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THE MAN WHO FEELS.

The man who feels is a happier wight Than the man who is callous and cold, For if he weeps in the gloom of night, He laughs in the sunbeams' gold; And if the tide of his life runs low, It reaches the summits of cheer; He knows the heights, as the depths below, And he smiles through a plying tear. And after it all, when all is done The world has most of the glad-denning sun, For the twilight lingers when day is done, And the sun's benediction is dear.

The man who feels is happier far— I say it again and again— Than ever can be, or ever are, The pitiless sons of men; For if he sighs for his own gray woes, He sighs for another's too; If the plant of pain in his bosom grows, It is covered by sympathy's dew. And after all, when all is said, Still pity and love forever are wed; That the heart unfeeling is chill and dead Is true, and forever is true.

The man who feels is a dear God's gift To a sorrowful, travelling world; By the hands that the burdens of life uplift Is the flag of our peace unfurled. We need not the souls that are callous as Fate, And selfish and wedded to greed, But the pitying tear for our fallen estate We need—and we ever shall need. And after it all, when all is past, 'Tis the deed of love that alone may last, And the rest is chaff in the winnowing blast; In the garden of life, a weed.—Alfred J. Waterhouse in K. of P. News.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

No complaint, no growl at one's troubles, ever accomplished one-half as much in making things better as good, hard work does. A "holy war" is threatened in Tripoli. A "holy war" is a holy terror. What's the matter with Kansas? Well, tarring women school teachers is one thing. Abe Martin has noticed that the girls who violate all the rules on the woman's page seem to look the swellest.

Now that letters are being transported by aeroplane the expression "dropping a line" is no longer a figure of speech. A woman who had never been kissed recently died at the ripe age of 106 years. What an awful price to pay for longevity!

Dr. Wiley, the great food expert, has the right idea. He says that American women should play the cook stove more and the piano less.

A New York woman has filed suit for divorce because her husband insisted upon reading his poems to her. Clear case of cruel and inhuman treatment.

The Chinese religion is a worship of dead ancestors, whence the pertinency of the observation of the Sioux City Tribune that they are having a revival over there—making lots of dead ancestors.

The Republican party in Illinois is in a bad way. The majorities in the two houses of the legislature are at loggerheads over adjournment and the governor has a broken leg. And there you are!

Merited rebuke is administered Champ Clark by the Chicago Tribune, which says that the American people are not at all likely to put the tremendous responsibility of the presidency upon a man whose tongue is swung in the middle. "If Mr. Clark is silly enough to believe what he says," adds the Tribune, "he at least ought not to be silly enough to say it. In a delicate international complication, God save the republic from a Champ Clark!"

The Democratic and insurgent papers are having a good deal to say about the "mistakes of Taft." There's a reason. Taft's "mistakes," so-called, are certain to cost the Democratic party and insurgent Republicans a whole lot of trouble.

A Chicago paper makes the just complaint that men of great wealth in leaving bequests for the aid of humanity seldom consider the needs of the agencies which endeavor to stand between men and women and the long tooth of want and the sharp claws of distress. Most of their bequests are for educational institutions and libraries for people who are well fed and have a grip on life.

Mr. E. John Richards, who for several years has been the lessee and publisher of the Mt. Pleasant Journal, has given up his lease and proprietorship and severed his relations with that property, and has accepted a position with the Mt. Pleasant News, beginning today. He will look after advertising and subscriptions and has the best wishes of a host of friends in his new business relations.

Rev. George Stewart, a Tennessee clergyman, doesn't like the dress of the modern woman. He complains that the women have cut their dresses off at the bottom for a walking skirt and cut them off at the top for a ball gown and they have silt them up the side and hobbled them and made pants of them "until it is a serious matter." Rev. Mr. Stewart wouldn't have them a laughing matter, would he?

The Gate City repeats and proposes to keep on repeating that every article of local manufacture should be labeled "Made in Keokuk." Such an inscription would serve a double purpose. It would advertise Keokuk far and wide and it would be a guaranty that the article was first-class in quality. What local manufacturer will take the initiative in this matter? The Gate City is anxious to print his name in capital letters in gothic type.

The Carthage Republican, a high-minded paper ordinarily friendly to Keokuk, complains that this city is "cold" toward the Quincy-Niota interurban project. The Republican will readily concede that Keokuk owes it to itself to do what is best for itself. It only remains to add that there are likely to be interurban projects of greater value to Keokuk than the one named above and that they will be on a more substantial basis than any yet brought to public notice locally. If this be treason make the most of it! Keokuk is not asleep. It is only possessing its soul in patience until the right project presents itself.

