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Don't trust to luck. Luck is untrustworthy. Systematic, scientific striving for any goal is far more likely to bring you success than any mere faith in your success.

Just as changing a single letter changes "Luck" to "Lack," so will the reverses of a single day change plenty to want. But you can insure yourself against this by building your success on the habit of saving.

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Be well dressed. Make friends. Increase your influence in your community. Enjoy the respect of all your associates.

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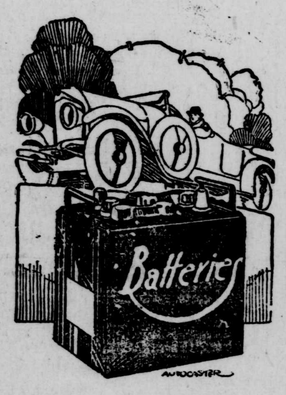

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Mr. William Croll was in Baltimore Friday and Saturday.

Miss Hazel Passwaters has been visiting her grandmother Mrs. Margaret Breeding.

Miss Minnie Hughes is visiting her mother Mrs. Samuel Hughes.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. W. Brown accompanied by Miss Grace Adams spent several days with relatives in Wilmington and Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Margaret Breeding spent Friay with her daughter, Mrs. John Passwaters of near Hillsboro.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Isaac Noble Wednesday.

The Carry-on-Club will hold their meeting at the home of Mrs. Albert Stokes, March 11th.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR MARCH 12

AMOS WARNS ISRAEL (TEMPERANCE LESSON)

LESSON TEXT—Amos 6:1-8.

GOLDEN TEXT—Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 20:1.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Isa. 5:11, 12, 22, 23; 28:1-13; Hosea 4:11, Gal. 5:19-21.

PRIMARY TOPIC—God Sends Amos on an Errand.

JUNIOR TOPIC—A Prophet Who Was a Friend to the Poor.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Consequences of Self-Indulgence.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Social Evils Yet to Be Conquered.

The kingdom of Israel reached a high state of prosperity in the time of Jeroboam II, and with it came a condition of luxury, corruption and wickedness.

The judgment woe of this lesson is directed against the sins of the upper classes in Samaria. The same sins are practiced in America, in the nation and in the church. With the increase of wealth in America has come luxury, corruption and gross wickedness which staggers the imagination. It behooves all to give a listening ear, for God will eventually enter into judgment. Our lesson is a temperance lesson. Temperance applies to other things than indulgence in intoxicating liquor. Our age is intoxicated with pleasure, pursuit of gain and selfish ambition.

I. Reckless Security (vv. 1-3).

They were blind to the perils that surrounded them. They were living in a fool's paradise, closing their eyes to the approaching storm of judgment as predicted by Amos. They trusted in the mountains of Samaria for their protection. They regarded their city as impregnable. They no doubt regarded the utterance of Amos as impracticable—the dreams of a fanatic.

The tragic thing about this blindness on the part of the chief ones of the nation was they were so puffed up with pride that they failed to read the signs of the times in the light of history (v. 2.) The cities of Calneh and Hamath, though great and mighty, had fallen. To disregard the lessons of history, to dismiss the thought of impending judgment, is to bring near the "seat of violence" (v. 3). Let chaotic Europe and Russia be the red lights of warning to America, and let all injustice and class selfishness be laid aside.

II. Luxury (vv. 4-6).

The luxury of these upper classes in Samaria expressed itself in: 1. Extravagant furniture (v. 4). They had beds of ivory—perhaps wood inlaid with ivory. Costly as their furniture was in that day, it was commonplace as compared to some of the expensive furniture and fittings in our great cities.

2. Laziness (v. 4). They stretched themselves upon their couches—lived lives of indolence. Such is the way of many still.

3. Feasted on delicacies (v. 4). The implication here is that they had their dainties out of season. This is what many of the rich pride themselves in.

4. Adorn their feasts with music (v. 5). They sang idle songs—even invented musical instruments for this purpose. They prostituted the noble art of music to their sensual feasts.

