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UNLUCKY FRIDAY.

On Friday, August 21, 1492, Christopher Columbus sailed on his great voyage of discovery. On Friday, October 12, 1492, he first discovered land. On Friday, January 4, 1493, he sailed on his return to Spain, which, if he had not reached in safety, the happy result would never have been known which led to the settlement of this vast continent. On Friday, March 15, 1493, he arrived at Palos in safety. On Friday, November 22, 1493, he arrived at Hispanola, on his second voyage to America. On Friday, June 13, 1493, he, though unknown to himself, discovered the continent of America. On Friday, March 5, 1496, Henry VIII of England gave to John Cabot his commission, which led to the discovery of North America. This is the first American state paper in England. On Friday, September 7, 1565, Melendez founded St. Augustine, the oldest town in the United States by more than forty years. On Friday, November 10, 1620, the Mayflower, with the Pilgrims, made the harbor of Provincetown, and on the same day they signed that august compact, the forerunner of our present glorious Constitution. On Friday, December 22, 1620, the Pilgrims made their final landing at Plymouth Rock. On Friday, February 22, George Washington, the father of American freedom, was born. On Friday, June 16, Bunker Hill was seized and fortified. On Friday, October 17, 1777, the surrender of Saratoga was made, which had such power and influence in inducing France to declare for our cause. On Friday, September 22, 1780, the treason of Arnold was laid bare. On Friday, October 19, 1781, the surrender at Yorktown, the crowning glory of the American arms, occurred. On Friday, July 7, 1776, the motion in Congress was made by John Adams, seconded by Richard Henry Lee, that the United States colonies were, and of right ought to be free and independent.

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

Success is difficult to define. Senator Robert S. Taylor, in his Fiddle and the Bow, said in substance: "The master draws his bow over the instrument and all the demons of hell scream out in the sound. Again he draws it, and all the beautiful harmonies of heaven are heard." I conclude it depends on the temperament of the one who hears as to the definition of the sounds; so in success, it depends on the standard of life one sets as to what would be

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

Let's take this world as some wide scene Through which, in frail but buoyant boat, With skies now dark and now serene, Together you and I must float; Beholding oft, on either shore, Bright spots where we might love to stay— But Time plies swift his flying oar, And away we speed, away— away.

THOMAS MOORE.

Cure For Care.

Don't you trouble trouble Till trouble troubles you, Don't you look for trouble; Let trouble look for you.

Don't you borrow sorrow; You'll surely have your share. He who dreams of sorrow Will find that sorrow's there.

Don't you hurry worry By worrying lest it come. To hurry is to worry; 'Twill miss you if you're mum.

If care you've got to carry, Wait till it's at the door; For he who runs to meet it Takes up the load before.

If minding will not mend it, Then better not to mind; The best thing is to end it— Just leave it all behind.

Who feareth hath forsaken The Heavenly Father's side; What he hath undertaken He surely will provide.

Then don't you trouble trouble Till trouble troubles you; You'll only double trouble, And trouble others, too.

The Observer.

In France they are talking of passing a law exempting wives from obeying their husbands. Nothing like that necessary in this country.

A New York actress has attracted attention by complaining that a millionaire beat her up and stole \$8—all she had. Most of the excitement, of course, was created by her confession that she had only \$8.

When it is too late you will probably remember that you resolved to success to that individual. I suppose the money king, who has hoarded his millions and become the dominating spirit in his sphere, thinks he has won success and that the politician who has stepped by leaps and bounds into places of honor and trust and there gathered around him a following he can wield to his liking, thus controlling the policies of states and nations, believes he has reached success. The writer's personal opinion is, that when he shall have schooled his heart to be bitter toward none; to have a kindly feeling for all; to earnestly seek to elevate friendship, love and truth, to banish selfishness, and everything that stands in the way of the happiness of those with whom he comes in contact, in short, when he has done all he can to make the world around him better because he lives, he will have attained success.

do your Christmas shopping early this year. Heard this before, haven't you?

There is many a hitch in the teamster's business.

It takes a sharp man to carve out a big fortune.

We might enjoy work more if we didn't have to do it.

It's safe to judge a man by the object for which he strives.

If you would be a leader of men you must be good natured.

