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What will not woman, gentle woman, dare when strong affection stirs her spirit up?—Southey.

Selfishness

"Selfishness comes of itself; men must be trained to generosity."

This is one of the many forms taken by the old doctrine that "self preservation is the first law of nature." It was once widely believed by philosophers, who had much to say about ways of transforming "egoism" or care for self, into "altruism" or care for others. Much present-day schooling and Sunday school instruction is based upon it. But today psychologists know that the doctrine is misleading.

It is true that one cannot help others unless he survives himself, and it is true that self preservation comes first in time—an infant can't make himself useful. But even in ethics, mother-love is as deep as self-love. A dog will defend a friend as instinctively as he defends himself. A man is as good as a dog—until something happens to make him worse.

The trouble with the "selfish" man is not that nature made him think too much about himself and too little about others, but that he does not think at all—he is stupid or shortsighted. Or he is as bad for himself as for those about him. Or he really cares too much about others—the wrong way—and wants to see them suffer, because his love has been turned to hate. Or he is purposely shutting them out of his life because he has been wounded and fears that if he lets them in they will turn and rend him again.

The purpose of training is not to cure native selfishness, but to teach the best ways of being generous. It is not to give a man what nature left out, but to help him to make the best of what is there, thru insights and ideals and habits that will keep him from becoming his own worst enemy. Complete living is generous living.

If a man seems selfish, ask yourself where he has been deformed or crippled or wounded.

Too Much Power

When the United States supreme court made its decision that "stock dividends" are not taxable as income, Wall st. heaved a heavy sigh of relief. And immediately the "melons" began to ripen. The court's decision, which, in effect, declared that a certain kind of income is not income, released a flood of stock dividends.

Big corporations, instead of paying over their surpluses as cash dividends, decided instead to issue them as "stock dividends." They welcomed the supreme court's decision.

One of the first results is a circular from a brokerage house in New York calling attention to a "partial list" of companies and corporations with surpluses, which this firm declares may be divided as "stock dividends." The list includes 14 Standard Oil subsidiaries, and 35 other corporations, including some of the largest and richest in the country. The total surpluses listed amount to more than two billion dollars. If these surpluses are divided as "stock dividends," an amount of money accumulated from profits, and which would otherwise pay its share of taxation into the United States treasury, will escape taxation altogether.

Such is the penalty a nation must suffer for having a supreme court which has assumed the power to declare acts of congress unconstitutional. No other country on the face of the globe permits any such power to be exercised by its courts. In countries governed by parliamentary systems, the act of the legislative body, elected by the people, is the law of the land until the same authority changes it. Under our system of government, one man can and often does in this case of a five to four decision of the court nullify the will of the whole people as expressed thru their legislature.

Nowhere in the constitution is such a power delegated to the supreme court. It was assumed by the court under Chief Justice Marshall. It will continue to be exercised until the people decide to stop it. It could be stopped by act of congress.

The issue is made clearer by this decision removing from taxation two billions of dollars which congress clearly wanted taxed.

In this Sims-Daniels controversy, the sporting editor will please credit Mr. Daniels with a K. O.

The auction of raw pelts should be unusually good this year, considering the way the country has been skinned.

In this glad era of liberty, every nation is willing to liberate the other fellow's colonies.

It is nice of Canada to send us a minister. But what about a little wood pulp?

LETTERS TO EDITOR

ANOTHER T. R. LETTER

Editor The Star: I have an interested reader of some of the Roosevelt correspondence which has been appearing in The Star, and in this connection you may care to run a letter written by President Roosevelt to one of his children, appearing in the May number of the Junior Red Cross News.

It was written, April 16, 1903, to Quentin Roosevelt while his father was enjoying a hunt in Yellowstone National park. It contains one of the little drawings which the publication of the Roosevelt letters to his children has made familiar to all. This letter reads:

"I love you very much. Here is a picture of the mule that carries, among other things, my bag of clothes, etc. There are about twenty mules in the pack train. They all follow one another in single file up and down the mountain paths and across the streams."

