

# The Way of Life

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### OTHER PEOPLE'S SUCCESS.

We were at the opening night of a play. Between the acts we were talking with the author when a friend rushed up. "It's going to be a great success, old man," he cried. "I congratulate you."

Then his expression suddenly changed. Jealousy shot into his eyes. "I wish I knew how you get away with it," he exclaimed. "Why in the world can I write a play?"

As he walked away we looked after him with pity. We know him well. We have seen him act the same way before. His whole attitude is introspective. Envy gnaws forever at his soul.

One of the most pathetic figures in the literary history of England was the author George Gissing. What was the secret of his constant unhappiness? He reveals a part of it in presenting the hero of one of his own novels:

Intensely self-conscious, he suffered from a habit of comparing, contrasting himself with other men, with men who achieved things, who made their way, who played their part in the world. He could not read a newspaper without reflecting sometimes bitterly, on the careers and position of men whose names were prominent in its columns.

Philosophers and religious teachers have attempted in various ways to account for the gross inequal-

ities of life, and to hold out future hope to those who seem to have received only a niggardly portion of happiness.

Christian theology presents the promise of another world where rewards will be distributed in proportion to sacrifice, courage and fidelity to truth.

The reincarnationist holds that the soul is but a short time tenant in any human frame; that if I make spiritual progress in this incarnation I shall reappear in happier form; or, failing to progress, will be demoted, to work my way painfully up again.

Until we have passed across the River we shall not know which, if either, of these philosophies is true.

Meanwhile, the sensible man is not afraid to face frankly the facts about life and about himself. He recognizes that he was born with certain limitations; that, however strong the desire for brilliant achievement, he has neither the talent nor the opportunity. He recognizes further that success, as the world views it, contains a very appreciable element of chance.

He surveys his own equipment and tries serenely to do the best he can with whatever he has. As he grows older and more mellow, he recognizes that every minute of jealousy poisons his own soul.

And that he can vastly increase his own pleasure by the habit of enjoying other people's success.

indicates that. The only government in the world which has endured for more than 150 years without material change of form is that of the United States of America. We may not all like everything about our own government, but it seems to suit most of us pretty well.

### ABILITY

The biggest task for farm co-operatives, says Chris L. Christensen, secretary of the Federal Farm Board, is finding the right men to manage them. The trouble here, as in other fields of business, is that most men think they are just as able as any other man. "Men are commanding a high premium in the cooperative movement," says Mr. Christensen.

These are hard times, and many good men have been thrown out of work by the closing down of the enterprises where they had jobs. But I know several men who immediately got better jobs than they had ever dreamed of, because they were exceptionally able. Indeed, I know of no man who was a real top-notch in his line, who is not being constantly offered more money to go with somebody else. One old friend of mine, in the motion picture business, recently got an offer from another company. He was getting \$125,000 a year; the rival company offered to double that. "We'll give you half a million a year and a five year contract to stay with us," said his old employer. He has ability, and his company recognizes it.

### EARTH

The National Research Council, composed of America's foremost scientists, has determined the age of the earth to be just about 1,852,000,000 years. That figure differs from estimates made by some others, which range all the way from a hundred million years to seven trillions. The Research Council estimate, however, is not based on guesswork.

It is easy to determine the age of rocks which give off radium emanations, by calculating the proportion of lead of uranium contained in them. There is ground for belief that all of the uranium on earth was a part of this planet when it was torn from the body of the sun by a passing giant star. Hence, if we can find the oldest uranium-bearing rock and calculate its age

we can come close to telling how long ago the earth became a separate unit in the solar system.

The oldest such rock so far found is in Russia, and the figure reached as a result of its examination is the one I have cited. How much longer the earth will last is another question, for which there is less solid basis for an answer. It will be hundreds of millions of years, beyond doubt, but whether it will be habitable for human beings until the end of time is still debatable.

### ROSENDAHL

America's airship expert is Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, who will command the new Navy dirigible now almost completed at Akron, Ohio. Of German descent, born in Chicago, reared in Texas, a graduate of Annapolis, Commander Rosendahl has spent 3,333 hours in the air on dirigible balloons and airships of all types. He commanded the Los Angeles, which was built in Germany and came to us as spoils of war, on its longest flights. He was a passenger on the Graf Zeppelin when that airship flew from Germany to America. He was in command of the Shenandoah, the largest airship ever built in this country, when it broke in two in a thunderstorm. The end that Rosendahl was in remained aloft and he navigated it like a free balloon to a safe landing.

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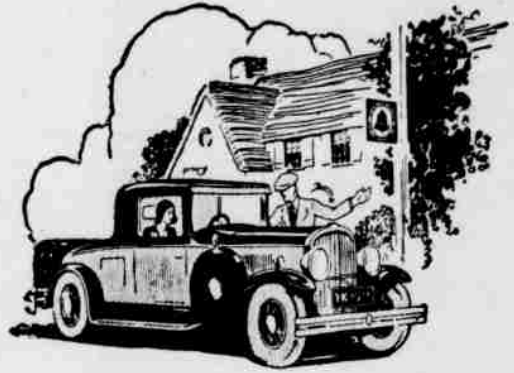
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More interesting than the racing was a fight over the track by a young lady in an autogiro, which landed in the middle of the field.

### KINGS

There are now more republics in Europe than there are monarchies, for the first time in history. Seventeen to fifteen is the exact proportion. True, some of the republics, like Estonia, Latvia, and little San Marino and Andorra are pretty small nations; Andorra has only 191 square miles, which is only two thirds the area of New York City, while San Marino has only 38 square miles, just 1,280 acres larger than the standard western county of 36 square miles. But there are



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