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SOME RUSSELL SAGE ADVICE.

Russell Sage writes an article in an eastern publication in which he pretends to give good advice to the young. After exhorting his hearers to save, he concludes with these words: "When the human race reaches its highest mental development there will probably be no theaters." Mr. Sage could have added with more point, that when the world did reach its highest development there would be no Russell Sage—crosses between thieves and misers, men who draw everything from others, while returning nothing. If such men can give good advice to the young, then it is in order for the lamb to be placed in the care of the wolf. Russell Sage's cry is save! save! Suppose everyone saved and stunted, stunted and saved. Sage has done through his miserly life. What would be the harvest? Why, it would result in chaos and disorder, wreck and ruin, famine and pestilence, just as if the whole human race resorted to existing from robbing one another. The man who takes more from others than he gives back, in saving and stinting to excess, as Sage would have men do, is a thief in one sense of the word, and it is a good thing that men, in the nature of things, are not largely of this class.

The saving man is able to save most when his fellow man is most extravagant. Between the saving man and the spendthrift there is little difference, and, if there is any, it is on the side of the spendthrift, because his methods are such that he cannot continue his abuses, while the saver, stinter and miser can. Sage is such a character that even to mention his name causes a tremor, a shudder to pass over those who hear it, as if they had seen a snake or some other poisonous reptile. Those men are best who make two blades of grass grow where one grew before, or one blade grow where none grew before, and, in doing it, exchange their products with others with such fairness as will promote and extend fair trading throughout the world. The man who grows and keeps all he grows has nothing in the end, although he may be even a "saver" of the Sage school. Death strikes a balance and blots him out, with nothing to show that the world was better, fairer, broader because he lived.

THE REFUNDING POLICY.

The refunding policy of the national government at Washington is with the view of perpetuating the national debt, so that a class of people may always have a safe method of investment, with the minimum of risk and the maximum of gain. A perpetuated debt is a source of great strength to the building up of an aristocracy in any country. If only individual debts could be made, and these only upon honor and collateral in the form of the products of labor, man would always be free and independent and the growth and combination of capital could never have the power to disturb equal rights.

It is when one man or set of men make a debt that another man or set of men have to pay that an attack upon equal rights and personal liberty begins. The more debt is perpetuated the tighter will be the shackles around the limbs of labor become, until industrial slavery will exist not only in name but in reality. The condition of the average man would be improved if all laws for the collection of debts were wiped from the statute books, and both the making and collection of debts were left entirely to individuals, to be arranged between themselves.

Why should courts be maintained at the public expense to make Harry pay Dick when Dick was not made to trust Harry? If the individual Dick

trusts the individual Harry, why should not the settlement of the transaction be left to them individually, also? In case of dispute they could resort to arbitration of their own creation, and not throw a burden upon the public, as is now the case in a dispute or disagreement between a debtor and creditor.

THE HEAVENS IN JANUARY.

The most important astronomical event of the present month, from a scientific standpoint, is one which is observable only by telescopic aid. It is the close approach to our earth of the small planet Eros, and its importance consists in the fact that it enables us to determine more accurately the distance of the sun and the dimensions of our solar system.

In this rather dull season, speaking from the standpoint of the amateur stargazer, it may then, perhaps, be worth our while to devote part of our time to the subject which is now employing the resources of some of the greatest observatories.

The asteroid Eros, which was discovered early in August, 1898, is, in many respects, the most remarkable of all the small planets. It is much nearer to the sun than any other of the asteroids, and its period is correspondingly short. Its mean distance from the sun is about 133,000,000 miles, and it completes a revolution about that primary in very nearly one and three-quarter years, while the next nearest of the asteroids is 180,000,000 miles distant, and takes a year longer to complete its circuit.

Eros is, of course, nearest to our earth when it is in opposition, that is, when we see it directly between it and the sun. If its orbit were circular, this distance would always be the same, no matter