"Your loving FATHER."

How this letter came to light is an interesting story in itself. Mr. T. N. Phillips, who is now connected with the American National Red Cross, was, during a part of the Roosevelt administration, detailed on special duty at the White House by the navy department. He and the Roosevelt children became great friends, but little Quentin was his pet. After showing him the Yellowstone letter, the lad slipped it into Mr. Phillips' pocket and there it remained, forgotten, until recently it was fished out of his hiding place when the old suit was taken from a hook in a dark corner of the closet to be thrown away. Mr. Phillips exhibited it to friends at Red Cross headquarters, and when Mrs. Roosevelt was asked for permission for its publication, she readily consented.

IRENE PELHAM.
1717 Belmont Ave.

STANDS BY RODGERS

Editor The Star: As a subscriber your paper kindly spare me a few lines in same.

I wish to take exception to an editorial appearing in your paper on "Rodgers Still Silent." Mr. Rodgers' good name will soon be blackened if the daily papers of this city see fit to do so. At the time of the war we all know he exerted every effort to help win the war. We all know how he turned out boats, and he was hailed as the greatest shipbuilder of the day and without doubt 100 per cent American. About a week ago I read a statement in your paper by Mr. Rodgers giving the reason he failed to build ships. I think that "Rodgers Still Silent" was good enough statement for any sensible thinking person to digest.

Mr. D. Rodgers is a perfect stranger to me, but I believe he is held in highest esteem by a big majority of the citizens of Seattle over the Associated Industries or the word of our daily papers.

This is my personal opinion, hoping I haven't hurt your feelings.

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Today's Best Bet—That altho Will Tart has announced he is not a candidate for president, no such idea ever penetrated the mind of W. J. B.

Party Conventions Again

(From The Tacoma Times)

A number of the good democratic ladies have returned from Spokane very wrathful at the group of party leaders which was in control of the state convention. They charge that they were treated unjustly, roughly and, in short, were crudely steam-rolled.

Probably so. Very seldom does a party convention meet that somebody isn't treated that way.

All we hope is that the ladies transfer their lasting wrath from Mr. Titlow or whichever particular villain it was that ran them thru the wringer when the party linen was being laundered, and turn it full blast onto the fool system that tolerates such anachronisms as party conventions.

We have called attention before, and we probably shall do so many times in the future, to the complete asinine of nominating and electing presidents thru such machinery as, for example, the county conventions of either party in Tacoma or Seattle, the Belingham convention of the G. O. P. and this one just closed on the East Side.

The idea of using such means to select presidents isn't rational. It isn't even sane. It is merely one of those customs that has lingered, awkward and out of place, long after its day. Apparently nobody has stopped to apply the good swift kick which it deserves, or we no longer would have the mediaeval relic with us.

If the ladies who have just jumped into the unpleasant personal boorishness and blindness of the system will devote the energy of their wrath to kicking the darn thing into the middle of yesterday along with the moon, the slave block, the government lottery, witchcraft persecutions and other once-esteemed institutions, they will be doing the state a big service.

If instead they merely carry out a determination to punish the men who treated them rough, they no doubt will succeed sooner or later, but the same old machinery for conducting bitter personal feuds will go on, and we will still have to depend on it to furnish us U. S. presidents.

Less Demand

For two years the financiers, demifinanciers and those who are no financiers at all have been wondering how the increasing prices would be checked. Increasing production until there is a large excess in the supply of goods was their pet remedy. But a diminished effective demand seems to be more likely.

For some time it has been evident that the balance between supply and demand would hardly come from heavy production. It is plain that under present costs of materials and labor, the cost of production could not be lowered appreciably.

