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ENTHUSIASM AND COURAGE.

How much is accomplished in this world by courage? Go to any city that has made great advances in a short time, and ask the causes, and ten to one it will transpire that the real cause will be traced down to a dozen or a hundred citizens who determined to make a city and who, with an enthusiasm irrepressible, and a courage that never faltered, pressed on. Formerly Chicago and St. Louis were rival cities. Indeed, for a long time St. Louis scouted the idea of Chicago ever being a rival. The arguments her citizens used were: "We have the location. We are at the junction of two of the greatest of rivers, a third comes in a little below; we command the north, the west and northwest, and all the adjacent east for four hundred miles; we have the money, which we have been accumulating for four-score years, and lastly, a clear way by the cheapest form of carriage to the sea. Who should we fear any rivals? What is this claim of Chicago that has no communication with the country back of her and no outlet save by the lakes, and one small canal?"

But the invincible and irrepressible men of Chicago began to mortgage themselves to extend railroads around them; to create rivers and steel to open the country around them, south, west and northwest, and to the eastern ocean. And all the time they promised the country that before long they would be the second city of the country, and when laughed at, they reiterated the promise, showed that the progress they were making was advancing in arithmetical ratio and was increasing in momentum every month. And when the great fire wiped out their city they did not pause; they began to clear away the ruins while they were still smoking. To their eastern creditors they said, "This is but an incident; loan us more money and lots of it, and we will surely make good," and they won out. We think were any old resident of Chicago to be asked to name the master spirits who launched their city on the sea of progress, and who steadied her course and kept up the fires in her furnaces, he would not name more than one hundred men. The cry of St. Louis was: "Conservatism and safety." With Chicago, it was: "Progress and the momentum that comes with progress."

The story comes down from Warton, that when Bishop Berkeley was preparing to leave England, with the plan of planting the gospel among the American savages, the members of the Scribler's club being met at Lord Bacon's house at dinner, they agreed to rally Berkeley, who was also their guest, on his scheme. The bishop having listened to the fire of the wits around him begged to be heard in his defense of his scheme, and portrayed his plans with such "an astonishing force of eloquence and enthusiasm that all around him were struck dumb, and after some pause, rose up altogether with earnestness, exclaiming: "Let us set out with him immediately." At three p. m. on that day at Marnog Desaix, with his division, reached the field. The French army, awfully decimated, was slowly retreating, and had fallen back two miles. Desaix rode up to the emperor, when the fierce Corsican said to him: "What think you of it?" The answer was: "The battle is lost, but it is only three o'clock; there is time to gain another." And it was gained. This life is filled with battles, the enthusiastic and the brave are the ones who win.

Longest Will on Record.

What is called the longest will on record is that of Captain Robert Keayne, founder of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston.

It contains about 50,000 words. Printed and bound, it would make a good sized volume, comparing favorably in length with many a novel of the present day.

In its voluminous proportions this will is in striking contrast to one probated in New Orleans a number of years ago, in which the testator disposed of its earthly possessions in five words—namely, "Misses Roper is my heiress."

The original of Captain Keayne's will is carefully preserved in the vaults of the register of probate of Suffolk county. In volume 1 of the record of wills probated it covers 120 pages, and it is recited in the will that the document was drawn up in the handwriting of the testator.

While Captain Keayne, who was originally a merchant tailor in London, left a fortune of fair proportions for his day, it is of interest to note that at the present day fortunes of millions of dollars are frequently disposed of in complicated trusts by only a few hundred words.—Boston Post.

Chivalry and Fatness.

Have you never noticed that great personal bulk and chivalry go almost always together? Well, they do, and I am reminded of a circumstance that happened long years ago. There was in congress from the state of Alabama a gentleman named Dixon Lewis. He was notorious for his stoniness as well as for his courtliness and abilities. This gentleman was a Virginian by birth, but removed early to Alabama, which state he represented during several terms of congress and was in the senate at the time of his death in 1843. Biographers relate of him that one time after the adjournment of congress he was on his way home in a steamer that was wrecked and while he had an opportunity to do so refused to take a seat in a small boat because his great weight would jeopardize the lives of others in the boat, and, although for a time he was in great danger, he was at last rescued. There was a noticeable combination of chivalry and fatness.—Washington Post.

Famous Epicures.

In the ceiling of the dining room in Nero's "golden house," on the Palatine hill, were compartments inlaid with ivory which revolved, showering perfumes and flowers on the guests. Flowers were presented to the guests by slaves. They were crowned with wreaths. Usually after one course the tables were removed and others placed before the guests. Throughout the meal drinking continued until the banqueters fell under the table stupefied. In these days men lived to eat. Great generals spent fortunes accumulated in years of warfare in gratifying their appetites. Lucullus on one dinner with Cicero and Pompey spent 50,000 drachmas, or \$7,000. Pithylus, who was famed for the delicacy and originality of his dinners, wrapped his tongue in linen when not using it. That he might better appreciate flavors of the vands he had it cleaned with fish skin before dining.

Earthquakes as Warnings.

The belief that earthquakes are signs or warnings owes its origin in part to prophecies in the Bible, where, for example, we read that "there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes" as portending future calamities. Earthquakes have led to the abolition of oppressive taxation, the abolition of masquerades, the closing of theaters and even to the alteration of fashion. A New England paper of 1727 tells us that "a considerable town in this province has been so far awakened by the awful providence in the earthquake that the women have generally laid aside their hooped petticoats."—Nature.

Rule of Three.

"Well," said a persevering governess, "I will put it in another form. If it takes one servant nine hours to do the entire household of a family how long will it take three servants to do it?" Tommy—Oh, I know, teacher. I heard mamma speak of it only this morning. Governess—Well, how long will it take them? Tommy—Three times as long—London Tatler.

Treason and Reason.

Archbishop Ryan once concluded a brilliant defense of the Irish cause when a listener shouted: "But the Irish are guilty of treason." "Perhaps," replied the archbishop, "but please remember that what is treason elsewhere becomes reason in Ireland because of the absentee."—Cleveland Leader.

Getting Along.

Miss Goodley—Miss Hunsley goes in for everything. She's constantly doing something. Miss Knox—Yes, but the one thing she is doing most steadily she won't admit. Miss Goodley—What is that? Miss Knox—Growing older.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Too Much of It.

Greene—How does it happen that you don't trade at Cleaver's any more? You used to brag about the nice cuts of meat he always sent you. Is it because he wouldn't give you credit? Gray—On the contrary, it is because he did.—Boston Transcript.

Tommy's Lesson.

Tommy—But, mamma, fingers were made before forks. Mamma—Yes, my boy, and dirt was made before pie, but you prefer pie, don't you, Tommy?—Yonkers Statesman.

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