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A WISE SELFISHNESS.

Why We Have a Right to Defend Ourselves Against Boredom.

The genial "Autocrat of the Breakfast-table," whose kindly heart pleads for human weakness always, justifies us in protecting ourselves against boredom, against people who rob us of vitality as well as time, for he lays down this as professional advice: "Mark this which I am going to say, for it is as good as a working professional man's advice, and costs nothing. It is better to lose a pint of blood from your veins than to have a nerve trapped. Nobody measures your nervous force as it runs away, nor bandages your brain and marrow after the operation." Is there any moral law that demands we shall waste our life forces? that we should allow the drones to sap the strength needed to fulfill our legitimate duties?

Some people are like sieves—they come empty and go away empty, and if you should meet them the next hour you would find that you could carry on the same conversation on the same philosophy, declare the same theories, and they would be new. Should any sensible person allow himself to be used as a social jumping-jack, the clown for an idle hour? Some people will demand sympathy, feeding their morbid desires by drawing on the very life-blood of another.

There comes to mind a woman to whom a heavy sorrow had come, who day after day called on a nervous, high-strung neighbor, "because she was so sympathetic," she explained, until the little neighbor fell a victim to nervous prostration. "I knew," said the sick woman, "I did her no good, because every day she came back in just the same state of mind. I do not know which were on me most, the being compelled to listen to the same story, or the constant dread of her appearance, and disgust at my own lack of courage." The sorrowing one was not comforted into strength, and she brought down her victim as surely as if pistol or poison had been the medium she used. The state does not recognize this method of killing as a crime, but society does, though it has not yet found a measure for protection beyond individual effect. "You heard that Mrs. — had a fortune left her, large enough to keep her comfortably?" said one friend to another, speaking of a common acquaintance. "Yes," was the response, given with animation, "and I'm quite as glad for her friends as for her. You know we never heard from her when she was comfortable—only when she was in trouble. I dreaded to have her call (and yet I liked her much), for I knew I was doomed to a tale of woe. I never heard her say a cheerful word, and if you tried to make her cheerful, she only looked at you reproachfully. A call from her meant a day of exhaustion or depression. Yes, this money is a great comfort to her friends," was the close of the conversation.

Why should we allow a nerve to be tapped when there is no gain in the operation? We must stand the operation many times in life to accomplish a purpose. We must smilingly submit to the operation again and again, publicly and privately; but are we bound to endure it when we have no purpose, and know that the result is loss, and loss of that which is most precious and valuable? Sure it is that, sooner or later, we must grow hardened if we throw away the divine attribute of sympathy. If we waste the forces given for use, we can not protect ourselves from the feeling, "What is the use?" And that which sparkled in the light of divine approval becomes turbid, because that which troubles it is internal, not external; the outlet is choked.

We are bound to help each other, but we are not bound to play the part of Atlas and carry a world. We can only help where there is receptivity; we can only help, in the true sense, where there is a capacity and a desire for self-help; and this is as true in the social world as in the philanthropic world. We rob not only ourselves, but those who need us, when we lavishly spend that which was meant for investment.—Christian Union.

A WOMAN'S CLUB.

How Its Members Seek to Evade the Responsibilities of Office.

It is amusing to observe the manner in which officers are elected in a certain club of this city which does good work, but whose members belong to the opposite sex.

"Miss L.— is elected treasurer," announced the teller.

"Really, ladies," said Miss L.—, rising, "you must excuse me. I am too busy. I am already treasurer of the X. Y. Z. Association and the D. G. F. Club on Foreign Missions. Really, I have too much to do, and besides I might get the money mixed up."

Miss L.— is excused, and after various attempts Mrs. Y.— is persuaded to act.

"Mrs. M.— is elected secretary," says the teller.

"I am sorry to decline," remarks Mrs. M.—, rising, "but I have a sick child at home. You must excuse me, ladies," with a winning smile.

Same procedure as in the case of Miss M.—

"Mrs. R.— is elected financial secretary," continues the treasurer.

Mrs. R.— leaves her seat and has a persuasive expression on her face as she addresses the meeting.

"I feel the honor deeply, ladies," she says. "Nothing would give me more pleasure."

"Then you will act?" interrupted the president, with an equally engaging facial expression.

"I am afraid I can not. My husband expressly forbade my accepting any office this afternoon. He says it would interfere with my preparing his dinners and—"

Mrs. R.— is excused after the ladies have indulged in several witticisms, and Mrs. Q.— is finally persuaded.—Detroit Tribune.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Thirty Men Attempt to Lynch as Many Chinese.

