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For Love went out the door of Hope,
And on and on has fled,
Caring no more to dwell within
The house where Faith is dead.

THE MENTAL ATTITUDE

Do your, reader, believe in advancement—in progress? If so, do you wish to advance yourself, or do you imagine that the matter of progress is for somebody else—the other fellow?

If you do not wish to advance it is a sure sign that you are lacking in many ways. First of all you lack pride in yourself and your achievements. A proper pride in one-self is a mighty fine thing when it comes to what in every day parlance we call "getting there." It holds a person up to the mark. It keeps alive the desire that nobody shall out-do you in a given thing. Yes, pride is a fine thing—a most necessary thing.

The desire to excel in a legitimate way is most commendable, but it is not just the "desire" alone which is a valuable asset. The "desire" (call it pride, if you wish) we admit spurs one on to "get there," or do his best. It stimulates a healthy interest in the achievement, or production, of some thing, and this in turn makes of you, or of me, or of the "other fellow" a more efficient person. As an efficient man or woman we are of course of greater value as employes and can command and receive more in the way of remuneration for our endeavors. There is no gainsaying this. It is true.

Do our students fancy that anything worth while can be accomplished without thought and effort? Do they fondly dream that if they continue to be enrolled at school that some beautiful morning they shall awaken to find that they have received a legacy from the man of wisdom—Solomon? And all, too, without effort? Perish the thought! An education is a possession beyond price. Money cannot buy an education. No-one can become an educated person without laboring to that end. Money in the acquisition of an education is but a means to that end. And it is the truth that many of our most highly educated and scholarly men have had very little money back of them in their struggle for an education. Pride and desire are great factors in securing anything, be it an educa-

tion which makes for efficiency, for letters, for art—for anything of real value which assists in making the world better and ennobling mankind.

The drone is found in every hive, but, alas! they are as useless in one hive as in another. The world never was in greater need of efficient men and women than now, and it appears that henceforth that need is bound to increase rather than diminish. This assures a good future for the efficient and industrious person, but it does not augur well for drones. In fact, it appears that the hand-writing on the wall is directed at drones. The bees kill their drones and man may sometime evolve to the point where he will do likewise. Keep our name off the drone list.

All of the items covered so far in this article are possible for any of us. Whether we elect to be somebody of class and consequence or a drone lies with ourselves. Our mental attitude will betray us—it will tell what we are by guiding us to the commission of certain deeds. So long as your mental attitude remains as it is today you will do as you do today. When your mental attitude changes your course of action will be different. When you reach the point where you take pride in both yourself and your task you will have traveled far on the road to success and all that for which success stands. On the other hand, if you lack pride in yourself and have no desire to progress it is certain that you will remain right where you are, or if you move at all it will be down the ladder instead of up it.

Shame upon the man or woman, young or old, who does not wish to be efficient! Go where we may and on all hands we see people who have worked for years at a given thing and yet have not learned the fundamental principles underlying the production of a certain commodity, although it was through that production that they gained their living. Let all readers ask: How do I stand in efficiency? Would anybody desire my services enough to pay money for them? Is my mental attitude right?

Be assured of this, that you may change your mental attitude for the better if you are mentally sound. You must decide.

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