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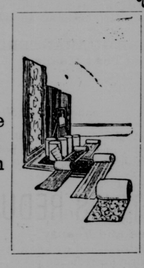

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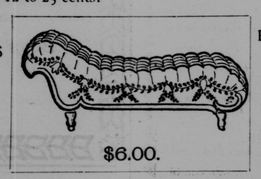

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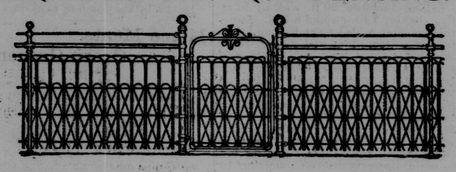

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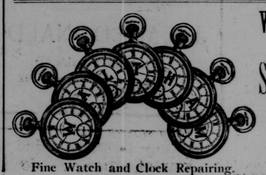

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## DID BOOTH ESCAPE?

### Mrs. Mary Crist, of Chicago, Answers in the Affirmative.

### RECALLING A GREAT TRAGEDY

**She Tells the Remarkable Story of His Flight Through the South and Thence to Foreign Lands.**

Was John Wilkes Booth, assassin of Abraham Lincoln, shot by his pursurers as history relates, or did he succeed in escaping and hide for years in London? There lives in Chicago, says the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*, a woman, once the wife of a sea captain, who declares that Booth was never killed, and holds that the mysterious account of his alleged death and burial is an attempt to hide a blunder on the part of the pursuing party.

This woman, Mrs. Marie Crist, is a widow, and was formerly Mrs. Haggett, wife of the captain of a coasting vessel. She claims she knew John Wilkes Booth and that her husband, Captain Haggett, aided the assassin in escaping by carrying him from Havana, Cuba, to Nassau, New Providence, three months after the assassination of the great emancipator. This woman made the trip, too, and declares that she heard Booth himself tell of the first days of the flight from Washington.

Mrs. Crist declares she will take oath that Booth escaped. She declares she was with him during his flight from Havana to Nassau, and she owns a diamond ring which she declares John Wilkes Booth gave her when he left Captain Haggett's vessel. This ring, which shows the effects of long wearing, is engraved with the initials "J. W. B." This ring, Mrs. Crist says, Booth took from his little finger and handed to her saying. "Take this as a remembrance of me, whom you have so greatly befriended."

"My former husband, Captain Thomas Haggett, was a friend of the Booths, continued Mrs. Crist, and he aided John Wilkes Booth to escape to England. He picked Booth up at Havana, Cuba, three months after Lincoln was killed, and for many days we were together. He was accompanied by a Captain Symmes, and the two left us at Nassau.

"Our boat was a sort of a rover. We carried a crew of eight and were forced to run a blockade during the war. This we did successfully and made a fortune off the cargoes of salt and merchandise we took into the Southern ports. At the time Lincoln was killed we had taken the Mary Porter to Tampico, Mexico, and were there loading a light cargo with the intention of visiting the gulf coast ports and ultimately reaching Havana.

"Until the Chicago fire I preserved the ship's log and all the memoranda of the trip from Tampico to Havana and thence to Nassau. The log and all papers were destroyed in the house that stood at 106 Michigan avenue, and this ring would have been destroyed in the great fire, too, perhaps, had not my daughter been wearing it at that time. Owing to the destruction of the records of the trip I am unable to give exact dates, but I know we sailed from Tampico soon after we received word of the assassination of the President.

"It was almost if not quite three months later when he entered Havana harbor. We remained there for some time, discharging part of our cargo and taking on other merchandise. We determined to set sail for Nassau, and one evening several days prior to our departure Captain Haggett said he had met two men in Havana whom he knew and who asked for passage. We never carried passengers on the vessel, but in this case the captain told me he had agreed to take them. He told me that the prospective passengers were John Wilkes Booth and Captain Symmes.

"The day before we were to sail for Nassau my husband went ashore and returned with his passengers. Booth was lame and showed the effects of an anxious flight. He had endured great hardship, and welcomed the trip to Nassau with enthusiasm.