AGAINST THE COMIC SUPPLEMENT.

The Illinois Federation of Women's clubs in session at Galesburg last week gave new impetus to the campaign against the comic supplement by resolving that it should be abolished. Thorough study of the mischievous pranks exploited in the comic supplement has convinced this great body of intelligent Illinois women that such pictures exert a harmful influence upon children. The conclusion is one in which thoughtful people generally concur. It is to be hoped the movement to rid the papers of this objectionable feature will be successful. And the sooner the better.

A NEEDED REFORM.

Strengthening the family ties and weakening divorce temptations is the primary purpose of a nation-wide movement launched in Spokane by the formation of a Stay-at-Home club for married men. The national organization is to be known as the Stay-at-Home-League of America. E. Porter Hall, formerly an English clergyman, now a member of the editorial staff of the Spokesman-Review, who originated the idea, says the only obligation of the members will be to stay at home with their families at least three nights a week. George A. Forbes, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Spokane, declared in an interview that no more important work can be undertaken at this time, when engagements and amusements taking men from their homes are so varied and attractive, than by every means strengthening the home ties.

Home loving and home keeping men are not those who become candidates for divorce. Mr. Forbes said, adding: "I think a league on these lines will do good and help to bring back those sanctities of the American home which obtained in the earlier and simpler times of the nation."

PRICES OF FOODS.

Sugar is coming down in price. For some time it has been quoted at fifteen pounds for a dollar, but in many places is now advertised at sixteen pounds for a dollar, and indications are that it will decline to seventeen in the near future. One Chicago firm is offering it in quantity at six cents a pound. Coffee, on the other hand, is still going up, and it is expected that before the end of the year the price will be two or three cents higher than now.

The jump in tea in the last few months has been greater than that in coffee. Gunpowder tea that wholesalers bought three months ago at fourteen cents a pound is now twenty-eight cents.

Rice has advanced 30 per cent in the last three months. Whole grain rice is retailed at seven and a half to ten cents a pound and broken rice at five cents.

Oatmeal in bulk has gone up about

30 per cent in the last three months. That which was selling at ten pounds for a quarter is now selling nine pounds for a quarter and the quantity will be reduced to eight pounds in a day or two.

SHOP EARLY.

The stores almost without exception are ready for the Christmas trade and prospective customers would do well to make their purchases at once. Those who buy first will have larger choice and better service and can make their selections more deliberately and with more satisfactory results. Those who delay until a later date will have to be satisfied with the leavings of the earlier and more systematic buyers.

There is an altruistic as well as a selfish side to the matter. At the holiday season the clerks in the stores are sadly overworked because of the rush. Much can be done to alleviate them by making purchases early. Both self-interest and a proper regard for the rights and interests of others emphasize the wisdom of early holiday shopping.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The so-called steel trust investigating committee of the house of representatives is to resume its hearing in Washington today. It is expected the first inquiry will be directed toward rates charged for the transportation of ore by the steel trust roads of Minnesota. J. Pierpont Morgan and Andrew Carnegie are scheduled to appear before the committee and their testimony is awaited with keen anticipation.

Interest in the work of the interstate commerce commission is expected to center in the proposed investigation into the business of the express companies. The first hearing is to be held in New York Wednesday. The express companies have shown some disposition to oppose the investigation and it is not expected

that any information will be gained in the matter except as the result of a strenuous fight.

The "Underwood for President" boom probably will be heard from during the week. In Birmingham a big banquet is to be given Thursday night in honor of the minority leader in the house. The affair has been arranged by the Democrats of Alabama and will be attended by prominent party leaders from all over the South.

The annual football game between the eleven of the West Point and Annapolis academies will be played in Philadelphia Saturday and will be made an occasion for the usual large and brilliant gathering of army and navy officials and society folk.

Currency reform will be the all-absorbing topic of discussion at the annual convention of the American Bankers' association, which will assemble in New Orleans tomorrow and continue in session through the greater part of the week.

Other conventions of the week will include the National Road Congress in Richmond, Va., and the annual meeting of the Mississippi-Atlantic Inland Waterway association, in Montgomery, Ala.

A number of notable men and women are to observe their birthday anniversaries during the week. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's seventieth birthday, today, will be fittingly marked by the Liberal members of the Dominion parliament. Hetty Green, the "world's richest woman," will attain her seventy-sixth year tomorrow and four days later Andrew Carnegie, who has just given further evidence of his desire to die poor by donating an additional \$25,000,000 for educational purposes will enter upon his seventy-fifth year.

