

DAILY OCCUPATIONS.

HUMDRUM WORK AFTER ALL MAY BE THE MOST SATISFACTORY.

Engrossing and Intellectual Occupations Do Not by Any Means Promote Health and Unhappiness—Automatic Work Affords Chances For Rest.

The Prince of Wales, in the interesting little speech which he made in opening the National Workmen's exhibition, lamented the effect of the subdivision of labor in depriving the laborer of any opportunity of taking pride in his work.

Are humdrum occupations without great advantages? Consider only that almost all occupations, even when requiring at first very considerable skill and manual manipulation, tend to become humdrum so soon as the art is acquired of doing them with the highest efficiency.

Her heart and soul are no longer in the mere work, elaborate though it be. The stich has been thoroughly learned, the practice of it is merely automatic—"reflex action," as the physiologists call it—and the heart and soul are at liberty to expatiate on any subject which most deeply interests her.

We suspect that it is no misfortune at all, that it may be the whole a beneficent provision for liberating the heart and soul of the worker to dwell on the class of subjects which best feed the mind.

It may be a very great blessing when the subjects of thought on which the mind chiefly dwells are of a very painful and uninteresting kind. But in nine cases out of ten this is not so, and the only effect of an occupation which concentrates the whole energy of the mind is to exclude from a man's thoughts those casual glimpses of his fellow creatures' interests and feelings by which mainly he comes to understand the world and to realize that there are a good many competing interests in the world and that he is not the very center of creation.

We believe that what are called the engrossing and intellectual occupations are by no means those which most promote the health and usefulness of the soul. Art is not an engrossed mind, but a mind which is most vividly conscious of the beauty of nature, so it is not an engrossed mind which catches the most vivid glimpses of the needs and characteristic attitudes and unsatisfied desires of the people about us.

It is humdrum occupations which best minister to this "wise passiveness" which has not yet experienced those flashes of new insight in the course of a solitary walk or ride or other purely automatic proceeding, which seldom, or never, come to us when engaged in what requires our full attention.

We cannot believe that nature takes so much pains to organize into a sort of automatic mechanism such large portions of our life, if that process does not tend to stimulate the growth of the greater affections and give the heart and soul a liberty and spontaneity of insight they could not otherwise acquire.

Up to last our great American Museum of Natural History, Central park, New York, could boast of only a coat of the epidemic egg. In that year they were offered one of the real eggs for \$500. Think of it, eggs at \$5,000 per dozen—Exchange.

CHANCE IS A FACTOR.

IN ONE'S LIFE LUCK PLAYS A MIGHTY IMPORTANT PART.

The Sturdy Qualities That Go to Make Up a Capable Man Fall to Push Him Into Prominence Except as Chance Lends Its Aid—Some Noted Examples.

Chance is everything. Opportunity and luck mean much. The great race, it seems to me, is but a creature of conditions. Now and then we hear individuals spoken of as "He is a man of programme. He fixes a course and adheres to it."

Burglars, highwaymen and rascals generally are quite as likely to be men of programme, to which they adhere with a determination that may well be called obstinate, as any others. My own theory is that mankind is made what it is by circumstances. Very few of us with deliberate intent surveyed the country of opportunity.

Take the case of Henry Ward Beecher. Being a clergyman's son, he, like all his father's children, studied for the ministry. I forget how many sons the old gentleman had, but six, at all events, every one of whom became a clergyman.

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"Father Winter."

The chamber has lost an original character in the person of M. de Gaste, deputy for Brest. He was a simple, honest fellow and enjoyed the esteem not only of his colleagues of the Left, but also of his adversaries on the Right.

Five Little Girls Suddenly Meet a New Papa.

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BALD HEADS!

What is the condition of yours? Is your hair dry, harsh, brittle? Does it split at the ends? Has it a lifeless appearance? Does it fall out when combed or brushed? Is it full of dandruff? Does your scalp itch? Is it dry or in a heated condition? If these are some of your symptoms be warned in time or you will become bald.

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