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WAYS OF GENIUS.

THE life of Joe Davidson, a young
American sculptor whose work has
been classified but whose work has
already gained wide reputation, is of
interest in relation to the always baff-
ling question of the proper or ideal
environment for an artist.

Davidson has come up from pov-
erty and obscurity and has apparently
won success without courting it. He
is mainly self-taught, and has made
a place for himself while carefully
instructed art students are still
struggling for recognition. He be-
gan earning his own living when he
was 15 years old and not only sup-
ported himself but gave part of his
earnings to his family. He has gone
hungry and slept on park benches.
Yet in spite of this, or perhaps be-
cause of it, he has succeeded.

That he has come close to the
heart of humanity his various pieces
show plainly. And the theorist is
moved to declare that this is a result
of his experience in the real struggle
for existence. But along with the
big, tolerant appreciation for the bur-
dens of life seen in his "Till," "The
Earth," and "The End of Day,"
there is a carefree exuberance and
joy of living in his "Victory,"
"Night," and "A Russian Dancer."

There are possibly no rules and
formulas for the workings of genius
but it is refreshing to find an artist
unembittered by the hardships of his
own life, to see him able to interpret
sympathetically the heavy burden of
toil and the ethereal beauty of mot-
ion and the fullness of joy in living.
Perhaps it is because of his own hard
schooling in ways of obscurity and
perhaps again it is only by the light
of his illuminating genius.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The President is in from the Co-
quille with lumber and general
freight.

The Roseco is in from the Siuslaw
with fish and will take a cargo of
merchandise back with her.

The Randolph is in from Rogue
river with a cargo of wool. She will
take general merchandise back.

The Nann Smith and Daisy Mit-
chell sailed late Saturday afternoon
for the south with cargoes from the
C. A. Smith mill.

The Saginaw got to sea about 7
o'clock Saturday evening. While go-
ing down the Bay, she struck on the
shoal opposite the Cold Storage plant.

WITH THE
TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Kind words are the music of
the world.—Faber.

BLESSINGS

It's what I thank God for each night—
A little cabin that's mine by right,
The strength of a man for work or
fight,
And food and light.

It's what I thank God for each day—
A wife with never too much to say;
A wife, a dog, an' a child for play,
For those I'd pray.

I thank God for the land I tread,
A pipe to smoke and an easy bed,
The thatch I made that's over my
head,
And daily bread.

I thank God for an Irish name,
And a son of mine to bear the same,
My own to love and none to blame,
No more I'd claim.

Some Coos Bay men are always
ready to change their opinions when
no one agrees with them.

But—

When old man Noah built his ark
They thought he was a bloomin'
mark.
They laughed at him and called him
"muff,"
And in their sleeves they chortled,
but—

When Fulton built his queer old tub
Men laughed and said he was a dub.
They said: "This fellow's off his
nut!"
He was a joke in those days, but—

When Wilbur Wright said: "I can
fly."
Men smiled and winked the other
eye.
They kidded him and said, "Tut,
tut,"
They thought that he was daffy,
but—

When Chandler said: "Now, you can
bet
We'll have a railway to Coos Bay
yet."
Some smiled and said you're in a rut
And can't get 'out, but—

So, gentle readers, do not leer
When some damphool does some-
thing queer,
A genius is a funny nut,
His actions are peculiar, but—
DIXIT

Nothing falls so hard as a gold pen
or a two bit cigar.

Tom Nicols is in receipt of a letter
from his old friend, John A. McDon-
ald of Dayton, Oregon, in which he
touches up the local situation in a
poetical manner. Mr. McDonald will be
remembered by many having visited
Mr. Nicols here last year. He con-
cludes a long letter to him as fol-
lows:

"I must quit writing you of religion
and politics,
I write you now of oil and gas
And other things that will come to
pass
You're oil and railroad sure must
come

Or sure as h— you're on the bum.
Then pump her up and go ahead
And if you don't you're surely dead.
All you have is very fair
But the town is built upon hot air,
Then write me soon and tell me all
If you get railroad and oil this fall."
Of course Mr. McDonald would not
write this without a poet's license but
Tom will write him that we are sure

Watkins' Pony
Slough ReflectionsSOME STRENUOUS AND
SENSIBLE SAYINGS BY
SAGE OF "THE CEDARS."

Lies always go in droves, they are
necessary for the protection of each
other.

As an investment common honesty
and common decency may not yield
quick returns, but at last, when eter-
nal silence reigns, then common hon-
esty and common decency are the on-
ly things that count, the only things
that do count.

The man who brings four dollars
and his family and makes his home
among us is worth to any community
a forty acre field full of high brows,
who live elsewhere and leave their
land holdings to be enhanced in value
at our expense.

My son, it is conceded your father
is a fool, but try to bear with him
yet awhile as best you may, for you
will need him to dig the potatoes and
clean the cow bars while you are
engaged in the laudable enterprise of
reading "Old Sleuth," smoking cigar-
ettes and disporting your latest hot
socks.

The billionaire desecrates the crad-
le and the grave to attain his horde.
To appease his God he donates to an
outraged public libraries of "Buffalo
Bill," "Bill Buntline," "Nick Carter,"
"Old Sleuth" and the like, did he but
tender them as a burnt offering per-
haps they would be more acceptable,
besides saving an immense amount of
time to the young and large invest-
ments in cigarettes.

Hawley, congressman, standpatter,
assembly, salary as congressman
\$7,500 per annum; office in W. O. W.
\$1,200 per annum; total, \$8,700 per
annum. Gracious, what a lot of
money for so little wool! But come
to think of it I do recall that the
aforesaid did actually go from one
department to another in Washington
to protest against the abolishment of
custom houses whose officer is paid a
salary of \$1,000 per annum and
whose total receipts are \$40 for the
same time. He who elevates his nose
and brows at any one who performs
honest toll of any sort, but only
writes himself an ass but is in fact
an enemy of mankind.

to have more than one railroad and
the probability of oil and gas is
stronger than ever.

The latest local joke: "Have you
seen Dave Jones with his bear skin—
and he runs a clothing store, too."

AMONG THE DOCTORS

When I fell sick in China, they
called the doctor in; he pounded on a
tom-tom and raises a frightful din.
He said, "The evil spirits must first be
chased away, and then I'll change the
treatment and make a tea of hay; I'll
give you shredded toadstools, and ink
and powdered snakes, and burn some
yellow feathers, and thus cure up
your aches. This house can know no
healing till ghosts are chased there-
from; so watch me play the cowbel,
and swat the Thomas-tom." When
I fell sick in Kansas, the stern phys-
ician came, and spent the morning
working the diagnosis game; he
pinched me in the larynx, he poked
me in the lung; he hit me with a
hammer, he squinted at my tongue.
And then he groaned with pity, and
scratched his whiskered jaw, and
said: "It's buntionitis—worst case I
ever saw! Just bring an ax and buck-
saw, and water in a keg, and sit upon
his forehead—I must hew off his leg."
When next disease has got me, and I
am sore afraid, I'll hustle back to Chi-
na, where doctors know their trade.
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