When We Forget the Equity

Text of Splendid Address Delivered by Mr. Oswald Becker at the Semi-Annual Reunion of Scottish Rite Bodies in Davenport, Iowa, Thursday, November 16, 1911.

Life at the very best is not a summer picnic; it is a struggle; a battle. It is a problem given to the individual for his individual solution. His living is his answer. Happiness is not handed round to us on a golden platter garnished with rosebuds. If we want it we must make it. If we want any of the really great things of life, we must fight to win them, fight to hold them. This is what makes keen and clear the moral eye, toughens the moral sinews, puts red corpuscles into the soul of purpose and backbone into character. Life is not easy, but we can make it easier. We often make it harder—cruelly, unnecessarily, bitterly harder—for ourselves and others. We forget the equity.

Under the seeming injustice of life Nature is constantly seeking equalizing, balance, justice. Nature keeps books with the individual. Her justice consists neither in the debit or the credit side of her ledger, but in the difference—the net, the balance, the equity. What seems to us injustice is often really only our concentration on one side of the account to the exclusion of the other. We exaggerate our sorrows so that they eclipse our joys; we are unjust to what we have in hungering for what we have not; we make our unsatisfied desires, not our possessions, the test of happiness.

We may envy the fame, fortune, or prosperity of another, unknowing the mortgages of care, responsibility, opposition and worry that reduces the realism of what he has. His net happiness may be really less than ours with but a tenth of his possessions.

Equity is the net value of property over mortgages and other claims against it. It is the balance that remains to our credit in an account when the debts are subtracted.

Sometimes, with a sigh on our lips and a sob creeping in our throat, we face our life in numb rebellion. We are so vividly conscious of what we have to bear that we may forget our reason for happiness. Our sorrows seen through the magnifying glass of discouragement, loom large before us, our joys through the reducing glass of unsatisfied desire minify into almost nothingness. We let what we lack poison the waters of what we have. We forget the equity. We forget the big, broad, clear sweep of net happiness still remaining to us; the mortgage of care, sorrow and responsibility blinds us to the realism of our possessions.

If we have really much to bear, our attitude is making the bearing harder; it is making our power over conditions less, their power over us more. Let a fresh, clear, bracing breeze of optimism and new courage blow through the soul. Let us forget our sorrows in remembering our joys; let our pain in realization that our imagination is increasing it. Let us forget our self pity in sympathizing with others. Let us remember the equity, the great possibilities, powers, and possessions, for good to ourselves and the world still left to us. If even then it seems a little, throw in great handfuls of hope, optimism, determination, and courage, to make it seem greater until it really becomes greater. We complain of the scheme of the Universe when it is we ourselves, those around us, or society in

general that are at fault. We accuse Nature of playing favorites, of giving others the roses and us the thorns. We are inclined to regard all happiness, success, and sunshine as our due, which we have earned somehow by merely living, while trial, sorrow, and pain seem an invasion of our individual rights. The Infinite gives man neither happiness nor sorrow directly. He gives only the raw material out of which man can make what he will.

The possession that would be the crowning joy to one might be the useless encumbrance, the depth of sorrow to another; the starvation role of one would be to another a banquet of surfeit. A hundred plants in the same garden draw the same nutriment from the same soil in the same sunshine and air; yet each transforms its supply in accord with its nature, in harmony with its own viewpoint of interpretation. We forget the equity in judging ourselves; we forget it in judging others.

In our bookkeeping in business we do not let someone's debit of one hundred dollars wipe out his thousand dollar credit; we realize that the man has an equity of nine hundred dollars remaining; that he has this amount still to his credit. Why do we not let this simple justice apply to judging the acts of others?

The friend who has been kind and generous to us for years, who has stood bravely by us in hours of darkness, whose hand, firm clasped in ours has steadied us through a crisis, who should have many golden spots in memory to his credit, may prove weak may offend us, may even desert us. In our hurt we may let the act of the moment neutralize the years of constancy, truth and loyalty—one debit cancel in an instant his long accounts of credits. We make it harder for him, harder for ourselves, by forgetting the equity, by overlooking the margin still to his credit.

A little patience, a little tolerance, a little generous waiting and watching before pronouncing final judgment, may accomplish wonders.

For years some man in public life may have struggled by consecration to purpose, by loyalty to principle, by faithful adherence to duty, and at last reached a pinnacle of fame. The world honors him; his life is held up as a model, an inspiration to the young, a source of pride to all. But that man may do a wicked thing and the world is startled by the discovery. Society says "Now he is unmasked; now we know his real character!"

