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The Cynic's View of Life. A little gall and a little gas. And then you rest beneath the grass. That's all! A little love and a kiss or two. And then you're gone, tra la loo! That's it! Sometimes the knave, sometimes the dupe. And in the end quite in the soup. That's so! Work and play sandwiched with sleep. Then with the worms to bed you creep. That's life!

FROM THE HAND OF GOD.

Repeatedly John D. Rockefeller has said, under the mellowing influences of song and service in his home church in Cleveland, that he considers and believes that God has made him the custodian of great wealth. With a wealth of illustration on every hand of how Rockefeller accumulated the greatest fortune in the world, Rockefeller's estimate of God's responsibility toward the mankind which he created is evident. The conception of the character of God, it should be remembered, is not by absolute standards, but by the standards of the race or individual.

The reader's attention is called to the following: Edgar Brown died August 7 at a hospital at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Newspaper dispatches say that this man died penniless and was buried at the expense of a few old friends. This is a common occurrence, but widespread attention has been attracted to the death of Edgar Brown because, as one correspondent says: "While Brown had no estate, he left behind him the memory of his kindness in the days of his prosperity and the story of how John D. Rockefeller deprived him of the fortune he found and developed, and gained control of the property which made the United States Steel corporation possible."

Brown's life story is vouched for by Dr. John M. Goltra, who attended him during his last illness. According to Dr. Goltra's story, as told by the Chicago Record-Herald correspondent, Edgar Brown was born in Warren, Pa., 64 years ago. Associating himself with C. C. Merritt, the two tramped the great northern barrens and located what afterwards proved to be the richest iron mine in the country. Brown was discouraged by capitalists, but he persevered until finally he interested John D. Rockefeller and borrowed from him \$1,500,000, giving his mining claims as security. The Record-Herald correspondent says:

"Then Brown set about bringing his mines out of the wilderness. He planned the Duluth & Iron Range railroad, now the greatest ore carrier in the world, to carry his ore to a deep water harbor. Rails were laid and soon development had gone far enough to show financiers what the property really was worth. Negotiations were begun with James J. Hill and several associates for the sale of the property, and a deal practically was closed for its transfer at a price which would have made Brown and

Merritt millionaires several times over.

"It was here that Brown made his fatal mistake. He never suspected treachery, and told of the deal to a man who was closely associated with Rockefeller. For what followed Brown always put the blame directly on the shoulders of the oil magnate. He declared, over and over, that Rockefeller put the screws on Hill and his associates so that they could not get the ready money to complete their bargain. At any rate the deal fell through. Brown's notes to Rockefeller became due, the mortgage was foreclosed and the immensely valuable ore property fell into the hands of the Standard Oil chief for a mere fraction of its value.

"Millions of dollars have been taken out of the mines since that time, are worth millions more in sight, and no one can compute the value that full development will give the property in the future. For years fleets of steamers carrying thousands of tons at a load have been taking the ore away, yet the surface is barely scratched. The loss of the fortune almost within his grasp proved too much for Merritt. He was broken-hearted, and within five weeks was carried to his grave. Brown always maintained that it was the oil king's trickery that killed him."

NOW THEY QUARREL ABOUT IT.

While some republican editorial writers are sneering at "the quantitative theory" here we have the editor of Moody's Magazine and the editor of the Wall Street Journal actually quarreling—good naturedly, of course—as to the question, which of the two is the original "quantitative man." The editor of Moody's Magazine wrote: "If there is one thing more than another on which the editor of Moody's Magazine may facilitate himself, it is the conversion of that able and thoroughly practical financial publication, the Wall Street Journal, to the theory that a superfluity of gold, instead of making money cheap and the prices of bonds high, as many suppose, operates to cause higher interest rates and lower prices for bonds."

