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ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT IT.

Your reflections on wealth and poverty are trite and commonplace. It is a time-honored platitude that wealth does not bring happiness. It is a lie nevertheless. There are ever so many other commonplace aphorisms about money, such as "The love of money is the root of all evil," "Wealth is better than poverty." We know of no condition in life where it is not desirable to have money. We never knew of an individual who would not rather be rich than poor. We know the story of Diogenes and Alexander, and it is our opinion that the shoemaker would have changed places with the king if Alexander would have swapped. It is all very well for the conqueror to have said, "if he were not Alexander, he would be Diogenes," but then he was Alexander. We take Socrates with some grains of salt. In our opinion he had two reasons, outside of his philosophy, for taking the hemlock—Xantippe and poverty. Socrates was a tramp and his wife was a scold. If he had been wealthy his wife would have been amiable. Rich men's wives are always amiable. If Xantippe had enjoyed plenty of money, moved in good society, dressed well, and kept her carriage, she would not have been Xantippe. Women, poor, ill-dressed, hard-worked, and the wives of philosophers who come late to dinners they did not provide, are apt to scold—and have a right to do so. It was lucky for the great Athenian that his wife did not keep a diary or write a book. He would have suffered as has Thomas Carlyle, and as most great men would suffer if their wives or valets should write their lives. Your allusion to Governor Stanford's ill-health is simply absurd. Of course health is better than wealth, so is youth; but would Governor Stanford enjoy muscular rheumatism any better if he were poor, or be less liable to have it? Does not sickness invade the cabin as well as the palace?—and does not money bring a thousand comforts and alleviations which are beyond the reach of the poor? Of course, you pity rich men—that is, you think you do, only you don't. You envy them, and would swap places with them if you could. It is all nonsense, this affectation of despising wealth. You say: "God shows his contempt of wealth by the kind of men he gives it to." He doesn't do anything of the kind. He never gives away anything. God makes men work. He loans them brains and muscle, and then makes them toil for what they get; and if they inherit, they must work to keep it. He hides his treasures in mines to be developed by labor. He hides the secrets of nature for the explorer. He hides the operation of natural law for the inventor to study out. Besides, most of the rich men are self-made. This relieves God Almighty from the responsibility of their creation. The story of Lazarus and Dives makes no point in favor of the rich or poor, as the sacred parable does not pretend that Dives went to hell for being rich, nor Lazarus to Abraham's bosom as the penalty of poverty. The fact is, the good Book favors the rich, and justifies Providence in giving to them a greater abundance, and in taking from the poor that which they have not. It is a distinction to be rich. Anybody can be poor. We are not writing this paragraph for any other purpose than to protest against this never-ending cant, affectation and hypocrisy about money. It is one of the best things in this world—better than religion, or good birth, or learning, or good manners. Everybody wants it, and toils for it. The preacher prays for it. Governments are powerful according to their financial condition. Men and women are respectable in proportion to the money they have. It secures comfort in this world, and will

procure masses to escape the penalties of purgatory in the next. Good health, a clear conscience, and good digestion beat money. We do not know of anything else that does.—*Frank Pieleg's answer to Correspondents.*

Peter Cooper's Illustration of Usury.

Mr. Cooper was always a careful and prudent business man. He was always opposed to the methods of many merchants, who launched out in extravagant enterprises on borrowed money, for which they paid exorbitant rates of interest. Once, while talking about a project with an acquaintance, the latter said he would have to borrow money for six months, paying interest at the rate of three per cent. "Why do you borrow for so short a time?" Mr. Cooper asked. "Because the brokers will not negotiate bills for longer." "Well, if you wish," said Mr. Cooper, "I will discount your note at that rate for three years." "Are you in earnest?" asked the would-be borrower. "Certainly I am. I will discount your note for \$10,000 for three years at that rate. Will you do it?" "Of course I will," said the merchant. "Very well," said Mr. Cooper; "just sign this note for \$10,000, payable in three years, and give me your check for \$800, and the transaction is complete." "But where is the money for me?" asked the astonished merchant. "You don't get any money," was the reply. "Your interest for 36 months at 3 per centum per month amounts to 108 per centum, or \$10,800; therefore, your check for \$800 just makes us even." The force of this practical illustration of the folly of paying such an exorbitant price for the use of money was such that the merchant determined never to borrow at such ruinous rates, and he frequently used to say that nothing could have so fully convinced him as this rather humorous proposal of Mr. Cooper.—*New York Evening Post.*

As a result of a conference with Secretary Teller Chief Moses agrees to surrender his reservation in Washington Territory and settle with his people on the Colville reservation adjoining. Chief Thomaskat, who represents the Indians now on the Colville reservation, was present at the conference, and agreed to receive Moses and his people. Chief Thomaskat requested Secretary Teller to erect upon the Colville reservation a sawmill, gristmill and school house, and furnish a physician for the Indians. Chief Moses gave notice that he would expect compensation for relinquishing the reservation. It is expected that an agreement between the government and Chief Moses will result in throwing open for settlement 2,000,000 acres.

The Prussian government has ordered precautionary measures against vessels arriving in Prussia from ports in Turkey or the Red sea, the north coast of Africa, eastward of Algiers, the west coast of Africa, or any port where the existence of cholera is suspected, or where epidemic yellow fever prevails. The period of quarantine for vessels from suspected ports is six days.

Iron ship-builders on the Delaware now state that they can build iron ships for about the same figure a wooden ship costs. An iron ship now building at the American ship-building yard was, according to the bids offered, but \$100 dearer than a wooden ship-builder offered to construct a wooden ship of the same size for.

Mark Lanigan, Esq., First Deputy Sheriff of New York city, recently said to a prominent newspaper reporter: "I had a very weak and painful back, and could find nothing to relieve it until I tried St. Jacobs Oil, less than four bottles of which cured me completely. I have recommended it highly."

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The Old Testament Company of Revisers have now finished the last revision of the Old Testament and are making up the appendix, which contains the unadjusted differences between the American and English revisers. The committee will meet again in July for several days, and resume work in September next. It is expected that the revision will be completed before the end of this year and published by the University press of Oxford and Cambridge before next spring.

White Dog, the famous old chief of the Ogalalla Sioux, takes much interest in tornadoes, and describes them in a peculiarly picturesque fashion, all his own. "Me catch (understand—"catch on") "eyelone," he says, "big wind in cloud. Blow wigwam way off. Spit fire. Make row like five big herd buffalo. Always go that way (pointing to the northeast.) Me see plenty of 'em; more than many (counting twenty on his fingers.) When he come, Injun lie down on his belly and grab soap wood and grass. Ugh! Big wind!"

The descendants of Rebecca Nurse, who was executed in Salem in 1692, in consequence of the witchcraft delusion, propose holding a basket picnic on the third Wednesday in July at the old homestead in Tapleville, Danvers.

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