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TWO MEN OF DESTINY.

Plutarch in his "Parallel Lives" sketched his subjects in pairs, setting a Greek against a Roman, Alexander against Caesar, Demosthenes against Cicero, to heighten the resemblances and contrasts. Failing a Plutarch, we have in Mr. Carnegie's sketch of the Kaiser and Prof Schiemann's article on President Roosevelt companion portraits by competent hands.

Mr. Carnegie, quoting Richelieu's remark to Louis XIII, regarding Cromwell, that "a great man has arisen in England," notes that a great man has arisen in Germany, the Emperor. "Here is a personality, here is a power"—the vital energy of the empire incarnate. Through him German ships have become the fastest on the ocean, German steel production has been made second only to that of one other nation and German industries stimulated as never before.

Prof. Schiemann finds in President Roosevelt "a personality to which even his errors do honor." Roosevelt he ranks with Washington, Jackson and Lincoln, while estimating that he has exerted a deeper influence on the American people "through his peculiarities of character, imagination, will-power and practical politics." His powers, the professor thinks, will not be permitted "to fallow." As holder of the Nobel prize will be less of a factor for peace than the Kaiser, whose strength rests on "the swords of our trusty troops?"

Gazing now on this portrait and now on that it is difficult to determine which is the more potent personality. Nor is decision made easier by following out the parallel. The Kaiser, as arbiter of all interests in the empire, has laid down laws for musical criticism, composed a hymn, passed on the merits of sculpture, planned new boulevards, devised costumes for historical pageants, filled Lutheran pulpits and directed the composition of a national opera.

President Roosevelt has written on history and sport, advocated spelling reform, represented nature-faking and advised bishops. While he has condemned race suicide and admonished mothers as to their duties, it is to the Kaiser that German housewives owe the injunction to restrict themselves to "the Church, the children and the kitchen." But the Kaiser has had no rebate or railway-rate problems to solve.

Which of the two shall bear the palm? Which deserves the credit as the man of most multifarious activity?

WHERE FORTUNES GROW ON TREES

In the Rogue River Valley, in Southern Oregon F. H. Hopkins in 1907, made a profit of \$19,000 off 16 acres of Winter Nells pears—\$1,187.50 an acre. In the same valley G. H. Hoyer bought 10 acres of pear orchard at \$560 an acre. Fifteen months later the crop brought him \$9,600. Eight years ago J. L. Dumass set out 50 acres of apples near Dayton in the Walla Walla district of Southeastern Washington. In the summer of 1907, he bought 50 acres of apple orchard adjoining his property, at an investment of \$18,000. The apples he picked from these 50 acres that season sold for \$16,000, and the total crop from the 100 acres realized \$52,000—a return to the owner of \$40,000. The statements are incontrovertible, but you instantly demand "What is the explanation?"

A climate and soil that are capable of rearing such monsters as the redwood trees and the sequoias, which render measurements of vegetable growth in other regions of this

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING. It is a good thing to have a sound body and a better thing to have a sound mind; and better still that aggregate of virile and decent qualities which we group together under the name of character. THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

GOOD NIGHT TO MOTHER. Say good night to mother, with a kiss for every kiss That she gives you in the loving of her clasp of mother bliss! Say good night to mother while your arms around her lace And your little hand is tender with its touch upon her face!

Here is a suggestion for Judge Pennock when he is next called upon perform the ceremony that will make "two hearts beat as one." If he becomes involved in the rhyme of a poetic service he might call on "Jack" Flanagan or some other member of the Poet's corner at the Millicoma to help him out. In Sumner county, Tenn., lives an Irish magistrate, a man of liberal education and a full quota of that mother wit for which his people are noted. A short time ago a negro pair named Jim and Bet called upon the squire to be united, "for better or for worse" probably the latter. Having had some notice of their coming, he prepared and actually used this unique ceremony:

Jim, will you take Bet, Without any regret, To love and to cherish Till one of you perish And is laid under the sod, So help you God? Jim, having given the affirmative answer, the squire turned to Bet: Bet, will you take Jim And cling to him, Both out and in Through thick and thin, Holding him to your heart Till death do part? Bet modestly acquiesced, and the newly married couple were dismissed with this "topper over all": Through life's alternate joy and strife, I now pronounce you man and wife. Go up life's hill till you get to the level, And salute your bride, your dusky devil.

