

# The Way of Life

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## HUMAN NATURE

Some nights I go home emotion-ally tired out.

Not by work, but by repeated revelations of the meaner side of human nature.

All sorts of unpleasant characteristics come to the surface under the stress of hard times. Partners quarrel; husbands and wives snarl at each other; companies throw their "code of ethics" into the discard; bluffers and cheaters, who have "got away with it" for years, are shown up in their true colors.

All this is depressing.

But when in human history has there ever been a time when so many million people were acting generously and sympathetically as now?

I can name dozens of concerns that have continued to operate at a loss because their owners felt a responsibility to their employees, and other dozens that have fought off any reduction in salaries to the last possible minute and then made the heaviest cut at the top.

I know one large city where twenty-five hundred volunteers have each adopted an equal number of destitute families and are carrying their members through the winter. I can name a struggling little college whose underpaid teachers voluntarily asked a ten per cent reduction in salaries in order that certain poor students might not be compelled to leave school.

The action of the railroad men and executives gave me cheer. It brought back a vivid memory of a certain Sunday morning when I was seven years old.

My father, a clergyman, had never purchased a Sunday newspaper. On this particular morning he came down to breakfast looking deeply concerned, and said to Mother: "I feel today that I must know the news before I go into the pulpit."

The news that he felt he must know was about the railroad strike in Chicago, where men were killing each other, and Grover Cleveland had ordered out the Federal troops.

We have made a lot of progress in the intervening years.

A wise old professor in my college used to quote the following verse from the Psalms: "What is man that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?"

Most people, he said, interpret that to mean: "What does petty, futile man amount to, that you (God) should give him any thought?"

A better interpretation, the professor argued, is this: "What a wonderful creature man must be that even God is mindful of him and likes to visit him."

We can get almost any view we choose of human nature. Man is either just "a little lower than the angels" or just a little higher than the beasts.

According to where and how we look.

enforcement by encouraging officials, rallying citizens or shaping remedial legislation. Its obvious purpose is to thrill readers with portrayals of illicit liquor operations, highway robberies, bank burglaries, blackmailing wealthy bachelors, marriages for alimony, kidnaping for ransom, race track "killings," gang wars, racketeering and such plots as enable the writers to shoot up the Ten Commandments, lure readers and sell the magazines.

He says these magazines play up the criminal activities of young college students, who are made out to be heroes in the realms of crime. The title pages of these magazines are calculated to appeal to the immature and susceptible persons and tend to inspire imitative conduct. The courts are constantly disclosing that adults as well as juveniles are influenced to crime by these lurid stories. The effect of such literature is so manifest that some states have forbidden the publication of such matter.

He finds that it is evident that the publishers of these magazines of deeds of iniquity, brutality, knavery, profligacy, depravity, malevolence, vice, lawlessness, scandal and corruption ignore the public welfare and consider only how they may draw the curious, weak, abnormal and degenerate to the cash registers and coin boxes of the news stands which sell such trash.

When, says Mr. Pringle, an officer was seen in charge of a school

boy of nine, under arrest for a successful highway robbery with a revolver, he asked the principal of the high school in the town, "How do they get that way?" He replied, "Gangster films in the theaters and crime magazines on the news stands are the usual causes." Education for crime brings results. And here is one of the principal causes of increase in crime, especially juvenile crime.

## IN MEMORIAM

Nearly two thousand years ago the Soldier of the Cross established the necessity for memorials when He instituted the Great Memorial by breaking bread and pouring wine in commemoration of His sacrifice for the salvation of the world. In the 20th century we are following in His train in this commemoration, and we believe that we have righteous cause to commemorate the sacrifice of the defenders of the rights of humanity in the 20th century by another symbol made sacred by blood, shed for the peace of the world.

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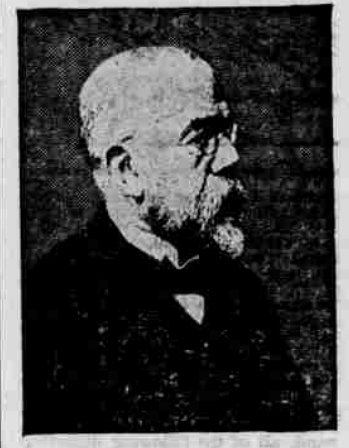


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## KOCH SOLVED GREAT PROBLEM



ROBERT KOCH, THE GERMAN DOCTOR WHO DISCOVERED THE TUBERCLE BACILLUS

ROBERT KOCH, a German country doctor, started the world fifty years ago with absolute proof that tuberculosis is caused by tiny germs so small that thousands can ride on a speck of dust. And after some of the most celebrated scientists of the world had sought unsuccessfully to find the germ of tuberculosis—and many had denied the disease could be spread by a germ—he devised methods whereby it could be cultivated and studied through a microscope.

