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THE TEST OF OFFICIAL FITNESS.

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Every governmental scheme finds its ultimate test in the character of the men who may be brought to its execution. Men who in trade will resort to dishonest methods and unfair practices in competition will attempt to fatten themselves at the expense of the public if they are elected to office. Men who will prey upon minority stockholders or abuse the trusts that are committed to them in our great financial enterprises will prey upon the people if they have a chance.

Whether powers of supervision and regulation will be wisely exercised depends, not upon the words of the statute book, but upon the character of the supervisors and regulators; and you must have a higher quality of citizenship in those who administer the laws than in those whose conduct makes the laws and their administration necessary.

Between the man who attempts to fool the people in order to get rich and the man who attempts to fool the people in order to get office, between him who seeks his personal profit through an abuse of trust as a director and the man who uses public office to serve himself or his personal friends, there is nothing to choose.

WORLD OR WOMEN—WHICH WILL CHANGE?

By Ada May Krecker.

It does not seem unreasonable to expect women in the long run to give to the big world something of their own natures. It is only what they have done in the home. That is why the homes where they are queens are thought refined and beautiful and why the big outside world where they are slaves is called hard and cold. But even if women should not do much to soften the big world, the natural processes of evolution are at work slowly and surely refining it. The cold, hard world to-day is not nearly so cruel or uncomfortable or brutal as the choicest home life of the savages.

If the western world seems a little untamed in comparison with the oriental it is because its civilization is so much newer. Less than two thousand years ago it was chiefly savages; whereas over twenty thousand years ago the orientals were writing poetry and philosophy. Or if America seems ruder than Europe it is because we insist upon civilizing everybody. In Europe they have been satisfied with a few "gentles." They have called them the "quality." But in America we pay attention to "quantity," too. And if we cannot turn them all out as gentlemen by the time they are naturalized citizens, we at least find them easy to distinguish from new arrivals by their better behavior and better dress. Whichever way we take it—whether the world is growing daintier of its own accord, or whether women publicly are helping to make it so—there is good reason to expect it to become as fit a place for a woman as a parlor. And there is little ground for fearing that women will turn either into men or rowdies because they have left their zenanas.

WHERE DO WILD ANIMALS DIE?

By Dr. Theodore Zell.

Where do wild animals die? This question has often been asked, and many learned naturalists have tried to find satisfactory answer, but even at the present time comparatively little is known that would throw a clear light upon that subject. The question is simple enough and easily answered in some cases, but extremely difficult in other cases. In a large number of cases the animals are killed by other animals or by man and eaten. Of all living creatures man is the most bloodthirsty, and more animals fall victims to his greed, cruelty or appetite than to the murderous instincts of carnivorous or other animals.

Some have made the assertion that certain animals, when they feel the approach of death, retire to some hiding place, a cave, a hollow tree, or some crevice in the rocks, and there await the end. That may be true and is decidedly probable, but does not explain the fact that only in rare cases are the remains of dead animals found in such places. It has often been commented upon that even in the districts where monkeys are abundant dead monkeys are scarcely ever found. Ancient writers like Pliny speak with remarkable erudition of the age which certain domestic and wild animals reach, but their writings throw no light upon the question as to what becomes of the animals after death. The number of carcasses and skeletons which are actually found is far too small to give a satisfactory explanation of that puzzling question which is still waiting for its Oedipus.

AMERICAN CHARACTER CONTRADICTIONS.

By Dr. Felix Adler.

We have no great leadership in politics or in other fields. The average American intelligence is high, but we have not the peaks that tower above the average. No country needs great leaders so much as a democracy, and in no country have they appeared less than in our democracy.

The false idea of equality, I imagine, has something to do with it. It is a curious fact, Americans are the most individualistic and the least individualistic. Nowhere is individualism so much encouraged and nowhere so much discouraged.

The American air is filled with the spirit of enterprise; on the other hand, he is less independent than the Englishman. He would never assert his rights when he is ousted, as the Englishman; he is afraid of being singular when he steps out and resents that which others bear. Democracy is unfavorable to individualism in this respect.

THE CAPTAIN'S REMEDY.

A young woman who recently made a trip to Europe decided to consult the captain of the ship as to the best preventive for seasickness. Having armed herself with a letter of introduction to the officer, she waited until the ship had cleared Sandy Hook, says a writer in the Bohemian, and then approached him. She described her fears, and begged for a remedy.