5. They drank wine (v. 6). They were not content with ordinary drinking vessels. They drank from bowls, indicating excessive drinking. They were so mastered by the intoxicating cup that their feasts which were adorned with the refinements of music ended in drunkenness.

III. Failure to Grieve for Joseph (v. 6).

Joseph here stands for Ephraim and Manasseh, his two sons. Ephraim became the principal tribe of the northern kingdom, so Joseph is used as a synonym for the nation. The upper classes were indulging in these effeminate luxuries, entirely indifferent to the groanings of the masses. And whenever such a condition exist in a nation there is need of Amos to thunder God's judgment upon those who are guilty of it.

IV. The Inevitable Issue (vv. 7, 8).

1. They shall go into captivity (v. 7). The northern nation was first in sin, therefore first to go into captivity. What a striking contrast this picture! Instead of lying on ivory couches feasting upon dainties, they are with the suffering exiles.

2. The certainty of the issue (v. 8). It is inevitable because of God's nature. He is a God of justice. He has sworn that judgment shall fall. He is the God of hosts—the controller of the whole universe, therefore none can escape. God hates the wickedness of the world, and He will bring into judgment the men and women who revel in luxury with no concern for the poor and needy. Though God waits long, He does not forget. The only escape for America is repentance.

Abide in Him.

And now, little children, abide in Him; that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed at His coming.—I John 2:28.

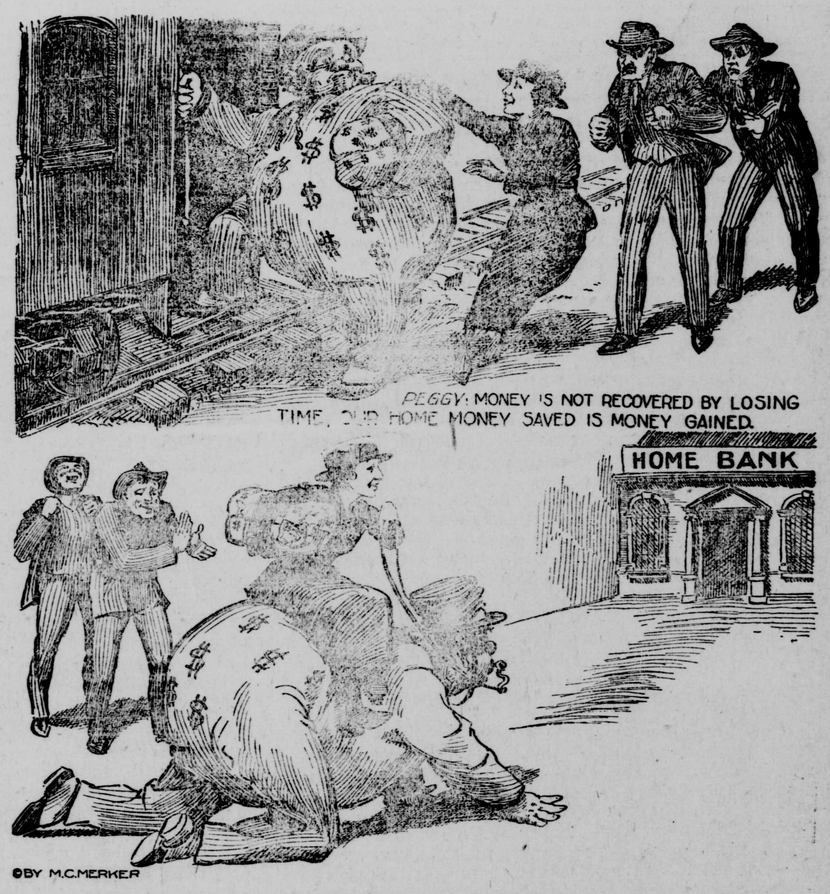
Great Mischiefs.

Great mischiefs happen more often from folly, meanness, and vanity, than from the greater sins of avarice and ambition.—Burke.

Chance to Be Saved.

Don't despair of a student if he has one clear idea.—Emmons.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF PEGGY



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