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IMMORTALITY.

Immortality is the fairest flower in the garden of faith—some call it superstition. The promise of a hereafter, where all present wrongs are righted in the light of eternal day, is solace to the afflicted, hope to the discouraged and inspiration to the world-worn. It is the blossom of brimming June, which in all ages has cheered the heavy-laden.

To see once more long-lost loves, to touch again the silent chords of memory, to awaken the forgotten melodies of the soul, to clothe our dreams with the cloth of golden realities, to magically rebuild from the ashes of failure the splendor of desires—was not this promise allurement enough to hold humanity in its spell for centuries?

The belief in immortality, like so many of the softer and more beautiful theories of religion, is probably of pagan origin. It was brought from wicked Babylon by the Hebrews who had absorbed it during the captivity. There was no rainbow promise of heaven in the stern religion of Moses, who taught God-fearing virtue. Jehovah of the ancient Jews, punished transgressions in the flesh and rewarded the faithful with substantial prosperity. Confucius, the philosophers of Greece and Rome, and nearly all early religious leaders taught virtue as its own reward and enunciated the principle of the golden rule as the guide to happiness.

With the scientific progress of the world in the last century came a reaction against the stereotyped beliefs of religion, and a wave of materialism swept the nations. People refused to believe longer in such doctrines as the eternal damnation of innocent babes and a host of cherished delusions went overboard. The orthodox hell, aptly described as

"A boiling, seething, bottomless pit,
 Where poor damned sinners forever sit,
 And boil and stew and bake and fry,
 Gnawed by the worms that never die"

was discarded as a discord in a gospel of infinite love. So was the orthodox heaven, with its endless processions of chanting angels. Agnosticism ruled the circles of culture and the popular conception of heaven and hell conformed more nearly to that of the old Persian Omar:

"I sent my soul into the invisible,
 Some letter of the after life to spell;
 And bye and bye my soul returned to me
 And said: 'I myself am heaven and hell:
 Heaven but the vision of fulfilled desire,
 And hell the shadow of a soul on fire.'"

There are indications now that another reaction is replacing the unbelief of the materialist with faith—faith so great that it moves mountains and accomplishes miraculous cures. We know so much nowadays that we are beginning to realize how little we really do know about this complex creature called man. There are a dozen new religious movements in America, all of which are alive with the wondrous vitality of faith. As taught by Christ, both body and soul are mended. We do not know how, but we know that faith makes the lame to walk, the deaf to hear and the blind to see now as in the days of the lowly Nazarene.

Through the blight of materialistic pessimism, the hope of immortality still lingered like

"The sound of music heard ere birth
 A spirit lute touched on a spirit sea."

The finite mind cannot grasp the infinite. The why and wherefore remain unsolved mysteries. We know not whence nor whither; yet in each of us lurks something of infinity—the whispers and the shadows, suggestions of other days and times, "of births far back, of lives in distant stars."

There is no scientific proof that the soul from which that mysterious, intangible something we call the spark of life has fluttered, did not die with the last labored beat of the heart or final convulsive twitch of the nerves. Even those who believe in a future existence can give no logical reason for the belief. Yet as all life is evolutionary, and nothing is lost in nature, human life seems but a stage in the evolution of the soul, which with each existence is as the path of the just, "a shining light, growing more and more unto the perfect day."

WHAT PAPERS SAY

APPLE GROWING

(Northwest Horticulturist)
 The great apple show which has just closed in Spokane, was an innovation to the commercial world. It was an inspiration to all fortunate enough to see it, and the growers have been stimulated with confidence, zeal and renewed determination. The captains of transportation have at last caught the idea that the future apple crops of the Pacific Northwest will command more than ordinary service. Up to the time the Northern Pacific Railway company came under the control of the Hill family of financiers the policy was to foster in every way possible the fruit industry, by providing ample facilities for transportation. For the past four years, as along the Great Northern, fruit growers have complained bitterly and for neglect of proper attention in time, one of these lines at least, has been punished by having had to pay heavy damage claims to shippers. The stockholders of this company seem to be slowly getting their eyes open to at least one inconsistency as to the manner in which the road has been handled. Although promises are made for adequate service, commercial fruit growers would be considerably puzzled were it not for new lines now building to the coast. Like the apple show itself, the new lines are an inspiration even to present operating roads as well as to the fruit growers.

The Pacific Northwest is fast becoming a leader in the production of apples for the commercial markets both for home and abroad. That fact is concealed by all in position to know. It is due to favorable climatic conditions, soils contain a high per cent of available supply to potash and other necessary elements of fertility combined with ample moisture under perfect control for proper application at seasons of growing temperature. Strict horticultural laws have served to fix a high standard in the minds of growers and the cosmopolitan spirit of our people while in friendly rivalry from a local standpoint, stand as a unit in developing distant markets.

In the control of insect pests, apple growers are becoming thoroughly skilled—thanks to the workers at the experiment stations, who are saving thousands of dollars in this one class of fruit. The planting of commercial apple orchards may be safely continued, but attention should be given to the adaptability of particular varieties to a locality with an aim to suit the market intended to reach.

Adopt the most modern methods of culture and handling in order to keep down as low as possible the cost of producing a good, or high class, saleable product. Apple eating will never go out of fashion and markets will be developed more easily in the future than in the past, and they will also come to us, for the population will become very dense in this part of the country. Aim then to meet the demands of both the high priced and the low priced markets, so as to realize a profit in either case.

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At the close of the session Richard L. Humphrey of Philadelphia, the secretary of the board and the engineer in charge of the structural materials investigations by the government, said: "We have some tremendous problems before us which we are aiming to solve. Our principal work is in an earnest endeavor to reduce the number of deaths in coal mines."

"Another phase of the work relates to stopping the waste not only in mining coal, but also in its utilization."

"The government is also endeavoring to save the timber resources. According to Chief Engineer Pinchot, the lumber supply, with the present increasing rate of consumption, cannot last beyond 35 years."

"Last year fire losses in the United States amounted to the tremendous total of \$215,000,000. This is from six to seven-fifths of the entire loss in the United States occurred in frame buildings, which means faulty, defective construction."

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

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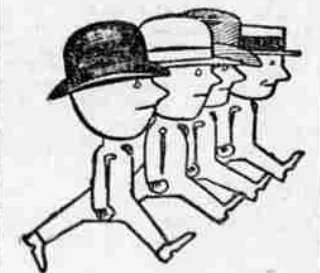
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