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### ART IN LIFE.

...conditions there is life which more eagerly seeks expression than what may be called our love for art. From earliest childhood if we are unhampered and left to our own devices we seek to give expression to this creative impulse. It is a part of our play and games as children, and in the course of a normal development it would become in later years a part of our work.

Unfortunately, however, for some of us even in early youth, and for nearly all of us in later years, there are many obstacles put in the way of satisfying this art impulse. The rush and routine of the workaday world, the clamor of commerce, make demands on our attention and drain our energies, so that at length even this instinctive yearning is stifled, if not altogether suppressed.

There should be in every community all sorts of opportunities for the individual to satisfy that inextinguishable passion that lifts life away from prose, and from the deadening commonplace of a workaday world. Every community which lays claim to some ideal above the realm of the material must keep open all possible avenues which may lead for the individual to a finer appreciation of art and a more active participation in it. For quite contrary to what is believed in many quarters the art appeal goes out to us all. Not that we can all become great painters and sculptors and the like, but we can all derive satisfaction through efforts to fashion with our hands something of our own planning and desire.

Schools where decorative handicrafts are taught have a distinct educative value. They offer interests to young persons and old, who may not in any other way be reached. There is a surfeit of distractions in every city, but distractions do not make for development. Through the efforts he puts forth in a school of this kind the girl or boy who has long been a puzzle to his parents because of his lack of interests may get a great and good impulse and a better understanding of himself, his powers and limitations.

Through a happy combination of the artistic and useful new vistas may be opened to him. Which is the purpose of all sound education.

### CALMER VIEW IN FRANCE.

The change of front of Premier Briand is suggestive of a calmer view in France and, as such, will be hailed with satisfaction in America. The fact that the responsible ministerial head would dare urge upon deputes a counsel of moderation indicates that opinion is veering from the extreme position of a week or two ago. This is gratifying, for stubbornness in Paris would have been more dangerous to world settlement than stubbornness in Germany, for it would have been more difficult to manage.

At many stages of the development of the international situation succeeding the armistice the French attitude has seemed unnecessarily severe. Yet there has been abundant reason for rigor at Paris, and ample excuse for excessive precautions, for France is at the frontier and in the shadow of the German menace.

Two factors are most influential in cooling wrath and hate—distance and time. Only one of these is applicable as between France and Germany. They have been established side by side with age-old rivalries recently inflamed. They are destined to eternal residence side by side. Only time can efface the memory of ancient wounds, and it will require the best statesmanship to prevent daily contacts from irritating.

Briand, in urging moderation, is exemplifying good statesmanship. It is to be hoped that his people will recognize it as such.

### NO DEAD LINE.

No dead line at 40, says Emerson Hough, the author.

"It is within your own soul—this question of achievement. It is not decided by the clock or the calendar."

To be sure, the world has been slow about waking up to the fact that vigor and vitality reside in the brain.

Old age comes from a mental giving up and letting go. As long as the brain is able to busy up the body and pour new life into it, people can keep young and elope with Success.

"A man of 70 is just in his prime and is no more in need of rehabilitation than a man of 40." That's the verdict of David Starr Jordan,

...of Leland Stanford university. Analyzing the Greek dramatist, was part to which he wrote the plays which the world is still reading. De Morgan, the author of "Joseph Vance," was 49 when he wrote his first book. A man is supposed to live and learn up to 60 or 70 and then turn it to account. There's no dead line at any age except the chalk line you draw by your own dominant idea.

### AN ENCOURAGING SIGN.

Amid the numerous discouraging features of general business, which include the curbing or stopping of business, reductions in the price of petroleum, and failure of the iron and steel trade to show signs of recuperation, there is one encouraging report. More freight cars are being and more freight is being moved.

An increase of 32,133 in the number of loaded freight cars during the week ending May 14 compared with the previous week was shown by reports made public by the car service division of the American Railway Association. The increase was explained as due to increased loading of coal and ore principally for lake movement.

It is the time for encouragement for the future. That there are difficulties to be surmounted, and that business as a whole is poor, is quite true, but crop prospects are excellent. The morale of the people as a whole is good, and the American spirit of optimism is manifesting itself in many ways.

### LURE THAT TEMPTED MANY

Adventurers as Well as Dreamers Bought Vainly for the Fabled Fountain of Youth.

In that far-off, never-to-be-discovered country in that region which has shifted and changed just as men's minds alter and expand, in that mystic Hlund was thought to be the spring which, if tasted by mortals, would assure them immortal youth. On that island bubbled a fountain whose waters healed all manner of ailments.

The lure of the Fountain of Youth seized upon not only the dreamer, but caught the fancy of the bold adventurer, Ponce de Leon, and the redoubtable Sir Solo sought to taste of its life-giving fluid, and it is perhaps the desire, that brought about the discovery, not of the fountain, but of that part of our country known as Florida.

