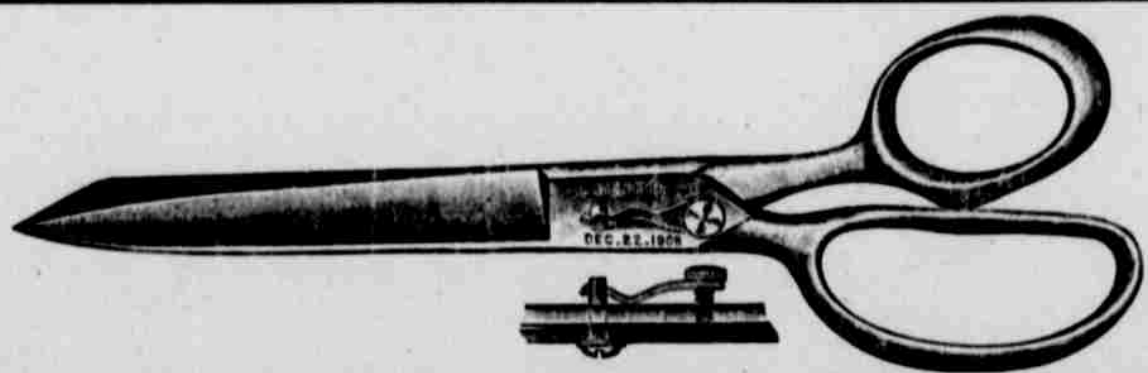


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#### MAN IN ISOLATION.

He is of Little Consequence and is a Barrier to Progress.

It is not an easy thing for a man to separate himself from the thought and activity and purpose of the community in which he lives and to pursue an isolated, disconnected and selfish part. He can't do it, indeed, and if he tries it he will only reduce himself to a cipher or stumbling block. The community will get on somehow, for it must; but if it has many members of this kind it will be dull, heavy and unprogressive.

Man in isolation is of little consequence, next to nothing. His association with others, the inspiration he receives from others, draw out his own powers. "The state," to this day, as Plato conceived it, remains "a product of mind." Out of the action and interaction of currents of mind, affected and even directed by variant views or opinions, comes the whole progress of man, of society, of the human race. We want what Burke described as "that action and counteraction which in the natural and political world, from the reciprocal struggle of discordant powers, draw out the harmony of the universe."

The most isolated man cannot separate himself from the situation he lives in. If such isolations were general or could be general it would be the negation of civilization.—Portland Oregonian.

#### SUBMARINE RIVERS.

Cold Water Currents Flowing Along the Deep Sea Bottom.

The bottom currents of seas and oceans, such as those which possibly bring amber to our shores, are strangely disposed. The seigneur of Sark some fifty years ago was shipwrecked in his yacht near the island of Guernsey. He lost, among other things, a well fastened, strongly made chest containing silver plate. It was found a year later in deep water off the coast of Norway and restored to him.

In the really deep sea over a thousand fathoms down there are well marked broad currents which may be described as rivers of very cold water (only 4 degrees or so above freezing point). They flow along the deep sea bottom and are sharply marked off from the warmer waters above and to the side. Their inhabitants are different from those of the warmer water. They are due to the melting of the polar ice, the cold water so formed sinking at once owing to its greater density below the warmer water of the surface currents.

These deep currents originate in both the arctic and antarctic regions.—Sir Ray Lankester in London Telegraph.

#### Habit From the Dungeon.

Convicts who were forced to drag about a ball and chain at the galley could often be detected when released by their habit of trailing one foot after the other. John Boyle O'Reilly, condemned to convict life in Australia for his Fenian sympathies, had also in after years a habit which told a like sad story. One who knows him said: "When walking abstractedly and mechanically he always went a short distance and then retraced his steps, no matter how wide a stretch he had before him. It was always three paces forward, turn and three paces back, exactly like the restless turning of a lion in a cage. One day I asked him, 'Boyle, what was the length of your cell when you were in prison—how many paces?'"

"Three," he said. "Why do you ask?" "Because when you are absentminded you always walk three paces forward and then retrace your steps."

#### A Lesson in Physiology.

The school superintendent was in the habit of dropping in to the different class rooms and demanding a recital of lessons from the pupils. One day her active mind bit upon physiology as the study for examination.

It happened that the teacher did herself not like the study of the human anatomy and therefore had not drilled her scholars as she should have done. But the little girl to whom the first question was put so bewildered the superintendent and made her lose her patience that there were no more questions of a similar nature asked.

"Tell me," said the superintendent, "what a skeleton is."

The little girl thought for a short time. "A skeleton?" she asked. "A skeleton? Why, a skeleton is a man with his insides out and his outsides off."—New York Times.

#### Wanted Them Labeled.

There was a certain master of fox-hounds in one of the English shires who was greatly angered by the awkwardness of one of the gentlemen who invariably rode over the hounds. At one of the meets the M. F. H. rode up to the awkward hunter and in the most chilling tones said, "Mr. So-and-so, there are two dogs in the pack today, Soap and Tatters, which I am especially fond of, and I would esteem it a favor if you would avoid killing or maiming them with your horse's hoofs." "Certainly, my dear fellow," replied Mr. So-and-so; "but, as I do not know them, will you be kind enough to put tags on them for me?"

#### Father's Revenge.

"Here is a telegram from papa," says the eloping bride. "He says for us to come right home and live with him and mamma." "I didn't think he would be so vindictive as all that," sighs the eloping bridegroom.—New York Life.

Change yourself and fortune will change with you.—Portuguese Proverb.

#### The Best Plaster.

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