THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

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SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:9—17; Luke 5:27—39.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 16:24—28.

About Face

Lesson for January 20, 1952

TAX collectors and customs officers in these days are highly respectable men. They are not (officially) popular; but every one knows they are necessary. What they collect is fixed by law, and they get no commission on their collections. They live on a salary also fixed by law. If anyone feels "gouged" by taxes he never accuses the collector, the fault is somewhere else.

Dr. Foreman

Now in Palestine, in the time of Christ, it was different. Throughout the gospels the name "publican" or, as translated in present-day English, "tax-collector", is evidently a name for a mean man. Jesus himself used publicans as examples of the lowest level of society. The reason was this: In the Roman system of tax collection, the privilege of levying taxes in a given district was "farmed out", that is to say, offered at auction. The highest bidder was given the franchise, and then he, or men he hired, would proceed to collect all the traffic would bear.

Palestine at that time was under the Romans, and the Jews had the army of occupation with them year after year. What the tax collectors did was to turn over to the Romans what the Romans wanted, and everything over and above that amount went into the collector's strong-box.

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A Christian's Job

ONE day Jesus just said "follow me" to one of these men, named Matthew, and the man got up and followed him. So far as we know, he never set foot in his office again. Very likely, as a great preacher has suggested, this was not the first time Matthew had seen Jesus. Possibly they had had conversations before, out of business hours. The preacher goes on to suggest that Matthew may have come to loathe his job, but never have seen just how he could leave it.

Be that as it may, Matthew understood quite well that he could not be both a publican and a follower of Jesus. This raises a question: Are there occupations today which a true Christian cannot follow without sin?

There was a dope peddler one night sitting on a stone wall outside a New England church. Somehow the Spirit of God blessed the singing that night, for one of the hymns sang its way straight into that man's heart, and that very hour he threw his packet of dope away and became a Christian. He never went back to that business. We can all see that he was right; but are there other businesses also that cannot have the blessing of Christ upon them?

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Whom Do You Follow?

THE story of Matthew suggests also that every one is some kind of follower. Some people just "follow their noses", that is, they just keep on in the routine of their lives, doing today what they did yesterday just because they have the habit of living in this way. Others follow an ambition, others a desire for revenge, others follow pleasure, others attach themselves to a leader (political, social or what not) and follow somebody else's band-wagon.

The tragedy of the Christian church is that although every Christian, or rather every church member, has solemnly promised to follow Jesus Christ, they don't all follow him, by any means. They go right on following habit, or pleasure, or ambition, and they do not ask (as Matthew must have asked) whether these things are such as Christ can bless, or not.

In spite of Jesus' plain statement: You cannot serve God and Mammon (the god of money), people go right on serving Mammon in spite of their Christian profession.

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About Fa[illegible]

WOMAN'S WORLD

Proper Storage Space Insures Neatness, Orderliness

By Ertta Haley

DOES picking up your house before cleaning consume more time than the actual effort to scrub and polish? If you must say "yes" to this question, then you're probably not making proper use of space for storage.

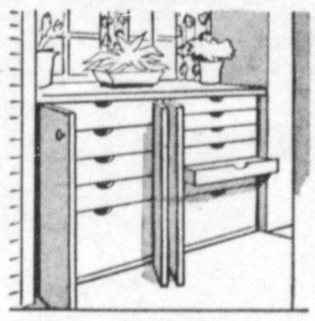
Adding storage space to your home does not involve putting in an extra room, or making a basement or attic, or any such major work. It's making good use of space you already have, and much of this can be done with simple carpentry.

"A place for everything" is becoming one of the most important phases of building and homemaking. When you have a place for everything, this means that with everything in place, you have not only neatness and orderliness, but with little effort.

When you have to shift things from crowded drawers and shelves constantly or try to put stacks of things somewhere, out of the way, it may mean that you are accumulating too many things. However, it may also mean that you simply do not have adequate storage facilities for your possessions.

Check yourself on some of the common household problems: where does luggage go? What happens to extra bedding? Where do you put your keys? Are extra dishes in the way? Can you find pots and pans and other cooking utensils easily?

