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## THE OTHER FELLOW

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Most of us are so inordinately selfish that we habitually think only of our own ambitions and interests and of those especially connected with us by the ties of affection. We have little or no interest in the great mass of mankind either individually or collectively. Still less do we feel any call to do our part in making the world or the individuals in it wiser or happier or better. Yet the truth is that the whole world of mankind is so linked together that no part of it can be seriously affected without affecting every other part to the remotest corners of the earth. The great war and its after effects should teach every man this lesson. What is true in this regard of the world is much more true of the nation and most emphatically true of every local community.

As individual men and women make up communities, nations, the world, individuals in the last analysis are the important things in every social, national or world problem. As the condition of the sewer of one home may produce typhoid in the family occupying it and from them the disease may spread to the entire neighborhood, so other diseased, ignorant and immoral conditions in individuals vitally affect the community, the nation, the world. Enlightened self-interest should, therefore, prompt every one of us to the liveliest interest in our fellow men, no matter where they live.

Whenever you have done a real good to a fellow being you have not only helped him, you have helped the community, the nation, the world. More important to you, you have helped yourself. You have strengthened and somewhat developed the best that is in you. The prosperity of every man adds to the prosperity of the community, his increase in knowledge adds to its intelligence, and his development of moral or spiritual strength augments its moral or spiritual riches, in all of which you share. You are therefore not only vitally concerned in all that affects your neighbor, but you have a duty to him as well as to yourself, which enlightened self-interest, as well as moral or spiritual considerations, should prompt you to conscientiously discharge.

How few of us really know the other fellow! People may even live together for years under the same roof and really never know each other. It is so hard to catch the other fellow's viewpoint, to understand his difficulties, struggles and condition—to come sympathetically into touch with his real life! Yet how otherwise are we to do our duty to him or to ourselves or to the community? If we really knew the men and women around us, most of our animosities and prejudices would drop away from us. We should find in everyone, even the most ignorant and the lowest, much that is lovable, admirable. If others do not measure up to our standard in all respects, it would be well to remember that we ourselves come very far from realizing in our own lives our ideals. "There is none perfect; no, not one; all have gone out of the way."

Besides, men and women are what they are largely because of things for which they are not responsible. Heredity, environment, early associations and training, opportunity—who shall say how much these things have to do with the development of character and the shaping of the lives of men and women? Most drunkards, criminals and outcasts are either born, like poets, or they are made by environment or association before they come to maturity. If we look at these things in their true light, we shall find occasion for pity and sympathy much more often than justification for animosity, condemnation or hatred.

No man was ever made better by hating or condemning him. What erring humanity needs today as always is love and sympathetic helpfulness; the stimulation of good impulses and hope; the strengthening of the will; and real knowledge of the effect of evil life and conduct. And because a man has many faults, because he has made one bad slip,

shall our hearts condemn him to perdition and make it harder for him to regain his feet and strive again to walk the upward way? This is no plea for maudlin sentimentalism in dealing with wrong or evil doers, but it is a plea for a different spirit toward the sinner. We may hate the sin, without hating the sinner.

The spirit of self-righteousness and criticism that many men and women exhibit almost universally toward others is not only most disgusting to all right thinking people, but it dries up the springs of the spirit; it makes one cynical, hard, uncharitable—perhaps snobbish and undemocratic. It gives him such a wrong and perverted idea of human life that no matter how bad he himself becomes or what evil he does, he justifies himself by the thought that anyhow he is as good as his neighbors.

School yourself not to think, and especially not to speak, evil of anyone. If you cannot say something good of another, say nothing. You will thus not only be contributing to the peace and harmony of the community in which you live, but you will be strengthening all the softer, sweeter, more beautiful and lovable characteristics in yourself and building up the kingdom of harmony, of heaven, within you.

"If we knew the cares and crosses  
Crowded round our neighbor's way;  
If we knew his little losses,  
Sorely grievous day by day;  
Would we then so often chide him  
For the lack of thrift and gain,  
Leaving on his heart a shadow,  
Leaving on our hearts a stain?"

"If we knew the silent story  
Quivering through the hearts of pain,  
Would our human hearts dare doom them  
Back to haunts of vice and shame?  
Life has many a tangled crossing,  
Joy has many breaks of woe,  
And the cheeks tear-washed are whitest,  
This the blessed angels know.

"Let us reach within our bosoms  
For the key to other lives,  
And with love to erring natures  
Cherish good that still survives;  
So that when our disrobed spirits  
Soar to realms of light again,  
We may have the blest fruition  
Of unselfish love to men."

Are you wearing a Flanders poppy?

