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THE ART OF LIVING

"To be honest, to be kind. To earn a little and to spend a little less. To make, upon the whole, a family happier for his presence. To renounce when that shall be necessary, and not to be embittered. To keep a few friends, but these without capitulation—above all, on the same ground condition to keep friends with himself. Here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy."

In this brief "creed" of Robert Louis Stevenson are set the guideposts to a finer conception of life and its duties than is contained in many a bulky book.

The art of living is an art too much neglected in these strenuous days. The tendency toward material gain, the craving for position and personal place, the increasing appetites for fame and fashion are all more or less hostile to its development and growth.

To "get along in the world" seems the shibboleth of the times, rather than to live fully and well.

This is not strange, neither is it a phase of the times to be greatly feared.

Kindness, like honesty, likes best to dwell in little things. Both are like the notes of a great organ, honesty the bass and kindness the treble. We cannot see the player—and his name is legion—but out through the aisles and naves and transepts of the world floats the music.

THE NECESSARY POOR

According to the Plain Dealer, Cleveland's superintendent of Associated Charities is sad and depressed because the Christmas season doesn't get a livelier move on itself. "I'm devoutly hoping for snow," he says. "It seems easier to appreciate what Christmas means to the poor when it is cold and snowy."

It is a long time since we've seen a better exhibition than this of the spirit of associated, mechanical charity. In order that such organized charity shall live and pay salaries for administration, we must have the suffering poor. Hence, turn on the blizzard, the famine, or the epidemic that will cause the suffering.

Heaven help Cleveland's associated charities which are cast down because Jack Frost isn't attending to his business of freezing the poor! But we'd like to ask that superintendent if he has tried to borrow some of the poor from Buffalo or Detroit to tide him over while the Cleveland poor aren't suffering properly.

Council might take the salary boost to purify Green river and get out of both its troubles.

It is not quite as merry a Christmas for Beverly Coiner as he had hoped for.

The mayors of the cities of Washington are getting tired of the record of the social vice syndicates and are going to the legislature for a law with teeth in it this time.

An army post for American lake; a quartermaster station at Tacoma; come on, Uncle Sam, with that port of entry and Chinese detention station, we're in a receptive mood now.

Madeline Albers, girl who charges betrayal by a Cincinnati millionaire banker, is going in for revenge by naming her child after the banker. The lady's originality doesn't appeal to Cincinnati banking circles hardly any.

'Nother frightful mystery pulled off by Los Angeles papers! Pasadena woman out with Los Angeles woman's husband, 1:45 a. m., 11 miles from home, auto wrecked and they can't find the number of the machine.

If the democrats want a secretary of interior from the Northwest, better get a Tacoma man, for Wilson may not want to follow in the footsteps of the last administration.

Terre Haute Post threatens to go joy-riding because the franchise people got a grant of 40 years instead of forever.

There're selling "a doll that the baby can't break." We've tried that kind and baby didn't break it. Baby ate it.

Woodrow says that since he quit college and got into politics he finds an increased temptation to profanity. After he's tackled that increase thoroughly, we'd dearly love to see him try the newspaper business.

Here's a chance for Uncle Sam to put his face behind his hand and grin. Bulgaria suggests that he be umpire because he's a party of "culture." Whoopee!

Cablegrams say that the whole Grecian peace delegation at London is "busy deciphering dispatches." Busy? Just crazy, with Greece trying to lick Turkey all by herself.

MR. SKYGACK FROM MARS

WATCHED AN EARTH-BEING AT WORK SPREADING ART-PARCHMENTS ON WALL WITH MUSH-MIXTURE FOLLOWED HIM AND FOUND HE WAS DECORATING WHOLE CITY EVIDENTLY AN AGGRAVATED CASE OF AESTHETIC MANIA.



Anglo-Saxon Expansion. The English language is growing all the time, as the following extracts from recent issues of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser, published at Honolulu, shows: "Hilo schools are without antors, and parents are very much huhu. "The lunas ordered it and he drank. "The reception was followed by a luau. "She was sitting on the makai side of the car. "I am a haole-hater. "Chartered a steamer to carry him wika-wika to Maui."

JOSH WISE SAYS "Silas Crosscut says he wonders what would happen to the world of some people didn't set up to see the New Year come in."

Misdirected energy—Paying Gen. Dan Sickles' debts. Waiting for the average elevator rather than walk one flight of stairs. Buying hair tonic from a bald-headed barber. Buying hair tonic from a long-haired barber. Telling a waiter how you like your roast beef. Carrying a cane.

Few Clothes, Indian girl, is going into vaudeville. It's a wonder we escaped this as long as we did.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, one of New York's richest women, has gone into the egg business. She can afford it.

Wife of an actor, whose name, of course, is not essential, flagged a train on Long Island by waving in air the red sweater which encased her bull pup. She didn't remove the pup.

