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OPTIMISM.

THE FOLLOWING from a San Francisco paper contains some advice that is not bad:

Yesterday there stood in this office a man who has made a real American success.

He began without any great advantages, no fortune. His equipment was courage and health. Today he has all that a man needs, a fortune sufficient to educate his children and to provide for the future, a good family, and a good name.

At the end of a casual conversation on business and good work this man said as he was about to go:

"The fact is that a man ought to be optimistic about everything in this world except himself."

We lose no time in repeating this statement to the readers of this newspaper.

Americans think, talk and dream about success, and constantly work for it.

In those few words, "be optimistic about everything except yourself" there is more of the secret of success than in many volumes of platitudes by very rich men telling how they got ahead.

Nine men out of ten waste their time and throw away their chances thinking about themselves, praising themselves to themselves, and firmly believing that the rest of the world is against them.

Optimism, which comes from the Latin word "optimus," meaning best, is a great force. Optimism means hope, and it develops courage.

But don't apply your optimism to yourself. Don't believe that you are "the best" or anywhere near the best. Remember that the brain with which you think is a government put in charge of your body. The body is full of all sorts of inherited weaknesses—laziness, greed, procrastination, self-conceit.

Believe in other people, without making it possible for a mistaken belief to hurt you too much. Believe in the world, in the future, and in the present.

Watch yourself, criticize yourself, blame yourself, and nobody else, when things go wrong.

In that way you will find the short road to success.

Be optimistic about everything except yourself.

NOT LEARNED AT SCHOOL.

HAT KNOWLEDGE is not gained at the school house is not always a certain indication that the pupils are untaught. It cannot be charged against the teacher, in every case, that the pupil insists on saying, "I have come," "those kind," "he don't," etc., for there are abundant reasons for believing that some minds are as incapable of thinking according to rule, as they are unable to comprehend the arts. Nevertheless, some deplorable facts are disclosed, now and then, by the examination papers of children in the schools and even of teachers seeking certificates. For instance, out of 100 children

in the New York schools but ten possibly knew who was mayor, twenty were uncertain, sixty-seven did not know, while one insisted George Washington was mayor and another that Joan A. Rockefeller occupied that notable position within the favor of Tammany hall. It was sad, sad, sad, however, that of the 100 but five did not know who was president. One of the five thought Edward VII was chief magistrate of this nation.

Some of the replies to questions affecting the duties of the mayor and president were ludicrous and some of them embodied a wisdom born of chance. While such answers as "He takes charge of the New York police force," "he looks out for the city," etc., may be classed as correct, in a sense, the reply, "He appoints political jobs," may be said to disclose an appreciation of the chief duty of a mayor in a city dominated by politics that entitled the child to go to the head of the class. The answer, "He looks out for auto speeding and the interests of the courts," obviously was devised on the instant and rather attests to observation of newspaper reports of joy rides and their denouement in court, than to understanding of the real work of a mayor although it might have been a sly and justified dig at a public official suspected of using an automobile owned by the public for his private uses.

In defining the duties of the president, the child who wrote, "He minds all the people," illustrated forcibly the genius of government. That her idea was born of her own childish experience in "minding" the baby, does not detract from its value in defining the duties of the chief magistrate of the nation. The constitution makers could do no better. And the child that answered, "He sees that all the books are straight," probably had no knowledge of the revenue and other accounts at Washington, but her idea has comprehension if applied with discernment.

If all this were not pitiful it might be classed as funny. Indeed, the world is often inclined to jest about the ludicrous answers given by applicants for places in the public affairs. But it strikes the thoughtful man as too serious to invite levity.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

The recent marriage of Mr. Woods and Miss Timbers in Washington, D. C., is evidence that even Capitol favors the conservation of our forest resources.

An Atlanta man is anxious to swap a cemetery lot for an automobile. Later his family may find it necessary to swap the automobile for a first-class funeral.

The Toledo Blade says President Taft always turns to the end of a novel to see how it is coming out. No doubt he would like to get a peep at the end of his term of office for an identically similar reason.

A Connecticut man who in 1896 vowed he would not have his hair cut until a democrat was elected president has at last given up hope and has visited a barber. Now he ought to vow to quit making fool election vows.

"He combines the aspect of a sheep with the face of a hog," is the polite way in which one New York majority candidate refers to his rival. Which looks like nothing more nor less than an appeal to the prejudice of voters who have no use for a nature faker.

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RANCHER GROWS CORELESS APPLE

Pomologist Fied Promises to Surpass Any of Burbank's Triumphs. SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 1.—Coreless as well as seedless are the apples produced on a single tree of unknown variety in an eight-acre orchard at Spran Prairie, five miles north of Ephraim, owned by D. K. Short, a rancher. The largest of the fruit is three inches in diameter, the coloring being of a yellowish green, streaked with red. The apples have deep pink cheeks, and the flesh is firm and of excellent flavor. The tree is between 12 and 15 years old and is growing in sub-irrigated soil at an altitude of 2,225 feet. Short does not claim credit for developing the coreless-seedless apple, declaring it is a freak of nature.

Seven of the new apples were brought to the offices of the National Apple show in Spokane and quartered in the presence of Ren H. Rice, secretary manager, Professor August von Holderbake, formerly state commissioner of horticulture of Washington, and several growers from various parts of the northwest, but none was able to classify the fruit. Professor W. S. Thorber, horticulturist at the state college of Washington, has been delegated by J. J. Browne, regent, of Spokane, to make a thorough examination of the tree to determine its origin.

Short has engaged three watchmen, each to work eight hours a day as guards to his orchard, to prevent injury to the tree. He intends to graft the scions on other trees the coming spring. Expert pomologists say if the process is successful he will have made a discovery of greater commercial importance than any yet credited to Luther Burbank and other plant wizards. They add that while the seedless apple is no longer a novelty, the production of a coreless one, long sought by growers throughout the world, is a distinct triumph in apple culture.

REGISTRATION RATE HIGHER.

Uncle Sam Boasts Price of Guaranteeing Delivery. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1.—The new order of the Postoffice Department of the United States, by which the fee for the registration of mail is increased from eight to ten cents, while at the same time the liability of the government for indemnity in case of loss, theft or destruction of a registered article in transit is increased from \$25 to \$50, went into effect today. The increase of the registration fee was ordered by Postmaster General Hitchcock upon the recommendation of the committee which has made an investigation of the registration service and has found that this division has been conducted at a considerable loss to the government. It is expected that other important modifications of the registry system that should lessen considerably the cost of its operation, will be made in the near future.

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