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How beautiful it works out. No body denies that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Very well, then. The function of receiving is a sort of sacrifice. Every time it receives instead of giving he denies himself a possible blessing; and the more Perkins and Rockefeller receive from us the more they enable us to enjoy the blessedness of giving.

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The proper figure for the salary of a life insurance official has of late gravely occupied the tongues of Congressmen and the press in particular improves the theme for the promotion of frugality and justice. The salaries paid of late to these ornamental and sumptuous functionaries "are in the main dishonest," Mr. Landis declares, though he does not say why he thinks so.

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