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Meditations

A German scientist has succeeded in segregating the germ that causes the hoof and mouth disease, after which some means of dealing with it, is a comparatively simple matter. For news matter we surmise this has a considerably greater importance for the world than the crimes and sensations with which we are daily regaled.

As state after state holds primaries and declares for Coolidge we are told in certain quarters that he is a leader without followers—which is our idea of zero as a conclusion.

A new kind of glass has been discovered which does not obstruct any of the sun's rays and which may be dropped on a concrete floor without fear of breaking. It is made by fusing quartz by means of intense heat.

The Presbyterian assembly is again engaged in the task of disciplining dissenters in an effort to find a common basis of religious belief. We grow quite concerned now over our differences in religious beliefs but have only to go back a short ways in history to find a time when much more serious consequences rested on differences of opinion about the spiritual aspects of this world and that which is to come. No more dreadful or more barbaric war was ever fought than the thirty years of strife that devastated central Europe in the seventeenth century. Whole districts were depopulated in a struggle that had as its basis, differences in religious opinion. Now days if the beliefs of one sect do not please one there are others that will if he seeks far enough.

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Mrs. R. M. Hoots of Oklahoma, owner of the two year old "Black Gold"—the first western-bred horse to win the Historic Kentucky derby in four years.

A Rose to the Living

(An Appreciation)

There are ships that pass in the night and many on board there be who know it not. Only the trained eye of the captain sees them pass. In every village, most, there is one of God's noblemen; and yet, many there be therein who know it not. Truly the valley knows not its own. All this is not as it should be. In these times vice and error are both played up to the public gaze for all they are worth. The press usually runs them on the front page. Why not make as much of virtue? If the good deeds done from day to day were as carefully sought out and brought to light would not the constant contemplation of them engender yet others of like tenor? Listen then to the story of one in our midst. Most reluctantly did he reveal the facts of his busy life. His virtues he entirely withheld. We drew them from the lips of a disinterested party.

This man lives in the little city of Independence, two miles to the east of us. He leads an extremely busy life but does it all with so much system that you'd scarcely know he was

about. He counts his friends by the score and his acquaintances are legion. His business affairs are very extensive and yet nothing of interest to his home city, county or state, escapes his attention and hearty co-operation. By this time you are surely anxious to know who this man is. I will tell you. His name is H. Hirschberg, president of the Independence National Bank.

Mr. Hirschberg came to Oregon from Germany about fifty-four years ago. He was then a young man and after a few years residence in Portland, he came to Independence where he has lived ever since. He began his career in America with practically no means whatever except those fundamental qualities of character, which always spell success when rightly put to use. For a time in those early days he followed his trade—that of a tinner but subsequently took up merchandising which he conducted until about 1886. In that year he organized the bank as a private concern and has remained in that business until the present time. His financial success has been such that he is known as one of the wealthiest men of the state. He owns great tracts of the finest farm lands in the Willamette valley as well as thousands of acres of timber in this and other western states. From one of his valley farms alone he has sold as high as \$200,000 worth of produce in one season.

As interesting as is all of the above record of achievement, it is, however, not the greatest interest of Mr. Hirschberg. He gives his mind to his business, but his heart and soul belong to the boys and girls who are growing up around him. He loves to do things for them and no child, no matter what his station in life, but can get a hearing from him and a substantial aid if his case be just.

He keeps posted on their work in school and is a firm supporter of the public school and all that it tries to do. For years he has given \$1 per month to that pupil in each grade in Independence Training school who wins the highest mark over 95%. As promptly as the months go by the winners may be seen going to the bank for their dollars. Mr. Hirschberg asks no questions but hands out the money and urges them to keep the good work up. During the winter months the Independence schools have hot lunch for their pupils at noon. Mr. Hirschberg insists that no child shall be kept away from the table for lack of means to pay. He orders the manager of the lunch room to send him the bill for such at the end of each month. He pays it. It usually runs as high as \$40 to \$60.

This past winter he insisted that all underweight children be given milk, the best obtainable, twice each day during the school hours. The bill was paid by him.

These are only a few of the good things he does for those about him, but they are enough to give a sure indicate the real man that there is within him. What a sense of satisfaction must come to one when he realizes how much good he has made his money accomplish. What a rare heritage is his. What a gallery of little faces made happy must come and go in his memory as he thinks of the years that are gone. May the twilight of life come on slowly, Mr. Hirschberg; may you sit long and happily in its fading glow. Unlike many you need not wait for the darkness to come that your immortality may set in. It has set in now.

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