It was on the 27th day of March, 1513, that Ponce de Leon sighted land which he thought was an island. On April 8, which was Easter Sunday, he took possession of the country in the name of the king of Spain and called it Pascua Florida in honor of the day. He explored the country and was obliged to battle with the Indians, and after many adventures, which included another voyage in 1521 to found a colony, this intrepid navigator succumbed to a wound inflicted by a savage, and died while his vessel was making for the island of Porto Rico.

## MANILA RY. CO. SHOWS PROFIT FOR YEAR 1920

(By Associated Press.)  
MANILA, P. I., June 1.—The annual report of the Manila Railroad company which is owned by the Philippine government, shows operating revenue for 1920 of \$3,983,000 and operating expenses of \$4,933,000. After deductions for fixed charges and taxes, the report shows a profit for the year of \$11,900.

Commenting on the threads which the motor truck has made into rail road traffic the report says: "The present situation is untenable and in the absence of an adequate tax measure the government is confronted with the alternative of subsidizing its rail and water lines or restricting the operation of trucks to non-competing routes."

The company operates approximately 600 miles of railroads, and its total assets, according to the report, amount to \$40,600,000.

## LIBRARY ASSN. WILL MEET AT LAKE TAHOE

(By Associated Press.)  
SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 1.—Plans for the sixth annual convention of the California Library association at Lake Tahoe, June 13 to 15, have centered on a number of everyday problems and details of library work. They also include something of music, drama, fine arts and foreign travel.

Music will have an exponent in Mrs. Arch Jack of Fresno, who will give a group of songs at each session. Miss Anna Bell Bailey of the Fresno county free library will be her accompanist.

The arts will be represented by the American Bookplate society's annual exhibition of contemporary book plates, comprising 130 designs by 53 artists. There also will be a small display of book plates designed for California libraries.

The convention of the County Librarians' association will be held on June 11, also at Lake Tahoe.

Some of Premier Lloyd George's "children of the treaty" are acting like ungrateful offspring.

Among non-essential occupations that of the "human fly" seems to head the list.

JOSEPH C. PELLETIER



District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier of Boston, supreme advocate of the Knights of Columbus, has been appointed commander of the Order of St. Gregory by Pope Benedict. Mr. Pelletier had previously been knighted in the same order.

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### DANGER IN ELECTRIC CURRENT

Neither Fixtures Nor Appliances Should Ever Be Touched by Anything That is Wet.

No electric appliances should ever be placed where a person in a bath tub can reach them. Such is the assertion of Dr. A. Zimmern in the Presse Medicale (Paris) in commenting on the death of a colleague. Electrocutation has taken place with a current of only 110 volts under such circumstances.

The reason is that the water on the hands and body provides exceptionally favorable conditions for conduction of the current. It is not safe to touch even an electric light, heater or bell when in the bath. Doctor Zimmern cites recent cases as follows:

A woman killed by holding an electric light in one wet hand while turning a water faucet with the other; a woman killed by wiping with a wet cloth the current distributing apparatus for an electric heater; a man receiving a severe shock by taking hold of a chandelier while holding an electric light suspended by a wire.

It is very dangerous to change an electric bulb when the hands are wet or the floor is wet; a slight defect in the insulation may cause a severe shock or even death.

### Measuring Sludge.

An ingenious method of measuring the depth of sludge in deep sedimentation tanks is employed at the sewage disposal works of Fitchburg, Mass., says a Canadian writer. The measurements are made by means of a pitcher pump and 28 feet of 1-inch rubber hose, marked in 1-foot lengths. The pump is screwed to a 3-foot plank and attached to the hose by a union coupling. In making measurements the plank is placed across the top of a gas vent and the hose pushed into the tank until it is near the supposed sludge level. The hose is then lowered an inch at a time. Between each shift sufficient pumping is done to insure a complete change of water in hose. When the sludge level is reached, the pump will raise sludge. The length of the hose below the chimney top is then noted, and as the distance from top of chimney to bottom of tank is known it is an easy matter to estimate the depth of the sludge.

### Mexicans Wary of Snow.

It is possible on almost any day in the year to see snowbanks from Mexico City, yet few of the natives there had ever touched snow until one day last winter, when there was quite a perceptible fall, the first in many years in the Valley of Mexico.

The mountain peaks of Popocatepetl and Iztaccihuatl, clearly visible from the capital, are always snow-capped, but they are some sixty miles away.

Barefooted or lightly shod natives stepped gingerly into the strange element, and afterward spent most of the day huddled in their homes or in sheltering nooks and corners. The snow flurry was due to a sudden drop in temperature during a light rain.

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