Therefore, it was up to DEMAND. The craze to buy, to buy anything and everything in sight, whether needed or not, was rampant last year. Your average American human being, with a pocketful of depreciated dollars, threw them to the winds. But gradually in this year 1920, there is a change in the psychology of spending. People—particularly men—began to cut down their purchases. You heard more people say that they "wouldn't pay such outrageous prices." Folks here and there remarked that they'd rather "wait till things came down some."

Presently arrived the overall fad. Wearing overalls meant nothing except a growing state of mind. However, it did turn many to their closets in which they found very respectable and little-worn suits of old clothes. In parts of the continent, particularly Canada, the "old clothes" movement gained large impetus.

Meanwhile, the prices of pretty nearly everything continued their merry romp in upward fairy flight. The effect of the great increase in sugar prices, tho a comparatively small matter in itself, was tremendous on the thinking 90 per cent.

And thus demand is beginning to fall off. It is probable that millions have bought less of all sorts of commodities in the first four months of 1920 than they did in the last four months of 1919. As a result we begin to hear of reductions in certain goods, as high as 20 per cent in some cases.

One can do a lot with that word "demand." If two-thirds of the people of the United States would just lay off buying anything but absolute necessities for two weeks, there would be a considerable drop to reasonable prices all along the line.

No matter how times change, people stick to the old expressions. You still hear people speak of a "fast mail" train.

When mother calls on dad at the office she treats the stenographer as she were a piece of furniture, but at home mother spends a good deal of her time wondering how human the said stenographer really is.

Alimony is that which turns a poor marriage into a success.

It looks as tho Carranza is a president without a country.

It seems as tho the article 10 means to the peace treaty what the referee's ten means to the pugilist.

A \$10,000 damage suit has been filed against a prominent Frisco club man by a chambermaid, who alleges he took her in his arms and kissed her, while calling her his "corn-fed maid with the haunting eyes." In these days of H. C. L. I'll say corn-fed chicken comes high.

"Reading maketh a full man." "Yeah. But have you a recipe to make a man full?"

Teacher—Willie, did you find out what a judge is?

Willie—Yes, ma'am. Dad says it is a man who is disturbing the peace.

Will the druggist who advertises a cure for headache please tell how in the dickens we can get a headache these days?

Mother is an old-clothes enthusiast—for dad.

IDIOTICAL

Proverbs are a wonderful thing, friends, but the trouble is they contradict themselves. Take, for instance, that one about "Money talks." Then there is another one which turns right around and puts this one on the shelf. "Silence is golden."

REV. WILLIAM EVANS, D. D.

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MY GOOD MAN, CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE I AM? — I'M KIND OF CONFUSED.



When All the World Was Young

BY EDMUND VANCE COOKE

Oho! it fell upon a day
When all the world was young and gay,
I sat down by my true love's side
And kissed her fondly as my bride,
And out upon the road together
We started in the sunshine weather.
It was a most entrancing world,
A laughing world, a dancing world,
A romping and romancing world,
And straight across its path we flung,
For you and I and lov were young!

Ah me! it fell upon a day
When all the world was bleak and gray,
I knelt beside my true love's bed
And could not weep that she was dead,
For had I given my voice to sorrow,
My weeping were not done tomorrow.
For oh, it was a dreary world,
A woeome world, a weary world,
A troublesome and teary world,
And straight upon my face I flung,
For oh, her ungraced grave was young.
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That one crates again that money talks. "Money is the root." The we admit it roots for us, it roots from us.

Golfers use the term "lifting the turf" professionally speaking. If they would use the term manually in the garden, they, and the rest of us, would be better off.

Lost our head over a girl once and haven't been able to get ahead since.

One bird informs us that the reason he always takes some one else's hat in the barber shop is because his own won't fit him after he gets a haircut. Yeh, but how about the other fellow?

There was a young lady from Chi Who had a lover named Si; "If I don't want to be kissed, But if you insist God knows you're stronger than I."

Don't see why Bryan shouldn't win the presidential race—he's had a long running start.

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Uncle Sam M.D.

I am a school teacher and am much impressed by the need of sex education of the pupils. Can you tell me where I can obtain suitable texts and other material which will help me in carrying on such work?

