

Something to Think About

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TRY TO BE HAPPY

WHEN all the world seems to be conspiring against you, though in reality it is not giving you a heating thought, try to be happy. The mere effort to acquire a sunnier mentality will be found helpful, as it takes you away from gloom, cheers your mind and enables you to look ahead with clearer vision.

To permit a depressing thought to imperish you, when there are duties to be done, which you owe to yourself and to others, is a common weakness not easily overcome, yet the shackles are easily broken when you go about the work in the right spirit.

The great-hearted have become great-hearted by trying to be happy. Their early efforts were difficult, fraught often with severe trials. In seasons of discouragement they felt that they lacked strength to turn away from the somber shadows that encompassed them, but by exerting self-will, lighting up their little lamp of faith and keeping it ever burning, they came, unexpectedly upon Happiness, waiting at the cross-roads with a smiling countenance and outstretched hands to welcome them.

When disposed to be downcast because of a harshly spoken word by a thoughtless friend, or a failure of some cherished plan you have been nursing for days and days, do not give up to all humor or remorse, but lift your eyes to the sky and open your heart to heaven's happiness.

If you attune your soul aright, you will find delectable happiness in the vast arch overhead, in the drifting white clouds, in the swaying of trees and in the whisperings of the winds—all bearing a message of cheer and encouragement.

How often do you raise your eyes to the smiling blue, or pause to think of the bliss beyond, waiting for those who shall overcome?

How often, instead of packing away your troubles, which no amount of grieving can change, do you turn to the great outdoors for consolation, seeking you at every turn of the road, on the summits of the hills by the dimpled streams and in the peaceful valleys?

All the king's horses and all the king's men cannot bring you happiness if you, of yourself, refuse to go out with open arms to meet it and press it to your breast.

More words can never trace out happiness, nor make its meaning clear except to those who put forth a hand in God's name, and embrace it in faith as their own.

THE MAN WHO OWES NO MAN  
I'll ask no odds of any man,  
No favor from a friend;  
Alone I'll work, alone I'll plan,  
Alone I'll attain the end.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB  
I gave some burglars  
all my pay  
who held me up the  
other day—  
I wouldn't stoop to  
argue if  
they think it's  
nice to act  
that way.

GREAT MAN'S SON FORGOTTEN

Lafayette's Boy, Named for George Washington, Was Once a Refugee in This Country.

The Century company says that comments provoked by "Sword of Liberty," recently published by them, impressed them with the fact that the average American seems never to have heard of George Washington Lafayette.

It seems strange that his story was not exploited during the wartime resurgence of enthusiasm about Lafayette and his noble friendship for this country; yet how many Americans know that Lafayette had a son named after his last friend, General Washington, or that the boy was at one time a refugee in this country?

The story is part of the background of the account of two revolutions—American and French—contained in the book. Following the earlier phase of the French Revolution, during which Lafayette was so immensely popular, and after the hostility to his moderation had developed which drove him into exile, he sent his son to America, to the care of the American George Washington for whom he was named.

It was his boy, according to the authors, Frank W. and Cortelle J. Hutchins, who, on returning from America, dug up from the garden of the Paris residence where they had been buried, the two swords given to Lafayette by the American congress and the French republic in recognition of his services in the two republics.

This Georges Washington Motier, de Lafayette was born in 1770; he was therefore but thirteen when he fled to America in 1792 and his distinguished father to the neutral territory of Liege.

PARIS MUSICIAN LIKES JAZZ  
M. Milhaud, Leader of Polytonic School, Says He May Some Time Compose Jazz Sonata.

Charles-Henry Moller, well-known music critic who has recently returned from a study of the modern European musical world, in an article in the December Forum called "The Polytonic Six of Paris," describes an interview with the much talked of Paris musician, M. Milhaud, as follows:

"Some day," M. Milhaud said, "I may compose a jazz sonata. The jazz form has been quite an inspiration. One may at times hear excellent music in the halls and much bad music is performed in concert rooms. I have told you of my love of melody. By this I mean that in my compositions I try to give equal importance to all the instruments I employ.

"My orchestra, of course, varies according to the nature of the works I write, and I have tried my hand at a good many styles. One form which I am fond of is the chamber symphony. I have turned out four examples of the sort so far, each scored for only a few solo instruments. I have published various piano compositions, among them a set of six which I grouped under the name of 'Les Printemps.' I have made scores for ballets with large orchestras and just now I am halfway through a tragic, lyric drama, named 'Les Eumenides.'

To Attempt World Flight  
London regards with admiration Sir Keith Smith and his brother, Sir Ross Smith, who, two years ago, flew from London to Australia, covering the 11,294 miles in just under 23 days, and who now announce that they have begun preparations for a flight around the world.

The distinguished brother aviators are not after the long non-stop flight record. They feel that aviation will develop itself on routes upon which stops are possible. What they wish to prove is that there are practicable means by which every section of the civilized earth can be reached by flight, just as they are now reached by ship and train, and that this can be done at an immense saving of time and perhaps of actual cost of transportation. Fortunately for themselves and the cause they advocate so energetically the distinguished Smith brothers have plenty of money with which to demonstrate their theories.

Taking It Easier  
"The Japan of Lafcadio Hearn and Loti is no more," said Hamilton Hartley, the author-traveler, at a Washington dinner party. "Labor troubles, you know."

"You have heard of the Japanese rickshaw runners? These men trot between the shafts of a rickshaw at the rate of five and six miles an hour. I mean to say they used to trot at that rate. Since they've been unionized it's hard to get them out of a walk."