One evil act becomes typical of a whole life, one evil act submerges all the good of years.

Does society ever make one good act the expression of a character? Does it ever let one good act sweep like a mighty tide over a wicked life and bury it forever from sight and memory? That man's character may not have been hidden. There may have been a sudden temptation, one that came when mind was weary, hope weak, and body worn, every sentinel against sin, for the time withdrawn, and the victory was an easy one. Under the compelling power of an act once committed, morally dazed, he may have involved himself further, doing what he could, not what he should. The act was wrong. It was a big black mortgage on a life; but the equity, the justice of the

balance of good, is his, and we wrong him by forgetting it.

Poets, preachers, teachers, delight to tell that character is a mighty structure, put together block by block, which may be ruined in an instant, fall into the dust and chaos by one evil deed. It is not so; this is cruelly unjust, untrue. Character cannot be killed in an instant; it is only reputation that can be slain by one act. Great single deeds do not make character; large single evil acts cannot ruin it.

Character is built of trifles. The real test is the equity—the balance of the good over the evil.

And I love to think that the Infinite will finally so judge us; that He will regard no single black act as being our whole life; that He will judge us by our equity, letting good impulses, high motives, faithfulness in little things, true unselfishness, brotherly love, kindness, and exalted ideals, balance, offset and neutralize many of the acts of our human weakness, as we, in our poor human recognition of justice, permit a payment on account to cancel part of our indebtedness.

WESTERN RIVERS ARE ON RAMPAGE

Boats Plying In Streets and Railroads Are Put Out of Business.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 20.—According to late reports from Burlington the railroads have ceased what they have found to be the hopeless task of trying to cope with the floods from the Stikiamish and Ekagit rivers.

Several miles of track on sections from the roads have been washed away and mail and freight have been cut off for twenty-four hours. The Northern Pacific from Everett to Sedro-Woolley and the Great Northern from Stanwood down have been useless. The floods at Stanwood have assumed such alarming proportions that the telephone offices have been deserted and all means of communication is shut off. Boats are plying in the streets in the vicinity of the depot and at the present time there are no indications that the waters will subside before morning.

So far the damage has been confined to the stoppage of business. Fear is felt, however, that the big bridge of the Great Northern at Silvana may have one of its ends swept away by the rush of the current.

The Snohomish is displaying unmistakable signs of going on a rampage and should this occur results are likely to be of a serious nature.

Earl Wood of Hamilton, attended the first state convention of the federation of commercial clubs at Springfield last week. He spent the day with homefolks in this city enroute home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Johnson spent several days the past week with the lady's sister, Mrs. D. W. Owen, of Herseman.

Misses Lucy and Bessie White of Blandinsville are visiting their cousin, Mrs. Oscar O'Dell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McKee departed Wednesday for Chicago, for an extended visit with their daughter.

Attorney Geo. V. Helfrich, was a business visitor to Chicago last week.

Hugh Asher, of Blackwell, Okla., is visiting at the L. R. Bray home.

Miss Adele Buschling of Warsaw, and Albert Buschling of Quincy, have been visiting Mrs. E. E. McAdams.

Mrs. Mary Gill will spend the winter with the family of her son, T. E. Gill, at Pueblo, Colo.

Samuel Ireland returned to his home in Temperanceville, Canada, Monday, after a visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. J. F. Scott, daughters Gene and Betty, and son, Frank, departed

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Wednesday for Altus, Okla., to spend the winter with Mr. Scott.

Dr. Frank P. Norbury, head of the state board of administration, visited with Dr. Wm. Blender last week.

Miss Helen Bardens, of Warsaw, visited over Sunday with Miss Elizabeth Cherrill.

Alfred Logan who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Phoebe Noble, left last week for his home in Glenwood, Mo.

Mrs. Shelton Jackson, of Creston, Iowa is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Wright.

Attorney C. J. Scofield was a business visitor to Monmouth last week.

Mrs. Lou Walls, of Appleton City, Mo., visited her uncle, Jos. Ritchey, the past week.

Palmer Bertsch, of Mankato, Minn., has been visiting friends in the city.

Herman Harper departed Tuesday for St. Joseph Mo. His son, Watson, accompanied him.

Hon. and Mrs. A. W. O'Harra have issued invitations for a reception on

Friday evening Nov. 24th, to meet Mr. and Mrs. C. J. O'Harra.

Mrs. W. T. Booth is visiting her daughter, in Camp Point.

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