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MEN YOU CANNOT BUY

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spect, and a sense of personal honor and manly dignity. These all constitute qualities within us awaiting development through the attention and desire and recognition of the individual. The greater the percentage of able and honest people found in a community, the better the community, the same is true of schools, and may justly be remarked of governments.

An inventor once appeared before the secretary of a street car company and attempted to sell the company a contrivance for registering every passenger. The secretary could not be induced to entertain the proposition at all. "It is of no use to us," he said; "the machine which we want is one that will make our men honest, and that, I am afraid, we are not likely to meet with."

The cry of the world everywhere is for honest men, men whose standing is of the highest, who place personal honor above money, above power, above social position—men of character. Character in essence is reliability; by your acts convincing others that you can be trusted.

It seems the spiritual side of mankind is undernourished, and worst of all, nourishment labelled for the soul does not appeal to buyers—it is a drug on the market, sad to relate. Take the average business man through a fine museum, an art gallery, through a great park where are found the finest of monuments and statues, tell him of noble men and women and of the innumerable sacrifices they have suffered for mankind, and Mr. Business Man will be utterly indifferent, bored. But undertake to lay bare to him a business proposition whereby there is a promise of big returns and he is all animation—the personification of interest. Things seem out of proportion—the pity of it.

Selfishly used political power is a curse; rightly used it may prove a blessing for a community and for the nation. Who dares to predict that the race of life is ever to be one of self and self? Who is bold enough to declare that all beautiful ideals and principles are to be abandoned? Such can never be. Each succeeding generation of people is granted the rare privilege of making the world better—bettering things by simply bettering themselves, their thoughts and acts.

Honesty is not a forgotten virtue, and faith will not die out. We, despite our human frailties and the percentage against us, shall "carry on" hopefully—it is the only way.

Can men still be bought, bribed? Yes, some of them, but when they sell themselves for gold they have given much for little. Gold is good and it buys comforts innumerable, but it cannot buy friendship. It will buy service, but not devotion. Gold is not all there is to life—there is much of greater value in the world. An honest man—Aye! Do not undervalue him.

Cultivate a peaceful state of mind if you are to be happy. If you are unhappy and always wanting something, by your own acts you are advertising yourself for sale, for a bribe. A man whose wants are simple is hard to buy. The more simple his wants the higher his price. Among our Indian people of days past a wish for wealth was considered unworthy of a brave man, and a chief was often the poorest man in the tribe.

All of the truly great of the world's benefactors have been poor men.

CHEMISTRY

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From the standpoint of a boy who is attending High School but who does not have the expectation of college, I have linked together some reasons for spending time on the chemistry course that is usually offered.

In my opinion, school hours should not be wasted; they should be put into the preparation of something worth having now, and something worth "salting away" for the future.

Shall I spend my "golden years" on a farm? Then it might be good to know what effect chemicals have upon the soil. Are any of them needful to the crops I shall raise, and, if so, in what quantities? The insect pests that destroy so much representing the farmer's work and hope, may be killed by chemicals, or chemical products. If my farm is located far from the conveniences that are supplied to town residents will the action of water on some particular chemical produce gas, so that I may rig up a gas light as a convenience?

I shall certainly be able to use a knowledge of chemistry on my farm.

Should trade or business call me into the town or city, will there be any need of a knowledge of chemistry? A better paint job at a lower rate may be had if the right amount of elements that make paint were mixed properly. Chemistry teaches the mixture of these elements. Disinfectants may be made at home. Disinfectants ready-mixed are usually expensive; those made at home are cheaper and often more effective. Making dyes is a fascinating proceeding, and I feel pleased that I know something about dyes, and have also a chance to gain knowledge concerning methods of bleaching, taking out stains, water-proofing some materials and treating others so they become fire proof.

Bachelorhood may get me! If I am to be my own housekeeper I shall apply my chemistry knowledge to my kitchen. Chemistry tells me that hard water wastes soap and hinders its action until enough of the chemicals in the soap offset those in the water, O! how I shall save soap!