The matter has been very carefully worked out by recognized authorities. If you will send me your name and address I shall be glad to send you a pamphlet entitled "The Problem of Sex Education in Schools." This gives helpful advice to teachers and includes also a selected list of books on sex education, problems of sex, sex evils, eugenics and hygiene and recreation. Address the Information Editor, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

What will destroy "superfluous" hairs? Is there any way besides electricity?

In order to permanently destroy superfluous hair, it is necessary to destroy the root of the hair, and this is most effectively done by means of the electric needle.

Is "Rulfo Solution" harmful, and will it cause a thicker growth of hair?

I do not know what you refer to, but suspect that this may be some patent preparation. All applications which remove hair do nothing more than may be accomplished by a razor. They do not remove the hair permanently, and when they are used regularly, the hair has a tendency to grow thicker, just as a mustache grows thicker after shaving.

Are cold creams beneficial or are they harmful to the complexion?

When properly used, cold creams may be advantageously employed to clean the skin. A good preparation of cold cream is not harmful.

What is good for large pores of the skin and blackheads?

We have repeatedly answered this question in the column. If you will look thru the files of this paper, you will find a helpful article on this subject.

What will help to cure nervousness and melancholia?

This is entirely too serious a condition for you to tamper with without medical advice. You should be encouraged to know, however, that proper treatment by a good nerve specialist is often very successful in overcoming this condition.

When the melancholia is pronounced, it is important to place the patient under suitable supervision; if necessary in an institution. It is suggested that you discuss the matter with your physician, or with your state hospital authorities.

Every one of these points bristles with brains, radiates suggestiveness. The speech is so good that I shall steal it. And a greater compliment I cannot pay.

TALKS by Dr. Frank Crane

A GREAT SPEECH ON TEACHING

I have just read a remarkable speech. Once in a blue moon you find one. This one contained neither unbecome nor bromide.

It was by a school teacher named Stutz, and gave his ideas on teaching. It was so good that John H. Patterson had it printed as an advertisement in his cash-register magazine. "All of us are teachers," said Patterson. "Selling is teaching. Propaganda is teaching."

Stutz's school is at Moraine Park, Dayton, Ohio. It is in a converted greenhouse, and is sometimes called "the school in the glass house." Not a bad idea. There have been enough schools in mansions.

Stutz's speech was made a school teacher; that is to say, when he got thru you knew what he had been talking about. He made seven points, each of which was sharp. It made you think, because it was built around ideas, not words. It was not a concatenation of catch phrases. I mention this because I have worked at the speedmaking trade a long while myself, and know a good job when I see it.

Here are his seven points, every one a dum-dum:

1. The school ought to develop individuality rather than conformity. How pleased we are when our children learn to conform! Yet the whole hope of amounting to anything is based on their non-conforming power.
2. The school should develop optimism. This is the best American characteristic, the blithe courage to tackle anything, the specializing in the impossible.
3. The school ought to teach how to play. Nine-tenths of all a boy or girl learns comes by play.
4. The school should encourage many-sidedness. There is a democracy also in ideas. In a land of specialists the all-around man is king.
5. The school should develop business shrewdness. It is the era of business. The mind that despises it belongs to another century. No poet or painter is degraded by having business sense.
6. The school should teach self-government. Every high school graduate ought to be an expert politician. Democracy is politics. A nation that despises politics is fit only to be bossed by a kaiser. Self-government is more important than arithmetic.
7. The school should develop the spiritualities. Because spiritually (not church, creed, organization, formula, fanaticism) is the only hope of the world.

INCOME TAX REFUNDS

Every married man whose net income was in excess of \$5,000, and who filed but a single return of income, is entitled to a refund, the amount depending upon how much was paid. For further information call Grant L. Miller, Income Tax Expert and Accountant, formerly Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, 735 New York Block, Seattle, Main 2123, who makes a specialty of these matters.

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