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IMAGINATION

The world is in many ways in debt to the imagination of many of its people. Imagination has been a propelling, a leading force or inspiration, for the achievement of much that has benefitted mankind. The imaginative minds of men have provided visions of things possible and the inventive geniuses must in the very nature of things have possessed imagination in large degree. The proof of the work that imagination has accomplished is easily obtained. There are in the minds of older people many things that have come to pass, materialized, in their day which were at one time considered more or less visionary or wholly imaginative.

All works of fiction are of an imaginative character—cannot be anything else. A way back in the days of Columbus the imaginative and speculative minds began to vision the truth that the world was a sphere, a globe, and the result was the discovery of America. Columbus was considered so imaginative, so visionary, that his sanity was questioned. Even the school children of his time used to tap their foreheads when he passed, insinuating that poor Columbus was of unsound mind. A great discovery resulted from the speculative imagination of Columbus. It lead him to "sail on!" into the unknown world.

Just at what date some human being imagined that it might be possible for a man to fly through the air it is not within the province of anyone to state. However, we have proof that such an imaginative possibility occupied the minds of some men a couple of hundred years before it came to pass. Dr. Samuel Johnson, a great English author and profound philosopher, is the first writer of whom we know to have mentioned the matter of man's flying.

We recall that when a very small boy the school teacher announced one morning as a "current event" that a large publishing company of the East had made a standing offer of \$10,000 as a prize for the invention of a flying machine. Our boyish mind was fired—we could study no more that morning, as we wanted to get that \$10,000. We imagined that we needed the money.

Today the air is conquered and the birds themselves are "second-raters." Again imagination has scored.

Many years ago Jules Verne, one of the most imaginative of fiction writers, made vivid and realistic pen pictures of travel under the sea. At the time of publication it all seemed so unreal, so fantastic, so visionary, to the so-called "well-balanced" people, and the serious-minded gave little heed to these imaginative tales. But—imagination scored again. We now have our submarine boats in large numbers the world over and it has been demonstrated that an imaginative possibility has become one of our common-place realities.

It is better for a people to be optimistically imaginative. We believe that such a people will get more out of life and that imagination, allied with hope and faith, leads to achievement. It must be especially true in relation to the inventive world, for otherwise there would be nothing doing.

May it not be that to "imagine" is to "think?" Here is the key that unlocks all doors—"thinking." We are a bit inclined to believe that anything that the human mind may imagine will some day, in some way, prove possible. To us it seems probable that the mind is incapable of conceiving anything that is impossible to the combined resources of the earth and its people.

TUBERCULOSIS—ITS PREVENTION AND CURE

The recent Health Demonstration staged by the pupils of the various grades at Chemawa brought to mind many interesting and educational facts. One of the outstanding features was the following article read by Chas. DePoe of the junior class:

Over two hundred thousand people die annually of tuberculosis in the United States. It is the Indians' greatest enemy. This dreadful disease is caused by a germ which is spread chiefly by the spit of consumptives and those having tuberculosis. Dr. Robert Koch discovered this germ in 1892. Many have tuberculosis and do not know it. This disease may be prevented by teaching consumptives how not to infect their families and neighbors, and by educating people to keep their bodies in good health. All germs should be destroyed. Spit in the gutter if on the street. Here the sun and air may kill the germs. The best

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