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CONTROL.—Reading of the vast energy that is wasted because certain water power sites are not yet controlled, we ponder (the spring season being an apt tie for this harmless pursuit) on the incalculable amount of human energy that is wasted every day because of lack of control.

The individual who has mastered a system of control—"poise," the high-brows call it—is certain to become a success.

Persons who fling their stock in trade, ability to do things, in every direction without thought of aim or reason, soon exhaust their assets.

Ambition is one of the chiefest of American characteristics; those Americans who stand head and shoulders above the herd have mastered control. Cultivate it!

A MARTYR LAWYER.—The name of Harry S. Stokes, a lawyer of Nashville, Tenn., should go down in history along with those of the nation's most illustrious martyrs. Stokes was shot to death in cowardly fashion by an opposing lawyer in the taxpayers' suit which Stokes instituted at his own expense in an effort to recover some of the people's money which was stolen by grafters under the regime of Mayor Howse.

Those who doubted Stokes' sincerity in his fight for clean govern-

ment of his city can no longer doubt it since the probating of his will revealed the fact that he bequeathed \$10,000 to his legal associates to be used in carrying on the fight. Stokes had spent some \$20,000 of his own money carrying on the battles which resulted in the ouster of Mayor Hillary Howse and his associates.

"In the even the city hall cases are undetermined when my death occurs," says the will, "I desire my executors to furnish my associates a sum of money not to exceed \$10,000, and this money shall be expended by them as they deem best."

Further, he specified the bequest was to be used in "the cause of good government in Nashville."

In order to protect his family, Stokes took out life and accident insurance policies totaling \$100,000. Some of the companies canceled the policies he carried because of the extreme danger he was in of violent death. Yet this man did not budge an inch from his purpose until the sudden death for which had prepared cut him off and showed the people what his efforts had meant to them.

Would that there were more lawyers like Harry S. Stokes, fighting for the cause of the people without recompense and despite the threats of assassination.

AN EXCEPTION

"Remember, my son," said the father, "that politeness costs nothing."
"Oh, I don't know," returned his hopeful. "Did you ever try putting 'Very respectfully yours' at the end of a telegram?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

INCOMPLETE FLUSH

"Miss Giltrox," exclaimed the young man, "I offer you my hand and heart."

"Yes," replied the knowing young woman; "but from here the hand looks to me like four cards that the heart won't better."