No one ever courts the company of a man with a grouch.

The Indian seldom laughs. But who wants to be an Indian?

Even a self-made man will not admit that he sees his finish.

The teeth of the gale demonstrate that cold winds bite, but never bark.

It doesn't do to take the thought for the deed in a real estate transaction.

The man who jumps at conclusions doesn't always get there with both feet.

Many a man fails to get ahead because he has the backward-glance habit.

The average man's word is considered as good as his bond—by a stranger.

A woman likes to have some one coax her to do something she wants to do.

It's usually the things you haven't that would seem to make life worth living.

A certain kind of woman can be glad she married a man so as to be able to tell him she is sorry she did.

Rival undertakers in Newark, N. J., are said to be slashing prices in a scandalous manner. In time they may have the price of a decent funeral down to where the average Newark resident can't resist the temptation to secure a bargain.

John D. Rockefeller's advice to young men who want to get rich is to "borrow \$4,000 and sail in." Naturally, if there is any sailing to be done it is important first to raise the wind.

"This stove," said Wm. Ekblad to his Irish customer, "is the best stove in the house. It is the stove of economy. It saves half the coal bill."

"Give me two of them," replied the Irishman, "I'll save all."

One reason why the loan shark has so few friends is not because he is always lending money, but because he insists on getting it back.

And to make matters worse, he generally succeeds in getting it back, and then some.

A scientist figures that "99 per cent of the worry and strife in this world is without cause other than sore nerves and a congested liver."

Which again shows how little importance a scientist attaches to a flat pocketbook and a determined mother-in-law.

"WILLIE" TAFT WAS STUDIOUS AT SCHOOL.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 15.—"Willie was always a studious boy," said Mrs. J. C. Stevenson of Cincinnati. And she referred to President-elect William Howard Taft. "I've always called him Willie, but I suppose I'll have to change it now," she added, "but I taught the lad in 1866 in the sixteenth district school, Cincinnati. Willie was 14 years old, got his 100 marks regularly, was prompt in attendance and never tardy. No, he was not a 'sissy' boy. He was mischievous and somewhat of an athlete, but always a gentleman."

21 TIMES A FATHER.

ROSEBURG, Dec. 17.—When President Roosevelt deplored what he termed "race suicide" in this country, his remarks were evidently not aimed at such citizens as Levi White, a well known resident of West Roseburg, whose wife gave birth to a son Sunday, Dec. 13, 1908. This event makes Mr. White a father for the 21st time. It is the tenth child by his present wife, and he had eleven children by his first wife.

LONDON IS RICHEST CITY.

One In Every 33 of the 7,795,789 Inhabitants Is a Pauper.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Rather interesting are the statistics on "What is London?" which the county council has just published. What is called "administrative London" is composed of 74,816 acres of land and water. On the land live 4,795,789 human beings; in the suburbs around them another 3,000,000 make their homes.

London is put down as probably the wealthiest city in the world. Its property is insured against fire for £1,040,057,846. Nevertheless "one person in every 33 is a pauper; 20 persons in every 100 die in a workhouse or a workhouse infirmary." But the city annually distributes through its charities £10,066,043.

In one year Londoners consumed 419,037 tons of dead meat, 58,735 live cattle, 375,950 live sheep, 174,332 tons of fish, 80,826,330 gallons of milk and 82,162,249,000 gallons of water for drinking and other purposes, for which water they paid £1,832,772. There are in London 28,265 factories and workshops, in which 558,641 men, women and children find employment every year.

In addition to the open air pastimes to be found in the parks and other open spaces in London, there are 53 theaters, 49 music halls, 261 concert halls and 11 museums. There are also 88 public libraries open to the people.

In one year Londoners wrote 737,100,000 letters and 167,800,000 postal cards, in addition to which they sent 28,260,000 telegrams and enjoyed 145,205,633 chats over the telephone.

An automobile that swallows its own dust is described in Popular Mechanics. Pipes suck up the dust from the rear wheels and draw it into a box from which it is again deposited on the road in granulated form.

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How the Poor Fail to Get Justice.

By WILLIAM H. TAFT.