If your home does not now provide easy answers to the above as



Use your empty walls . . .

well as any others of which you can think, start solving the problem with proper storage. Many of the above difficulties can be answered with very simple filing and little work; other problems can be resolved with only slightly more work.

Use Built-Ins For Storage

Look around your home and see how much empty, unused wall space you have. Then look around at all the things you would like to put away. Put the two together and you come up with built-ins.

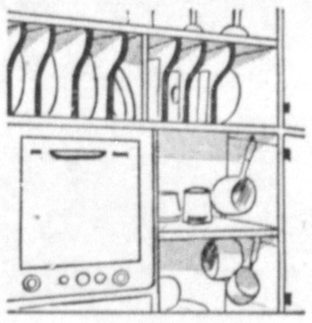
Cupboards as well as all sorts of devices can be installed into most of your rooms at little expense and at great saving to not only your possessions but to your disposition as well. Add to this the great saving in actual housekeeping and you have some idea what a small investment can do.

But just how does one go about deciding where and what the built-ins should be? This must be planned for the uses and needs each home has, but some illustrations may offer help.

For example, if linen storage is your main problem, check the walls of your bedroom and see if they're being fully used. Or, what about a hall that joins two bedrooms or is at the entrance of a bedroom?

Many of these walls can take several rows of shallow chests without crowding the room. If the room is larger, deeper chests can be used. These may be waist high or even higher depending upon how much space you need, as well as what will look right in the room in relation to its proportions and furnishings.

If you have to save space, there are many ways in which to do it. For example, do not have knobs on the chests for the drawers. These take several inches. Cutouts at the drawer fronts eliminate knobs and make them smaller and neater. Thus, they can really be blended into the wall as though they were actually built in when the house was constructed.



for cupboard storage cases.

How to Use Unseen Space for Storage

Frequently you'll find that windows which do not come all the way to the floor, and most of them don't, leave wall space that can be pressed into storage cases. If you have such a space in the bedroom, and the bed or beds are set against this particular wall, place the cases right in back of the bed.

Storage cases can be low, but as long as they come to the floor and run all the way across the wall, there will be much space provided. Use these for blankets, pillows, linens or seasonal items. In children's rooms, these types of cases are excellent for putting away toys.

Tops of the cases can be used for radios, books and clocks. If desired, potted plants or interesting collections of various hobbies can be displayed on them.

No place for shoes in the bedroom, or not enough room? If you have wall space above a heating vent, convert this into a small shoe closet. This can be done by slanting boards on which the shoes are placed, with horizontal molding strips attached to the boards to act as heel catchers holding the shoes to the tilted shelves.

Do you have a kitchen and breakfast nook built together? It's not only smart looking but also space providing to construct a narrow counter between the two units. The counter itself may be used to hold serving items as well as food.

Create Orderliness In the Kitchen

Cupboards are natural furnishings to the kitchen, but there are still a great many kitchens with bare wall space that could be put to excellent use. Cupboards can and should surround all the main working centers to house all needed tools.

Not only is cupboard space essential, but when organized like a file, it will increase in usefulness. Cupboards surrounding the range or cooking area can be shaped to hold pots and pans of all sizes, so that you can pick the one you want without extracting it from a nest of pans.

Shaped partitions, often made of plywood, can be used for storing lids as well as shallow pans, trays and large platters. To be most efficient, make the partitions removable so they can be taken out for easy cleaning, as well as for changing the sizes of the particular "files" to take care of other pieces.

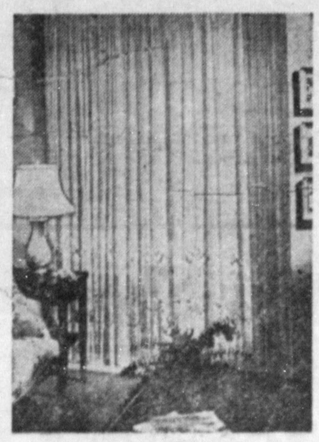
Drawers near the kitchen sink can also be made sectional so that utensils like forks and knives, mixing spoons, spatulas and pancake turners are not jumbled together in the drawer. Slotted holders placed in the drawers are excellent for knives, particularly, because they protect the cutting edge of the knife.