"Before coming aboard the ship he had told Captain Haggett how he reached Havana. He said that he escaped on horseback, and that he journeyed southward through part of Maryland, and he finally crossed into Virginia. Overland, aided by Confederate sympathizers, he made his way to Savannah, Ga. He said he had further planned to escape from that port, but in case it would be impossible he had planned to continue on to New Orleans, and possibly to Mexico. He said he never doubted for a moment that he would not get safely out of the country, and when he got a safe distance from capital he was never pressed.

"He remained in Savannah for some time, and eventually got passage on a blockade runner plying between Southern ports and the West Indies. After a round-about cruise this vessel landed him at Havana. He did not disclose his identity while in the Cuban capital until he met and recognized Captain Haggett.

"In his anxiety to get from Havana to some other port where he could get passage for England Booth haunted the wharves and learned the nature and destination of every vessel that came into the port. One day when Captain Haggett was ashore Booth approached him, made himself known, and asked whither the Molly Porter was bound. When told that the vessel was to be taken to Nassau Booth asked if he might make the voyage and take a friend with him. Booth was promised passage, and the day the boat set sail he was on board.

"At Nassau there were a good many English people and a large number of Confederate sympathizers. They knew the nature of the Molly Porter, but no one knew that of the two passengers we landed there one was the slayer of Lincoln.

"Booth told us during the voyage that Dr. Samuel Mudd, who was later sentenced to life imprisonment on the Dry Tortugas Island, had cared for him without knowing that he was the assassin. When the pursuing party showed Dr. Mudd a photograph of Booth the doctor was unable to identify it as the picture of the man he had treated, and some have claimed that it was not Booth who was treated, but I heard Booth himself say it was he. Despite the records of history, that was the last trace they ever had of the man, and I have been told by one member of the pursuing party that he knew it was not Booth who had been shot. This man told me another member of the party had threatened to shoot him if he ever said it was not Booth, for most of the members of the party believed they had killed the assassin. No graver mistake is recorded in history, and some day some one who knows the exact truth may speak out and tell what an awful sham that hunt was. The man who knew it was not Booth told me so when he learned that I had myself seen Booth three months later."

Ever since the supposed killing of John Wilkes Booth many persons who knew him have contended that history errs in its account. From time to time reports have been circulated that Booth was in England or Europe. So warm has the controversy grown at times that historians have made special investigation of the subject. Mrs. Crist is the first one, however, to declare positively that she was with Booth after his flight from Washington, and she is the first one to give a detailed account of the manner in which he reached London.

The story of the conspiracy to assassinate Lincoln, Grant, Seward and Vice-President Johnson has been told repeatedly. Every schoolboy in the land can recite the story of the evening of Friday, April 14, 1865, when at Ford's Theatre in Washington, John Wilkes Booth fired the shot that ended Lincoln's life. The histories tell, too, how on April 25, eleven days after the tragedy, a party under Lieut. E. P. Doherty arrested William Jett at Bowling Green and compelled him to guide the party to Garrett's barn where a man said to be John Wilkes Booth was shot and killed.

It has always been claimed that there could have been no mistake regarding the identification of the man shot in the barn, although persons have been numerous who have doubted the truthfulness of the report made by the commission.

**Making Eggs Tell Their Age.**

A German scientist has discovered an infallible method for making eggs tell their own age. It consists simply of immersing the eggs ina solution of salt containing about eight ounces to the pint. When the salt has thoroughly dissolved the egg to be tested is dropped gently into the glass containing the solution. If the egg is only one day old it sinks immediately to the bottom; if three days old it sinks just below the surface only, and from five days and upward it floats.