To this the editor of the Wall Street Journal retorts: "For the benefit of Moody's Magazine, the Wall Street Journal says: It has always accepted the quantitative theory of money. It has always believed that the great production of gold had a powerful influence on prices, tending to advance the prices of commodities and stocks, and tending to depress the prices of bonds having fixed rates of interest. It has frequently, during the past few years, given expression to this belief and has therefore devoted much space to this gold production as one of the vital facts of the financial situation. It discussed this subject from this point of view long before Moody's Magazine was born. It is not, therefore, a 'convert.'"

Can a democrat be blamed if he becomes a bit dizzy these days when he sees men who, in 1896, sneered at democratic doctrine, hurry to plant themselves upon the Chicago platform? Moody's Magazine claiming the credit for the conversion of the Wall Street Journal to the bimetallic foundation argument! And the Journal hotly retorting that it is not a convert but has "always accepted the quantitative theory of money!"

Well! Well! Well!—Commoner, The real author of the quantitative theory of money was the first man with brains who was at the same time honest with himself and did not mistake sophistry for reasoning, and who sat himself down to look into the relations of a circulating medium to the products which could be bought with it. That particular man might have lived in the city of Nur, the ruins of which now lie beneath the ruins of ancient Babylon and which has not been peopled for about 3000 years.

But speaking in the modern sense the authors of the old greenback movement, which sprang up after the civil war, originated the quantitative theory, and they alone adhered to its advocacy for many years. Outside of the old union labor movement, afterward the independent farmers' movement and then the populists, the doctrine has never had a baker's dozen of public adherents in either of the old parties, and they had no influ-

ence in determining their parties' policies. If they had had, they would have been fired, inconspicuously, or got out voluntarily, as did Teller of Colorado, when the republican convention of 1896 turned down the demands of the free silver advocates.

ONLY 30 PER CENT!

Stockholders of the Wells Fargo Express company are quarreling, and the public has been treated to the revelation that the company's net earnings last year amounted to 30 per cent on its capital stock. That's a pretty fair return on the investment made. No wonder these great corporations are devoted to the "let well enough alone" slogan.

There will be no lack of accommodations at Boise during the session of the National Irrigation congress, to be held at that place September 3 to 8. The citizens have opened their homes, and 2000 visitors can secure rooms after the hotels are filled. The railroad company has provided a special track and will keep the sleeping cars there during the congress for the use of the delegates. Five thousand visitors are expected.

ARCHDEACON COLLEY ON SPIRITUALISM.

Archdeacon Colley of Stockton, England, has certainly succeeded in creating an amazing sensation at the Church of England congress. Some weeks ago the clerical dignitary gave grave notice that he intended to bring the matter of psychic phenomena before the congress and insist that Spiritualism should be discussed as an article of faith.

This program, however, the congress refused to consider, nor would it listen to the recital of his Spiritualistic experiences, which the archdeacon had prepared. The clergyman was not daunted, however, and delivered his prohibited lecture on the outside of a crowded audience, which included two bishops.

It certainly was one of the most remarkable papers ever presented by an Episcopal minister. He was quite frank in his replies to subsequent questions put to him by clergymen. One of these clergymen asked him what was the good of all these mysterious visitations from another world of which he had given us so lengthy and hazy an account.

"Can you help us," said the clergyman, "to realize existence after death?"

"Yes," replied the archdeacon, "I can, for that is the beginning and end of Spiritualism. Spiritualism is not for those who are believers in the Christian faith, but for those who are unbelievers, and it proves to them that there is an after life. I consider the tall clergymen ought to take up Spiritualism as part of their theological studies, and they should treat it in a scientific manner. Spiritualism is not for scoffers, for wondermongers, or for those who want a 'tip' for the Devil. It is a religion and a part of the great science of theology."

"I wanted the Church Congress to cross-examine me on the reality of my experiences," continued the archdeacon, "for I am convinced that Spiritualism, as the scientific set-off against the Sadduceism of materialism, is the ally and not the enemy of everything that is good and true in all religions. It brings added faculties to human nature, as any Bible reader or student of modern oriental life knows well.