Not too late to plant broccoli; but nearly too late. Get your seed, at once.

Sermons by telephones are the latest. In such cases, how do they take up the collection? How do they pass the plate by wire?

Secretary of Labor Davis told a Boston audience last Sunday that he is going to "try to be a human secretary and to follow the Golden Rule." That is a good slogan for success.

Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve bank is an original genius. He says that the only people who have solved all their problems are in the cemeteries. And, judging by the inscriptions on the tombstones, they disposed of everything.

The slogan editor has asked a number of poultry people to help cut on the poultry slogan for next Thursday. But there are others, and he wants to hear from all of them who can help to prove that the Salem district is the best poultry country in the world. It is important.

The Associated Press reports that allied officials are much concerned for the safety of Constantinople, where "operations by bandits are assuming serious proportions." Mustapha Kemal's Nationalists declare this eruption of banditry is being encouraged by the Greeks, who seek an excuse for seizing the city of the sultans. The Greeks, on the other hand, blame Bulgarian chiefs for it. Brigadier General Harrington, commander of the allied forces, finds the situation so grave that he has gone to London to lay the matter before the British authorities. It is likely to be a forlorn mission, unless something most unexpected should happen, such, for instance, as the realization by the British government that the time has come to settle this nasty Turkish problem in the way it should have been settled long ago. It will probably never occur to—or, at least, never be admitted by—Great Britain and the other powers responsible for the timid handling of the Turk that the present trouble is a natural outcome of their shuffling conduct. A city so persistently misgoverned as Constantinople has been is

### FUTURE DATES

May 29, Sunday—Memorial Sunday services.  
May 30, Monday—Memorial day.  
May 31, Tuesday—Senior recital of public speaking department, Willamette University. Program, Enoch Arden, Stranraer music.  
June 3, Friday—Annual senior play by June 7, Tuesday—Auction sale of blooded Jersey at state fair grounds.  
June 3, Friday—Annual student recital of School of Music of Willamette university at First Methodist church.  
June 8, 9 and 10—Portland Rose festival.  
June 14, Tuesday—Elks annual flag day program.  
June 15 to 26—Oregon National guard encampments at Camp Lewis and Fort Stevens.  
June 16, Thursday—49th Reunion of Oregon Pioneer association.  
June 16, Thursday—Oregon Pioneer association meeting in Portland.  
June 17, Friday—High school graduation exercises.  
June 17, Friday—Annual Iowa picnic, State fair grounds.  
June 20, Monday—School elections.  
July 23, Saturday—Marion county Sunday school picnic, state fair grounds.

erence library and is then confronted not with a hundred and fifty test questions, but only with the subjoined ten, with 10 minutes in which to overhaul his memory cells:

- (1) Where was the Serboman bog and what entire armies were sunk therein?  
(2) Who wrote "Mary had a little lamb"?  
(3) In what town in Illinois did Abraham Lincoln deliver his longest speech in the debate with Douglas?  
(4) Where is Sidl Bou Said?  
(5) Give the text of the Curse of Erzulphus.  
(6) What was the date of the invention of the ordinary cart-wheel?  
(7) What is a bannalanna?  
(8) When and why was the digamma dropped?  
(9) How many white beans, on the average, to the bushel?  
(10) Who struck William Paterson, and why?

There is no greater humbug than what is called "research work" in matters of this sort. Dictionary and cyclopaedia and phrase book hunting is not real research work. Yet five minutes with the card index and book shelves often give to a pretentious individual a sense of general information and a fancied proprietorship in special knowledge which 20 years of important and original study may not induce.

We shall not think less highly of Mr. Edison's mentality—that is a word in fashion—if he frankly confesses that without recourse to adventitious aid he must flunk on every one of the ten.

The principle is simple enough

and obvious enough. The wise employer will try to ascertain the quality of the intelligence rather than the mere contents of the memory of those on whose assistance he expects to depend; the sharpness of the blade of the plane, not the bulk of the pile of shavings.—New York Herald.

### A PARTING PLEASANTRY

One day there came to the clinic at a Philadelphia hospital a negro with a broken jaw. The surgeon, intent on discovering the exact nature and extent of the injury, asked numerous questions, to all of which the negro returned evasive answers. Finally she admitted she was "hit with a object."

"Was it a large object?" asked the physician.  
"To'able large."  
"Was it a hard object or a soft object?"  
"To'able hard."  
"Was it coming rapidly or slowly?"  
"To'able fast."  
Then her patience exhausted, she exclaimed: "To tel de traf, doctor, I wes nach-ly kick' in de face by a gemman friend."

The young lady across the way says when her daughter grows up she is going to have her learn to play on the linoleum.



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