Trade Schools for Women  
Argentina's recently organized Social Federation of Women (Confederacion Social Femenina) has for one of its chief objects the establishment of trade schools for women and girls in order to teach the elements of the manual trades, thus making more women economically independent and enlarging the sphere of their activities. To date it has organized two such schools, one of which has an attendance of 40 girls, who are learning to make men's and women's clothing, baskets and the like.

Jacqueline Logan



It is no wonder Jacqueline Logan is a "movie" star. She is not only well trained for the work, having been schooled for the stage, but she is an accomplished musician. She is a Colorado Springs girl. Her mother was a music teacher. An aunt was a vaudeville performer. Miss Jacqueline is a blonde. She is of Irish extraction.

THE RIGHT THING at the RIGHT TIME

MR. AND MRS.

How much the wife is dearer than the bride—Lord Lyttleton.

NEVER send any sort of formal invitation to Mrs. John Brown and not to her husband when other men are invited to the event. That is, it is not in good form to invite either a husband or wife to a formal party without inviting the other when persons of both sexes are invited. If you are giving a tea for your daughter, and no men are invited, then you may invite Mrs. Brown and not Mr. Brown.

How Fleas Are Put to Use  
The next time you are worried by a flea, do not be impatient with it. It has its uses.

How Collectors Are Swindled  
Wealthy collectors, searching in Egypt for treasures and relics are often imposed on by crafty Arabs, who manufacture mummies, using the bodies of their own dead, which they swathe in the mummy windings and encase in stolen or spurious mummy cases.

How Furniture Casters Are Made  
Furniture casters are now made of compressed leather.

How Indians Preserve Trees  
A gold prospector, returned from the Yukon, says the most remarkable thing he noticed was that Indians never kill a tree unless they have to. Even when forced to strip bark off to scrape the inside for food, Indians in the Yukon bind the bark back on the tree with vines.

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NEW RACE OF HUMANITY IS COMING INTO BEING.  
—Hawaii, once a lonely and lovely archipelago inhabited by the brown Polynesians, is today the world's greatest experiment station in racial mixtures.

Here Orient and Occident meet; here North America and Siberia and antipodes touch; here a current of Latin blood crosses a current of Teuton; Anglo-Saxon and Asiatic, Malay and Micronesian, Slav and Scandinavian, mingle and influence each other.

The least "fusible" are Japanese and Koreans. Others intermarry freely with the Polynesian stocks and with each other. And the marriage with Polynesians is fruitful of good results. A valuable contribution to humankind has been made by the Hawaiian natives, who, while disappearing before the inexorable impact of a civilization sterner than their own, have bequeathed to the new citizenship of the islands many of their own kindly and attractive qualities. The full-blooded Hawaiians are disappearing, but those of all other degrees of blood, from half-Hawaiian down, are increasing, and the Caucasian-Hawaiian, Chinese-Hawaiian, and Portuguese-Hawaiian are largely represented in the vigorous young citizenship of today.

Even those races such as the Japanese, which in the first and second generations of life in Hawaii have not readily fused with other races, are being assimilated. The third-generation Japanese boy and girl in Hawaii are likely to be of an ampler mold than the grandfather and grandmother. From the hard-worn soil of the mikado's empire, the descendants are taller, straighter of limb; their more rounded outlines and heavier bodies testify to the beneficial effects which Hawaii's equable, generous climate, and Hawaii's far better living conditions, exercise on the offspring of immigrants.

WEAR OVERCOATS ON SCALES

Why Some Thoughtless Persons Never Really Know Just What Their Exact Weight.

The Amateur Observer of things metropolitan likes to demand why people get on a weighing machine wearing overcoat or fur.

"How many persons know how much their overcoat weighs?" he asked, according to the New York Sun. "Certainly not one in a thousand. And yet, every day one is sure to see many persons get on the public scales on the elevated stations and elsewhere wearing a heavy coat. Maybe they always figure their winter weight with coat on, but it gives them no line on their usual weight. We're a funny bunch, we humans, and there are a thousand little ways of finding out that we do mighty little thinking for ourselves."

"You just got on the scales with your overcoat on," his listener suggested mildly.

"I know I did," was the quick response, "but I know I wear a twelve pound coat. After all, perhaps most other people know the weight of their overcoats."

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"What's in a Name?"

BESSIE  
BESSIE is, of course, one of the derivatives of Elizabeth, but so frequently is it given in baptism without any reference to its more proper antecedent that it has come to be regarded as a separate and distinct name.

Through its association with Elizabeth, it has its source in the old Hebrew name, Elisheba, and probably came to be evolved from the shortening of Elizabeth to Beth; whence Bess shortly followed. The first Bess on record is said to have been Elizabeth Woodville, whose mother, Jacqueline of Luxembourg, imported it from Flanders. Shakespeare's Edward IV called her Bess, and her daughter, Elizabeth of York, was called "Lady Bessie" in the verses which told of the political courtship of Henry of Richmond. "Pretty Bessie" is the granddaughter of Simon de Montfort in the old English ballad.

"Good Queen Bess" is too well known to need comment, but through her Bess had incredible popularity in the English court, at least one out of every three young women bearing the name of the queen. How Bessie, the endearing form of Bess, came to be spelled Bessie is not satisfactorily explained, unless it is the Scotch preference which gained vogue in England. Bessie is a favorite Scotch name, but Betsey, its equivalent, soon became popular in England and remains so.

Germany calls Bessie, Lieschen. She is Bahette in France and Betta in Italian. Russia has a form taken from the German, Lieschen. The flame-hearted ruby is Bessie's talismanic gem. It promises her courage, invincibility and long life. Sunday is her lucky day and 1 her lucky number. The lily, signifying purity, is her flower.

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