

The Way of Life

by BRUCE BARTON

"If a Man Die, Shall He Live Again?"

It is the age-old question, asked at the side of every bier. And what can one say in answer to it? Every one of us is taught in childhood to believe in God and an after life. "The world just happened," say some men. "It created itself through the operation of natural laws." But who or what established the natural laws and set them to operating? When you can dump a load of bricks on a corner lot, and let me watch them arrange themselves into a house—when you can empty a handful of springs and wheels and screws on my desk, and let me see them gather themselves together into a watch—it will be easier for me to believe that all these thousands of worlds could have been created, balanced, and set to moving in their separate orbits, all without directing intelligence at all. Moreover, if there is no intelligence in the universe, then the universe has created something greater than itself—for it has created you and me. Is it easy to believe that a universe without personality could have created us who have personality? Isn't it easier to believe that our personality is a little part of the great pervading Personality that has created and now permeates the universe?

And if there be a Personality in the universe—a God—what kind of God is He? He must be at least as good as you or I. He could not have made us better than Himself. The worse can not create the better. And if He is a good God, is it reasonable to suppose that He would have planted in human hearts this unquenchable yearning for immortality, and left that yearning unsatisfied? You and I would not have done so. Go where you will, from the most savage race to the most cultured, you will find that same instinctive assurance that death is not the end. Would a good God plant that assurance in his creatures merely to mock them? Without immortality the world is an answerless riddle. We are born; we struggle up through slow years of development; and just as we have reached our highest point of usefulness—we are cut off. It is hard for me to believe in a universe that made itself, and that ruthlessly casts away its most precious possession—human personality. It is easier to believe that behind the universe is a guiding Intelligence, of whose personality my own is a tiny spark that shall not go out while He lives. If I cannot prove that this is so, neither can any one prove to me that it is not so. And, until some one can disprove it, I find it easier, more helpful, more efficient, to believe.



MERGERS

Consolidation of several small enterprises to make a single large one is not confined to manufacturing industries. Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas, who knows what he is talking about most of the time, says that more than a million acres of Kansas farm lands are now owned by corporations, and that recently one corporation bought thirty farms in the winter wheat region and merged them.

Corporate farming is more of a business enterprise and less of a mode of living than farming by an individual is. According to Senator Capper, these farm corporations hire men who leave their families behind, to go out in the Fall and put in the crop. In Summer they hire other men to come in and harvest the crop. The rest of the year nobody lives on the big farms. That seems menacing to the Senator from Kansas. He thinks it will result in depletion of the soil, through lack of crop rotation, maintenance of fertility and diversification. It is hard to believe that any group of capital engaging in business on a large scale would be so short-sighted as not to take those things into consideration and apply the most modern principles of agriculture to their enterprise.

TRADEMARKS

It would be interesting to make a list of words which were invented to serve as trademarks for a particular product, but which have come into general use to describe anything resembling the original ar-

ticle. "Celluloid" is one of those words; it strictly means only the product of the Celluloid company. "Kodak" is another; the same belongs to George Eastman's cameras but we use it to mean any small camera. When you say "Colt" everybody familiar with firearms knows you mean a large caliber pistol. Probably nine men out of ten in the region where "five gallon" hats are worn refer to their headgear as "Stetsons." "Winchester" is almost a synonym for "rifle." And everybody refers to the abbreviated masculine underwear which is now in such general use by the trademark of the first of its kind, "B. V. D.'s."

The adoption of such words in general usage is one of the ways in which language grows. A hundred years from now probably, nobody will say "dirigible" but everybody will know what you mean by a "zeep."

LONGEVITY

Human life is not getting any longer, according to the men who make a business of studying vital statistics. The average life is longer because a larger proportion of babies live to grow up. Fewer people die in childhood and early life than formerly, but the man who reaches fifty-four, which is the average expectation of life of every new-born baby in America, has no better chance of living to seventy than his grandfather did; not so good, according to some. Certainly the average life of a President of the United States is shorter than it used to be. Col. Leonard P. Ayres of Cleveland, one of the world's famous statisticians, points out that Mr. Taft lived longer—to 72—than any other President since Millard Fillmore, who died 56 years ago. Out of the first eight Presidents Washington, who died at 67, had the shortest life; John Adams, living to 90, the longest; the others were 85, 83, 80, 78, 73, and 68 at their respective deaths. The average life of the eight was 80 years and a half. The four latest presidents who died averaged only 66 3-4 years of life each; McKinley and Harding died at 58, Roosevelt at 61, Harrison and Wilson each at 67,

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Hayes at 70, Cleveland at 71 and Taft at 72.

