

HOW AMERICA AIDS THEM TOLD BY OUR FOREIGN-BORN

Letters From Evening World Readers Point Out Benefits of This Country.

Special Editor, Evening World.

Kindly permit me first in paying my compliments to The Evening World for the adoption of this plan. It certainly will prove a strong, convincing fact that there are many thousands foreign born here with a true American heart and loyal citizenship.

When, at the age of ten, I read the translation of the American Independence in 1776, there was only one desire left in me, and that was to live in a country of freedom. In 1871 I landed in New York, and with all of my imagination I found myself far short of what really liberty and the true Constitution, with all its implications, meant to its constituents. I really could not wait the time to become of age and time limit for any citizenship.

In 1878 I became a citizen. My love and admiration, without recurring details of our Constitution, institutions and form of government, the latter, if we do not like today, we, the people, can change. And our laws, always for the protection of the people, have always had my admiration, and I think anybody not contented with such a form of government is wasting his life to dwell in a country like ours.

Of course, people mostly leave their native country for financial improvement, but when met with disappointment find fault with the country in general. I have never left this country and have secured for myself my final resting place when American soil will hold my remains.

My age compelled me to show my loyalty to the limit of my means—to invest in war savings stamps—and my patriotism stands for anything and everything American.

I, like thousands of others, have come here to stay, and stay we do, either I am not only obligated, but consider myself a full-fledged American, and also my children and grandchildren.

The Best That Any Man Ever Had Is Offered to All Here.

Special Editor, Evening World.

I come to the United States fourteen years ago ready for work. After five years I got my citizenship papers. I have not made a fortune, but I am living well and happily married and

WHAT AMERICA HAS DONE FOR ME

What of the foreign-born who have lived in the United States and learned to admire and uphold its institutions and Government? What of the aliens who have changed their alienism for a loyal Americanism that will stick to them, their children and their children's children? Now is the moment to hear from them.

Their testimony can be a powerful aid toward nullifying the destructive schemes of the alien who stay alien.

What has America done for me that makes me believe it, as it stands, the best country in the world to live in?

For the most pointedly helpful letters from foreign-born, telling of their own experience what here they have found in the United States that they could not have found in other countries. The Evening World offers prizes as follows:

A First Prize of \$10; a Second Prize of \$25; ten other prizes of \$10 each; fifty prizes of \$5 each.

Letters should not contain more than three hundred words. Ability to say much in a short space will count. Take time to be brief.

Under his signature at the end of the letter each writer should give, not necessarily for publication, his name, address, occupation, age, the name of the country from which he came, the length of time he has been in the United States and his status as to citizenship.

Address letters to Loyalty Editor, Evening World. (Correspondents are requested to write on one side of paper only.)

I have a four-room apartment as my home, a good bathroom, pictures and paintings on the walls and rug on the floor. I like the evening schools, lectures and community meetings, and when I long for good reading I find also plenty of books in our libraries. And for amusement I visit our wonderful museum and can look at the beautiful paintings and enjoy them the same as if they were mine.

I like Uncle Sam. He wants us all to get a good education, and therefore gives us schools and universities. He provides for us the Zoological Gardens and parks, amusement places, builds bridges over our rivers and makes the most beautiful roads in the world. He is a friend of the

homeholder and helps the farmers with homesteads, agricultural stations and irrigation. He gives us good sports and religious freedom and respects our liberties. He gives everybody a chance to get ahead.

I am only a blacksmith, but I love the very ground I stand on.

Is Proud He Is An American By Choice.

America has given me the training which puts me on an equal footing with my native-born brother. It has educated my children through the medium of public schools and other educational institutions, some special branches of almost every calling can be acquired without price.

If sick and in financial distress I will be taken to a hospital where I will receive free medical treatment and be cared for by kind nurses until I recover. And a kind and generous public may be depended on to preserve my home until my return.

Free lectures are established which I can attend. These lectures are instructive, educational and elevating to the mind, and help me greatly in forming conclusions on social, political, economic and other questions.

I have the free use of parks, recreation places, paths and playgrounds, as well as libraries where I can have free access to books which will give me authentic information on almost any subject desired.

If injured in the service of my employer the Workmen's Compensation Law protects me and sees that I have proper medical treatment, free of charge, and a compensation which will at least keep the wolf from the door until I am able to resume my former occupation or some other employment.

There are a few of the very essential things America offers to all, and makes her the ideal Nation of the world.

The other side of this question I will leave to my pessimistic friends who possess greater ability to magnify a needle in the eye of the Statue of Liberty than I and may be depended on to do ample justice to the subject. I am proud to write myself down an American citizen by choice.

Arrived Penniless, Now Success in America.

Loyalty Editor, Evening World.

Since the day of my arrival from Germany in 1902, this country has done so much for me and has, with its principles and wonderful institutions, so completely taken hold of me, that it is a pleasure to come forth and answer your call.

Although working hard as a machinist in Germany and being of a thrifty disposition, I had been unable to save anything and came here penniless. Unable to speak the English language and having no friends here I started in the humble position of dishwasher, but the difference in the two countries was so marked that within five years I had advanced to the position of foreman of a large machine shop, had through the use

of free schools, mastered the English language and secured social equality, and by taking advantage of public libraries had developed my mind and had the pleasure of reading books which in Germany were available only to the favored classes only.

Since then I married and had children and succeeded in obtaining my own and now the advantages of great America are brought home to me each when I think of the splendid education I am able to give them. There is no doubting the fact that the State and States stand for the greatest, most wonderful country of them all, and people that come here and instead of cursing them are trying to beat them down, can not be hard enough hearted.

"Uncle Sam Is the Greatest Boss in the World."

Loyalty Editor, Evening World.

This greatest boss in the world is Uncle Sam.

I am one of the millions of foreign born Americans, a constant reader of The World and one who reads the excellent editorials produced in its valuable columns.

I emigrated from Ireland thirteen years ago, where my parents lived after marriage my parents became prosperous by working systematically on the American plan. Our family was exceedingly large, and I was forced to emigrate, and when that day came I was real happy. I became an American citizen after five years. Am married and have six children, all happy, three attending school, while I am the service of the greatest master in the world (Uncle Sam).

Citizenship and a good wife, a position with Uncle Sam in the postal service brought happiness to our home, with the children also getting a good sound education, has increased our happiness, and is better to me than many thousand dollars to-day, and I know I am living.

Ireland is a farming country and life is one continuous struggle to exist. You must have a farm or business. In the United States you can get plenty of work, examinations are open to citizens in city, State and national Governments, and every candidate is treated fair and square.

I will tell what the United States has done for me. I have better clothes, better living conditions; I talk to people in all walks of life; a chance to learn and enter in college for a professional life; work in clean, sanitary factory, store or shop; I have a voice in the Government by going to the polls on Election Day, and a chance to see and think a trial by jury if charged with any crime, which is termed fair trial, and no pocket justice as in other countries; the charitable institutions are most excellent, and homes for the aged, together with free pensions for widows, which is the greatest piece of legislation passed in many years.

We have a chance to get rich, as Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Morgan were once poor, so the same opportunities are open to each and every one, whether alien or American born. I still love thee, the land of the free and the home of the brave. God gave our own U. S. A.

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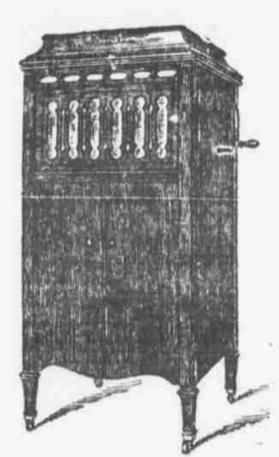
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