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Money of Widows and Orphans Safe in City Bonds

Superior Judge Gives Good Advice: "Buy San Francisco Securities With Trust Funds"

In the dark ages of a few years ago, when capital tried to pretend that the government had no right to investigate its methods and its earnings, the more imaginative of the special pleaders used to invoke an interesting sentimental reason to forestall investigation.

Now, as a matter of fact, widows and orphans are, on the whole, quite inoffensive folk, with no desire to give rebates or buy up senators or do other things with which corporations have been accused.

But Judge Graham of our superior court has a suggestion for widows and orphans to follow. He advises them to put their money in municipal securities, in a specific instance, in 5 per cent San Francisco bonds.

The probate courts of the state have supervision over the estates of minors and incompetents and they have to approve, for the most part, investments which are made of the funds in the estates.

It is not the function of the court to "boost" any form of investment, either public or private, but other probate judges may take a leaf from Judge Graham's book and advise administrators to put the funds in their charge in public bonds.

Of course, if that is done extensively the corporations will lose the right to protest that any abridgement of their rapacious conduct is inimical to the poor widows and orphans.

The World IS Growing Better, Reform IS Making Progress, Don't Get Discouraged

Perhaps the Trouble Is That Too Many of Us Try to Drive Rather Than Lead, and Crusade to Destroy Instead of Planning to Construct

Sometimes those good people, and our good friends, the reformers, betray their impatience that the world refuses to be as progressive as it ought, or to progress in the particular direction they THINK it ought.

The world IS growing better, however slowly it may seem to those who teach and preach the way to better things.

But the world has to take time to change its bad habits. It can not slough them off at once or altogether. It may be persuaded many times when it can not be coerced.

A mother who sees her baby playing with a sharp knife is unwise if she tries to snatch the knife away or slaps the infant's hand to make it drop the steel. She is wise who offers a pretty substitute for which the baby stretches forth its hand, dropping the knife to do so.

Men are like babies in that they will hang on and yell if you try to take away a bad habit without offering something in exchange.

Take cigarettes—universally smoked in every nation on the globe. Some smoke them because they can not afford cigars. Make cigars as good for 5 cents as they now are for 10, and thousands would drop cigarette smoking.

It may be noted in passing that where our grandfathers chewed tobacco their grandsons chew gum. That's not perfection, but it's some progress.

Moreover, where our grandsires got drunk on rum their grandsons get merely groggy on beer. Also some gain. The gain for temperance is as 5 per cent of alcoholic contents is to 50 per cent.

They also work for the temperance of the American people who invent and promote "soft" drinks, who develop the soda water fountain into a bar, and make the places where temperance drinks are sold as attractive as the saloons which sell alcoholic stimulants.

Of two evils always choose the least. That principle which admits of no expediency stiffly refuses to make progress in the easiest, most practical way.

Virtue is not absolute, but comparative. What might be right in one day or place or situation would be utterly wrong in another. Morality is a sliding scale of good taste. When we agree that a course of conduct is offensive then we cite it as immoral, after which we vote it illegal.

But to bring others to our way of thinking, to make them view an act as immoral, is one thing; TO MAKE THEM STOP doing it is another.

Parents can not bring up children to refrain from all sports and amusements because some are vulgar or dangerous. Their course lies in making the clean and wholesome amusements appear attractive and ready substitutes.

A girl can be kept from running the streets by letting her have her friends frolic with her at home. A boy can be kept out of bar and pool rooms by providing him billiards and games in a room where he can entertain his chums.

So those reformers who would paternally interdict the rest of mankind from vicious habits and evil practices will find that men are much like children—EASY TO LEAD, BUT HARD TO DRIVE.

Before you try to shut up or take away or extinguish anything which men have established for their pleasure, be sure you are able to provide something better to take its place.

Before destroying a structure to burn a nuisance, construct a tenement that is new and clean.

The test of a reform as to its efficacy is whether it is CONSTRUCTIVE or just DESTRUCTIVE.

