

LIFE'S MOTIVATING FORCE

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"To live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man"—



may furnish a sufficient incentive to live, providing one can remain adamant to the appeals of a civilization striving desperately to save itself. What is the driving force which in days like these impels one to go on "living"? "Because we cannot help it" and

"Just must go on," is rank fatalism; and has been the cause of most of the self-destruction the past few years. Some "go" motivating force is essential if we are to escape the peril of the pessimist or the tragedy of the fatalist. It is interesting to study the dominating driving life-force of different people. Many a widowed or divorced mother finds her "power to carry on" in her undying affection for her child. A father finds his in both affection and responsibility for the maintenance of his family. Another person finds his enthusiastic desire to live in his reach for wealth, fame or happiness. The question still remains, however, are these driving forces sufficient to stem the tide when the particular object of one's affection or ambition has been removed? The fatalist frankly says, No. Kipling writes:

For to admire, and for to see, for to be old this world so wide—
It never done no good to me, but I can't help it if I tried.

The search for an adequate motivating life force which makes it seem worthwhile to go on living is never found until we forget ourselves. In Les Miserables this test came to Jean Valjean. When he threw into the fire all that remained of his galley slave days, he remarked, "Jean Valjean is dead"—but, just at that moment one of the silver candlesticks which the bishop gave him, fell from the mantle. He was thus reminded of the words of the bishop, "Life is to give and not to take." This new motivating power made the char-

Rookie Makes Good



This is Vito Tamulis, rookie pitcher of the New York Yankees, who is making a fine record for his first season in major league baseball.

acter of Jean Valjean. The forces which ultimately compel us to want to live are not found in the desire "to take" what the world has to offer but rather "to give" to the world what it needs. Our world is not made by forces which play upon it from without so much, as it is expanded by forces from within ourselves. Emerson said, "Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not."

To give of the best within us furnishes a commanding life-purpose and make us want to live heroically, grandly and sacrificially.

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RED FINGER NAILS, HUH?



"Miss Lindsey's swimming form is bad."

"I should say so, but you never could tell that if you saw her on the street."

Efficiency of Fins Aid

Fish to Be So Graceful

The most conspicuous external organs of fishes are the fins. The fins are composed of non-scales membranes supported by bony rods through the movement of which locomotion is accomplished. The high speed which most fishes are able to attain tells of the efficiency of the fins, the most powerful of which is the caudal fin. The pectoral fins are located one on either side of the body and correspond to the hind legs of an animal, says a writer in the Washington Star. The uppermost fin is called the dorsal fin, and oftentimes is divided into two or even three parts, appearing to be distinct and not uncommonly termed "adipose fins." The remaining vertical member is known as the anal fin and, like the dorsal, may be composed of spines, rays and finlets. Great variations occur in shape, size, division, position and other features of the fins of different species, thereby offering characters which serve in a big measure for classification.

Organs common to higher animals are found in fishes. The ear, an internal chamber, lies near the brain, but it has no opening to the exterior. It is the otoliths, or ear stones, which function, apparently, in determining the equilibrium so necessary to fish life. It is highly probable that the ear shares with the lateral line the recording and interpretation of sound and water disturbances.

Nostrils are present, but the part they play in the fish make-up is not clearly understood. Though external openings are present, the nasal pits do not extend back to the throat, and no apparent assistance is rendered to respiration.

Too Much Is Enough

"I am willing to forgive," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "but I avoid forgetting to an extent that may keep me forgiving so frequently that my effort to be gracious appears ridiculous."

My Neighbor

Says:

The surface of the soil in which dahlias are planted should be stirred up twice a week during the growing season. This permits air to get into the soil and helps to conserve moisture.

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Always use boiling water when making tea. If water is not actually boiling, it will not bring out the full strength of tea.

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Wash lettuce, dry with towel and place in cheesecloth in the refrigerator some time before using in salads. If lettuce is washed when salad is made, it will not be crisp enough to allow dressing to stick to it.

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To prevent juice from blueberry pies running over into oven, after having thoroughly washed and dried berries in a towel, sprinkle with flour before placing on crust.

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Uncommon Sense

By JOHN BLAKE

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Never was there any very good reason for ignorance.

Today there is less than ever. Around the World You can go down the street,

or if you are rich enough, sit in your living room and look at a religious procession in Russia, a bull fight in Spain, or a tiger hunt in India.

You can hear the voices and the words of great men and women in almost every nation in the world.

When Shakespeare wrote: "Home-keeping youth have ever homely wits," he could not foresee a time when home-keeping youth, and adults for that matter, could sharpen their wits by looking at the world by means of tiny sparks that may be carried from one end of it to another.

But although these opportunities are here, they will prove of scant value if people do not make use of them.

And comparatively few people do.

I think that the speakies are excellent, many of them.

Even if their stories are too often florid, their settings enable one to get and keep a wider understanding of people all around the world than they could ever gain by mere reading and using their imaginations.

The imagination has to have something to imagine, or it is not very useful.

There is little doubt that within a comparatively few years we shall have sight with our sound.

That means that we can look across the sea and witness events in foreign countries while they are actually happening.

We shall be able to look out on the ocean, and see friends and acquaintances walking decks that are a thousand miles away from us. And they will be able to look at us, if they like us enough to do it, and to hear what we are saying to them.

I am not convinced that another war will come immediately. I am not persuaded that it will come at all.

But to prevent it, and at the same time to avail ourselves of all the possibilities for happiness which have been created by thinking and studying men, we have got to get rid of international disputes and hatreds, and with the endless endeavor to gain new territory which nations would not know how to use if they captured it.

TOPNOTCHERS

by KET

Paul "Daffy" Dean
Holdenville, Oklahoma

"Dizzy's" Brother
22 year old pitcher of the St. Louis Cardinals
Paul pitched 30 games last season.
Won 19 and lost 11

Pitched a no-hit game against Brooklyn last year

Experts are predicting that Daffy will develop into a greater pitcher than "Dizzy"

Pitched and won two games in the World's Series last year

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Origin of Mermaid

The legend which gives us the mermaid fantasy is perhaps traceable to the dugong, a marine animal resembling the whale. It has a long crescent shaped tail and side fins much resembling short arms. The female carries her young under this fin and this habit is thought to have given rise to the mermaid story.

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likely to make it more successful.

If, as you are advancing in years, you get grouchy, be careful.

So cheer up. It can't hurt you. And it will probably do you no end of good.

Mediterranean Sea of Ages

There is only one sea that has been contemporary with all history—the Mediterranean. The Pacific and the Atlantic have been known to us for less than a thousand years, but the "Mare Mediterraneum" has been "the Great Sea" from the unremembered past. The ancient nations which ruled the waves—Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Greeks, Romans, Venetians—were all Mediterranean peoples. It is the sea of the ages. On its waters Odysseus journeyed home from Troy, and Aeneas made his eventful voyages. It bore Caesar's paws as he set forth to conquer and carried the argosies of Byzantium as they brought home the wealth of earliest commerce.

NOT WET YET



"You ask me to kiss you? Why, I hardly know you."

"That's just it. What quicker way to get acquainted?"