Select Furniture For Storage Value

While you try to stretch wall space to cover storage needs, don't forget that furniture can help you in the same way. Much of the new furniture being made available is not only decorative, but it also has a great many storage features.

In selecting an occasional table, do not just expect the top to be of use. See that its base is a cabinet or a shelf or two which can be used for sewing boxes, magazines or books.

Durable Curtain



These dainty-looking, luxurious curtains with a lovely lace pattern are made of vinylite plastic film and require no laundering, ironing or stretching. They are cleaned simply by wiping with a damp cloth, and will not fade, streak, crack or react to the weather.

ONCE OVER

New Pages In A Wishing Book

By H. I. Phillips

("A mail order house announces that it will now sell automobiles." —News item.)

I

Fetch me the catalogue, quickly, son,
For I would be regaled
By poring through it just to see
How former heights are scaled;
Aside, all boots and guns and lamps
And bikes and farm tools, too!
Gangway, you plows and overalls,
To let an auto through!

II

What fun to zip by rods and reels,
Iceboxes, socks and sleds,
Canoes and skiffs and radios,
Fish-tackle, cradles, beds!
To toot a horn at catchers' mitts
And skates and pots and pans
And reach the pages offering
The latest in sedans!

III

My forebears used this catalogue
In quite another day
To get the tastes in buggies smart
And price a lovely sleigh;
They kept informed on harness styles,
Grand surreys and the like.
And how I use to linger o'er
The new mail-order bike!

IV

It was [illegible] treasure world

VI

And now the auto will be there,
With picture and the cost,
The number and the data crisp,
A chance not to be lost . . .
Oh, would I were a boy, to take
The green path to the shed
And dream about a limousine
I'd order, gold and red!

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Bill Buckley, Yale's 1950 Wonder Boy, is out with a book "God and Man at Yale" which is raising blood pressure in university circles. He says professors belittle the American way and are cynical toward many things we are supposed to be fighting for.

Herb Shriner, who got his first boosts in this column, is rapidly fitting into the boots of Will Rogers . . . "It's mighty rough to watch moonlight and honeysuckles turn into nasty accusations." — Billy Rose. Stop, stop, you're breakin' mah heart! . . . Robert Dana now has his own television show "Dining Out With Dana." . . . Dick Rodgers, one of the men who owns Broadway, lives in Southport, and the Connecticut Association just voted him the Connecticut Man of 1951. All got seats to South Pacific and The King and [illegible]ch?

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KATHLEEN NORRIS

This Girl Too Self-Righteous

"THREE YEARS AGO," writes Gerald Fletcher, from Springfield, Mass., "I met the girl of my dreams. The woman, rather, for Isabelle is 26; I am 32. From the beginning a feeling sprang up between us, not only of love—and that was almost at first sight, but of an immense liking, a congeniality, a union of likes and dislikes. Our work brought us much together, Isabelle conducting a department for girls in the big institution of which I am assistant director. These first months of our friendship were the happiest of my life; I am a veteran, not much handicapped by an artificial knee, and have been deeply absorbed in a scientific work which I hope to have published a few years from now.

Happy Engagement

"Our engagement was an absolutely happy time, when I went to my girl's Massachusetts home, met her delightful family, and was warmly made welcome. The engagement was then announced and our plans made for a wedding last June. It was some weeks after that that Isabelle quite suddenly asked me if I had ever had any serious love affairs with other women; she said she must know everything, and that then whatever it was it should be forgotten and forgiven. She said that she had a horror of the immoralities now said to be so prevalent among adolescents, but that she could not remain in the dark about my past.

"I was hurt by her attitude, and told her that it could only disturb her to dig up the past, but she became agitated, and I saw that she had quite honestly thought I had nothing to tell. We had several distressing scenes, after which I told

". . . from Isabelle . . ."

her a true story of one or two episodes of my first college year, and of a genuine attachment I had to a nurse, out in the South Pacific, a heroic, gentle girl who died of an infection from a shrapnel cut.

"Isabelle immediately broke our engagement, wrote her mother that I was not the sort of man that she could ever respect, or that she could wish to have as the father of her children. She returned my letters, the beautiful ring that my father had given my mother when they were engaged.

