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Many things have happened in the history of the world which almost make one lose respect for his kind and faith in human nature. The crazes which have taken possession of whole communities, nay, even almost whole nations, are hard to account for on any theory of common sense.

One of the most noted of such crazes is known as the Crusades. These consisted of different expeditions from Europe to the holy land, the account of which, as handed down in history, is almost incredible. Thousands of poor people, rabble and children, as well as knights and soldiers, undertook these journeys. Of course they perished by the hundreds, only a comparative few ever living to reach the borders of Palestine.

A great business speculation which took place in our own colonial times, known as the "South Sea Bubble," was another instance of such crazes; when the world seemed to go topsy-turvy, and thousands of people lost their reasoning faculties, only to find them again after being landed on the shores of utter bankruptcy. In England they have just had an experience somewhat similar to the South Sea Bubble, in the African mining speculations, in which thousands of poor people have been reduced to abject poverty, and many well-to-do people have become poor for the balance of their lives.

The foundation and moving force of these speculative crazes is avarice—the desire to be suddenly wealthy, with little or no exertion. This desire is common to all mankind, to a certain extent, but experience and common sense teach us that things don't happen that way. In the instances cited, however, certain conditions prevailed which made a foundation to work upon, and the movement once started under skillful management, the weak side of human nature was soon completely undermined, and the people fell easy victims to the craze, which thus became epidemic.

Now it appears that the coming presidential election is developing a craze as marked, and which may result as disastrously as any of those named. The Demagogic, Free Silver and general Socialistic movement is certainly one of the most unaccountable, unreasonable and senseless crazes which ever occurred at any time or in any country. We have been in the habit of flattering ourselves that the United States of America is the top notch nation of the world; that her citizens are as intelligent, patriotic and honest as can be found in the universe, and that they are in favor of good laws, good government, good money, and good times, based on a solid foundation. Instead of which we find at least a good-sized minority of them boldly and vociferously advocating untried, socialistic and revolutionary methods of government, with the demand for the unlimited coinage of silver at twice its commercial value the main issue of the campaign.

The greenback fiat craze had its day a few years ago, and was supposed to be dead. Any intelligent ten year old boy ought to know that the idea is entirely false, but, behold, it rises up again with new life and new vigor. The fact that 15 or 16 ounces of silver were at one time worth as much as one ounce of gold has nothing to do with the question; but it is useless to here argue the case, it has already been argued and discussed time and again, and argument seems to do no good with a man afflicted with a craze.

The Spartans, we are told, used iron for money, but they never attempted to coin a small piece of iron and say it should absolutely be made to pass for any specified sum. They simply used the metal at its commercial value. They were honest, if their circulating medium was inconvenient, but what shall we say of the men who want a certain piece of silver to circulate for a certain sum of money whether it is worth that much or not?

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