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THE CALAMITY HOWLER

One of the terms most used, and probably overworked in its application, is the oft used appellation, "Calamity Howler." It is applied to persons in public and private life; the country rustic nor the city dweller escapes, and the politician and the preacher may not keep clear of its liability to attach to them its doleful sounding title.

But what is a Calamity Howler? Someone answers: It is a person void of optimism; one who can discern no roseate colors looming up in the future; who sees no silver lining behind the clouds which obscure his vision, and who constantly preaches destruction or wails out concerning the vision of evil which fancy brings to his view.

What else? O! well, it is a fit cognomen for the dry good's box orator who is ever alert to catch the ear of like discontents that he may sow his somber seed in soil that will yield a bounteous harvest, says another.

Well, yes, a third answer: It is the fellow that is always holding up public grievances, and telling that the country is on the highway to the eternal bow-wows if there is not something done to avert the disaster.

All these definitions and many others are given herewith to point out members of this peculiar class of the human family, and yet, none of them may be right and the person to whom they are often applied may be wiser than those who are moved with contempt against him or her.

Go back in the history of the world and you will find personages who stand out eminently before their fellowmen, and there is hardly a doubt but that they were classed, in their day, by those whom they rebuked, as "calamity howlers."

Take Noah, who preached for one hundred and twenty years, foretelling the destruction that would overtake the inhabitants of that age if they did not repent, and perhaps you have the greatest example of calamity discourses. Then Moses as pitched against the iniquitous Egyptians must have been a fine sample of this class, while Jonah in the eyes of some of the Ninevites would certainly acquire the title, and even Messiah in the eyes of his foes was, and still is, according to their judgment entitled to such cognomen.

But, notwithstanding all our doubts and misgivings, there is a creator who has the right of supervision over what he has constructed and unless his laws and commandments are obeyed there must come a time of reckoning. That nation that is most righteous prospers most, and in the ages past and gone

when a nation became corrupt so that there was little or no good in it, it passed away. The same is still true and the reason is apparent, for where the bond of true friendship and civic righteousness does not exist there can be no cementing influence to longer bind together those who once wrought together in peace and dissolution must follow.

We are told that the world is growing better; that there never was a time when there was so many christian people and nations upon the earth, but if we take a look upon the other hand we will also find that there was perhaps never a time when men in high places had so little regard for law as at present, unless it was during the time of Noah.

We read that the Caananites attained to a fulness if iniquity and also that the time of the Gentiles is to be fulfilled. And, what then? Let some one else answer. Well, what will be the end? Just turn that query over to those who have made a forecast of the future. The Caananites attained to a fullness and the fullness of the Gentiles is also to come in.

Dr. Maguire as a Hunter.

Over the same country traversed by Theodore Roosevelt, Dr. Maguire, hunted for big game, when it was so plentiful that a short journey would reveal herds in abundance and the little prairies frequently looked like a western cattle ranch, so thickly were they crowded with the game, now so rapidly disappearing. The very abundance added to the danger of securing it and Dr. Maguire bears the scars of several serious conflicts, one of them, the result of a battle royal with a hippopotamus nearly cost him his life and left wounds from which he will never entirely recover. His hunting expeditions were made, not for sport, but as the necessities of his larder demanded. He learned the stalk of big game, and wood craft from the natives and his stories of the "big hunt would make a thrilling book. Dr. Mingus will lecture Saturday afternoon, July 15, at 3 o'clock, at the Albany Chautauqua Assembly, on the subject, "With an Irishman Through the Jungles of Africa," and on Sunday afternoon, July 16, at 3 o'clock, on "Six Years on the Dark Continent."

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His Bad Break.
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"That's just it, Harkaway," said Billups. "Jorrocks looks so very prosperous that I am quite sure he spends every penny he makes, but you, old man—why, you dress like a man who saves his money."

P. S.—He didn't get it.—Harper's Weekly.

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