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THE MAN WHO DECIDES.

No attempt is ever a total failure. Something is always added to experience by action. On the other hand not to try is always a failure, according to the San Francisco Bulletin. The habit of indecision is fatal. Nine times in ten it is far better for any man or woman to decide wrongly, so it be done promptly, than to dawdle and back and fill and finally not decide at all.

Life is all action, mental and physical. Fear paralyzes action. The over-cautious man, who dwells in the valley of indecision, is ruled by his fears. They rob him of life's best, most helpful experiences. The frog pond stagnates and becomes a breeding-place for germs and mosquitoes, and a stench in the nostrils of the passer-by. On the other hand, the crystal mountain brook continues pure and sparkling by leaping and dashing against obstacles and living a life of quick action.

The slave of indecision calls himself merely cautious and careful; but commonly he is afraid to make a move on the chess-board of life until he can figure out the end of the play. By that time life is far gone, he has missed a thousand instructive moves and little has been added to his stock of experience and wisdom. The vacillating man who cannot decide becomes a mental frog-pond, experiencing little, gaining nothing, losing little, infested by germ doubts and mosquito worries, slowly drying up while sluggishly awaiting better opportunities which never come.

Opposed to him is the man of quick intelligence and bold action, who understands distinctly what he wishes, and goes after it. Such a man makes ten mistakes to the frog-pond man's one; but he likewise profits by a hundred opportunities to the undecided man's one, and his varied life is a thousand times more valuable to himself and the world than that of the dawdling, procrastinating, hesitating man.

A prompt yes or no marks the firm, the quick, the growing character. Such a man recognizes that human life and growth are evolutionary, and that by seeking opportunity for varied experience and unfoldment he can carry that growth to greater and greater

heights. He seeks out and wrestles with every opportunity. When thrown, he grasps the lesson, adds it to his stock of wisdom and goes forth to meet another opportunity.

A sturring dwarf is better than a drowsy giant. To will and not to do is not to will at all. Indecision is the recruiting office of failure. "Linger-lingers come to naught."

"There is no time like the present," should be corrected to read, "There is no time but the present." Now is the only time there is or ever will be in which to act. All else is eternity, forward or backward, in which no man acts. Heaven never helps the dawdler.

Life's shallow murmur. The man or woman who accomplishes things worth while in the world of business or society of religion or the arts neither talks noisily about it nor asks advice. The dawdler talks first and expects to act afterward. The doer acts first and lets the results talk for him.

The man of indecision is always seeking advice (which is bad) and never taking it (which is good). He asks for advice, but he really craves approval, and will accept nothing else. His indecision gradually becomes a disease of the mind. He dabbles with destiny and hums and haws and worries and wonders and frets and ponders and fears over every new proposition for hours and days at a time, wondering whether the persimmon be ripe or green. Meanwhile the man who has learned the value of prompt action seizes the long pole of decision and knocks the persimmon, exclaiming it afterward to see if it be ripe.

COMPARISON.

Though the millions of people have been interested in the outcome of the great canal question, it is doubtful if many really know why one of the other should be more preferable. The New York Sun compares the two routes to the advantage of Panama, but the statement has not been verified. It is as follows:

1. Excavation to be done: Nicaragua, 227,711,695 cubic yards; Panama, 94,883,702 cubic yards.
2. Quantity of steel required: Nicaragua, 49,500 tons; Panama, 32,624 tons.
3. Deepest cut: Nicaragua, 297 feet at Tombochito; Panama, 103 feet at Culebra.
4. Comparative cost of maintenance: Nicaragua, \$3,300,000 annually; Panama, \$2,000,000, capitalized at 2 per cent and added to the \$5,000,000 of saving on original construction, makes the Panama route the cheaper by \$7,000,000.
5. Number of locks: Nicaragua, 3; Panama, 2 double and 1 single.
6. Length of canal navigation, after deducting deep-water navigation in Lake Nicaragua or Lake Bohio: Nicaragua, 142 miles; Panama, 42 miles.
7. Navigation around curves: Nicaragua, 49.25 miles; Panama, 22.85 miles.
8. Total degrees of curvature in canal: Nicaragua, 2,335 degrees 50 minutes; Panama, 771 degrees 39 minutes.
9. Radius of sharpest curve: Nicaragua, 4,045 feet; Panama, 5,203 feet.
10. Actual time of sailing through canal: Nicaragua, 32 hours; Panama, 12 hours.
11. Average hours of transit, including delays at night: Nicaragua, 64½ hours; Panama, 21 hours.
12. Rainfall: Annual average at Greytown, 265 inches; at Colon, 129 inches.
13. Regulation of summit level in canal—and this means the maintenance of the normal depth of water, defective regulation paralyzing the canal and blocking the commerce of the world: At Lake Nicaragua "it involves the operation of movable gates at such times and to such extent as the rainfall on the lake basin may require. The experience and judgment of the operator are essential elements in the effective regulations of the lake." At Lake Bohio "the regulation is automatic." Both quotations are from the Isthmian canal commission's report.
14. Traffic time from New York to the North Pacific, allowing for time consumed in passage of canal: Nicaragua route shorter than Panama for slow steamers, equal for medium-speed steamers, longer for fast steamers.
15. Traffic time from New Orleans to the North Pacific, allowing for time consumed in passage of canal: Nicaragua route shorter than Panama for slow steamers, equal for medium-speed steamers, longer for fast steamers.
16. Traffic time from either New York or New Orleans to the South Pacific shorter for all kinds of ships.

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