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Booster and Otherwise.

A commendable spirit is that of the man who evinces an abiding loyalty for his town, and who manifests interest in everything pertaining to its upbuilding and civic improvement. He is a component part of the largest class which goes to make up the citizenship of the average community. He has a good word to say for his town, even if it boasts of only a few houses, a store and postoffice. He is directly opposed to the "knocker" and does not recognize the latter as a legitimate member of modern society. It is just such men who make the best, most useful and desirable citizens of any town or community. They are honest in their convictions that their native or adopted state affords just as good opportunities for men in all vocations of life as any that the midday sun ever shone upon, and that the inhabitants of the town or community with whom they have chosen to cast their lot, constitute as worthy a class of citizenship as any enlightened country affords.

They are imbued with the same spirit, though shown in a lesser degree, as the man whose patriotism and love of country prompts him to give his life in defense of its laws or in repelling foreign invasion. As a part of the minor divisions of our great social structure, they stand ready to defend their towns and communities against the unjust attacks of non-residents and hasten to put a quietus on all mischievous reports circulated abroad and tending to leave unflattering impressions.

The inhabitants of a county or a municipal subdivision live in a little world of their own, and though from the nature of men, there must always be honest differences of opinion on subjects of local as well as of national interest, still the good citizens will be a unit in devoting their time and energy to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number of people. These men will be found not only boosting their town and resenting unjust criticisms, but they will be engaged in local upbuilding and improvement, so that, like Josh Billings' rooster, they will not only have the spurs to back the crowd up with.

Among this class of citizens, are all those who devote valuable time without compensation and without mercenary motives, to promoting the general welfare of the community and to securing to its members safety and health.

Entirely different individuals are those commonly termed "knockers". They compose a far less numerous class of society, but owing to the nature of their

work a few can do great damage in a short time. From them a stranger invariably gains an unfavorable impression of the town and the honesty of its citizens. Wherever they are found they seem unable to look upon the bright side of life even through a smoked glass.

Just criticism has its place. It is a factor in preventing any acts of a questionable character on the part of individuals. But the "knocker" has no function to perform in the progressive and enlightened community, and in the language of the vaudeville actor, the man who speaks disparagingly of his home town and his fellow citizens, had better repair to the wood shed and remain there with the rest of the hammers.

The Fallacy of Wealth.

That wealth alone does not insure happiness is exemplified in the lives of most of our great millionaires. About the only real pleasure which they experience is that derived from the mere possession of money. Money means power in this commercial age, but power while satisfying in a way to the ambitious is not synonymous with happiness or contentment.

The misguided man whom the possession of millions gives a thrill of joy may imagine himself a successful and happy man and so does the miser who by scrimping and saving through years of toil accumulates a hoard only to leave it behind him.

The sole object which the average man has in gaining a competence or in amassing wealth is that he will thereby be enabled to satisfy, first, the natural wants of himself and those dependent upon him, and second, the "cultured" wants when their standard of living rises and luxuries become necessities. After these wants are satisfied, the possession of a large surplus is not only not conducive to happiness but is the source of worry and discontent.

The man who is comfortably "fixed" gets more pleasure out of life and has far less to answer for in the Great Hereafter than such men as Rockefeller, Morgan and Carnegie. The latter gentlemen, while not in the same class with the common people in this world, are human beings and none the less sensible to criticism which justly or unjustly is heaped upon them. In innumerable ways enormous wealth renders life unpleasant and compels the possessor of it to deny themselves the gratification of the greatest human desire—the society of one's fellow man. Their notoriety accompanies them everywhere they go, and many an unhappy moment they spend in attempting to avoid the gaze of the "vulgar herd" or the snap shot of the camera fiend. When these Lords of high finance, unable to purchase eternal youth, become aged and infirm, the thoughts of a future life in the "Democracy of the dead" does not afford the "peace that passeth all understanding." There is a stern realization that in the "Republic of the grave" there is neither rank nor station, and "Dives must relinquish his millions as Lazarus relinquishes his rags."

It is real mean of a democratic newspaper to say that the president's "Aunt Della" declares that being president "has not spoiled William one bit," and then to add, "but it has played the duce with the republican party."—Ex.

According to the tariff a hen is a bird until she lays an egg.—Ex.

The trust may stop singing "Our old New Jersey Home."—Ex.