Another process has just been awarded a medal in Saxony by the National Society of Poultry Breeders. It is well known that the air cavity at the blunt end of the egg enlarges as the age of the egg increases. Consequently if the egg be placed in a solution similar to the one described above it will have an increasing tendency to float with the long axis vertical. A scale of angles is placed at the back of the vessel, and from the inclination of the egg to the horizontal the age can be gauged almost to a day. A new laid egg lies horrizontally at the bottom of the vessel. When three to five days old the egg raises itself from the horizontal, so that its long axis makes an angle of about 20° with the horizontal. At eight days this angle increases to about 45°; at 14 days it is 60°; at about three weeks it is about 75°, while after four weeks it stands upright on the pointed end.—*Exchange.*

## BIBLE CHARACTERS

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**One of the Most Marked Thoughts of the Book of Books—Old Style Religion and the New.**

Buy the truth and sell it not, wisdom and understanding and instruction.—SOLOMON.

One of the unfortunate results of some of the superstitions that in these latter days masquerade as Christianity is the elimination of character as the primary element of religion. Now in the study of the Scriptures it can be plainly seen that they represent the Creator of all as taking a fatherly interest in human affairs, particularly in regard to the development of individual character, and that all such events as war or peace, famine or wealth, the building or destruction of temples or kingdoms are viewed from the standpoint of their effect on the thought and life of individuals or communities. Thus, for instance, the seven years' famine in Egypt, which must have had a tremendous effect on the work and life of myriads, changing the whole face of the land and the policy of the rulers, is only treated as a background to the story of Jacob and family. We may also note in this study that divine judgment is represented as being passed, not at some court session thousands of years in the future, but then and there. This continual supervision, this permanent setting of the court of the Majesty on High, this imminence of judgment both for good and evil, for aid or defeat of human effort is one of the most marked thoughts of the Old Testament particularly. In no respect does the New Testament differ, but owing to the fact that it is read as a sort of newer light, superseding the old, and that the metaphors of Paul and others are construed to suit conventional ideas utterly at variance with the old revelation, there seems to be a discrepancy.

According to this conventional view religion is treated as something separate and distinct from anything connected with character or conduct, and they sing "Oh, to be nothing, nothing!" Quote "All our righteousness is as filthy rags," and constrain themselves to say that they are the chief of sinners, although they may be very decent people, and as a part of "religious confession" they must wallow in misery and straw. This done the Lord Jesus is represented to them as righteous enough for all, covering all their evilness with His goodness, with which whitewashing an "angry God" is "propitiated and satisfied." As the legitimate sequence of such teaching we may observe the marked distinction that a particularly "vile sinner" receives at the hands of some of those who minister to the spiritual wants of the community. When some miscreant astounds civilization by some weird deed of villainy and blood these persons crowd each other to wait on him and usher him into the pearly portals of the realms of the redeemed; and while the haltar waits, the wretch is set to spell Bible verses and worked up to the penitence pitch of forgiving every body and thanking the jailor and the hangman. So also it may be noted in the public meeting when at stated seasons certain sects institute so-called religious revivals. The ignorant, the wanton, and the "sin-soaked" have the place of honor reserved for them in the rostrum. If such a one has not gone to bed sober for years, beats his wife and throws his children out of the window, the rarration of his exploits in that line with stentorian voice and unlimited egotism will draw crowds like a circus or a church fair. Brawny young farmers within a radius of ten miles will hitch up their best teams, collect their sweethearts and drive through winter nights or summer days, and the "Lord's blessing" will shower down in hatfuls of nickles.

Such conduct as this bears no relation or resemblance to the old and more laborious form of religion that the Bible Histories, the Prophets, the Proverbs and the Psalms depict. The life-long patient, self-correction in integrity and honor, the struggle after truth, righteousness and justice, the instruction in wisdom and understanding—all such is brushed aside by the modern charlatan's cheap and easy method that substitutes for the straight and narrow way a many-tracked railroad that puts them thro' with an express train rush.