Seven Men Reported Killed by Indians on the Little Blue, New Mexico.

Prairie fires in Southern Colorado are doing much damage.

Cattle and sheep in New Mexico are being sold off rapidly.

Capitalists talk of establishing a champagne factory at Glen Ellen, Cal.

L. K. Hoffman has been appointed postmaster at Louisville, Polk county, Or.

A carload of premium oranges and lemons will be sent from Los Angeles to Chicago.

A San Diego foundry is busy making 500 retorts for the Spreckels sugar refinery at San Francisco.

W. K. Ball of Truckee Meadows, Nev., has just shipped five tons of honey to the San Francisco market.

Judge Milton L. Rice, who at one time was a well-known criminal lawyer of Kentucky, died in Spokane Falls.

Horticulturists are of the opinion that the rains in California have done much toward destroying vine and tree pests.

Sea lions follow the fishermen at Martinez and grab salmon out of the nets, frequently breaking the nets in doing so.

The Truckee ice companies have only stored 39,000 tons of ice this season against 100,000 tons at the same time last year.

A sheep herder at Lemore, Tulare county, is said to have an invention by which common wells are made to flow like artesian wells.

Joseph Taylor has sued the San Rafael Tocsin for \$5,000 for saying he had been arrested for trying to defraud San Francisco in the delivery of basalt blocks.

Washington State bonds to cover its indebtedness were sold yesterday at 3 1/2 per cent, with one-eighth of 1 per cent premium to run from five to fifteen years.

A gang of the worst kind of desperadoes infests the mining camps of Southern Santa Fe county, N. M. Hardly a day passes but some act of robbery or shooting is recorded.

Bassiner, an Mexican Indian under arrest at San Diego, claims that he was arrested on Mexican soil, and there probably will result an international correspondence on the subject.

At Salt Lake J. H. Weston, a railroad fireman of Thistle, shot and killed two men named Winder and Wells, who attacked him for the purpose of robbery. Weston fired twice and killed both men.

An Oakland syndicate, consisting of Dr. Merritt and others, has purchased 270 acres of Richland tract, one of the finest bodies of land in Fresno county, and the land is being prepared for planting a vineyard.

San Diego says Tacoma men propose to operate a line of sailing vessels between that port and Puget Sound. The purpose is to bring lumber and coal down and take return cargoes of hay, cement, marble and building stone.

The contract for carrying mails on Lake Tahoe has been awarded to E. J. Baldwin of San Francisco. He has ordered a fast steamer built at Buffalo, N. Y., for this purpose, and it will also carry passengers to all points of interest.

Now that it is a settled fact that Coos bay is the best harbor on the coast of Oregon, outside of the Columbia river, two railroads are projected to that section from the Willamette valley, one from Roseburg and the other from Drain.

The Southern California Railroad company has just put into effect a new local freight tariff, which places San Diego on equal terms with Los Angeles as regards rates from Perris and San Jacinto; consequently there is much rejoicing at San Diego.

The jewelry stolen in California cities last year by Dickerson and Rogers, the baker thieves, has been received from New Jersey by the sheriff of San Joaquin county. The box will next go to Los Angeles and then to Sacramento, where some of the property was stolen.

John Shroder, employed on Berryman's farm, Gray's river, was drowned with his team at a ford. It is supposed he missed his bearings or the horses became unmanageable at the ford and got into a deep hole just below the ford, as the water is very shallow at the proper point to cross. He leaves a wife and seven children.

The lower iron bridge across the river near Bridal Veil Falls, Yosemite Valley, has broken down and now lies a total wreck at the bottom of the river. The cause was probably a decayed timber resting on the abutment, or possibly defective iron work. The bridge broke three years ago and was thoroughly repaired then.

At Roseburg Judge R. S. Bean, of the Second judicial district of Oregon, sentenced Charles Mann, for burglary, to three years in the penitentiary; George Stevenson, larceny in a dwelling, two years in the penitentiary; P. Hall, for obtaining money under false pretenses, five years in the penitentiary; W. Dan, for burglary, three years.

A contract has been closed between the Northern Pacific and G. W. Hunt for the latter to operate the Northern road between Willula and Pasco. All Hunt trains will run through to Pasco on Wednesday without a break. Pasco offers Hunt all the necessary ground for round houses and machine shops. Through sleepers from the Sound to Walla Walla, Dayton and Pendleton are being arranged for.