It was known at that time that many varieties of infinitesimal living organisms had their abode in the body of man. But that some of them caused disease, while others helped man to live, was largely a matter of conjecture. For the first time, he showed the whole scientific world how to separate one of these tiny mites from others not of the same family, and how to grow them in incubators. He proved that certain rod-like creatures only one eight-thousandth of an inch long caused tuberculosis. When injected into the bodies of healthy animals, tuberculosis always resulted.

Without Koch's discovery, announced March 24, 1882, mankind would be without a sure footing in its battle against the unseen enemy. Koch made it possible to test sputum to learn if a person had tuberculosis; he proved that each case must come from another case, that tuberculosis doesn't just happen.

Today, 50 years after Koch's discovery, tuberculosis associations from coast to coast are engaged in a campaign to find the unknown case which has infected the known case; to teach the sick the simple rules of hygiene which prevent infection in others, as well as to help the patients themselves get well.



## SIN

I heard a new definition of "sin," the other night. With my wife, I went to a meeting of the Oxford Group Movement, which is better known in America as "Buchmanism," from the name of the Rev. Dr. Buchman, one of its leaders. An audience that packed the ballroom of one of New York's largest fashionable hotels came to hear what many recent converts had to say.

It was an amazing meeting in many ways, particularly because of the total absence of self-consciousness on the part of those who told how they had found new happiness in the full acceptance of old teachings. But the definition which interested me was this:

"Sin is whatever comes between yourself and God, or between yourself and others."

I've been ruminating that ever since, and it stands up. It widens the category of sin, as usually accepted, considerably; but it sets a standard which, if lived up to by everybody, would certainly make the world a lot happier place to live in. Think it over.

## YOUNG

I don't blame Owen D. Young much for declining to let his friends use his name as a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Mr. Young would make a good president. Everybody who knows him or anything about him agrees to that. But why should anybody want to be President, when he has a reputation to lose?

Under our peculiar American political conditions, it is safe to say that no man ever ran for the Presidency without being maligned, falsely accused and libelled until most people are ready to believe the worst of him. We are still pretty childish in politics. Probably abuse never defeated a single candidate or elected his opponent, but it is still the favorite weapon of political orators.

## WILBUR

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior, is a "real" doctor; that is to say, he is a Doctor of Medicine. Consequently his diagnosis of what's the matter with the world is worth listening to with respect. This is what he told a Philadelphia audience the other night:

"My diagnosis is that our present civilization is broken out with hives. They irritate and bother us; they show us that we need some changes in our physical organization, but they are not evidence of fatal or fundamental weaknesses." The people who think that the world is on its last legs ought to be told different. Dr. Wilbur is right.

## FROG

The most famous frog in the world was the "Jumping Frog of Calaveras," hero of one of Mark Twain's early stories. That frog's name was Daniel. His successor, the winner of the annual Calaveras County, California, frog-jumping contest, both last year and this, is named Budweiser. Budweiser jumped 13 feet 5 inches this year and won a \$100 prize for his owner. Frog-jumping contests may not seem important to people who are worrying about how to pay their rent. On the contrary, entertainment, anything which brings about

mental relaxation and momentary forgetfulness of one's personal worries, is important in exact proportion to its triviality. If there is anything more trivial than watching frogs jump, I don't know what it is. We would all be better off if we would sase up every little while from the pursuit of the elusive dollar and just sit around and watch the frogs jump.

## DOLLAR

Captain Robert Dollar, who died at the age of 88 the other day, was one of the great men of the world. A poor Scotch boy, he came to America, worked in Canadian lumber camps, came to the United States at the head of his own lumber business, needed ships to carry his lumber, so he bought them and learned to operate them himself. He was the largest individual ship owner in the world when he died, and his ships were run on the old-fashioned system under which, if nobody else had a return cargo for one of them, the captain would buy a shipload of merchandise on the owner's account.

"Never come home in ballast," was one of his rules for his captains. Another was "Never beat a Chinaman." That last gave him preference in all Chinese ports over all other shipping lines. He originated the idea of around-the-world tours and every two weeks one of his ships starts out for a voyage around the world.

## W. C. T. U. NOTES

MARY A. NOTSON, Reporter.

The dishonest wets think they can fool the sensible people into thinking that all the increase in crime is due to prohibition. Some of them are such weaklings intellectually that they think this themselves, but most of them know that they are practicing deception. They offer no proof whatever that their contention is correct. Bald assertion gets nowhere with people who use their gray matter.

H. N. Pringle, Law Enforcement Director of the International Reform Federation, puts his finger upon one of the causes of increase in crime. He calls attention to the fact that of about 1300 periodical magazines published in the United States, 32 specialize in crime or are entirely devoted to it. This criminal fiction is not issued to aid law

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## 13-Year Old Girl Shows Improvement

Cincinnati, O.—Mrs. W. E. Logan, Cincinnati, Ohio, recently said: "My little 13-year-old granddaughter was nothing but skin and bones. She would go to the table and never eat a mouthful. We simply could not make her eat. I started giving her a teaspoonful of Sargol three times a day before meals. Now she's simply eating her head off and doesn't look like the same child." PATTERSON & SON.

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