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SELF-MASTERY.

Essence divine of ages past am I. Fame, love and fortune are at my command. A part of Primal Energy I stand. And, arbiter of my fate, defy Misfortune, failure, loss, defeat, and In that, my darkest hour, I understand My life is wholly mine to shape. Therefore Undaunted, fearless, calmly I demand That at my gate Opportunity's hand Shall knock, not once, but answer every call My growing soul does make to thus expand In broader fields. Since Cosmic law rules all, I claim my heritage, whatever in store— Master of destiny forevermore! —Mrs. M. E. Harcourt in Suggestion. (Suggested Ingalls' Opportunity.)

BUNCOMBE BY THE CUBIC YARD.

Samuel Untermyer declares that in the pretended reorganization of the Mutual Life Insurance company "a few scapegoats were sacrificed, but the men who were responsible for the scandal and thievery are in power today."

The quotation is made from Untermyer simply because Untermyer is a responsible and reliable man, in the ordinary acceptance of those terms, not by any means with any intention of discrediting the Mutual; but only to point the moral that cannot be effectively drawn without a concrete illustration.

The references made below to the republican party being the beneficiary of money illegally taken from the Mutual's treasury are for the purpose of informing the public of facts proven absolutely and undisputed, and illustrating the general condition, and not with any purpose of raising a partisan political issue.

Granted that Untermyer's statements are true, the average citizen is apt to inquire: How much was accomplished that will be of real and lasting benefit, by the insurance expose? What protection can the policyholder have against frauds without end (under new but not less effective methods) this side of the same security he would feel in a postal savings bank, where loss would be impossible and the rate unchanging so long as the government at Washington endured?

That is just what the public must look out for in the regulation of commercial evils as well as in the regulation of political evils. With all of these exposes we are being treated to a large amount of buncombe.

Is it surprising that these influential rascals have the temerity to further impose on the people? Not in the least. They know that the public is long suffering and patient and they imagine, with good reason, too, that a whole lot of pretense and a very little actual reform will go a long way toward appeasing public indignation.

Is it any wonder that these influential rascals have the temerity to

further impose on the public? We may obtain a hint of the notion they have of the state of the public mind when we observe the seeming indifference on the part of the public toward the embezzlements, to which the republican national committee was a party. Although it has been charged and admitted that several hundred thousand dollars of money belonging to the insurance policyholders were traced to the republican party's treasury, there has been no general demand on the part of the public that the republican party restore these ill-gotten gains. Republican leaders calmly close their eyes to the criticisms heard on this line and they make no pretense whatever at restoration.

Let the thoughtful citizen ponder upon these things. If, after all these exposures, if, after the widespread discussion the revelations of graft and peculation have brought about, the republican national committee can escape with the stolen money known to be in its possession, then why may not the ric h rascals who are yet in charge of the great insurance companies make a little pretense toward reform while they are all the time building up new and skillful plans for theft and plunder on an even larger scale?

If the man who, as chairman of the republican national committee, participated in the misappropriation of several hundred thousand dollars of policyholders' money can continue in the president's cabinet why may not the men responsible for the scandals in insurance companies continue in power in those concerns?

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE.

In its last and best analysis government life insurance simply is another form of exemplifying the principle involved and recognized when the government pays a pension to the surviving widow or other dependent of a man who bears arms instead of a spade, a hoe, or a pen. The principle is simply that which recognizes that every citizen engaged in a legitimate calling is a "soldier of the common good," in that his labor and his self-sacrifices contribute directly to the public weal. Another phase of the same principle is that exhibited in the article below from the San Francisco Star:

The plan of Mayor John P. Studley, of New Haven, Conn., to have the municipality attend to the fire insurance business is well worthy of consideration. The Studley plan was first broached at a meeting of these gentlemen of the state of Connecticut, and many of these gentlemen expressed themselves as favoring careful investigation of the proposition. In the city of New Haven it is estimated that the premiums paid annually for fire insurance amount to \$500,000, while the losses are only about \$125,000, the difference, \$375,000, being profit to the insurance companies.

The great catastrophe in this city has furnished Mayor Studley with material from which he can certainly strengthen his arguments. For instance, if the fire insurance companies can recuperate their losses, by raising the rates for policyholders, it is certain that there is money in the business; and if the city can run the business at a minimum cost, so as to give insurance at a reasonable figure, it is time for the people to get in and save themselves money.

"IN LARGE QUART BOTTLES."

The Chicago Livestock World "gets after" a phase of the "pure food" question seldom exploited in the public press, but which makes very interesting reading, as follows:

F. F. Ladd, a scientist, located at the North Dakota Experiment Station, has devoted some time and research to the topic embodied in the caption of this article. Captious critics may suggest that the time might have been better employed or that it is not an essential agricultural topic. Let us see:

Dozens of farm journals, the editors of which would be offended if ac-

cused of immoral conduct, are running advertisements of vile mall order whiskey for the money there is in it, and this mall order whiskey, the most villainous compound that ever poisoned a human system, enjoys a wide rural circulation that would not be available but for the publicity afforded by the columns of the agricultural press.

Mr. Ladd demonstrates that these whiskeys are not even what they profess to be and that is bad enough.

The men who put them up lie, and they know it. They lie as to age and quality. Colors are in most cases artificial. If you don't believe it, write to the experiment station at Fargo, N. D., and get a copy of Mr. Ladd's bulletin.