The report of Chairman Smith of the Transcontinental Association, which was read at the meeting at San Diego, shows that the total revenue from freight traffic for the year ending December 31, 1889, was \$18,858,484.83, and the number of pounds of freight moved 1,488,230,491. The passenger traffic for the same time shows a total revenue of \$5,614,300.26, or an average rate per passenger of \$4.84. Freight traffic shows an increase of \$1,831,926.07, and in passenger traffic for the last six months of 1889, compared with the same months of 1888, a decrease of \$338,544.96.

EASTERN ITEMS.

The Direct Tax Bill Favorably Reported to the House.

The Farmers of Pope County, Ill., Alarmed Over the Spread of Glanders.

The colored people now control about 100 weekly newspapers.

Jay Gould and party have started on their trip through Mexico.

Governor Burleigh of Maine has appointed April 7 as Fast day.

Gold has been discovered in a gravel bank just east of Sioux Falls, S. D.

The Northern Pacific have in project the placing of steamers on the lakes.

Henry Kunsel, late defaulting treasurer of Blue Earth, Minn., has been captured.

The steamship De Ruyter, which went ashore at Scituate, Mass., has been floated.

President Harrison purchased \$21,000 worth of property at Indianapolis last week.

New York Russian Hebrews, in mass meeting, declared that the Czar should be killed.

Fort Dodge, Ia., has passed an ordinance, taxing peddlers and traveling salesmen \$5 per day.

Senator Vest has introduced a bill appropriating \$5,621,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi river.

The wool features of the McKinley Tariff bill are endorsed by the Ohio Wool Growers' Association.

Boston, New York and Philadelphia, it is said, have subscribed thus far \$700,000 toward the World's Fair at Chicago.

The Indiana Supreme Court holds the school book law, over which a big fight has been made, to be constitutional.

The State of New York proposes to purchase the forest of the Adirondacks and preserve them as a public trust.

The expert accountants find that ex-State Treasurer Hemingway of Mississippi is \$300,000 short in his accounts.

A close estimate of the amount of iron ore the different mines expect to ship this season will foot up 2,760,000 tons.

The Direct Tax bill has been favorably reported to the House, and will be passed in due time and approved by the President.

The Standard Oil Company at Lima, O., have advanced the price of oil 2 cents. The rise causes great excitement in the oil field.

The Foster Oil Company and the Wabash Oil Company have sold out their wells and leases to the Standard Oil Company for \$2,500,000.

A bill before the New York Legislature to make rate of interest 5 per cent, is denounced as involving great injury to business interests.

In a few months the debt of the United States will probably drop one of its ten figures. The \$1,000,000,000 line is only \$34,000,000 distant.

Chicago will provide a site for the World's Fair, which will contain 200 acres, 22 acres more than the grounds of the Paris Exposition.

The question of Canadian emigration to this country has reached the burning stage, and is to be investigated in the Dominion Parliament.

Plans by which the Union railroad will cross the streets of Northeast Baltimore on bridges are before the City Council Committee on Highways.

Many of the farm owners of South Jersey have reduced their rents to the tenants, some farms being leased for \$100 less than they brought last year.

The mill district of Minneapolis is thickly infested with rats, and a petition has been circulated calling for the appointment of a public rat-catcher.

There is to be a wild rush to the Cherokee strip. The Oklahoma Territory bill, which passed the House, declares the Cherokee outlet public land.

Reports from the great tobacco counties of Western North Carolina show that at least one-third of the plants have been killed by the cold weather.

George Osgood, who was prominent in social, business and religious circles at St. Louis, has deserted his wife and child and is supposed to be in San Francisco.

The Cattlemen's Convention at Fort Worth has finished its labors, which, it is believed, will prove of benefit to the raiser, dealer and comfort in transportation of cattle.

The North Dakota Upper and Lower Houses are at enmity, owing to the failure of the lottery scheme, and each promises to kill the other's measures indiscriminately.

It is emphatically denied by officials of the Pennsylvania road that their road is concerned in the Burlington and Northern deal, or that it has any idea of acquiring the Manitoba road.

The farmers of Pope county, Ill., are alarmed over the spread of glanders among their horses. Many valuable animals have been killed or condemned by order of the State veterinary surgeon.

The Seventh-day Adventists of the United States have presented to congress a petition bearing 253,000 names, protesting against the passage of any bill in regard to any observance of the Sabbath.

A general demoralization of passenger and freight rates exists between Chicago and the Missouri river. The old rate of \$12.50 has been reduced to a \$5 open rate, and of this amount \$3 is paid in commissions, leaving but \$2 to the road.