Bright Girl. He was holding down the parlor sofa while she was doing a piano stunt. "Why is it that you play only religious pieces?" he queried. "Well, you see, this is an upright piano," she explained.

Mark Twain on Prohibition. "Crossing the Atlantic with Mark Twain last summer," said a W. C. T. U. woman, "I asked his opinion of the prohibition law. His reply was very characteristic, very humorous. 'I am a friend of temperance, and want it to succeed,' he said, 'but I don't think prohibition is practical. The Germans, you see, prevent it. Look at them, I am sorry to learn that they have just invented a method of making brandy out of sawdust. Now, what chance will prohibition have when a man can take a rip saw and go out and get drunk with a fence rail? What is the good of prohibition if a man is able to make brandy smashes out of the shingles

country puny and scant, account in part for these bewildering figures. But there are obscure valleys, narrow and diminutive, mere pockets, between huge mountains, where in the past no plant worthy of cultivation has found so much as a root-hold. And it is in many just such spots as these that the returns per acre are the hugest. Irrigation, in such cases is, the remaining factor that explains the mystery—Irrigation, which brings to the barren soil, full of wonderful potentialities, water, that element which is to render it so marvelously productive.—Exchange.

on his roof, or if he can get delirium tremens by drinking the legs off the kitchen chairs?"

Nearly any proposition looks well in figures. Why are new pants always too long or too short? A man hates faint praise worse than he hates abuse.

The reason so few people succeed is that so few try. Was any doctor ever known to keep his office hours?

A man can't hit anything with a revolver except himself. No one has sympathy for you; they all say, "served you right!"

Sometimes a man who is a poor husband makes a good widower. Everyone thinks he gives as much to the poor as his means will allow.

A man does not have occasion for a hearty, spontaneous laugh once a month. If you have ever noticed, every industrious man has a crowd of idle friends.

Let a foreman go away a few hours and leave his men, and they will do the rest. The viler a cigar a man smokes, the nearer he comes to you while smoking it.

When the men meet a bride, they look at her face; the women look at her clothes.—Aitchison Globe.

Studies in Natural History.



"Oh, mamma, isn't it queer? When I pull pussy's tail her head squeaks."—Woman's Home Companion.

Seems Queer. "George," confided the fiancee to her mother, "is somewhat equivocal." "What do you mean, dear?" "Well, when I said 'Yes' he said he was the happiest man in the world." "Yes—that was the proper thing to say." "I know. But then I told him you wouldn't allow me to marry him for a whole year." "Well, what did he say?" "He said: 'Good! I shall be the happiest man in the world for a whole year then!'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Danger to the Fleet. The teacher was telling the class about the great American battleship fleet now bound around the world when she broke the main thread of her narrative to ask: "Children, is there any danger to these precious battleships in going around this immense circle?" "Do they keep going around in one direction all the time, teacher?" inquired one eager pupil. "Of course." "Then they're liable to get dizzy!"—Judge.

And the Moon Man Laughed. They were jogging along the old road, and Cupid was so busy that the young man dropped the lines either side of the runabout. It was then that the wise old nag turned lazily around. "What are you looking at?" queried the owl by the roadside. "I am reading between the lines," laughed the old nag as she gave a horse laugh and showed her long yellow teeth.—Detroit Tribune.

And She is Proud of It. Two ladies were lunching together one day when one, who is a member of the Colonial Dames, said to the other: "Why do you not join the Colonial Dames? You surely must be eligible." "Oh, yes," responded her friend. "I forget just now the name of my ancestor, but I know we have been descending for many years."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Wise Old Farmer. "Why in the world has that old farmer a dozen pitchforks sticking in his load of hay?" asked the astonished tourist. "Is he crazy?" "No; he is wise, stranger," replied the old gatekeeper at the crossroads. "Them thar pitchforks are to keep these pesky automobiles from runnin' into him."—Chicago News.



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