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THE OPEN MIND, THE KEY TO CONTENTMENT AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP

THE AMERICAN who can gracefully change his position in a matter of opinion is the real American of them all. A man may be an avowed exponent of a theory in government, in business or in a professional calling; he may have his views on a point of difference between labor and capital, as an employer or an employee, on a question of personal rights and personal privilege, but when he closes his mind and refuses to yield to reason he has passed the zenith of his intellectual usefulness. The open mind is the healthy mind, the sound mind, the creative mind, the mind that will never be submerged in the rough seas of passion and mental chaos, the mind that will always keep its equilibrium. The fixed mentality is a dangerous ingredient in the American composition. The man of an unchangeable mind may live in America, but he is not a part of that America which is moving forward to that broader plane where free men shall dwell, respecting one another, believing in one another and helping one another, where the procrastinated, prejudiced and intolerant man of the lower plane has been eliminated for the good of the America that is in the making.

An American should not be ashamed to change his mind when indubitable logic presented to him makes him feel shaky in his belief and opinion anent the subject in question. As long as he is open to conviction the sunlight of reason will keep the dwelling place of his soul—the mind—clean and up to the very minute in order and arrangement. The cobweb of prejudice, hatred and faultfinding will gather only in the mind where the sunlight of reason has been shut out. Have you such a mind? What is in your mind is reflected in your speech. Is your speech a condemnation of your fellowman? Keep an open mind befitting an American. Be an American that is striving for the higher plane where the stagnant mentality and the shriveled soul have no abiding place.

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