Girls do not care for a brass band when it comes to a wedding ring.

Repatee during courtship degenerates into plain back talk after marriage.

Generosity frequently consists of forcing upon others that for which one has no use.

The best way to keep people from getting on to your curves is to be perfectly straight.

When you economize it isn't good business to advertise it by cutting your advertising.

"The painter of Presidents" is dead, but the white-washer of officials is still on the job.—Ex.

President Taft is anxious to have the Maine raised. It should be done—everything else is going up.—Ex.

Bro. Fiske of the Itemizer is on the job. Make it red, white and blue for the 4th and "We'll be wid yer."

These are strange days. A horse trader is under arrest in Portland for "misrepresenting" an animal.

The latest great new town in Canada is called Vermillion. Its name is a recommendation this side the border.

The Treasury Department has decided that the hen is a bird, but our own view is that she is an angel.—Ex.

As the department of agriculture decides that the hen is a bird, the hen might return the compliment.—Ex.

The Senate has passed the Bourne absent-treatment farm bill. There will be lots of time before the grab is ready.

Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.

A stranger in Washington mistook Speaker Cannon for a minister the other day. The stranger must have been "hard of hearing."—Ex.

Up to the time we loped off to press, about the only post Mr. Roosevelt hasn't been offered is the Chair of Poetry at Missouri University.—Ex.

When a fellow meets the right girl he sometimes finds that he is the wrong man. It isn't the girl with a cold manner who is apt to freeze on to a fellow.

The business man who advertises invites you to trade with him, while the one who does not advertise should impress you with the fact that he does not care enough for your trade to ask for it.

The New York Humane Society aims to protect the sponge, which it says, suffers excruciating torture when torn from its bed. The next move, possibly, will be against the use of angle-worms, and fishing about to begin.

Let no pleasures tempt thee, no profit allure thee, no ambition corrupt thee, no example sway thee, no persuasion move thee to

by, continually... Franklin.

Only a rich man can wear his old clothes without exciting comment.

Many a man who never saw a ship is capable of handling schooners.

A woman opens a telegram with as much trepidation as a man opens a jack-pot.

The incredible report is being circulated that Hetty Green, the lady of the frugal habits, is on the verge of giving away \$500,000 as an Easter gift. The news was a shock to those who have persisted in calling her a "tight wad" of the first water.

Wm. M. Weakly a Bishop of Toledo, Ohio, denounces President Taft and Joe Cannon in the Religious Telescope for "degrading the nation to the level of a ball-room" when they did a breakdown at a recent social gathering in Washington. Presidents and Czars should observe more decorum.

Though Peary had experienced the extreme cold of the Arctic regions, he found it so frigid in the South during his recent lecture tour, that it was necessary for him to hike to a more salubrious clime. The idea was prevalent that Dr. Cook was about to be robbed of his laurels as the only genuine north pole fakir.

Portland has joined the ranks of the awfully good. The chief of police is bent on breaking up the wicked and depraved habit of dancing. Warrants have been issued to arrest members of a fraternal organization for holding a dance at Arion hall. It is expected that the next move will be to arrest all fiddlers and all players of stringed instruments, such music having an immoral tendency in encouraging people to dance.—Ex.

"Windy Jim" Discourses

Speakin' of co-insidenses" said "Windy Jim," as he settled himself in a more comfortable position on a new cracker box (the old one having been used for kindling wood since the last issue) "reminds me of the last time I was to church."

"Parson Jones had 'bout six texts and the one he used most was 'Flee from the wrath to cum' and he used it on the present occasion.

"Well, I was settin' next to Deacon Barnes' hired man, who was settin' next to the Deacon's wife an' 'bout the time the Parson got through readin' his text a nice big fat one—flea I mean—crawled out from under one of the Deaconess' new silk gloves and began sharpenin' his bill with a whet-stone as the Deacon lost the week before while mowin' around the barn lot, and what the flea carried in the inside of his vest.

"Well I nudged the hired man and he said 'why what's the matter?' so I says, 'look-a-there,' and when he saw that flea he says 'quite appropriate aint it?' Just then the Deacon's wife seen the flea and I seen the wrath a comin' and you bet I fled, but the hired man didn't git away and the meetin' was broke up and the Deacon's wife ain't got over it yet. 'As I was sayin', co-insidenses air sometimes provokin'—'er, what the dickens went with them matches?"

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