Secretary Windom has transmitted to the Senate a letter from Secretary Blaine, asking for an additional appropriation of \$35,000 to meet the expenses of the International Marine Conference. The original appropriation was \$2,000.

The mileage of the new railways in process of construction, according to careful statistics, is 5,938,704 miles of lines are not yet surveyed. The new construction will call for probably 2,030,000 tons of rails.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Michael Davitt to Start a Labor Paper in London.

Irish Unionist Papers Unanimous in Condemnation of Extension of Self-Government.

Emin Pasha is to withdraw from the Egyptian service.

The French chamber of deputies has elected Spuller vice-president.

The new Hungarian diet will not change the foreign policy of the government.

The damage done by continued floods throughout Italy is estimated at 4,000,000 francs.

The Sultan has given the King of Italy several Arab horses and other valuable presents.

The Duke of Cambridge, it is said, has decided to abandon the chief command of the army.

Greece is ordering a large quantity of arms and munitions of war and three fast cruisers in France.

The Servian government officially denies that it is trying to make a match for the 14-year-old king.

German authorities at Zanzibar have hanged a slave dealer for trying to embark slaves at Bagamoyo.

It is announced that a photographer at Vienna named Veres has succeeded in photographing natural colors.

Minister to Spain Thomas W. Palmer is not pleased with the position he occupies and will return home in a short while.

General Boulanger has left his Jersey retreat and taken a handsome house in London, where he spends money profusely.

An unlocked lamp alongside the corpse of a workman named Morris explains the cause of the explosion in the Moraa (Wales) colliery.

The new French ministry will devote itself to the amelioration of the condition of the laboring classes and to conciliate the political factions.

Vienna dispatches say a band of Servian militia tried to capture the Bosnian village of Gracie, but were repulsed by Austrian gendarmes.

The English government intends introducing a bill into Parliament against the importation into that country of diseased cattle from the United States.

The British steamer Vincent has been abandoned at sea. The captain and eight of the crew landed at Ferrol, Spain. The mate and fourteen men were lost.

The dividends of the English street car companies varied last year from 1 1/2 to 9 1/2 per cent. They nearly all showed an increase over the previous year.

The Cologne Gazette threatens war to the knife against Bismarck if the Chancellor forms an alliance with Windthorst, the leader of the Clerical party.

Owing to incessant rains the river at Brisbane, Queensland, has overflowed its banks and inundated the town. The damage is estimated at £300,000.

The French gunboat Emarrade has bombarded Akomey, a village of Dahomey, on the Niger. The Dahomans were panic-stricken by the attack.

The election in Peru promises to be a serious affair. Collisions between the opposing parties are frequent, and in many cases of a bloody character.

Cuban journals which have been openly advocating annexation to the United States have received a warning which has checked their utterances.

The American students in German universities have formed a glee club, and propose making a tour of European capitals, singing American melodies only.

Lady Collin Campbell is stage-struck. She has written a drama in which she will take the leading part, and is negotiating for a London theater in which to produce it.

Near Catania, in daylight, six brigands captured Baron Zurlo and son. They held the son as hostage and sent the father for a ransom of \$20,000. Baron Zurlo scraped together \$9,230 and the brigands released his son.

The parishioners of Harwarden, England, of both political parties, have just decided to erect, as a memorial of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone's golden wedding, a handsome fountain opposite to the entrance to the castle grounds.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, by a compromise with the city, will do away with the twenty grade crossings on its New York division in Philadelphia at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000. Seventeen of the streets are to go under the tracks and three above them.

A masked party of thirty men started in to lynch an equal number of Chinamen at Fairfield, in Spokane county, Washington, but only a few braved heads followed. There have been rumors of the cutting of wages by Chinese track laborers on the Union Pacific, and the small riot was the result. The Grand Jury will probably investigate the matter.

A report reached Silver City, N. M., that seven persons had been killed by Indians on the Little Blue, about twenty miles from Alamo, a small place in the Golden, about seventy-five miles from Silver City. The report lacks confirmation.

Sitting hens must have attention. One is liable to forget that warm weather brings lice. A clean nest is the first requisite. If the nest-box is well aired with kerosene and the hen thoroughly dusted with Buhaich insect powder there will be no lice. This means a steady, quiet sitter, the result of which will be a good hatch. The hen, after she is about to leave the nest with her brood, should be dusted with the insect powder again. Chicks hatched by an incubator are very seldom troubled with lice. This is one good point in favor of artificial hatching, and means steady growth, bringing them into marketable condition earlier and at the time when good prices prevail.—American Agriculturist.

