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TIME TO SLACKEN UP.

The annual budget of the Roman empire at the height of its prosperity and glory was less than the yearly expenditure of the city of New York.

This fact serves Guglielmo Ferrero, the eminent classical authority, as a text for emphasizing some of the differences between ancient and modern civilization. The people of that day were simple and frugal and that, in his opinion, is why they developed so much higher a type of art. Their want, were few, they lived slowly; hence in everything they did they sought a certain ideal of beauty and achieved it because they had plenty of time in which to perfect the inner dream.

"Beauty is not so simple and easy and wholesale," he says, "that its examples can be multiplied by machinery in a mad hurry. A civilization cannot flower into the most exquisite forms of art if it cannot bring itself to live with a certain simplicity and slowness. What kills art nowadays is the frenzy for wealth, the giddy growth of desires, the universal mania for speed, the strain to manufacture, the general unrest of bodies and minds. Ancient civilization strove to eternalize. Today

everything is precarious, ephemeral, destined to live only a few months or years; vowed to early death even from the hour of its birth."

No great thing often is done in a hurry. Quality inevitably is lost when the worker feels that he must hustle from the task in hand to another. Necessarily he cannot put into what he is doing individuality—that subtle something which makes work good or bad. For instance, the Greeks and Romans wrote little, yet they left a literature which has withstood the criticism and changed viewpoints of centuries. The yearly output of a large publishing house today is larger than all that remains of classical literature.

He would be a bold prophet who would say that these modern books would live ten years.

The past is valuable for providing a lesson for the present. That is why in an age of hurried superficiality we still have a place for the wisdom which comes from quiet, thoughtful study. If we are going too fast a pace and falling to achieve even a little because we attempt so much we should heed the plain warning and slacken up.

THE PASSING OF THE PIONEER.

(By A. O. Huntley, Cuprum, Idaho.)

A pioneer was born to man;
The purest life which earth has seen;
The first to teach the doctrine true:
That Love can win, though all else

fall;
For hate o'wrong—the payment due,
Thus finding then, the Holy-Grail.

And down the ages dark, we see
The message carried here and there,
Where man meets man on land or sea
In lonely silent places, bare:
Of all that makes for home and cheer
The message of the pioneer.

The modern day still meets the test,
For human hearts the spark Divine
Reveal: When hardships gather fast
The lights that in the darkness shine;
The stranger-friend, when all is drear;

The latch-string free, the pioneer.

Let not his passing be complete
With dollars and the din of strife;
Where men in anger oft compete
And lose, alas the best in life;
But stay Earth's hope. In love-light cheer
And keep for all, the pioneer.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

June 4.

1738—George III of England born. Died Jan. 29, 1820.

1726—Philip Otterbein, founder of the Church of the United Brethren, born in Germany. Died in Baltimore, Nov. 17, 1813.

1752—Gen. John E. Howard, a noted soldier of the Revolution, afterwards governor of Maryland, born in Baltimore. Died there Oct. 12, 1827.

1792—First state legislature of Kentucky assembled at Lexington.

1802—Abdication of Charles Emmanuel II of Sardinia.

1825—Gen. Lafayette visited Buffalo.

1845—Mexico declared war against the United States.

1858—James P. Henderson, first governor of Texas, died in Wash-

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1559—The French and Sardinians de-
feated the Austrians at battle of
Nagenta.

1891—Chilean insurgent steamer Itata
surrendered to American naval
authorities.

"THIS IS MY 60TH BIRTHDAY."

Hamilton King, United States min-
ister to Siam and one of the veterans
in the American diplomatic service,
was born in St. John's, Newfoundland,
June 4, 1852. After a thorough prepa-
ratory education he entered Olivet
college, at Olivet, Mich., from which
he was graduated in 1878. Subse-
quently he studied at the Chicago
Theological seminary, the University
of Leipzig and the American school,
at Athens, Greece. For a number of
years Dr. King was principal of the
preparatory department of Olivet col-
lege and during these years he at-
tained prominence also as a preacher
and lecturer. He took an active in-
terest in the affairs of the republican
party in Michigan and became known
as an effective political speaker as
well as an eloquent pulpit orator. He
was a delegate from Michigan to the
republican national convention in
1876, and two years later he was ap-
pointed by President McKinley to his
present post at Bangkok.

If that automobile manufacturer who
is always and forever trying to get a

million dollars worth of free adver-
tising by offering a thousand dollar car
to the leading baseball player really
knew his business he would make a
similar offer to the editor who closes
the season with the highest batting
average.

A wiseacre tells us that Rockefeller's
wealth makes him unhappy. We
know of no law that prevents him from
achieving happiness. Further, we
that a good many people would be
pleased to take some of his unhappi-
ness from him.

Having discovered a horseshoe trust
we should certainly put a foot down
on that.

If you are thinking of buying a bug-
gy, hack or surrey call at Dutcher's
wagon shop. We have several to se-
lect from. 6-4-3t

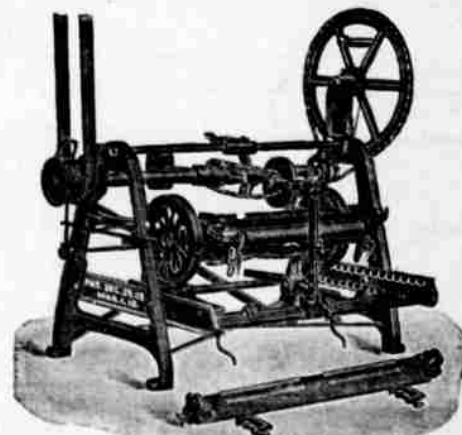


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you are wearing? You will be
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