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A Pleasant Dream.

If we noticed little pleasures,
As we notice little pains,
If we quite forget our losses,
And remembered all our gains,
If we looked for peoples virtues,
And their faults refused to see,
What a pleasant, cheerful,
Happy place this world would be.

LOU. F. ENTRUP.
St. Paul.

Rockefeller says the people will have nothing to fear from his National Foundation because the government will have full control. Surest thing in the world. And who will have control of the government?

See how the workers in Prussia are handicapped by iniquitous ballot laws which enable the rich to outvote the poor although the latter are in the vast majority. And in America, where every ballot is of equal value, how the workers neglect their opportunity.

Jim Hill keeps on talking. In a recent interview he has again declared that we are a spendthrift nation and that countrywide economy must be practiced if the present ills are to be cured. And do you remember the financial "melons" this fellow cut last year—millions upon millions of loots? That was not extravagance. No, and he has the knife ready, and he wants you to grow some more melons for him. Economize and be quick about it.

"Naked" Truth.—"There is an ancient fable, and one very appropriate to this hot weather, which tells us that on a summer afternoon Truth and Falsehood set out to bathe together. They found a crystal spring; they bathed in the cool, fresh water, and Falsehood, emerging first, clothed herself in the garments of Truth and went on her way. But Truth, unwilling to put on the garb of Falsehood, departed naked. And to this day Falsehood wears Truth's fair white robes, so that many persons mistake her for Truth's very self, but poor Truth still goes naked."

Elbert Hubbard recently sent out a pamphlet, he has just written in defense of Standard Oil, which ought to win the case before the United States Supreme court and entitle the long haired money-philosopher from East Aurora to feed upon the foundation for the rest of his unnatural life. How the mighty have fallen! At one time an earnest advocate of high ideals this gifted man has become the subservient defender of the money god. Hubbard's creed is: In this sign thou shalt conquer and to—the four winds with ideals, if they don't fetch the cash.

Roosevelitian non-sense: Just two weeks from the jungle, Roosevelt informed the Egyptians that they were not yet fit for self-government. This remark shows the tyrant Roosevelt in the true light and proves him to be a disgrace to American civilization. It furthermore raises an interesting question, says an exchange. If the Egyptians, after seventy centuries of experience under every possible form of tyranny, from the time of the shepherd kings to the rule of British capitalists, have not been trained for self-government, how many more years and how many new kinds of rulership must they experience before they will know enough to rule themselves? Did Roosevelt ever hear of a tyrant that thought his subjects capable of self-government? He has repeatedly designated those who oppose the domination of exploiting capitalism in the United States as a "mob," and vigorously denounced their efforts to capture the government as an attempt at "mob rule." Is there anyone whom Roosevelt would consider fit for self-government except Theodore I., since "my dear Harriman" is dead?

Bjornstjerne Bjornson was not only the great living Norwegian author, says the Duluth Herald, but he was a great creator whose work is the world's possession, not that of a single nation. He delved deeply in the rich mine of real humanity, this work inspired, as all great work must be, by a fundamental faith in humanity and an abiding belief in democracy. Though Ibsen's is a more commanding figure in the drama, Bjornson's genius was broader and better equipped than even Ibsen's. Ibsen was a great dramatist; Bjornson was a great dramatist, a great novelist, a great poet and a great publicist.

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Mother.

Says the Rev. A. G. M.: "What a wonderful being is Mother. How she enriches and gladdens home, with sympathy, kindness and gentleness. So unselfish of self, so thoughtful of others.

Other people may love you now and then but they easily forget you, often misunderstand you, misrepresent, and quickly condemn you.

Mother loves you all the time, with an unchanging love. She lives for you—for you she cares. She understands, and shows her appreciation of you. She overlooks your faults to praise your virtues, and the only unkind thing she ever does is—to die and leave you—and even this not her will.

To this Herman Kuehn, of Chicago, offers the following criticism:

That "Mother" poem sounds good, but lacks an important element that the synthetic philosopher dare not ignore. And that is, that the tendency on the part of mother to keep on mothering after the mother function has been exhausted, and the willingness of the mothered to continue to be mothered after the need of motherhood has expired, accounts for a goodly share of the misery. The mother wants to shield her offspring from the inexorable consequences of its acts, thus thwarting the "education" that comes by experience. While there is probably more to be said for mother than again her, your poet seems to think the ledger page on which her virtues are inscribed has no debit side at all, which may be fine sentimentalism but poor book-keeping.

On Government.

The form of government we now have is possible for us. A better one will be when we are improved. For all artificial arrangements are concomitance and outgrowths of man, in kind and in degree as are his developments or lack of them. People make government, never government the people.

Man like all else, is subject to constant changes. With his physical change and development goes mental transformation and progress. And so ideas and knowledge cannot possibly remain the same. To deny this, would be equivalent to saying that humans and what they think are immune from universal processes. Thus it comes that we now see and have institutions and methods which were unthought of some time ago. Further changes as to social arrangements are inevitable. In fact they are going on all the time, slowly but surely.