HUMPING HIMSELF



TO HELP OUT HIS THANKSGIVING GIFT



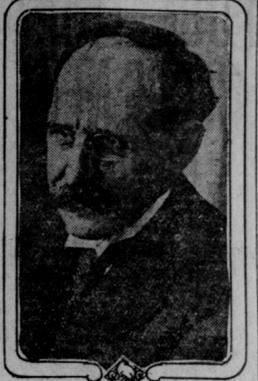
Evening Calls

Santa Claus is a generous old soul, but he never tips a barber.
A trial juror gets \$2 a day. How can a man get professional standing on \$2 a day?
Princess Eulalie has started a beauty shop in Paris. It used to be the kings and princes who collected beauty.

Footnotes of Humor

"Speaking of hens," said an American traveler, "reminds me of an old hen my dad had on a farm in Dakota. She would hatch out anything from a tennis ball to a lemon. Why, one day she sat on a piece of ice and hatched out two quarts of hot water."
That doesn't come up to a club footed hen my old mother once had, said one of his hearers.

Man Is Solving the Mystery of the Wind



The Rapid Changes in the Wind's Velocity, as Revealed by Instruments, Explain the "Holes in the Air" so Dangerous to Aviators.

By GARRETT P. SERVISS

SINCE man has provided himself with wings he has learned more astonishing things about the air than were dreamt of in his old philosophy. He has HAD to learn them in order to make traveling safe on his new aerial highway.

Discoveries the Paris "Wind Measurers" Have Made

Consider, for instance, these things which have recently been found out by the Aerotechnic Institute of the University of Paris:

If two anemometers (wind measurers) are placed side by side about 72 feet above the ground when a wind of from 33 to 48 feet per second is blowing, the most remarkable differences in the velocity of the wind are observed.

If the distance between the anemometers is increased to 23 or 24 feet, the usual length of an aeroplane, the differences in the velocity of the wind shown by them are occasionally enormous, but of very brief duration.

Velocity of Wind at Given Point Subject to Change

But this is by no means all. Not only does the wind vary in this capricious fashion at places a few feet or a few yards apart, but it varies with equal violence and suddenness at the same point, as is proved by fixing a single anemometer at a height of 75 or 80 feet above the ground and observing the successive changes in its indications of velocity. Thus it has

been found that a wind whose average velocity was about 38 feet per second maintained that velocity for as much as 10 successive seconds, and then, in a second and a half, dropped to less than 14 feet per second, which it maintained during two seconds, after which, in the course of half a second, it sprang up to a velocity of 50 feet per second! It maintained the last mentioned velocity for only a single second.

In another case the velocity of the wind rose in three-quarters of a second from 26 1/4 feet to 57 1/2 feet per second.

Considering these facts, it is no wonder that aviators meet with strange accidents by running into what they call "holes in the air," for the sustaining force of the air, on account of the sudden variations of the wind, may almost instantaneously lose half its value, and then, with equal suddenness, recover, or more than recover, its former power.

It took thousands of years for seamen to learn how to face with unflinching hearts the vagaries of the ocean waves and currents, and for shipbuilders to devise vessels that could defy them, but it seems likely that we in a few decades shall have mastered the caprices of the atmosphere and have produced airships that will safely ride the wildest wind.

Ganos' Daring No Less Than That of Jason or Columbus

It is the advance of science that has given us the great advantage which we possess over our predecessors in overcoming nature's obstacles, but increase of knowledge would not have served us if there had been a decrease of courage. That there has been no such decrease is proved every day by the daring feats of aviators like Ganos, who recently crossed the Mediterranean sea in a single flight—a bolder achievement than Jason's voyage in search of the golden fleece and a manifestation of personal courage not second to that of Columbus.

TRANSMIGRATION

By WILLIAM F. KIRK

"THE transmigration of souls, my dear," said the grocery clerk who had gone to college, "is a grand belief that the Greeks made clear in the days when the Greeks were steeped in knowledge.

It means that I loved you long ago in another planet in other ages. And a million years haven't changed, I know. The passion that now in my whole soul rages.

We have transmigrated throughout all the time, just your dear soul and the soul of me. From planet to planet in many a climate, And our new, grand marriage is bound to be."

Then her old man came down the massive stairs, saying, "I heard your smooth tongue work, But I reckon none of my daughters and heirs Will transmigrate with no grocery clerk."

PUTTY: He Wiggles His Toes

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