sin."

"What did the minister say?"

"He was against it."—*The Pathfinder*.

Owing to the good condition of the roads in this locality, our regular weekly worship of Almighty God has been discontinued.—*South Dakota Churchman*.

A woman naturalist in Benton Harbor, Michigan, has written a book entitled "Dumb Animals I Have Met," and dedicated it to her husband. She should know best.—*New York American*.

Astronomer (Ely) — "Stars grow heavier with age." Especially the primadonna.

"How is it I never see you in church any more?"

"Maybe it's because I ain't there."—*Collier's, the National Weekly*.

Mammals are classified thus: man and the lower animals. Man does the classifying.—*Anaheim Plain Dealer*.

Scales are too often on the eyes of Justice instead of in her hands.—*Wall Street Journal*.

The growing movement on the part of the churches to end all wars might be appreciably advanced if they would end war among themselves.—*Florence (Ala.) Herald*.

Violins have souls, says a professor, and some of them sound like the lost variety.—*Indianapolis Star*.

A million years from now some scientist may dig up our best specimen and make people read by calling him a man.—*Vincennes (Ind.) Sun*.

Senator Capper proposes a national law forbidding the marriage of feeble-minded persons. Does the Senator want to put Cupid entirely out of business?—*Florence (Ala.) Herald*.

General Feng has ordered 8,000 Bibles for his soldiers, and think of the fighting spirit he will have when the controversies get started!—*Boston Transcript*.

"Venus," it is announced, "is now conspicuous and about 55,000,000 miles from the earth." We await the news that telescopes have been banned in U. S. A.

Slogan for a Committee of Fifteen: "Ours not to reason why; ours but to preach and pray."—*Chicago Topics*.

"Every time the Occult Digest comes it starts a fight—
"To see whether husband or wife gets to read it first."

The Chalice of Ecstasy

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We should remember that every point of this Drama is highly symbolic. The student may place his own interpretation on that passage which opens into the Temple of the Grail. On arrival therein we cannot do better than listen to the advice of Gurnemanz to Parsival, who meanwhile stands spellbound with Wonder at what he beholds:
Now give good heed, and let me see,
If thou'rt a Fool and pure,
What wisdom thou presently canst secure.
* And this WISDOM Parsival does in due course secure, but not until he has undergone many trials. For WISDOM is the HOLY SPEAR itself, long lost to the Knights of the Grail but eventually recovered by The Pure Fool.

Meanwhile, during the Feast of the Grail, Parsival stands still and spellbound like a rude clod. He sees the CUP of the Grail uncovered, he witnesses the ceremony of the Companions of the Grail, and he attains a certain interior UNDERSTANDING which transcends knowledge. For the CUP is the UNDERSTANDING, though in this instance it was divorced from the WILL or WISDOM, the Holy Spear which alone is capable of enlightening it perfectly.

A word may now be said regarding the nature of "The Pure Fool"; and since this Ritual is one for all time, we shall go back before the Christian Era (to which the Grail Mystery is usually particularly attributed) back to Ancient China where the testimony of that Holy Sage Lao Tze gives us no uncertain clue. The Way of the Tao—Wu Wei—the accomplishment of all things by doing Nothing, is precisely similar to the "Path" we have been describing. Lao Tze says:

"The multitude of men look satisfied and pleased as if enjoying a full banquet, as if mounted on a tower in spring. I alone seem listless and still, my desires having as yet given no indication of their presence. I am like an infant which has not yet smiled. I

look dejected and forlorn, as if I had no home to go to. The multitude of men all have enough and to spare, I alone seem to have lost everything. My mind is that of a stupid man; I am in a state of chaos.

Ordinary men look bright and intelligent, while I alone seem to be benighted. They look full of discrimination, while I alone am dull and confused. I seem to be carried about as on a sea, drifting as if I had nowhere to rest. All men have their spheres of action, while I alone seem dull and incapable, like a rude borderer.

Thus I ALONE AM DIFFERENT from other men, but I value the Nursing-Mother (The Great Tao).

So we see this Fool is not the ordinary sort of foolish and besotted person to which the term is usually applied. In his Foolishness we find his difference from his fellows; for in sooth it is the Divine Madness of Ecstasy which redeems from all pain. It is "That which remains" after the sorrows and shadows that pass and are done, have left our being. This Existence is recognized to be Pure Joy. But Understanding without Wisdom is Pure Darkness, and in this state is Parsival discovered by Gurnemanz at the end of the Ceremony. This is a darkness even Gurnemanz is unable to comprehend, for he says:

Why standest thou there?

Wist thou what thou sawest?

And Parsival, shaking his head slightly, he continues:

Thou art then nothing but a Fool!

And pushing Parsival through a small door he cries angrily:

Come away, on thy road be gone

And put my rede to use:

Leave all our swans for the future alone

And seek thyself a gander, a goose.

And so it came about that Parsival set out alone upon his Holy Quest.

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The Isogenic Type (Continued from page 10)

against opposing forces. They are not weak because they appear phlegmatic and easy-going, but in reality are hard, unyielding and steel-like in their makeup, though storms are slumbering within them. Although strong, hardy, healthy and vigorous, they have their ups and downs in health caused by trouble with the eliminative and circulatory functions. Their illnesses are most persistent and hard to remedy. They succumb to excessive brainwork, autotoxins, lack of

sodium, chlorin, iron, sluggishness of liver, kidneys and skin. Prevention of sickness or a remedy in their case can be found in sodium diet, warm, dry climates, high altitudes, perspiration, vigorous massage, less brainwork and more sleep. Their most dangerous period is between the ages of 47 and 56 years. This is their autotoxin period. Gases in the stomach and ferments in the blood are common to this type after the age of 45.

The Ouija Board (Continued from page 24)

The involuntary mind is the most elusive of the numerous minds that control the mechanism of the human body. The prejudice of the average mind prevents its owner from enjoying life, liberty and knowledge. Jealousy and ambition to rule obsesses and possesses most minds—shutting out the light of truth from men's consciousness.

The psychic field of literature has scarcely discovered the involuntary mind. Scientific research has probed deeper into

what they term the "conscious" and "sub-conscious mind" and have much to say about the sub-conscious mind controlling such as ouija board manifestations. It really neither he conscious nor sub-conscious mind have anything to do with it. When you "talk with the dead" through an ouija board, planchette, automatic writing, trumpet, table tipping, materialization, impression or any of the different physical phases of psychic phenomena,—you open the door to a new world.