PORTLAND MARKET.

No feature of importance has occurred in the local merchandise markets to call for comment. The improving weather is favorably influencing trade, and although some complaint of the quietness in some lines, in others activity is admitted. The dreaching rains east of the mountains give assurance of bounteous cereal crops which will do much to make up for the terrible losses of stock in some districts.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Breaking Plow	8 1/2 @ 25
Broadcast Seeders	9 @ 140
Binding Tine	10 per ct dis
Binding Wire	12 1/2
Grain Drills	11 @ 16
Gang Plow	1 0 @ 115
Osborne's Mowers	20 @ et di
Reapers	20 @ et di
Combined Mowers and Reapers	20 @ et di
Droppers	130
Steel-frame self-binding Harrow	20 @ et di
Railroad Barrows, iron wheels	48 @ 55
Railroad Barrows, wood wheels	30
Road Plow	12 @ 11
Solid Steel Scrapers	70 @ 9
Steel Disk Harrows	125 @ 170
Spring Wagons	7 @ 65
Sulky Plows	9 @ 25
Walking Plows	110 @ 160
Wagons, all makes	110 @ 160

BAGS.

Burlaps, 40 in	7
Burlaps, 45 in	7 1/2
Burlaps, 60 in	11
Gunnies, 25x40	16
Potato Bags, net cash	5 @ 6 1/2
Wool, 4 lb	40
Wool, 3 lb	38
Wheat Sacks, spot, net cash	24
Wheat Sacks, extra, second-hand	6 1/2

COFFEES.

Guatemala, # lb	22 @ 24
Java, # lb	25 @ 27
Mocha, # lb	28 @ 31
No. 1 Costa Rica, # lb	22 @ 23
Rio, # lb	21 @ 22
Salvador, # lb	21 @ 22
Roasted, in bags	20 @ 27
Arbuckle's Ariosa, # lb	20 @ 27
Closet & D's Columbia 1 lb prs	24 @ 24
Costa Rica	25 @ 28
Guatemala	25 @ 28
Roasted Java	25 @ 28
Roasted Mocha	35 @ 37

VEGETABLES (FRESH).

Cabbage, # lb	2
Carrots, # sk	1 1/2
Carrots, young, # doz	1 1/2
Celery, # doz	90 @ 100
Lettuce, # doz	12 1/2
Onions, # 100 lbs	3 @ 23 1/2
Potatoes, # 100 lbs	2 1/2
Potatoes, sweets, # lb	2 1/2
Radishes, # doz	12 1/2
Spinach	1 1/2
Turnips, per sk	1 1/2

POULTRY.

Chickens, large young, # doz	5 00 @ 5 50
Chickens, broilers	5 00 @ 5 50
Chickens, old	5 00 @ 5 50
Ducks, # doz	7 00 @ 8 50
Geese, young, # doz	10 00 @ 11 00
Turkeys, young, # lb	15
Grouse and Pheasants	3 00

FRESH FRUITS.

Apples	1 50 @ 2 00
Bananas, # bunch	3 50 @ 4 00
Lemons, California, # box	3 75 @ 4 00
Lemons, Sicily, # box	5 25
Limes, # cwt	1 50
Oranges, Riverside	3 00
Oranges, Seedless	4 50 @ 4 75

GRAIN.

Barley, whole, # cwt	80 @ 80
Corn, # 100 lbs	1 50
Oats, good, old, # bushel	40 @ 42 1/2
Oats, new	1 10 @ 12 1/2
Rye, # 100 lbs, nominal	1 15 @ 17
Wheat, Valley, # 10 lbs	1 15 @ 17
Wheat, Eastern Oregon	1 12 1/2 @ 15

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

Butter—	
Oregon fancy creamery	25
Choice dairy	20
Common	8 @ 10
Pickled, California	18 @ 20
Eastern fancy creamery	18 @ 20
California fresh roll	18 @ 20
Cheese—	
New California	12
Oregon skins and old	10
Swiss Cheese, domestic	18 @ 16
Young America, Or	14
Eggs—	
Oregon, # doz	18
Eastern, # doz	18

FLOUR.

Oregon skims and old.....	10
Swiss Cheese, domestic.....	15@16
Young America, Or.....	14
Eggs—	
Oregon, ½ doz.....	18
Eastern, ½ doz.....	..