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THE HAZARD OF LIFE.

The wonder is that we were not all hustled, protesting, into our graves aeons ago. He who lives and reads, each night before retiring, to his bacteria-breeding couch, experiences a species of wicked triumph at having evaded fate during one more hazardous day, and the multitude of emissaries of death. For the army of solons whose work it is to hunt fresh arguments against the modest life expectancy of men are beginning to be credited. One by one newly discovered enemies of mortal existence are disclosed by the enterprising scientist, and day by day the conviction grows that life is a sorry game with tremendous odds against the human participant.

In the mornings men go away from their homes in pursuance of duties, knowing not what grim reckoning fate may have prepared at any second of immediate futurity. Just around the corner may be lurking a troupe of horrible disease germs to pounce upon the unsuspecting victim. Not knowing when to expect the cold clasp of the "conqueror worm" man can put up no specific defense, at best being able to adopt only general and insufficient strategies. The water he drinks, the food he eats, the woman he kisses, may be the innocent medium of death. And against the insidious attack he is helpless. Life would not be good without water, food or kisses. No man would voluntarily eschew any of the three; yet all men recognize them as the "bought" agents of the ghastly old reaper.

So calloused have we grown to the new disguises affected by death, and, really, to the presence of death, itself that not a hair of our head will assume an apprehensive perpendicularity in recognition of the most recent gruesome discovery of science. A Dr. Allen, of London, in a journal appropriately named The Lancet, gives us sinister warning against the deadly telephone booth. Better might a man expect to charge a battery of toxine squirts or grow fat in a cannibal camp, and survive, than to talk for two dollars' worth in a telephone booth, says Dr. Allen. Shun all booths as you would the charnel house, the dueling ground and the burning ghat, he advises, for it is the resort of assorted germs.

Many years ago, when there were no telephone booths, or public towels or unwashed cafe forks, men died quite suddenly, and as frequently as they do now. If they did not walk blindly into nests of typhus germs when they went abroad they encountered other influences which were exactly as fatal. The old-timer who never chatted with his friend over a long copper wire between Reno and Troy, was saved the dangers of the telephone booth; but he was none the less likely to accommodate, without preface, or preparation, his loving heirs and assigns. There was the six-shooter, the horned steer, the storm at sea and the hangman's noose before men ever attempted to classify a germ. And before then there was the arrow, the mace, the adder and the poison of the Borgias.

Since the world began the life of man has been one of excitement and sudden death. But has never been the less pleasant, despite its uncertainties; therefore it is not worth while to bother about Dr. Allen and his desperate insinuations, for the hazard of existence is no greater now than it ever was.

BUILD NOW.

It can truthfully be said that the value of vacant property is purely speculative. Instead of being a source of revenue it is a constant expense; an expense of no small size when taxes, interest on the investment, and other kinds of out-go are taken into consideration. Therefore, the value of these investments must increase at least at the rate of 6 per cent a year in order that the owner will not sustain a loss. On the other

hand, property that has been improved, enables the owner to realize a handsome profit on the amount expended and also practically eliminates the element of depreciation. If you are contemplating building a home for your own use, for sale or for renting purposes by all means do not put it off until next year or next month, but begin now and take advantage of the exceedingly low prices in building materials that are now in effect. If you have not the means you can easily negotiate a loan on the proposed improvements, and still realize a saving of at least 10 per cent.

To the owner of vacant property, speculative owner or intending home builder these are thoughts worthy of careful consideration. The future of Coos Bay is full of promise. We should be thoroughly wide awake at all times and make good use of our present opportunities. We will find that we have been amply compensated for the time and money spent.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Give me much work, for Peace comes with it. And may I see the structure of heart and brain grow goodly before me, for that is a tangible substance of my soul, which must grow in proportion to my own development. Joy I find in this great egotism.

MARTIN.

The Loom of Dreams.

I broider the world upon a loom, I broider with dreams my tapestry; Here in a little lonely room I am master of earth and sea And the planets come to me.

I broider my life into the frame, I broider my love, thread upon thread; The world goes by with its glory and shame, Crowns are bartered and blood is shed; I sit and broider my dreams instead.

And the only world is the world of my dreams, And my weaving the only happiness; For what is the world but what it seems? And who knows but that God, beyond, our guess, Sits weaving worlds out of loneliness?

ARTHUR SYMONS.

Patience is more often a necessity than a virtue.

The average man wastes a lot of sympathy on himself.

Ever notice how gracefully the average woman doesn't eat?

When gossip meets gossip, then comes the wagging of tongues.

Laugh and the world laughs with you—unless you laugh at your own jokes.

Next to having a good complexion a woman would like to have a good husband.

Nothing pleases a girl more than her ability to keep some man away from a designing widow.

"Well," remarked a Coos Bay man, after a long argument on the question of man's superiority over

woman, "at least there is one good, sweet and perfect thing which a man can have and a woman cannot."

"Never!" cried his wife, passionately. "Never! I deny it! What do you mean?"

"A wife!"

Some Coos Bay men are so cautious they will never allow their friends to owe them a cent.

If jumping at conclusions came under the head of physical exercise most Coos Bay women would be athletes.

The nominations are not closed in The Times contest. Send in the name of your friend. It costs nothing to vote.

"You have three pairs of glasses, professor." "Yes; I use one to read with, one to see at a distance and the third to find the other two."

Bacon—Do you believe that when a man marries his troubles begin? Egbert—Not always. Sometimes a fellow's troubles begin when he asks the girl's father.

Mrs. Subbins—That Mrs. Newcome just moved into the Dudley's old home on Saturday, so I called today.

Mr. Subbins—Well, well how like poker this social game is. Mrs. Subbins—How do you mean? Mr. Subbins—Why, in poker you also "call" when you want to see what the other person's got.

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