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Self Improvement

"It pays to improve the plant whether it be under the roof of a building or under a hat."

This is true because the world has rewards for efficiency. It always has had and always will have. The principle of natural selection or of the survival of the fittest has general application. When an individual or a business firm or an institution makes advancement it is not by chance or accident. It is true that when privilege enters into the game the regular rules become set aside. But it is safer to rely on efficiency than upon privilege.

It is also true that the plant may be improved if one but wishes to do so. It is easier to improve the plant that is under one's hat than to better the plant that is in a building. It costs money to improve the latter sort of a plant. But the plant that every individual carries around with him may be improved at slight expense. It is chiefly a matter of work and ambition. But when the work is done it brings a good return. If one is an employe he can make himself fit for the position just above him and when he gets that he can look at something still higher. There is always room. The great crowd is at the bottom of the ladder.

The doctrine of self betterment is a hopeful doctrine and it applies to everyone even to the miserably poor and to the miserably rich.—East Oregonian.

Did He Live In Vain?

The Money King is dead, but even money does not mourn his passing.

From the stock exchange and the great markets of legalized gambling comes a sharp cry, but it is a cry of fear and alarm—not of sorrow; a cry of fear lest "bears" depress stocks and bonds; a cry of alarm lest some stone be shaken out of the arch of Special Privilege and the whole edifice, founded on injustice and maintained by brutal disregard of human rights, crash in hopeless wreck.

It is the "market" that mourns for Morgan, as though the Sampson of the Temple of Money, blind to the misery and suffering that he took an active part in bringing into the world, had grasped the pillars of the temple and wrenched the structure as he drew his last breath.

But among the people there is no mourning as for the passing of a man whose life has given him a place in the hearts of the people. Of Morgan it will not be said as was said of Henry George when his dust was laid away: "This is not a funeral, but a resurrection."

Men must be measured, when

the final balance is struck, by the service they have given their fellow men—not by the fortunes they have taken from their fellows; by what they have done to make the world better, not by what they have done to build up the check-book power; by what they have done to lessen human suffering, not by what they have done to increase it.

Yet in a way the world should be grateful to Morgan; for as others have shown the way to liberty and happiness and to the Brotherhood of Man, Morgan's life has been, as it were, a great searchlight thrown upon the road that leads away from liberty, from human happiness and from the Brotherhood of Man; a searchlight thrown upon ruthless power and showing its cruelty, its danger to mankind. Morgan has warned the world against other Morgans, and if the world shall heed that warning, Morgan has not lived in vain.

Poor, infinitely poor Morgan! —San Francisco Star.

Then and Now

An exchange says: "That when we were young, people had bad colds, soaked their feet in hot water and got well. Now they have lagrippe, take quinine and are sick all summer. Then they had sore throat, wrapped a piece of fat pork in an old sock, tied it around their neck at bedtime and went to work the next day; now they have tonsillitis, a surgical operation and two weeks in the house. Then they had the bellyache, took castor oil and recovered; now they have appendicitis and a month in the hospital. They worked then, now they labor. In those days they wore underclothes, now they wear lingerie. They went to a restaurant for their dinner, now they go to a cafe. Then they broke a leg, now they fracture a limb. They went crazy then, now they are afflicted with brain storm. Then the ministers preached hell fire straight from the shoulder, now they read an essay on flowers, that blossom on Mohammed's grave. Politicians then paid good hard cash for votes, now they pay garden seeds.

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink," is an old saying that is brought to remembrance by the action of Mrs. Pankhurst, the English suffragette that has made herself prominent lately, and who was imprisoned for her destructive method of campaigning. After being imprisoned she determined not to eat in prison and became so weak that the authorities had to open the prison door and send her to a sanitarium. It was a case of let her out or she would have starved to death.

The Weekly Oregonian says: "That professor at Berkely who is living on rye bread and skim milk at a cost of 9 cents a day is not setting an example to anybody. Those who cannot afford more will be ashamed of such a diet, and those who can buy anything they want will do so and eat it.

"Beefsteak," says a railroad magnate, "may be twice as high as it used to be, but locomotives cost three times as much."

Gen. Huerta, Madero's Successor; Mexico City's Ruined Buildings



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PERHAPS time alone will tell whether General Victoriano Huerta was justified in the part he played in the undoing of Francisco I. Madero, Jr., president of Mexico. He had been considered the most orthodox of federal army leaders. He had fought for Porfirio Diaz. Equally he had been faithful to De la Barra. In turn, he stuck to Madero. Then came the fierce and sudden uprising of Felix Diaz and the long "battle of the streets" in Mexico City, in which many buildings were so constantly under fire Huerta's coup d'etat—some call it dire treachery—followed. Then came the killing of Madero's brother, Gustavo. Next our country was shocked by the double slaying of the deposed president and his vice president, Suarez Huerta, in turn, faced rebellion. This is a good picture of the provisional president. Some of the buildings damaged by the cannon are also shown.

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Funny you can't make those fellows understand that everybody does not have to buy locomotives!—Telegram.

The Painful Part

Tom Ochiltree walked into the house of representatives one afternoon with a sort of loose and careless appearance, whereupon Judge Culberson proceeded to learn what had befallen his colleague. "What's the matter, Tom? You seem pestered. Anything wrong?"

"Yes," replied Ochiltree. "I've been down to Chamberlin's playing poker all night and lost \$3,000." Culberson extended his sympathy and then proceeded to enlighten Tom on the virtue of leading a sane, sober and frugal life. Ochiltree listened and seemed to be deeply impressed. Then, turning to his friend, he remarked: "Well, judge, I do feel bad; very bad, indeed; and I want to thank you for your wholesome and friendly advice, but the

thing that is pestering my mind is the disgraceful fact that \$20 of the \$3,000 was in cash."—Chicago Tribune.

Heartfelt Appreciation.

A tourist was being conveyed through a rough country by a driver who boasted of his knowledge of all the roads, saying that he knew every stick and stone along the highway. After they had passed over a smooth piece of road they began to go bumpity-bump for several miles. Just as the buckboard came out of a hole about two feet deep the driver turned and said, "How do you like riding on a buckboard?"

At that instant the tourist happened to be about six feet in the air and remarked:

"I wouldn't miss it for the world."—Metropolitan Magazine.

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