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with such capacity for every enjoyment of mind and body. There is great difference in temperament—the which only proves the greater need of those to whom love and laughter are discordant notes. And the sunny side of life is the influential—always the successful life—the rule has few exceptions as you know. The man who goes to his work with discontent and grudging reluctance is a slave—he who is morose and fretful and sees only the seamy side has a dead soul. Discontent breeds pettiness—yes, and paresis and paralysis. How much better to smile. The smile with a tear in it is better than no smile.

Let yesterday alone—don't face the wrong way—don't desecrate the resting place of the dead. If you've made a mistake, forget it—nothing worth while was ever built upon useless regret. We have all wrestled with ghosts and goblins grin at the gray dawn of the morning after; but when earth to earth is said the healthy mind refuses to longer keep step with the hearse. To err is human—only one man ever escaped the scourge of conscience—because immaculate and to sin immune. Don't look back and don't dodge. With every error safely under yesterday's sod, the wise man and woman wipes away the tear and bravely faces the front. The lesson has been learned—we know better now—and what avails regret and gruesome watch beside the grave? Today is the aftermath of yesterday—but it is more important to remember that tomorrow will be the aftermath of today, the nature and influence of which lies within you to determine. And it is only the idiot, anyhow, who eats his heart out for what cannot now be undone. And the one perfect one said "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Of the mistakes and regrets of yesterday, the advice of the sunshine agent is: Forget it. Without capacity for forgetfulness, most of us as the evening shadows lengthen would suffer the tortures of the doubly damned. Through forgetfulness hearts are healed, horrors are softened, crimes absolved—and sanity preserved. It was infinite wisdom which hung the black curtain futurity—and yet the veil which so mercifully dims the past was an act of far greater intelligence, born of kindness and compassion. Sorrow comes into every life with the hurrying years—none can hope to escape its bereavements and its blight—and without this wonderful provision of nature life would indeed be a tragedy—without prospect or desire, and given over to carking, hopeless grief.

And to make the pleasure of forgetfulness most complete and satisfying, do not fail—learn to forgive. What does it amount to anyway, this fighting and hating of one another? If you cannot love your enemy, you can at least let him alone to wallow in the mire of his malice—if in the wrong nobody knows it so well as he, while your conscience is clear. Don't be an Indian—they who never forget because they will not forgive. It is as important to forget as to remember—no man who treasures up a wrong, nurses an injury and permits hatred to foster in his heart, can ever experience true happiness or attain wholesome success. Let go of the depressing and weakening grievance—wipe the slate clean—see to it that no hatred poisons the mind or clouds the mirror of memory. Forgive and forget—smile on—and let Yesterday alone.

Take a high view of life. Below is the town, and beyond a sleeping world—engrossed in strife for possession as is its way, but prosperous, progressive, hopeful and happy. And I too must make acknowledgement of the many debts I owe—to love and duty and their ever living legend of life which makes our heaven here well worth while. There is today freighted with its treasure trove of love and charity and good

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will and tomorrow and the unspotted page. Recollection troops past in halcyon phalanx of every mundane emotion. That which we have lost we mourn sincerely; that which we ought not to have have done calls for sack cloth and ashes—that which an unkind fate withholds glows hopefully through the mists of tomorrow—and that which we have, anticipation and possession press to our lips in brimming breakers. Wind and cloud and swiftly changing sky—landscape cold and shrouded and again serene with the shadows—ghosts and goblins and every fear that slumbers in the bosom of melancholy—and then happiness and its sun of hope, and out yonder the beckon of hands best loved, and the whisper of voices none need fear to follow.

Today is the happy day when dreams come true. We dream of many fine things that will never come to pass—lay plans that too often are impracticable and impossible—paint pictures whose colors rival the rainbow and are peopled both with love and ambition—feel transports, which alas, might turn to dead sea ashes beneath the garish light of realization. And yet these journeyings of our inner self are singularly

enjoyable—are in a measure the better part of their lives; to neglect to exploit the joys of these thoughts would leave many a wound. The real and the unreal in life lie close together—these musings of the mind are the poetry of utilitarianism—the roses of existence, which we may, perhaps, never pluck, but whose perfume is ours while it lasts.

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