A Little Anger

"Pride and a little anger helped me through this shock and change in my life; I could arrange things so that Isabelle and I did not often meet, and as the months went by I [illegible] oneli- [illegible] and has experienced a complete change of heart, she is sorry, she says she knows that men's lives are different from those of women, and that since poor little Rosy was killed in the war, I cannot restore my honor, as she puts it, by finding her and making her my wife. Isabelle's letter goes on to say that she is sure a few honest talks will set matters right and restore our old feeling for each other, but she ends with the warning that she must know everything now, and not expect any more shocks and surprises."

My dear Gerald, I say in answer, your letter leaves me no choice. Perhaps you have done Isabelle an injustice, although it does not seem so. But self-righteousness is a detestible thing, and anyone who thinks she has a right to question another about his past, his young mistakes, his natural emotions, will make a difficult wife. The smug serenity with which Isabelle proposes to probe into your soul, presently extending to you her benign forgiveness, indicates that you would always be to her a weak brother, to be helped and guided to her own heights of perfection. Just because a woman does not yield to early sex impulses doesn't mean that she hasn't equally serious faults.

Fashion Trends Varied in 1951

Poodle Hair-Do Was Year's Style Oddity

The past 12 months was the year in fashion when:

Skirts became full again, and then blossomed fuller than ever before. The fuller the skirt, the tinier the bodice and waistline.

The poodle gave his "all" to fashion: poodle cloth and the poodle hairdo fuzzed everybody up.

Fabric stole the fashion headlines: pure silk of the "stand alone" variety was a must in every smart wardrobe; wools took on wondrous new thick and downy textures; Tweed became a city-dweller.

The "poor look" in shoulders balanced the richness of fabrics. Some designers called it "the shrug shoulder".

The fitted coat stepped to the front of the fashion stage.

Women's minds remained happily changeable as always: Hats were almost nosed out of the picture by the little contour veil, then got bigger, slantier, be-jeweled, and more glamorous than ever. Everybody loved long hair with chignons, then suddenly clipped down to a wind-blown or poodle bob. The stay-at-home dress became as important a fashion as the party dress. Girls got out their eyebrow pencils and tried to look like doe-eyed Cleopatras, but most gave it up and decided to stay natural.

The skirt length wavered upward, then downward, finally decided to stay where it was—at YOUR most becoming length.

Spain was a strong fashion influ- [illegible]nce and the early Nineteenth Cen- [illegible] Empire and Restoration peri- [illegible]uided us to higher waistlines [illegible]r sleeves.

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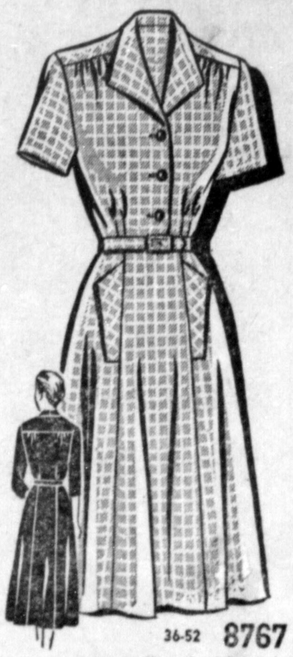
Tailored Shirtwaister Is Designed to Please



36-52 8767

A beautifully tailored shirtwaist dress designed particularly to flatter the slightly larger figure. Note the interesting pocket detail, the comfortable yoke, the choice of sleeves.

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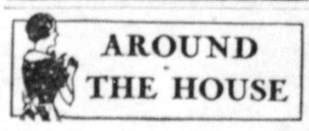

AROUND THE HOUSE

Slip Covers

Closely woven fabrics make better slip covers because they give greater protection against dust, hold their shape better, wear longer and tailor more easily than do loosely woven materials.

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Meat Plenteous

U. S. Department of Agriculture economists expect there will be enough livestock marketed to provide each person in the country with about 144 pounds of meat next year.

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Store in Cool Place

Meat, poultry, and fish all should be stored in a refrigerator, or at a temperature of 35-40 degrees Fahrenheit until time for cooking.

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Raisin Stuffing

A raisin stuffing will serve as a delicious accompaniment to a cured pork shoulder, and a hot cider and raisin sauce will go well with ham.

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