

Dreams Can Come True

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In a letter I received not long ago was this bitter remark: "I used to dream of doing wonderful things, but now I've quit dreaming. What good does it do? Dreams never come true and you are always disappointed." I have been thinking often of this writer and have decided to write today of my dreams.

I do not mean those dreams which seem so real to us in our sleep, but rather of those dreams in which we sometimes indulge during our working hours and which often seem so impossible of attainment. It has been said that man cannot vision an impossibility. If he can imagine himself doing a thing, then it is a possibility, otherwise he would have been unable to think of it. Daydreams, if brought into manifestation by determined action, are the basis of all achievement. No picture was ever painted, no

story ever written, no great deed ever accomplished, unless it had first been visioned, or dreamed, as we say.

Each one of us holds within ourselves a portion of that power which thought the world. How few of us use more than the smallest particle of that creative ability. We are like the person who, having all the electric current in the world to use, puts in only a miserable little one-candle power bulb, and then wails because the light is dim.

Yet before we can create we must learn to dream, to vision. You may say that all people have their dreams, and this may be true, but they are not constructive dreams. There are people who have not yet learned to vision anything better than that which they already do or have, and these people stagnate in a frogpond of their own making. There are others who dream, but idly, like a child on a warm summer day, who sees himself doing great and exciting things but with no real thought of attainment, and such dreams lead the dreamer no further than another dream. You must dream with a purpose;

dream with full realization that the vision you hold is but the prelude to its attainment, and then, when the idea lies clear before you, you must bring it into physical manifestation with work and deliberate thought.

Shall I make this a bit more clear by a simple illustration? My back yard has possibilities. A beautiful tree is its greatest treasure, but the surroundings are not in keeping. In my vision of this, my dream for its future, is a pool with water-lilies, smooth green lawn, thick borders of flowering shrubs and climbing roses to serve as screens. That vision is clear, but I must materialize it. First, I must clear away the present incumbrances, then plant and build and cultivate before my dream can become a reality, but the first act in this, as in any creation, be it garden or book, picture or deed, is the vision, or dream, clear cut, precise.

As soon as we begin to dream and to mold our dreams into actuality, we take our place as creators. (If we dream evil, then we create evil, but today I speak only of good). Many folks think that to be able to create implies the ability to do great and noteworthy things. Read the simple beauties of life and things are forms of creation. I have a friend who has no idea of the pleasure she brings to others by her simple creative ability, and one day she said to me: "I am not clever enough to create anything. I cannot write, paint pictures, or compose beautiful music. How then can I create?" We were having tea in her garden. I answered

by a question. "What did this yard look like when you first saw here?"

She laughed. "It was really a fright. So bare and dreary, with dry grass-clumps and heaps of trash, and the soil was so poor I feared I could never make it as I wished it to be."

I smiled. "Cet," I answered, "you have made it into this green restful spot with flowers and cool water and shady trees—you have brought into existence a place of beauty. How then can you say you do not create?"

What she did with her dream-plan for a garden we can do with many things. We can create beauty, peace, happiness, about us though we may not, as yet, have developed the possibility to accomplish that which will bring us world renown. And we must have a bit of patience. The creation of my friend's garden was not realized in a day, or even a year. The bringing of our dreams to fulfillment can seldom be accomplished over night. We must learn this, and be content to work and wait a little, yet still keep the vision clear in our minds, with the will to accomplish as the driving force.

Too many are content with only dreaming. They escape from reality into a dream world and refuse to face the fact that to make a dream come true there must be clear-cut vision, a power of will that holds you on your course, and work, real work. No book can be written or garden filled with flowers, or anything else created, merely by dreaming about it. You have to bring it into the physical realm by use of material things. A dreamer is not a creature unless he can manifest his dreams, but always the vision comes first, and if the will to do be there, that dream will be realized.

"We build with dreams. They are the molds of all our deeds.

The man of little mind may do the coarser work;

The dreamer leads. He builds the archetype For lower men to manifest below; They blindly work, nor heed the thing they do; The dreamers know."

So, let us dream as we do our common daily tasks vision clearly in our minds the things we wish to become real, remembering always to build only that which we know is good, and then work patiently toward its attainment, and as we use this power of ours to create, it will grow in direct proportion to its use, new avenues will open before us, new contacts will be made, and life will attain a higher purpose and a richer meaning.

Now, one last word of warning: Don't spend your time talking about your prospective creation. There is a sound psychological fact for this caution. If you talk about it too much, you release the sub-conscious mind by talk instead of work. It is as if a train used all its steam in whistling and then has nothing left to pull it up the hill. Perhaps the rules for making your dreams come true could be stated thus: Vision the idea clearly;

Want it so much you have the will to stick to your efforts in spite of everything;

Work; And, keep your mouth shut about it.

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Letter Tells of Trip to Sweden

RIVERVIEW—Excerpts from a letter received by Riverview's news reporter from Mrs. Otto Carlson, who with her husband, is vacationing in Sweden, and who wrote from Svartbyornsllyn Boden, follow:

The motor trip to New York was very nice except for rain. Was stranded at Grand Island, Nebr., by a cloudburst, water over running board of car. Had to park in street three hours waiting for water to run off.

Left New York June 1st, water rough, one-third of passengers sick. I was in bed five days. Could not eat. Twenty-five members of the crew deserted at New York, causing a shortage of help. Ocean voyage required twelve days due to engine trouble. One passenger jumped overboard around the tip of Scotland just before we sighted land. Lost two hours trying to save him. An eighty-four year old lady coming home to die, died two days from home shore; two babies were born aboard ship, one died.

Everyone is so friendly here, serve big dinners and go in crowds. We kept open house July 4th for Boden, served coffee and cake. Close to 100 persons called. Went out to see logs come down the mountain in flumes. Went with a crowd to Mt. Diggerbaret to watch the midnight sun but it cannot compete with sunsets on the ocean.

Good taxi service. Few private cars but every one has a bike. I have a bike a boat and a skiff at my service. This town is built on a two-mi. by 4-mi. lake. An island in the lake has a summer resort, a perfect beauty spot. Will go to Kiruna, Stockholm then to

Bottenburg for my last stop in Sweden.

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