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### "THE CURSE OF MONEY."

Frank J. Gould, the publication of whose domestic unhappiness has added to the more or less sensational gossip in which the family of the late Jay Gould has become involved, did not go into particulars, but he bluntly declared that his trouble was "the curse of money."

"If I had been a poor chap," he said, "I might have escaped it all." And so he might. And yet there is no fundamental reason why young Gould having been born rich, was doomed to matrimonial misery or any other form of unhappiness that might not have befallen him if he had been obliged to earn his living. It will be admitted, however, that the peace and happiness of the very rich as a class, are in peculiar jeopardy. Witness the entanglements and disagreements and the scandals that have affected many of the wealthy families of this country, more especially in New York, Pittsburg and Philadelphia.

The miserably rich are probably not looking for sympathy or advice from the comfortable poor or the happy possessors of fair incomes. But the secret of worldly content must be found among those who have definite occupations, be they poor or rich or between these extremes. It is an axiom that the thing possessed without effort brings less enjoyment than the thing attained by work and purpose. Thus a fortune unearned usually brings less happiness than a fortune honestly acquired. But even the unearned fortune may be made to serve a great purpose in its possessor's scheme of happiness—if he has a scheme and that is practically the whole matter. It is the aimlessness, the idleness of the rich that brings discontent and its attendant ills. And along with the internal disorders that arise from lack of worthy purpose, is a constantly increasing public resentment toward vast fortunes.

This public attitude is not hard to understand. There is more and more insistence on the question, "How did he get it," and for the very simple reason that most of the very big fortunes have been made by "jobbing" the people. In one way or another they largely represent tribute, legal or illegal, but essentially immoral, essentially dangerous to the equilibrium of wealth and the social order. The people do not resent honest wealth, if it is employed to a purpose—if its beneficiaries do not use it merely for the financing of lavish and spectacular idleness, for the opulent display of a wholly assumed superiority. Wealth that is not possessed with a sense of responsibility, that is not employed in some one of the many directions that opens opportunities for accomplishment other than that of mere accumulation is less to be desired than mere competence. A multi-millionaire whose chief aim is to drive the best four-in-hand that money will buy or to give the most lavish dinners that can be prepared is not inviting admiration or happiness. If he cares for either he must do something worth while—worth while to the public as well as to himself. Such a purpose and effort necessarily bring him in touch with the currents of humanity—a necessary continuity if a life is to be made worth the living.

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#### GOOD EVENING.

We aim at a life beautiful without extravagance, and contented without unmanliness; wealth is in our eyes a thing not for ostentation but for reasonable use; and it is not the acknowledgment of poverty we think disgraceful, but the want of endeavor to avoid it.—Pericles.

#### THE LAY OF THE LAZY MAN.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said:  
"Tomorrow morning I will rise  
Before the sun lights up the skies."

"I'll set this clock so it will ring  
Before the birds begin to sing;  
Its strident bell will me awake,  
An early morning walk I'll take."

And when at an ungodly hour  
Next morn, the clock with all its power  
Made noise enough to stir the dead,  
And woke the man upon the bed—

Breathes there a man I now repeat,  
Who wouldn't chuck it in the street,  
And back into the bed then leap,  
And with a sigh go off to sleep?  
—Bohemian Magazine.

"Look, here, did you catch these fish in fresh water or salt water," asked a Coos Bay wife of her hubby who brought home from his trip something more than fish.  
"Really, m'dear, I didn't taste it," and this ended the discussion.

#### KEENE'S FINANCIAL JEST.

James R. Keene told this story illustrative of "high finance" at the Waldorf the other night:  
A Kentucky darkey negotiated a loan for \$10 from a local banker, pledging his mule and cart as security.

"Money is pretty tight," explained the banker, "and I shall have to charge you \$2.50 for the use of the \$10 for a month."  
The darkey consented, signed the papers, and half an hour later was found by a friend standing in the road scratching his wool with one hand and looking ruefully at the \$7.50 in his other.

"W'ts de matter, Sam?" asked the friend.  
"Oh, dere ain't nothing" de matter, cept I knows I'se right. Dat bank man he done charge me \$2.50 for \$10 for a month. I'se right, suh, fo' if I had a ast fo' de ten fo' foah months I wouldn't a got nothing."  
—Philadelphia Record.

#### Dumas and the Thermometer.

One day when Dumas pere was manager of the Theatre Historique he happened to meet an old friend whom he had not seen for thirty years.  
"Where are you going to dine tonight?" he asked the friend.  
"Tonight I shall dine nowhere," was the answer.

"Oh, no," said Dumas; "you are mistaken. You will dine with me." And he led the friend into his house and gave him the upper place at his table. Evidently the poor man had not had such a dinner for a long time. So the generous-hearted Dumas at the end of the meal casually remarked:

"It is a matter of course that I expect you tomorrow at the same time."  
The friend came the next day and the day after this, and so on for ten years up to his death. One day he told Dumas that as he was eating bread that he did not earn this arrangement could not continue.

"If I am not able honestly to earn my meals, I shall not come again. Tell me in what way I can be of service to you."

Dumas thought a moment, then said: "You can do me a great favor. You may go to the new bridge every day and take the temperature by Chevalier's thermometer. The temperature, you must know, is of great moment in the matter of the sale of tickets. Could you do this?"

The poor fellow answered affirmatively and from that time on reported to Dumas every day:  
"At noon the thermometer showed so and so many degrees in the shade."  
And Dumas, who of course did not care in the least about the temperature, repiled with the same regularity: "I am very much obliged. If you only knew what a service you are doing me!"—Harper's.

#### LOVE'S LANGUAGE.

Again he crushed her to him.  
"Darling," he breathed, "this kiss tells you all that I would say."  
Pause. Then:  
"Did you understand me, dear?" he whispered.  
Blushing faintly, she replied:  
"No. Repeat what you said, please."

"One would never think you were the man who made all those beautiful promises before marriage."  
"My dear, that only proves the truth of what I heard you telling Mrs. Nextdoor."  
"What was that?"  
"That marriage has made another man of me."—Houston Post.

#### WISHED THEM TO BE CAREFUL.

In a certain village a woman fell in a trance. After the custom, she was wrapped in a sheet to be carried to the cemetery, but as the procession was passing through a narrow road a thorn of the wayside pierced

the sheet, wounded her so that the blood flowed, and she awoke.  
Fourteen years later the woman really died, and again was borne toward the grave.  
As the procession passed through the narrow road the husband called: "Not so near the hedge, friends! Not so near the hedge!"

#### HIS ARGUMENTS WITH MURPHY.

The late Francis Murphy, temperance advocate had many an adventure in the course of his very useful life.

He once told of a case in which a man got a little the better of him in an argument.  
The man was a clubman, a generous liver, famous for his wine cellar; and Mr. Murphy read him a strong lecture on the drink evil.

But the bon vivant only smiled, shook his head and said:  
"Well, Mr. Murphy, I have seen many a pleasant party around a table, but have never seen one around a pump."  
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**Doesn't Always Follow.**  
Because some men get over a fence safely with a loaded gun it is not always safe to assume that they won't examine a mule's heels to settle a bet.  
—Washington Post.

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