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SHOULD A MAN GO IN DEBT?

How many times has every man asked himself this question? The answer is bi-phase, there being sometimes when it is necessary to go in debt and there are other times when, to make life more worth the living, we not only find it absolutely necessary to go into debt, but we are very glad to do so. It all depends on what debt in question is contracted for. If this did not hold true the vast majority of the people would never have any HOME of their own, for as a rule the foundation (at least in Dreams) was laid when young and just married it was desired to build the ONE PLACE that is to be so far removed from the work-a-day world, to build the place that is in all probability the nearest approach that is ever made on this old Earth, to God's Domain, for when we stop but a moment to consider, we can but agree with one of our poets, who somewhere and at sometime, in the past, said:

"Home's not merely four square walls,
With pictures hung and gilded;
Home's a place where love abides,
In shrines the heart hath builded."

To own one's own home involves the principle that is unquestionably the very bulwark of our form of government and one of the principles that make this the greatest of nations and the most prosperous. The homing desire is productive of a more stable and reliable race who become great producers as they strive for "their Dream Palace" and the things they produce in exchange for it, are the selfsame things that make us not only the greatest of nations, but make us one of the proudest, (alho some unfortunate things have taken place in the past seven years, that have brought tears of shame and mortification to our eyes, still that is just one of the temporary conditions of life as we live it from day to day, and will be rectified in the general summing and accounting soon coming) and it can be stated here with all truth that a community of homes, be they only tents and the like, is far the happiest place one can visit.

Whatever men are prone to congregate today, there is one paramount question almost constantly being discussed, that of our "housing problem" and they are not making more of the problem than it surely is. Still it is just like all other problems, great and small, subject of solution. The trouble in the main, is that nine out of every ten men are sidestepping the issue, either wilfully or unknowingly, for does it not follow that if the country is short of houses—HOMES—why do not the people who so constantly talk of it, get busy, place their theories into practical operation, and BUILD homes, instead of paying the high and what is in many cases exorbitant rents? Why continue to complain, when we are nearly all inactive, when we are just figuring and talking, while the renting and the "housing-problem" continues to get worse owing to the very un-American laxity and inactivity of the majority of the people who wish they want the homes, they are still more or less confused over the so called high prices of the various things and materials that go to make up a home, whereas as a matter of fact there can be no substantial reduction in rents nor in the building materials until there is a greater number of homes built, then both rents and materials must necessarily take a tumble. It must be remembered that we are now living in an age immediately following the greatest and most devastating war the world ever knew and that all things must be high for years to come; that they are not due to come to any appreciable extent, while all the rest of the world that suffered ever so much more than we, is very naturally making bids for some of our products. While building costs are high and wages are high in direct proportion thereto, it is no harder to build a home today than it was to build ten years ago, for the comparative and relative values are approximately the same, for every one is or should be getting that same proportion more in their daily income and it therefore follows that as all things are equal comparatively, then there is no longer any excuse to desist or delay the erection of your home, even tho you are compelled to go into debt more than you ever did before. Sit down and figure it out for yourself, there is no trick in it, nor does it take any great amount of mathematics to demonstrate that the conditions and relative values are equal, altho at first glance and consideration they seem to have been changed. The best thing in the world for the head of a family, be he a wage-earner or a salaried man is to get "in debt" just as surely as he is healthy and build that Dream Palace, be it large or small, for it is the panacea for the present tendency toward dissatisfaction and any hectic condition of mind that is presumed to obtain among the general public today, which seems to dictate that all earnings be spent in a wild delirium of pleasure and pleasure chasing, instead of putting their earnings into a home, as our forefathers did, they are buying all manner of luxuries which they think are necessary toward happiness and which they try to make themselves think are necessities. Did not our forefathers win against the great odds in numbers and in wealth in the early conflict with the tyrant of the world of their time. Their responsibilities were what made them strong and what held true then must hold just as true today, for life is always the same, even tho it would seem to be different at times in the various evolutions of life.

This is not a lecture, it is merely a request that all may get together and build houses and also fix up the many dilapidated shacks and abandoned houses, so that there will be more houses in which to reside, for both the home-owner and the renter. There are three million homes short in the United States today and this sum will continue to grow as we all gade about and just employ useless words in an effort to justify laying down on the job, which latter no true American ever does when he is made to realize that that is exactly what he has been doing. Do not continue to mortgage your salary for a few fleeting and idle comforts and diversions, and then complain to others because you have not employed that same amount in the form of a mortgage on a HOME for your family, a HOME that will contain all the thousand and one little things that you and friend wife dreamed of putting into it, and wherein you will not have to get anyone's permission to make a garden, to tint the walls, to plant a tree or any of the many other things the average man likes to do, in an effort to assist the woman in her desire to make things more home-like. Many permanent improvements are made in one's own home and the grounds that would not be made if the property is just rented, for we will all do things for ourselves that we will not do for others, especially does this hold true when we are just sojourning temporarily therein.

Take a LOOK AT THE SHACKS on perfectly good and centrally located lots IN VALE and then get busy in a concerted and determined effort to erase those eyesores or at least repair or make them over into decent and respectable habitations, fit for someone to live in, or see that a new home is put up on the lot, for by so doing the city is made better and the "housing problem" is at the same time hit in the solar plexus. There never was any problem placed before the American people, no matter how great nor what its import, but that they have proven equal to the issue and it is certain that when they have passed judgment and made their decision in this problem, it will be like all those before, it will vanish as tho it were a mist, and many men, women and all of the little children will be made happier, and we will fulfill the destiny of our courageous forefathers.

The Apache Indian has five words for war and not a single term or word equivalent for "love", but he certainly does at all times have a home, after his kind and his desires, while we, with our language of a multitudinous maze of words and words, have a number of words that are adaptable to "war" and "love", and to home, nevertheless there is only "ONE HOME" that is or is to be, for us. Does it not mean enough to you to think it over and then get busy? By doing so we will forever be ride of this so called "housing-problem."

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