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ARE YOU GETTING ANYWHERE?

You are rushing, you are straining, with a grim look on your face;
 You are turning from all pleasures, in your breast peace has no place;
 You have ceased to find contentment in the nooks you used to know;
 You have ceased to care for others whom you clung to long ago;
 You are straining, you are striving through the dark days and the fair;

But, oh, mirthless, eager brothers, are you getting anywhere?

In your haste you have forgotten how to linger or to smile
 When a child looks up and greets you or would claim your care awhile;
 Though the wild rose sheds its petals in the lonely pasture still,
 And glad breezes sway the blossoms in the orchard on the hill,
 You are too much in a hurry and too occupied to care;
 But with all your grim endeavors, are you getting anywhere?

You have fled from sweet contentment, trouble haunts you in your dreams;
 It is long since you have loitered on the banks of shaded streams
 That go singing to the pebbles they have made so clean and white,
 And have polished at their leisure and their pleasure day and night;
 You no longer know the solace that is in a sweet old air;
 But with all your ceaseless mulling, are you getting anywhere ?

You have given up old fancies, you have left old friends behind;
 You are getting rich in pocket, but are poor in heart and mind;
 You have lost your sense of beauty in your haste to push ahead,
 And along the ways you travel bitterness and grief are spread;
 You have ceased to care how others bend beneath the woes they bear;
 But with all your cruel striving, are you getting anywhere?

Out beyond you there is silence that no man may ever wake;
 In the distance there is darkness that no morning's light may break;
 At the journey's end dishonor is for those who day by day
 Cheat their souls and dull their senses as you rush upon the way;
 You are passing many pleasures which you have the right to share,
 As you rush to fill the hollow men will dig for you somewhere.

—S. E. Kiser in Minneapolis Tribune.

ADVICE ON HOW TO GET RID OF FLEAS.

Mr. L. O. Howard, the entomologist, has recently made public a note concerning two remedies against fleas which he is anxious to have tested by the public, and about which he will be glad to receive reports.

For reasons which Mr. Howard gives, the matter is one of interest to every one, and although for many readers may not be practicable to make tests, there are many others residing in moderate climates who can do so.

Dr. Howard may be addressed at the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. Dr. Howard's note is as follows:

Aside from the great annoyance caused by fleas, their agency in the carriage of the bubonic plague has been so well established that it is important to test every proposed remedy or preventive.

Since the publication of my circular No. 13 on this subject, I have received information concerning two remedies vouched for by careful persons, but have not had a good opportunity to test either.

Mr. E. M. Khron, the well-known entomologist who is deputy commissioner of horticulture in California, gives me the following:

Fill a soup plate with soapuds; in the center place a glass of water with a saucer of kerosene on the top; place the soup plate on the floor in an infested room and set fire to the kerosene at night. Please in the room will be attracted and will jump into the soapuds.

Another remedy is sent me by the well-known writer on ants, Miss Adelaide M. Fields, with the request that I make it widely known.

Miss Fields states that during long residence in southern China, where fleas swarm even in clean houses, she made her own house immune through many years by dissolving Alum in the whitewash or kalsomine that covered the interior walls, putting sheets of thick paper that had been dipped in a solution of alum under the floor matting, and scattering pulverized alum in all crevices where insects might lodge or breed.

Powdered alum, she states, may be sprinkled upon carpets already laid and then brushed or swept into their meshes with no injury to the carpets and with the certainty of banishment to many insect pests, including both moths and fleas.

Sheets that have been soaked in alum water and then dried may profitably enclose those that are spread nearest to the sleeper.

From ten to twenty cents' worth of alum judiciously used in each room of the house will effect much good in the prevention of dangerous insects.

We Are Creatures of Convention.

Don't be excited if the eagle on the new \$10 gold piece happens to look like an eagle, and the legend omits to tell anything but the truth. We will get used to it, after a while, and then we will wonder how we ever tolerated the old conventional monstrosities. Look at a wood-cut fashion plate of 40 years ago, and you will be astonished that you ever accepted it as a representative of the female form divine or garb human. Yet you did, or your mother before you did, without a thought of grotesqueness. The strange contorted forms of heraldic griffins or roosecco dragons once stood, in the imaginations of the people, as real representatives of possible forms. Now we accept them as conventional signs; not as pictures. The solemn figures of Byzantine mosaics once represented the most majestic conceptions of human and celestial dignity. Now they require historical training to see in them anything but stiffness and ugliness. Even the simple profile outlines of Egyptian painting or the

parallel curls of Assyrian bearded figures once appealed to the eye as correct delineations of the human form. The realism of Greece was an innovation slow of growth, even there, and never successfully imitated by any other people. The graceful curves of Japanese drawing looked to the Japanese like men, women and flowers, until they had realistic western drawing to compare them with. To this day the saint in a Catholic shrine has the exaggerated artificial coloring, still pose and anaemic lines of fifteenth century Italian art. Anything more realistic would seem sacrilegious, or at least secular. And if a twentieth century child should receive a doll that really looked like a baby, she would scream with fright at the ghastly realism. We judge pictures or images by other pictures or images, not by the objects represented, and we instinctively resent a correct delineation of what we have long seen in conventional inaccuracy. So the absurd eagles on our present coins pass current as a matter of course, but a new eagle, drawn from the actual bird, strikes us as weird and unnatural.—Fresno Republican.