But there are many still who prefer the old style of religion, based not on noise but on study, not on excitement but on reason, not on cant but on character. Character is that which is developed only by God and man—the foundation of all that is good and true. It is essential to industry and commerce, to art and science, to society and religion. To God human life is nothing, human character is everything. This is the secret, the "tone" of the whole Bible. Nature and revelation are working together for the production of human character which will alone endure, which is alone worthy to endure. Only the just shall live by faith, only the pure in heart shall see God, only he that doeth the will shall know the doctrine. "But unto the wicked God saith what hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldst take my covenant in thy mouth, seeing that thou hateth instruction and casteth my words behind thee." J. F. G.

**Henry Clay as an Actor.**

An old and well-known traveler, who has recently settled in Chicago, while coming in from Pewee valley the other afternoon told an interesting story about Henry Clay, the great Kentucky statesman. The story-teller in his youth lived in Mr. Clay's district during the time when Mr. Clay was at his prime as a lawyer.

"A man was once being tried for murder," said the narrator, "and his case looked hopeless indeed. He had without any seeming provocation murdered one of his neighbors in cold blood. Not a lawyer in the county would touch the case. It looked bad enough to ruin the reputation of any barrister.

"The man as a last extremity appealed to Mr. Clay to take the case for him. Everyone thought that Mr. Clay would certainly refuse, but when the celebrated lawyer looked into the matter his fighting blood was roused, and, to the great surprise of all, he accepted.

"Then came a trial the like of which I have never seen. Clay slowly carried on the case, and it looked more and more hopeless. The only ground of defense the prisoner had was that the murdered man had looked at him with such a fierce, murderous look that out of self defense he had struck first. A ripple passed through the jury at this evidence.

"The time came for Clay to make his defense. It was settled in the minds of the spectators that the man was guilty in the first degree. Clay calmly proceeded, laid all the proof before them in his masterly way, then, just as he was about to conclude, he played his last and masterly card.

"'Gentlemen of the jury,' he said, assuming the fiercest, blackest look and carrying the most undying hatred in it that I have ever seen, 'gentlemen, if a man should look at you like this what would you do?'

"That was all he said, but that was enough. The jury was startled, and some even quailed in their seats. The judge moved uneasily on his bench. After fifteen minutes the jury filed slowly back with a 'Not guilty, your honor.' The victory was complete.

"When Clay was congratulated on his easy victory, he said:

"'It was not so easy as you think. I spent days and days in my room before the mirror practicing that look. It took more hard work to give that look than to investigate the most obtuse case.'"

**The Power of Money.**

A dollar, which is but a short term for expressing money in any quantity, is a peculiar thing. Funny how it affects people. Strange what a depressing effect the lack of it has on people. A man without one is a cringing coward. He moves stolidly about, with his head down, a depressed, hopeless look on his face and general appearance of aimlessness and discouragement. Put a dollar in his pocket and see what a tonic to his whole system. His step quickens and grows firmer. His chin is at once elevated and his countenance changes. His eyes grow brighter and his general bearing is changed from a cringing coward to a man among men. Too much of it drives a man to the opposite extreme, makes him selfish, haughty and overbearing. It raises his chin from off his breast and elevates it too high. And here again the happy medium that is filled by the middle class asserts itself to be about the right thing. Solomon was right when he said, "give me neither poverty nor riches, lest I be poor and steal and take the name of my God in vain, or lest I be full and deny thee and say who is the Lord?"

**A True Dog Story.**

Mr. Robert W. Chambers, author of "Cardigan" and "The Maid-at-Arms," is, as is well known, a thorough sportsman as well as novelist. He returned home the other day from a hunting trip, and, being in the mood to write, he sat at his desk without ridding himself of his hunting outfit, and began pulling the burrs from the tail of his Blue Belton setter. As he removed the burrs, and incidentally considerable hair from the setter's tail, he dropped the bunches into the waste-paper basket. The last time he missed the basket and dropped the burrs on the floor. To his amusement and astonishment the setter picked up the burrs in his mouth and himself dropped them into the basket. In telling this story, Mr. Chambers said he did not expect to be believed, but that nevertheless this is a true incident, and no more remarkable than others he has observed in his long association with hunting dogs.