The scientist has taken over 100 brands and analyzed them. Here are some of the verdicts:

- Not straight whiskey. Large amount of glucoses, etc. Not standard or pure. Mainly neutral spirits. Neutral spirits colored and flavored. Only part whiskey. Not a whiskey. Small amount of whiskey. Whiskey and neutral spirits. Not whiskey and falsely labelled as to age. Contains methyl alcohol. Not whiskey. Neutral spirits doctored. Not as represented. Not more than 10 per cent true whiskey. Not whiskey at all. Not true whiskey.

It will be seen that in many cases wood alcohol makes up a portion of the compound. The evil is spreading daily. Express companies are distributing immense quantities of these vicious drugs and poisoning at least a portion of the community. And where are the pure food inspectors? Have they been fixed?

The Oregon state fair will soon be on. Those who have attended have found it a wonderful educator, so to speak, when they have gone to the fair seeking light. The fair is attended by crowds, and people from the farms to the Oregon state fair in large numbers. It would, however, be interesting to know what proportion of the farmers have never been to a state fair. The statement would doubtless be safe which claims that one-half the farmers in each state have never been to a state fair. They lose much by not going, as state fairs are in a sense indications of the pulse of progress. The man who never goes to them is in danger of being unable to keep step in the forward movement of agriculture. Is it not the bounded duty therefore, of the farmer, who has a neighbor who never went to a state fair, to try to persuade him to go, if not only for his sake? In very many senses the words "come and see" may be significant.

When the Standard Oil company is jailed, John D. Rockefeller will be expected to carry spiritual consolation to it in its cell.

AS TO TERMINAL FACILITIES.

Melville Ingalls, the western railway magnate was induced by a friend while spending Sunday with him to attend service at a church, the pastor of which is noted for the extreme length of his sermons.

As the friends were leaving at the conclusion of the service the Bostonian, with a touch of pride, inquired: "Dr. Blank is a most eloquent minister, is he not?" "Very eloquent," was the dry response of the railroad man, "but he has poor terminal facilities."

AND STILL THEY COME.

More than 1,000,000 immigrants entered the United States through the Ellis Island station during the fiscal year ending June 30 last. The exact number was 1,062,054, an increase of 199,975 as compared with the preceding year. The largest number of immigrants came from southern Italy, the number being 232,606. The Hebrews were second with 125,900. The immigrants brought with them a total of \$19,900,000. Of the total, \$88,543 were aliens, an increase of 24,564 over the number received at this station during the year ending June 30, 1905.

THE POWER OF SUGGESTION.

B. E. Messer, a farmer, 65 years old, at Huntington, W. Va., is hopelessly insane as the result of a joke played on him by his grandchildren. At a family reunion, six of his grandsons, ranging from 16 to 30 years of age, residing at a distance, planned as a joke, that each should write the old man a letter the following week. Each was to express solicitude for his safety, since the writer had dreamed that his grandfather had died.

The letters arrived one by one. On Monday came the first, Tuesday the

second, Wednesday and Thursday like letters followed, all with the same dark foreboding. The matter preyed upon the old man's mind so heavily that by Saturday he lost his reason.—Kansas City Journal.

THE OLD TRUNDLE BED.

Oh, the old trundle bed, where I slept when a boy, What pampered knight might not covet the joy?

The glory and peace of that slumber of mine, Like a long gracious rest in the bosom divine;

The quaint, homely couch, hidden close from the light, But daintily drawn from its hiding at night.

Oh, a nest of delight, from the foot to the head, Was the queer little, dear little, old trundle bed.

Oh, the old trundle bed where I wondering saw The stars through the window, and listened with awe

To the sigh of the winds as they tremblingly crept Through the tree where the robins so restlessly slept,

Where I heard the low, murmurous chirp of the wren, And the katydid listlessly chirrup again,

Through the maze of the dreams of the old trundle bed.

Oh, the old trundle bed! Oh, the old trundle bed!

With its plump little pillow and old-fashioned spread; Its snowy white sheets and the blankets above,

Smoothed down and tucked around with the touches of love;

The voice of my mother to lull me to sleep

With the old fairy stories my memories to keep

Still fresh as the lilies that bloom o'er the head

Once bowed o'er my own in the old trundle bed.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

THE OTHER POINT OF VIEW.

A prominent official of the Standard Oil company died a few days ago and a raise was expected in the price of oil to cover the funeral expenses. To the astonishment of the public the expected advance was not announced but it appears that the public has been looking at the wrong end of the transaction. A cut in the price paid to producers of crude oil of 3 cents per barrel in the east and 2 cents in the west brings the same results as a raise.—The Dallas Chronicle.

It is alleged that one case of yellow fever has developed in the entire state of Louisiana this year; a colored boy at New Iberia, 125 miles from New Orleans.

D. A. Smith, of Seattle, attempted to board a moving car at the Onakes near Portland, and was thrown under the trucks and killed.

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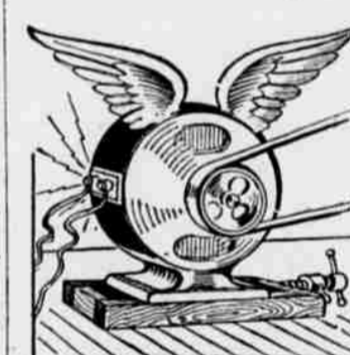
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