"My dear lady," replied the captain, with an amused smile, "you will not be troubled with any illness if you will do what I tell you. Most ladies confine themselves to their staterooms, and thereby incur the very thing they fear. Now if you will stay on deck, get all the fresh air you can, walk up and down, take good physical care of yourself, and try not to think of trouble, you will never be seasick."

The lady thanked him. She followed the directions faithfully, and when the ship ran into the tail end of a heavy northwest gale, she never felt a qualm. She appeared regularly at meals, and enjoyed herself thoroughly.

As the gale was abating, she bethought her that it was due the captain that she should thank him for his good advice, and approaching the deck steward, entrusted him with a message asking for an interview. In due time the steward returned, saying that the captain was unable to grant her an interview.

"Why not?" she questioned. "Why won't he see me?"

"Captain's compliments, miss," said the steward, "but he's suffering with a bit of seasickness, which 'as lasted two days now, an' he ain't in shape to talk to you."

TWO NOTORIOUS ANARCHISTS.

ALEXANDER BERKMAN. EMMA GOLDMAN.

The bomb-throwing affair at Union square, New York City, served again to bring to public notice several of the apostles of disorder, chaos and anarchy. One of these is Alexander Berkman and another is Emma Goldman. Both of these worthies have caused the police a great deal of work and annoyance and are kept under surveillance most, if not all of, the time. Berkman is the editor of a publication known as Mother Earth, which is widely circulated among those of anarchistic sympathies. He is the man who tried to kill Henry C. Frick, and he served a term in prison for his crime. It is said Mr. Frick employs a detective to watch Berkman constantly for fear he will repeat the attempt at assassination. Berkman was arrested after the recent bomb throwing, but could not be connected with that affair. Emma Goldman is a lecturer on anarchy and is associated with Berkman in the publication of Mother Earth. The police never lose sight of her and are vigilant in policing any hall in which she is to speak.

TELLS WHO IS COMING.

Busybody Is the Useful Device Employed by Philadelphians.

If you were to ask the average person what a busybody is the reply would probably be "one who does not mind his or her own business." Such a definition would be laughed at in Philadelphia, says the New York Tribune. A "busybody" in Philadelphia is an inanimate object which reveals animate objects. Nowhere in the country are busybodies employed so extensively as in the Quaker City. They are to be found on almost every house, at least on every house of any pretensions.

Unless you have lived in Philadelphia such an explanation would not prove satisfactory, however. A busybody is composed of three pieces of mirror set at three different angles, so that the light reflected from either one of the two angles is reflected into the glass set at the third or opposing angle. The three glasses are arranged on a piece of iron rod so bent and fastened to the lintel of the window in the second story of the building that any person on the second floor of the building can, by looking into the topmost piece of glass, see what is going on in the street below or who or what may be passing up and down the street without opening the window to look out. The mirrors take the place of bay windows.

The primary object in setting up a busybody is to see who is at the front door, or who may be approaching from either side of the building to the door. The topmost piece of glass is tilted so that it will show the front doorstep. One piece of glass is set at an angle to catch a reflection of all that is going on at the right side of the street and another to reflect the approach to the left.

In Philadelphia, where ninety-nine out of every 100 houses are built out to the sidewalk, and all houses are built in a line, busybodies become great time savers for housekeepers. If undesirable callers come to the front door the busybody gives timely notice of their approach, and the person sought need not be at home. By keeping an eye on the busybody the woman at her sewing can detect the caller the moment he comes within range of the mirrors, and plenty of time is given for prinking.

The busybody is useless on a house which has its front covered with a porch or which sets back from the street.

Biggest Man in the House.

Cy Sulloway of New Hampshire still retains his place as the biggest man in the House of Representatives, and so far no one has appeared that may claim honor to second place ahead of Ollie James of Kentucky.

Sulloway is something more than six and a half feet tall and weighs but a pound less than 350. His breadth is proportionate with his height, and he towers above his colleague, Frank D. Currier, as he does above most all the members of the House. He is one of the members who does not exercise his prerogative of taking his luncheon on that side of the House restaurant where the sign proclaims "for members only," but each day partakes of a sparing lunch on the public side of the room, where negroes are not barred and where the motto, is that anybody's money is good.

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