The job of President of the United States is getting harder, for one thing. For another, nearly all men work more intensively and wear out their hearts and nervous systems earlier than men did a hundred years ago.

GASOLINE

The average motorist uses 571 gallons of gasoline a year. Every state now imposes a sale tax on gasoline, ranging from two to six cents a gallon. The highest rates are in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and New Mexico. That is natural, since those states have the largest highway systems in proportion to population and taxable property values. In Massachusetts, where the tax is only 2 cents and distances are short, the average motorist uses only 400 gallons a year and pays \$8 toward highway maintenance and improvement. Last year the total gasoline tax collected in this country was \$449,731,000.

The gasoline tax is one tax at which few persons grumble seriously. It is a tax the benefits of which are directly enjoyed by those who pay it.

RANGES ABOVE AVERAGE.

The condition of Oregon ranges for May is above the average of the past five years. April rains helped moisture conditions materially. Prospects for summer range are only fair, however, as central Oregon needs more moisture to insure grass for the summer. Snowfall in the mountains was generally short and below average moisture content except in Wallowa mountains and Crater lake region where snow is plentiful. Washington ranges need more moisture to make summer and fall feed. Idaho ranges are in good condition and there is a big carry-over of hay. Reliable party to care for children afternoons and evenings. Phone 13-F-34. 10-11p.

Hints for the Home

by Nancy Hart

CROQUETTES

Croquettes may often be used for utilizing left-overs. Moreover, they add an interesting and unusual note to a meal, and are particularly appetizing to many persons. In summer, especially, they are a light and attractive dish.

Chicken Croquettes

Mix a cup and a half of chopped left-over chicken with a half cup of white sauce made from four table-spoons of butter, one-half cup of flour, one cup of milk seasoned with salt and pepper. Add the yolk of one egg, a little celery salt and a half teaspoon of lemon juice. Chill and then form into flat croquettes. Roll in egg white and fine crumbs and fry in deep fat.

Salmon Croquettes

Pick over contents of can of salmon until you have two cups of flaked meat. Add one-half cup of thick white sauce, one-half cup of flour and one cup of milk. Add one

teaspoon of lemon juice with salt and pepper to taste. Cool and shape, then egg and crumb and fry.

Potato Croquettes

Mix two cups of mashed potatoes with two table-spoons of butter, one teaspoon of salt and a little pepper, celery salt, a few drops of onion juice and chopped parsley if convenient. Beat well and add two egg yolks. Form into croquettes, dip in flour, egg white and crumbs and fry in deep hot fat.

Bread Croquettes

Pour a cup of scalded milk over eight or nine slices of stale bread, add two table-spoons sugar, a pinch of salt. Let stand till bread has taken up milk. Mix and press out excess milk. Form into balls, roll in slightly beaten egg white and fine crumbs and fry in deep fat.

Egg Croquettes

This calls for six hard boiled eggs. They should be cooled and chopped. Now cook two table-spoons of butter and one table-spoon of minced onion in a frying pan until slightly browned. Then add six level table-spoons of flour and about three-quarters of a cup of stock. Let this boil and then add a table-spoon of pounded sardines and the eggs. Cool and shape like eggs. Egg and crumb and fry in deep fat.

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HUMORETTES

Business man: Do you think you know enough to be useful in this office?
Boy: Know enough? Why, I left my last place because the boss said I knew too much.

Judge: The two men were fighting with chairs. Didn't you try to establish peace?
Witness: No, there was not a third chair.

"What heavy, unwieldy things the old-fashioned wedding rings were," said the young girl catching sight of her grandmother's ring.
"Yes dear," was the reply. "In my day they were made to last a lifetime."

O. S. C. Commencement Scheduled for June 2

Commencement day at Oregon State college this year will be June 2 when the sixty-first class will be graduated. This will be the twenty-third commencement over which President W. J. Kerr has presided here in person. Edward C. Elliott, president of Purdue university in Indiana has been obtained as the commencement speaker. In addition to the graduating class, guests of honor will be members of the silver jubilee class of 1905 which will be holding its twenty-fifth reunion here.

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