THE INEQUALITY THAT EXISTS IN OUR PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND THAT SOONER OR LATER IS CERTAIN TO RISE AND TROUBLE US AND TO CALL FOR POPULAR CONDEMNATION AND REFORM IS IN THE UNEQUAL BURDEN WHICH THE DELAYS AND EXPENSE OF LITIGATION UNDER OUR SYSTEM IMPOSE ON THE POOR LITIGANT. ONE REMEDY MUST BE REFORM IN OUR JUDICIAL PROCEDURE, WHICH IS NOW TOO CUMBERSOME. ANOTHER WOULD BE MORE EXPEDITON ON THE PART OF JUDGES IN RENDERING THEIR OPINIONS. DELAY ALWAYS WORKED TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE POOR AND THE BENEFIT OF THE WEALTHY LITIGANT.

As to appeals, "the court of first instance" and the intermediate appellate court should be for the purpose of finally disposing in a just and prompt way of contentions between litigants.

THE APPELLANT JURISDICTION OF THE COURT OF LAST RESORT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE CASES WHICH ARE TYPICAL AND WHICH GIVE TO IT IN ITS JUDGMENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO COVER THE WHOLE FIELD OF THE LAW.

I believe that a great reform might be effected, certainly in the federal courts, and I think, too, in the state courts, by a mandatory reduction of the court costs and fees. The salaries of the court officers should be fixed and should be paid out of the treasury of the county, state or national government, as the case may be, and fees should be reduced to as low a figure as possible.

I THINK ANOTHER STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF THE DISPATCH OF LITIGATION WOULD BE THE REQUIREMENT OF HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS FOR THOSE JUDGES WHO SIT IN THE CASES INVOLVING A SMALL PECUNIARY AMOUNT.

America Deprives Foreigners of Much of Their Happiness.

By IDA M. TARBELL, Celebrated Author.

ONE of the first disappointing realizations of the immigrant to the United States must be that he has come to a country practically without fete days. Accustomed to a succession of religious and national holidays, all lively in color and movement; to local fairs running over days, even weeks sometimes; to street shows and games and merry-making—a land where not more than six or eight legal holidays are known and where the church is contented with an annual Sunday school picnic for the children, must seem poverty stricken indeed in gayety, whatever its opportunity for money making.

THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE VARIETY AND NUMBER OF FETE DAYS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES GO A GREAT WAY TO MAKING UP TO THE LABORING CLASS FOR MATERIAL HARDSHIPS. HERE THERE IS NO SUCH COMPENSATION FOR NEW AND OFTEN VASTLY MORE PERPLEXING HARDSHIPS.

Even those among us who have appreciated the difficulties of the immigrant's transplanting and have tried to smooth them away have given little thought to this side of the matter. The tendency, indeed, has been to frown on the newcomer's efforts to introduce his own frolics and festivals as un-American and to impress upon him that it is work and not play which counts in the new land.

WE HAVE BEEN WILLING TO IMPROVE HIM, BUT UNWILLING TO AMUSE HIM, EVEN TO LET HIM AMUSE HIMSELF. THE RESULT HAS BEEN THAT HE HAS DROPPED HIS MERRYMAKINGS AND EVEN COME TO DESPISE THEM AND HAS SUBSTITUTED FAR LESS ATTRACTIVE AND TOO OFTEN FAR LESS INNOCENT AMUSEMENTS. THE BARRROOM AND THE DANCE HALL ARE POOR SUBSTITUTES, INDEED, FOR THE OPEN AIR CAFE AND THE VILLAGE FAIR.

We Americans lose no less than the foreigner loses by this. One of the most precious things he brings us, indeed, is his capacity for gayety, expressed in picturesque dances and customs. We are always willing enough to travel far in Europe to study these expressions. Indeed, the popular fete is one of the things the tourist remembers longest, yet we have done almost nothing to encourage the preservation here of any of its features.

DON'T DELAY! DON'T DELAY! DON'T DELAY!

Now is the time to buy your Holiday Goods and Toys. The past few days have seen the heaviest drain on our thousands of dollars worth of goods in the history of our business. Buy before the selection is gone. Buy early and we guarantee prompt delivery. Toys for the little ones, Toys for the larger ones, Holiday Goods for everyone.

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