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Should Make the Best of It.

We perceive that in things called natural, or under the conditions fixed by what is termed natural law, there are two forces operating which are in opposition each to the other, the one being creative, preservative in its operation, while the other is destructive, always tearing down and dissolving that which has been builded.

Go where you will, look where you may, and examine whatsoever you please, and you will find these two agents at work, sometimes one being in the lead sometimes the other, but both vigilantly operative at all times.

The one holds in its embrace the life principle and will take the seed of whatsoever kind it may be and produce that which a Wise Designer decreed might come forth from it. For example we will take the seed of the oak which has been carried to some friendly hill top to sink into the soil, where it sprouts, sends up a tender shoot, pushes upward, sends its roots outward and downward, being wrought upon by this creative force until it becomes a monarch of the forest.

Many forces have united in its production; the earth, the sunshine, the rain, the atmosphere, and even the storms have added to its sturdiness by causing it to send out its roots far and deep in order to protect itself against being uprooted. All these elements have sacrificed to produce the tree, the storms lending to it its sturdy quality, for in comparison, take one which has grown under protected environment and expose it to merciless storms and it is soon prostrated, it cannot stand.

In the tearing down process the same elements may be used, as heat and cold, sunshine and rain, have their effect upon the rock which in time is reduced to a state where its particles inure to the production of vegetable matter, thus the rock is sacrificed or changed to produce something else. So we find these two laws or forces operating upon animate and inanimate objects, and hence man comes under the power or influence of these same conditions, because he came into existence as a passive being and is here not of his own will or volition but to be acted upon by these forces which existed before he came upon the altar of life. But while he had no choice as to his coming, neither as to time, nor place, yet having arrived, he has choice as to how the forces he finds here may be permitted to operate upon him under certain conditions where his agency is involved. In their natural sphere we call these forces natural laws, but when they

are considered in the sphere wherein they are operating upon man we deem them spiritual in order. Man was given intelligence, the power to know good from evil, and his agency that he might choose between them. Now if he will permit the lower order, or those laws which lead to destruction, to operate in his case, then he will travel the downward grade following where the will of the flesh, or natural bent of the carnal man leads, until he has sunk from sight and entered the precincts of the condemned, having passed off the stage of action. But if on the other hand he is influenced by the higher order of law, then he goes diligently to work to seek out that course which has an upward tendency, and he reaches out to gain intelligence and to profit by it, until its lead has brought him into touch with the higher order of life, and because of morality and uprightness comes trust, confidence, wealth, and honor, while he ascends higher in the scale of existence until he comes into that state where he fills out the measure of his creation.

Now we may ask after the race has been run and the prize awarded, what has been the use of the lower order of law? The reply comes, the storms of winter and the strong winds of adversity which operated to make the mountain oak sturdy have been duplicated in the experience of the man. Adverse conditions and the obstructions that intruded to impede his progress and retard his advancement to the higher measure of intelligent, useful life, have only anchored his character and made it steadfast and sure. Do not despise the things that impede your progress, but press on, overcome, and attain the end desirable.

Do They Build For Peace

On September 30th England launched her eleventh dreadnaught, the greatest battleship in existence. It is said: "The time to prepare for war, is in time of peace." There have been several "Peace Conferences," but judging from the strenuous haste which England and Germany and a few other nations are making to get ponderous engines of war ready for fighting, one would naturally conclude that the rulers of these great nations have little or no faith in Peace Conferences, but are relying on the old theory that large standing armies, well backed by the machinery of war were inductive to pacific conditions.

Even this did not suffice when Japan wanted a slice of Russia's Eastern possessions, nor will it in any case longer than the opposing force think itself sufficiently well armed to overcome its enemy.

But conditions are changing, and while nations are still pursuing the same old beaten trails, it looks like foolishness to spend millions of dollars on great battleships which a bomb ejected from a submarine boat, or one dropped from the high-flying flying machine, can destroy in half a second.

However it seems to us that this constant building of machines of destruction means

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more than appears on the surface, and that conditions for peace are not what they should be, but that in the end or when the climax comes there will be a marshalling of hosts in conflict of war such as has never been recorded.

It is said that no one is so shrewd but that there is some one else who is smarter. Perhaps the proposition is not stated as accurately as it might be. But this proposition will stand steadfast, "That no person is so thoroughly conversant with all the ins and outs of traffic and tricks in trade, but that some other individual will be able to get the best of him or her on some project somewhere along along the line" This is true of Patten who cornered the wheat market and made his millions out of his deal in a short time, ruining many operators and making the nation pay tribute to him in the increased price of its food. Now comes a fourteen cent raise in wheat, and Armour is the power behind the deal and Patten is caught short and has to foot the bill.

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