"Spiritualism comes as a godsend to millions who are incapable of believing the Christian faith without its aid. It teaches that death is the gate of life, hence that there is continuous and immediate and conscious being with no sleeping in the grave, for, as our beautiful burial service says, the souls of the faithful after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity. But it is even more hopeful to us in that it brings us into communication with our departed friends."

LONG SUBMARINE TRIP.

The new submarine torpedo boat Lake, the largest ever constructed in this country, recently completed an open sea voyage from Newport News, Va., to Bridgeport, Conn., at an average speed of over seven knots. This performance is considered remarkable owing to the fact that the Lake was unconvoyed, a feat never before performed in this country.

After receiving her finishing touches at the yard of her builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock company, the Lake began her long voyage on the afternoon of Monday, June 25. When Cape Henry was reached the engines were stopped long enough to enable a communication to be sent to her owners. The engines were then started again and never stopped until when off Barnegat, it being necessary to slow down to avoid a large school of whales, who evidently mistook the submarine for one of their number.

About 2 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, the 27th, the Lake arrived safely at Sandy Hook and anchored inside. Later on the voyage was continued up New York harbor and through Hell Gate under her own power, into Long Island sound to Bridgeport, at which place she arrived without a mishap of any description.

The submarine marvel consists of a steel capsule or cigar-shaped form, within which is placed all the propelling machinery, air compressor, crew's quarters, etc., and which is surmounted by a wooden superstructure and deck, which gives the boat an appearance not unlike that of the original Monitor, but, on a smaller scale. The propelling power on the surface is supplied by gasoline engines turning twin screws; while submerged the screws are driven by electric motors from storage batteries of great capacity. Within the boat are comfortable quarters for the crew of 10 persons, including a galley in which the meals are cooked by means of electricity. Sufficient air may be stored in the air tanks to allow the boat to be submerged several days without causing distress to the crew.

She is equipped with three torpedo tubes, which can be reloaded and fired several times without coming to the surface, the commanding officer in the meanwhile keeping his eye on his prey by means of a sighting instrument which projects above the surface of the water, and even if discovered, offers a target too small to be struck except by a chance shot.

The boat is equipped with hydroplanes, or side rudders, which, when set at an angle by means of pneumatic power, cause the boat to descend on an even keel while going ahead, thus actually possessing a feature which Jules Verne's imagination gave to the famous Nautilus.—Popular Mechanics.

THE BRIDE.

Ho, windy gossips, in your ear! When morning threw the casement wide The jilted sun, with eager face, Stole in and kissed the waking bride!

And, while she blushed, a bobolink That all he sees in music tells, Sang out the tidings to the world With tinkling chimes of elfin bells.

She rose and donned her rich attire, The yearning bridesmaids led her down, And she was wedded in the church Before the jostling, gaping town.

But think you that the stoled priest, With studied pomp and sacred rite, Hath wholly bound to one of earth This bride of the adoring light?

The grace of the elusive streams Is in that form his vows would bind, For she has roamed the summer world A free-foot follower of the wind.

And though you choired the husband's joy And mellow chimes have pulsed it wide, The birds are singing to the flowers That she was trothed another's bride.

QUEEN'S HEALTH RULES.

Her majesty, the Queen of Portugal, pins her faith, it is said, to the following motto: Keep out of doors all you can. Breathe outdoor air—live in it—revel in it. Don't shut yourself up.

Build your houses so that the air supply is good. Throw away your portiers and bric-a-brac. Don't have useless trifles around you.

Have a favorite form of exercise and make the most of it. Ride on horseback if you can, cycle if you cannot get a horse; do anything to get out into the open air.

O'Brien Moore, editor and owner of the Tucson, Arizona, Citizen, was found dead in his bed at his home Sunday. He was 50 years old. He was at one time managing editor of the St. Louis Republic.

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