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THE PRICE OF WISDOM

Wisdom is more precious than rubies, declared the psalmist. This truth was put in a different form by the director of a large welfare federation the other day.

"The ignorance of the poor mother is a menace to society because socially she is helpless to buy brains to care for her children unless the community comes to her aid," he said in a lecture on city activities.

More precious than rubies indeed to any agonized mother is the skill of the physician who can save her dying baby. Better than fine gold would be the knowledge of the visiting nurse who could save the child from rickets or from tuberculosis.

But how is the mother of a large family living on a moderate stipend going to purchase that skill and training? She cannot unless the community helps her.

Here is where the school clinic, the district medical advisor, the visiting nurse, step into the scene. The community, of which that mother is an important part, to which she pays taxes according to her means, takes part of its tax receipts to purchase the brains, skill, time and energy of those who have them, and dispenses them to the mother and child in need.

Private charity in these matters is all very well. But eating the bread of dependence is never a pleasant thing for a self-respecting person, no matter how it may be buttered with pleasant words and deeds. Paying for them out of the community's public moneys is a far different proposition.

Besides this, only the very poor get any of the charity. The people in middle-class homes need medical attention for their children quite as much, and are often quite as unable to purchase it. The doctor and nurse paid by the public are available to all without loss of self-respect.

SUPERNAL POULTRY

"Super" is a somewhat overworked adjective, in these later years. There have been super-men and super-women and super-dreadnoughts until the mind wearies and falls back on plain, common, average things with relief.

The idea of the super-hen, however, is decidedly attractive. Alton E. Briggs, President of the National Poultry, Egg and Butter Association, which has been holding its thirteenth annual convention, predicts this remarkable fowl. He says she will be as big as a turkey, and will lay eggs two or three times the present size. He expects the hen to be produced in the near future. She is being bred today.

The idea continually gains ground that doing a thing well is twice as effective in every way as doing a thing in a mediocre fashion. One reason why so many poultry farmers fail is that they do not understand the laws of breeding from good stock, and the advantages of having it. It costs just about as much to feed scrubs—whether they be cattle or chickens or children—as it does to feed good stock. The extra slight cost and care far more than repay themselves. Moreover, in doing a thing well there are not only financial returns but mental and moral satisfactions beyond price.

The man who breeds the golden hen and the man who writes the golden poem are in the same class—they are experts, and the world bows to them.

And as to buying broilers with drumsticks of Thanksgiving proportions, and eggs so big that four will make an omelet and five a Lady Baltimore cake—ah welcome, thrice welcome dream!

GOOD FENCES

It seems necessary to inaugurate every good movement these days with a slogan and a "drive." This method attracts and holds the attention of everybody and establishes a feeling of co-operation which helps the project to success.

One of the recent drives in a southern state is called the "buy-a-fence campaign." Its purpose is to get farmers to put up neat, good looking and serviceable fences in place of the dilapidated, inefficient ones now standing on only too many farms or the total absence of fences where they would be of great benefit.

A good fence improves the looks of a place. It also simplifies caring for live stock, preventing over-feeding and saving forage crops.

Naturally enough other improvements follow close on the better fence. With a nicely repaired old fence or an attractive new one around the farm house itself, the farmer suddenly notices that his front porch is drooping a little and needs some improvements. The good work spreads to the whole house, which soon receives the long-neglected coat of paint, and is re-shingled and "fixed-up" generally.

The buy-a-fence campaign should become as well-established as clean-up week. The clean-up celebration is now an annual affair and is observed in every part of the country. The small town and even the larger city can derive many permanent benefits from the buy-a-fence movement of the rural district.

TEN MILLION GERMANS

Information has been placed before the immigration committee of the House of Representatives to the effect

that 10,000,000 Germans and a great number of Austrians are awaiting a chance to leave their native countries. Most of them are said to intend coming to America, with Argentina, Peru or Chile as second choice.

This news will induce a good deal of sober thought. Its first effect, no doubt, will be to strengthen the determination of Congress to tighten the restrictions against immigrants in general, in order to make a more careful sifting of those who are admitted to the country. In this determination Congress will have the firm support of the public. There is more room for argument when it comes to a question of discrimination against any particular race or nation.

Congress will probably adopt no invidious proscription even against our recent enemies. Presumably foreigners will be admitted on equal terms, as heretofore, regardless of race or previous allegiance, if they fulfill the fundamental physical, moral and mental requirements. But the prospect of being deluged all at once with several million Germans, no matter if they can pass the immigration tests, is not one to fill the ordinary American soul with enthusiasm. The war is too recent, its scars are too fresh and American opinions of the Prussian system and of the nation that backed it to the limit are still too severe to make possible the welcoming of such masses as their predecessors were welcomed.

For Germans who come to America in frank disgust with their own country, and with honest admiration for American institutions and a sincere desire to become good Americans, there will be a sure welcome. But there will be a chilly reception for any Germans who may come preaching the superiority of Prussianism, or whining about what the forces of civilized progress have done and are doing to Germany for her sins.

A negro assailant of a white woman in Camden, N. J., was arrested, tried eight hours later, convicted, in 38 minutes and on the way to serve a 20-year penitentiary sentence within 4 hours after the crime was committed. If there were more of such judicial promptness in the handling of criminal cases, there would be fewer lynchings.

A New York police inspector has had his automobile stolen three times in three months, and now an unfeeling newspaper wants to know whether he's ever tried notifying the police about it.

If the Russian Reds were as good as the Cincinnati Reds, what chance would the rest of the world have?

The British rail men have stopped railing, but the American steel men are still steeled for their fight.

If, as Chairman Gray says, the steel workers are opposed to a strike, who's tying up those mills, anyhow?

The long and short of it is that the country wouldn't fall for the Fall amendments.

Self-determination for poets is D'Annunzio's motto.

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Each contributor to the fund will receive a certificate of membership in the Roosevelt Memorial Association. A plaque will also be presented to every school contributing to the fund.

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