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WATCH YOURSELF GO BY

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by: Think of yourself as "he" instead of "I."

Interpret all your motives just as though you looked on one whose aims you did not know.

And when, with eyes unvelled to what you loathe— To sins that with sweet charity you'd clothe—

OUR BATTLESHIPS

George W. Dickie, as the builder of many ships of war, has an unconcealed contempt of the opinions of such men as Reuterdahl, who is merely a painter of marine pictures, and seems to have no technical knowledge whatever of naval vessels except such as he has picked up in conversation with naval officers.

AS FOR THE CRITICISM WHICH WERE MADE IN A RECENT MAGAZINE ARTICLE, MIL DICKIE STATES THAT THEY ALL REFER TO MOOT POINTS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION IN ALL NAVIES FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS AND UPON WHICH THERE IS SOME DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

The marine artist merely took up with those opinions from which he could make the most slashing and salable magazine article.

Our naval officers and enlisted men may be assumed to have the same dislike to risks outside the line of necessary duty that other people have.

When Mr. Dickie comes to express—or rather let people infer—his opinions of the bureaucratic methods which prevail in the navy he is on quite other ground.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT BUREAUS IN THIS AND ALL OTHER COUNTRIES BECOME CONCEITED AND SNOBBISH.

They do not approach with open mind any proposition whatever which originates outside their own number, and in reading Mr. Dickie's amusing tilt with our naval construction board one cannot but wonder that with his long experience he should have ever imagined that the board would ever even consider any designs but their own.

It is, of course, a fact that continued service in any corps has a deadening effect on originality of any kind, and that, prima facie, the design of any civilian naval architect of long experience in building ships of war is almost certainly better than any design which emanates from naval constructors constrained by precedent.

There is also in all military services an habitual deference to seniors in rank which would tend to prevent a junior officer, no matter how talented, from even hinting at anything not already sanctified by the approval of those higher up.

There is but one way to get the best designs for our naval vessels, and that is to admit everybody to the competition and submit the designs unmarked by the name of their authors to a board of which no member has offered any design of his own or is connected in any way as to make it probable that he can detect the authorship of any design.

But nothing but an act of congress will ever cause our navy department to adopt that course.

OUR PHILIPPINE VENTURE.

In his report on the Philippines, just transmitted to congress, Secretary Taft, while declining to commit himself as to the wisdom or necessity of the original acquisition of the archipelago with the years of warfare required to firmly establish our authority, is emphatic in declaring that our course since that time, with the one exception of denying them our market for sugar and tobacco, has been ideal, and that whether considered from the standpoint of the Philippines themselves or from that of an altruistic nation dealing with an undeveloped people.

He declares, also, that the cost of the enterprise has been grossly exaggerated, and that with the exception of the initial cost, for which he, at least, was not responsible, THE TOTAL EXPENSE WILL NOT EXCEED \$3,000,000 A YEAR.

THAT SUM HE PLACES AS THE EXTRA COST OF MAINTAINING 12,000 SOLDIERS IN THE ISLANDS ABOVE WHAT IT WOULD COST TO MAINTAIN THE SAME NUMBER OF TROOPS AT HOME TOGETHER WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF 4000 PHILIPPINE "SCOUTS."

The secretary declares—and unquestionably with truth—that if, after taking the islands from Spain, we had given them their independence and sailed away there would have at once ensued bloody anarchy in the islands followed by their conquest by some power other than ourselves which would never have done for the Filipinos what we have done.

In his opinion, after expelling Spain we had no honorable alternative but to assume control until the Filipinos shall have demonstrated their capacity for self-government, and that whatever the cost we were bound to assume it.

He also is firm in the belief that the "opportunity" which our lodgment in the Philippines gives us to secure our "proper proportion of the

Asiatic and Pacific trade" is well worth the measly \$5,000,000 a year which it costs us.

It may be so. We need not argue the question with the genial secretary.

We cannot, however, forbear hinting that the value of an "opportunity" of which we make not the slightest use, and apparently never intend to, is placed rather high at \$5,000,000 a year.

IT IS SAFEST TO LET IT ALL STAND ON THE BOOKS OF THE RECORDING ANGEL AS SO MUCH TO OUR CREDIT AS AN ALTRUISTIC NATION.

If, however, we let their products into our markets, and do not, without any benefit whatever to themselves, compel them to ship their goods in American vessels at double the freight which their Asiatic competitors have to pay, it is quite possible that some time a trade will be created which will be profitable both to the Filipinos and ourselves.

The secretary declares that THE ISLANDERS ARE MAKING GREAT PROGRESS IN THE ART OF GOVERNMENT AND THAT WHENEVER THEY ARE EVIDENTLY ABLE TO STAND ALONE THEY SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER TO STAY WITH US OR CUT LOOSE.

Secretary Taft sidesteps responsibility for our original acquirement of the Philippines very neatly.

William J. Bryan, of course, is the one man upon whom that responsibility must rest, as he it was who by personal pleading secured the last vote or two which were necessary to the ratification of the treaty.

It is quite possible that Secretary Taft intends to do politics with that episode later.

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COOPER MET USUAL SUCCESS IN PITTSBURGH

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The following article, taken from the Pittsburgh Press, describes the results of L. T. Cooper's visit to that city, and the effect of his new preparation as told by people who had become convinced of the soundness of Cooper's theories with regard to the human stomach.

Cooper believes that the human stomach in civilized races has become greatly weakened. He claims that most ill health of the present generation is due to this fact. The article is as follows:

"L. T. Cooper is meeting with the same astonishing success in Pittsburgh as in other cities. For the past few days many thousands of Pittsburgh people have called at his headquarters to talk with him.

"Cooper prophecy, made upon his arrival, to the effect that before he left Pittsburgh thousands would realize that his theory is correct and would come and thank him for what his medicine had done, is rapidly being borne out.

"On Monday an astonishing number of people called to express their gratitude to Mr. Cooper. Judging from what some of these people had to say to a Press reporter, when in-

terviewed, Cooper's claim that the human stomach is degenerating is distinctly verified.

"One of the most unusual cures was made by Mr. C. W. Perry of 103 South Highland street, who said: 'For four years my wife was in very poor health. She was thin, with a hectic flush, cough, and I was inclined to believe them. It certainly looked as though her days were numbered there appeared to be very little ground for hope.

"Shortly after Mr. Cooper's visit to Pittsburgh I began to hear of wonderful results that had been obtained by persons who had tried his medicine, so I got some for my wife and had taken it only two days when she was relieved of a tapeworm which she had long had. She began to improve immediately—has gained seven pounds since she began taking the medicine. She feels splendid and looks much better. If any one doubts my statement I would be pleased to have them call at my house and see her."

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