KNOX IS AFTER PRESIDENT

Washington, Jan. 2.—In presenting the name of Senator Philander Chase Knox as a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, Pennsylvania claims for his progressiveness and a thorough accord with the policies that have made the Roosevelt administration the most popular in history.

In support of this claim the friends of Senator Knox cite the oft-repeated statements of President Roosevelt giving full credit to Pennsylvania's son for the great achievements of the past six years. No man could be commended in more enthusiastic and cordial terms than the President has employed in speaking of Senator Knox.

President Roosevelt's indorsements of Senator Knox are now a matter of official record. They appear in the published speeches of the President and will be embodied in the history of this era. That the President also realized the political importance of Mr. Knox's work he has shown upon many occasions, and during the 1904 campaign it was the President's wish that his attorney go upon the stump and explain the facts concerning the work of the department of justice.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on July 4, 1902, President Roosevelt delivered an address to the fellow citizens of Mr. Knox, in which he paid the following tribute to his attorney general:

"As we face these infinitely difficult problems, let us keep in mind that though we need the highest qualities of the intellect in order to work out proper schemes for their solution, yet we need a thousand times more, what counts for many, many times as much as intellect—we need character.

"We need common sense, common honesty and resolute courage. We need what Mr. Knox has shown: the character that will refuse to be hurried into any unwise or precipitate movement by any clamor, whether hysterical or demagogic, and on the other hand, the character that will refuse to be frightened out of a movement by any pressure, still less by any threat, express or implied."

In his address at Symphony hall, Boston, August 25, 1902, President Roosevelt said:

"A good deal can be done now, a good deal is being done now. As far as the anti-trust laws go they will be enforced. No suit will be undertaken for the sake of seeming to undertake it. Every suit that is undertaken will be begun because the great lawyer and upright man whom we are fortunate enough to have as attorney general, Mr. Knox, believes there is a violation of the law which he can get at; and when the suit is undertaken it will not be compromised except upon the basis that the government wins."

At the Founders' day banquet at the union league, Philadelphia, November 22, 1902, President Roosevelt said:

"The tremendous growth of our industrialism has brought to the front many problems with which we must deal; and I trust we shall deal with them along the lines indicated in speech and in action by that profound jurist and upright and fearless public servant who represents Pennsylvania in the cabinet—Attorney General Knox."

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 3, 1903, President Roosevelt said:

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legislation is the administration of law, and I ask your attention for a moment to the way in which the law has been administered by the profound jurist and fearless public servant who now occupies the position of attorney general, Mr. Knox. The constitution enjoined upon the President that he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and under this provision, the attorney general formulated a policy which was in effect nothing but the rigid enforcement, by suits managed with consummate skill and ability, both of the anti-trust law and of the imperfect provisions of the act to regulate commerce."

At Omaha, Neb., April 27, 1903, President Roosevelt said:

"A good deal can be done by law. Even more can be done by the honest administration of the law; an administration which knows neither fear nor favor, which treats each man exactly as that man's record entitles him to be treated; the kind of enforcement of the law which I think I may promise that you will have while Mr. Knox remains attorney general."

In his letter accepting the Republican nomination for President of the United States, dated Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1904, President Roosevelt said:

"The action of the attorney general in enforcing the anti-trust and interstate commerce laws, and the action of the last congress in enlarging the scope of the interstate commerce law and in creating the department of commerce and labor, with a bureau of corporations, have for the first time opened a chance for the national government to deal intelligently and adequately with the questions affecting society, whether for good or evil, because of the accumulation of capital in great corporations, and because of the new relations caused thereby. These laws are now being administered with entire efficiency; and as, in their working, need is shown for amendment or addition to them—whether better to secure the proper publicity, or better to guarantee the rights of shippers, or in any other direction—this need will be met."

At Harrisburg, Pa., on October 4, 1904, President Roosevelt said:

"During the last few years the national government has taken very long strides in the direction of exercising and securing this adequate control over the great corporations, and it was under the leadership of one of the most honored public men in our country, one of Pennsylvania's most eminent sons—the present senator, and then Attorney General Knox—that the new departure was begun."

In 1904 when Mr. Knox resigned his position as attorney general, to accept a seat in the United States senate, President Roosevelt wrote a

letter giving reluctant consent to the resignation and in which he said:

"My dear Mr. Knox:

"To your high professional qualifications you have added unflinching zeal and an entire indifference to every consideration save the honor and interest of the people at large. Many great and able men have preceded you in the office you hold, but there is none among them whose administration has left so deep a mark for good upon the country's development.

"Under you it has been literally true that the mightiest and humblest in the land have alike had it brought home to them, that each was sure of the law's protection while he did right, and that neither could hope to defy the law if he did wrong. In what you have done you have given proof not merely of the profound learning of the jurist, but of the bold initiative and wide grasp of the statesman. You have deeply affected for good the development of our entire political system in its relations to the industrial and economic tendencies of the time.

"For all you have done I thank you most earnestly, not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of the public whom you have served with such single-minded devotion."

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