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FRIENDS AND FRIENDSHIP

The most valuable asset a man can have is a friend. Not that he may have some one who can help him—that isn't worth much in the final analysis, but that he may have some one he can help. The friendless man is miserable. Not because there is no one to assist him, but because there is no one he can assist.

To have a friend aid you, to have one give you a certain amount of money when you need that amount, for instance, may be considered a glorious thing. But it is confidence, some one to whom you can willingly give a hundred dollars and feel that your friendship has been of use to him. That is real friendship.

Nor is all this a matter of sentiment. It is a very practical, a very substantial thing. There is a great deal more in this thing of being of service to others than the average man imagines.

Success in life is not the accumulation of wealth. That is at most only an indication of success in one particular line. The real test of success is what a man gets out of life. The mere possession of wealth is a bubble, a fiction. Carried to its logical conclusion, no man can possess wealth. He may control it to a certain extent. He may hoard it or disburse it, but wealth of itself is without value. Until it is disbursed, until it is exchanged for something else, money is of no account whatever. It does not even possess the virtue of being beautiful.

But the man of wealth has greater opportunities of serving others. To that extent he is successful. He has achieved the possibility of being of service to others; if he builds a big factory for turning the natural resources into necessities or luxuries of the race; if he founds schools or colleges; if he uses his wealth in traveling that he may become better acquainted with his fellow man, or understand all the more the nature of the world in which he lives that he may be of more comfort to

those with whom he comes in contact, then he disburses his wealth in the service of others.

But where he hoards and grasps, and hurls onto all he can accumulate, or uses it solely for his own desires, then is life a failure. One must serve somebody else thro himself to be successful, to get out of life all there is in it.

This does not necessarily mean that a man who has a dollar must give it to somebody else. That may indeed be a very poor service. Besides, wealth or money is not the only thing in the world with which one may serve his fellows. He may visit the sick—and serve by his presence. He may serve the whole community by standing for those things which are right and by opposing the things which are wrong—and thereby show friendship, not only for the individual but for the community.

REMAIN SAFE

The real peril to peace, order and prosperity in the Roosevelt madness is the backing he is giving Woodrow Wilson and the democratic party in their campaign of reaction, sectionalism and free trade. Wilson's success would be a calamity involving repression and ruin more widespread than that which followed the success of democracy in 1892, and the Wilson low tariff and free trade bill of 1894, for the reason that the nation has expanded since that time and the interests disastrously affected would be vastly greater.

The one absolute guarantee for the country against another four years of democratic depression and another Roosevelt panic, is to remain in the safe harbor of Taft good times by voting for the republican platform and candidates.

It should go without saying that Theodore Roosevelt has no chance of success, although he is so eaten with self-pride, with the conviction that he is the only one in ninety millions that has wheels enough in his head to run the national machinery, that it is possible he thinks the American people are tired of Taft prosperity and want another Roosevelt panic.

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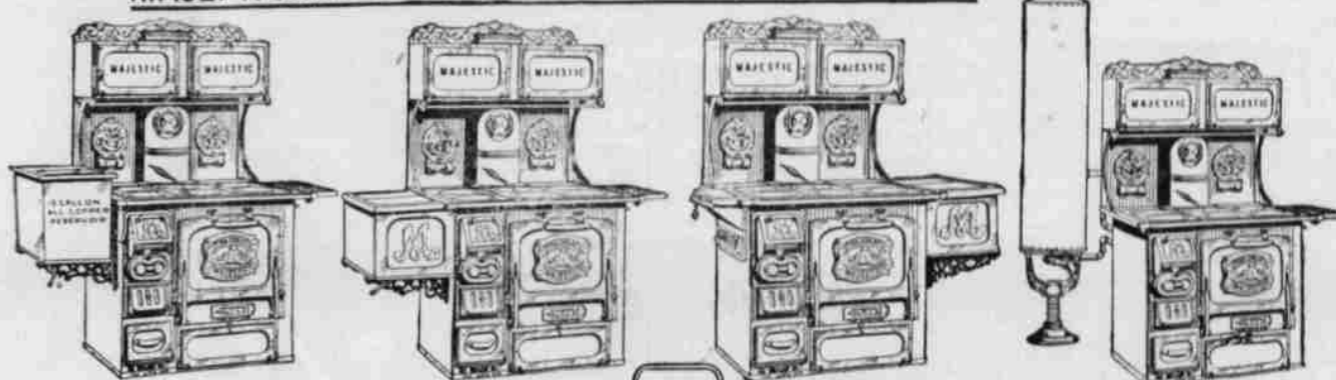
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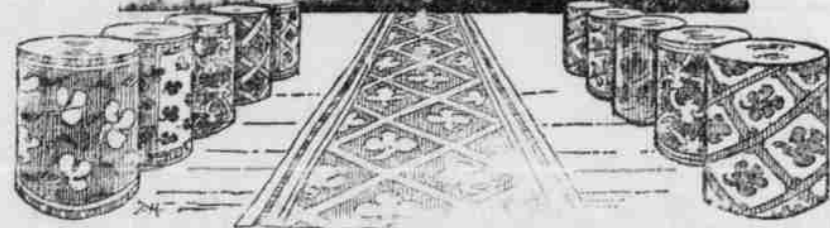
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