

SNAP JUDGMENTS A BAD HABIT

People You See Are Not Always What They Seem to Be.

"What an ungracious thing it was in that dignified banker to refuse to recognize you on the street the other day. It is not the first time, either, that he has been so discourteous. It cannot be that he did not know you, for you have talked with him a half a dozen times. It must be that he is an aristocrat, pure and simple."

"The young woman who conversed so volubly at the boarding house table the other night, in fact, monopolizing the conversation and dealing chiefly in frivolities, surely cannot stand for much in the intellectual or moral realm. A pity it is that so many of our American girls are given over to dress, display and society chitchat, with no interest in better things."

"How lacking in neighborhood spirit is that family which moved into the big house on the boulevard a few months ago. The members do not seem disposed either to make or return calls. They seldom show themselves at public gatherings. Evidently they consider themselves quite above the ordinary run of their fellowmen and are entirely lacking in community spirit."

"Is there any stingier man in town than the rich merchant who turns down so many subscription papers presented to him at his office? He could easily afford to subsidize almost any of the causes which seek his charity. He must be hoarding all his money for his distant relatives since he has no near ones."

Thus we go on adding snap judgment to snap judgment, basing our impression on a very limited acquaintance, and not hesitating to circulate our opinion broadcast. Now what are the facts?

The courtly old banker is really every inch a gentleman. He would never knowingly slight any one. But he often gets absorbed in trains of thought which so preoccupy his mind that as he walks along the street, he practically sees no one, or if his gaze

happens to rest upon others they have no more individuality than the lamp posts. It may be an unfortunate habit, but it gives no true idea of his real disposition.

She whom you denominated frivolous was trying to liven up a rather sombre company around the dinner table and she was especially anxious to lift her aunt, whose protegee she is, out of the dumps. This is the reason why her conversation rippled along. She was trying to recall the interesting and laughable incidents of the day for the sake of others, when it would have been much more agreeable to her to keep silent. The truth is, she is a wide reader and a thorough student. She gives an afternoon each week to visits among the poor. She dresses well, but why shouldn't she? She has plenty of money. But she is far from being a hearty society girl.

And that family that holds itself so aloof from the life of the town has its own especial sorrow. There are good and sufficient reasons why they do not invite people to their home or mingle in the life of the neighborhood. Some time the skeleton in the closet will depart and then their neighbors will know how good and friendly they really are.

The stingy curmudgeon who turns down the subscription papers gives every week far more money than most of his critics give in ten years. He has a large number of private charities; he makes a specialty of widows and orphans. He bestows many gifts where the name of the donor is never known to the recipient. He is averse to subscription papers and he does not care to exploit his own personality by affixing his name to libraries, schools and colleges.

Let us beware of snap judgments. Let us construe our fellowmen, their motives and actions in a large, generous fashion. It is possible to infer something to their credit from their behavior, even though on the surface it might appear rather discredit-

to them, let us seek, if possible, to discover and promulgate a more favorable interpretation and in cases where that more favorable construction does not easily appear, why not suspend judgment for a while?

Remember, too, that we are all liable to be the victims of snap judgments. The great Teacher of Nazareth spoke golden words when He said to his disciples, "Judge not, that ye be not judged; for with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again."—Brooklyn Standard Union.

STOCK TALK.

Confidence and Activity Characterize Transactions of Week.

New York, Nov. 12.—The passing of the election period has resulted in the expected animation and buoyancy of the stock market and, having been anticipated and provided for, much

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speculative realizing has accompanied the new buying. Sales have been well absorbed and this has kept alive speculative confidence in prices. Belief in further revival of business held back by the election has been unimpaired and the ease of money has prevented any check upon speculation for lack of cheap funds. The various factors threatening some future depletion of available funds have not affected the confidence of speculative borrowers.

ANACONDA, COL., BURNED.

Flames Destroyed 100 Buildings—Mining Buildings Safe.

Anaconda, Col., Nov. 12.—This mining town was practically wiped out by fire last night. Fully 100 frame structures were destroyed. The estimated total loss on buildings and contents is \$25,000.

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