Ninety thousand Frenchmen either deserted or evaded army service last year. And yet a lot of United States folk think the French people are flighty.

All Hail the Groom! The groom's gown was of banana fiber over Italian silk, and trimmed with fringe and satin messaline.—Peru, Ind., Journal.

PUBLIC PESTS. The match "borrower." The man who tells funny stories during working hours. The woman who holds up the public phone for five minutes, telling Mrs. Jones about Mrs. Smith's husband. "I didn't know it was loaded." "I thought he was a deer."

Louisville belle gave a party at which she released a live cat from a bag, with a not tied around its neck. The note announced her engagement. One-half the world won't know how the other spent Christmas.

IT ALL DEPENDS



Harvard professor who is trying to find out whether angle worms think might take up as a side line the case of the Harrison, N. J., horse which ran away, bolted into a bakeshop, picked up a fruit cake in his mouth and made a bee line for a saloon.

Man Coughs and Breaks Ribs After a frightful coughing spell a man in Neeah, Wis., felt terrible pains in his side and his doctor found two ribs had been broken. What agony Dr. King's New Discovery would have saved him. A few teaspoonsful ends a late cough while persistent use routs obstinate coughs, expels stubborn colds or heals weak, sore lungs. "I feel sure its a Godsend to humanity," writes Mrs. Effie Morton, Columbia, Mo. "for I believe I would have consumption today if I had not used this great remedy." Its guaranteed to satisfy, and you can get a free trial bottle or 50-cent or \$1.00 size at Ryner Maltstrom Drug Co., 335 Pacific av.

Gossip from the Capitol

by GILSON Gardner

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Red tape, around which tradition has woven so many pleasanties, is being abolished in the senate. Blue is the color scheme of wrapping twine, or tape, being adopted. Secretary of the Senate Bennett made no orders for red tape this year, specifying that the color should be blue in the future.

—Everything Southern, particularly Georgians, Carolinans and Floridians, know the meaning of the word "blindtiger," but a young woman clerk at the census office has gone so far as to change it to something else. Recently the census bureau was compiling some figures on violations of different laws and came upon a case from South Carolina where a woman had been convicted for selling liquor. She was

called a "blindtiger" or "blindtigeress," but the young clerk took the case completely out of the files of violations and carefully placed it in the "cruelty to animals" section.

—Rep. A. Mitchell, democratic national committeeman of Pennsylvania, and Rep. "Jack" Beall of Texas, met in the house elevator going to lunch. "There's no use talking," said Beall, "if it hadn't been for the Texas delegation Gov. Wilson wouldn't have been nominated at Baltimore."

"No, it was the Pennsylvania delegation which stuck by Wilson and ended in securing his nomination," Palmer retorted. "Well, I'll let Pennsylvania in to the honor a little bit, but ours were the 'big' states in president making," Beall admitted.

TINY BABES TOIL FROM MORN TILL NIGHT TO HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

By Harry Burton
NEW YORK, Dec. 23. — The Christmas presents that bring joy to your home this holiday season may have come from the sweatshops of New York city. And into them may have gone the health and happiness of little children.

New York is awakening to the fact that its boasted prosperity is built on the crushed bodies and souls of babies. The shameful story has just been told to the state factory investigating commission.

Said Rose, three years old: "I don't know how long I's been working. Ever since I wuz, I guess."

Said Angelina, six years old: "I never play on the street, but sometimes in the hall. My father, he licks me if I don't work."

Said Giovanna, eight years old: "I get up 5 o'clock in the morning. Then I work with mother. At 9 o'clock I go to school. I have no time to play. I must work by feathers. I go to bed at 10 o'clock."

A straightforward, little woman named Miss Elizabeth C. Watson is responsible for the revelation.

She, by herself, has been going about for over a year, up and down "the great East Side," climbing winding, rickety stairs, braving cadets and gunmen and studying "homes."

And as a result, she is crying out that:

"There is not a single HOME among all the 'homes' I've visited!"

"Every home," she says, "is just a seething, smellin, diseased sweatshop—a horrible prison of Rosas, Angelinas, Giovannas — BABIES!"

And so startling are these tales as given by Miss Watson that Chairman Robert Wagner of the inquiry board has declared: "New York City is the blot of civilization blots!"

Rosa, Angelina and Giovanna did not cry as they spoke. It is an old story to them, this story of work, work, work. But when they had finished liping out the pain of their baby lives tears stood on every cheek.

Many and many a Christmas present you buy is made by these little toilers who have no Christmas to keep your feet warm.

They roll "the best brands" of cigars that you smoke.

They shell the nuts that you make your candies and cakes of.

They embroider the chiffon of work, work, work. But when they dress the lovely "French" dolls you give your own little children on Christmas.

They make nearly all the artificial flowers that are worn.

They crochet the slippers to keep your feet warm.

They knit the warm woolen socks and caps and mittens that you wear.

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