Convinced beyond a doubt, as most people are now, that society could not exist nor tranquil associations of humans be possible without the "benevolent" restraining influence of some sort of sovereignty, it is more than likely that time will be when we will see that such is not the case. Yea more. Future generations are sure to learn that when they arrive at the stage where each will no longer strive to take advantage of his fellow, every form of government is a hindrance to the free exercise of his brotherly impulses. Yes, even to-day, there are those who see clearly that the monster that oppresses us is government. Nearly every one feels that there is something wrong. All are agreed that improvement could be and is desirable. The majority seem satisfied to apply "remedies" that cure not. But only a few discern the cause of our unrest and discontent.

With body-politic as with humanity, ailments are symptoms of maladaptation and adaptation comes from readjustment. Adjustment and adaptation to environment. Not to institutions and other artificial methods, but to the real environments, those over which the human critter has no control whatever. Instead of doing this, man continues to flounder about, inventing and applying makeshifts intended to take the place of what cannot be supplanted. Always some form of restriction and compulsion. And the belief in the necessity of such futile methods are destined long yet to prevail.

Were it generally apparent that our reliance upon the supposed efficacy and salutary nature of compulsory methods is most absurd, they would not exist an hour. But so persistent are ideas once set in motion, that multifarious repetitions of better ones are necessary before they will be adopted. This is being done all the time. Progress and betterment may seem slow, but it is being made just as rapidly as can be.

Interesting it is to notice the various methods proposed for making man be good. Nearly every one of these is based on the erroneous belief that it can be done by correction. A movement now popular proposes that when we OWN things collectively and have MORE government, all will be well. Being a departure from modes now in vogue, this promise is readily accepted by many. And the propounders of this "better" form of government are quite sincere and honest. They simply cannot get away from the obsession that ownership and compulsion must be.

Man chafes at and resents every form of restriction. And when in that

frame of mind will do the numerous unkindly acts we see him doing while living thus abnormally. Naturally, at heart, man is decent and fine. And it is the abnormal human who will do unbrotherly acts. He becomes and is abnormal because of restraints and fear. Hindered in his free movements, he tries to get what he wants in any other way open to him, which leads him to many an ugly act.

After we arrive at a state of free society, and when merit will consist of who best can serve, no shackles or restrictions can be thought of, not to say are needed. Here is a bunch of fellows going out into the country for a vacation and to camp—a spontaneous association for voluntary cooperation. No laws are passed or kings appointed. Each works for all, soon learning that thus he best helps himself. And how long do you suppose would remain one in this bunch who were foolish enough trying to "hog" things? He simply could not remain in such an association whose very existence depends on the inherent decency that is the nature of man. No jail, no punishment of any kind would be necessary for the recalcitrant or pig. He very quickly learns that his welfare and satisfaction depends on the service he renders to others. And would, very likely, adjust himself to such a natural form of association of his fellows.

This concrete illustration is merely an outline of what happens occasionally now. And it is no great stretch of imagination to discern the advent of just such free association for man in general in time to come.

As said before, social arrangements will be, and are, as good as man is. And when we have developed man, the rest follows. The usual and common thing that "reformers" try to do, is to better "environments." That seems to be putting the cart before the horse, since the "environments" aimed at are the effects—the result of man's development, or lack of it—not the cause.

True, effects in turn, can become causes. But man himself is the primary base. And, individual betterment seems to be the solution of current problems.

A. G. Wagner,
Alexandria, Minn.

He Who would Catch Fish must not Mind Getting Wet.

Liesch of the Brown County Yellow Journal is again trying to be cunning by showing his ability of what he actually believes is foxy, but Oh Lord—what a fool in the eyes of the public. His last text was to belittle the Brown County Assessors, with a heading in his sheet:

"ASSESSORS LOCKED IN THE GRAND JURY ROOM."

The biggest farce comedy which Liesch is playing is to annihilate the County Auditor, because he is aware that Lieschism is following Cannonism, and that the progressive citizens in the community will not take notice of his misleading, falsifying statements any more as a "Joke" as he calls them to square himself.

The Brown County Assessors met at my office last Thursday to receive their books, supplies and instructions and as the commissioners room was too small I invited them to use one of the Jury rooms on the second floor. They met and organized at about 10:10 a. m. Things were progressing in a business way, and being near the door way, I heard some one ascending the flight of stairs, and behold I saw a shadow—a thing—that resembled the outlines (of what my friends call) the "New Ulm Knocker"—Not to have my eyes deceive me, I looked again whether a CANE was accompanying the shadow, but could not distinguish what the shadow was carrying, and to avoid bashfulness amongst my friends in the inner room locked the door to that thing.

My, such a relief—when I unlocked the door again, and behold—there stood a young lady, who informed me that something went down stairs.

Liesch you do not tell the truth and I dare you to mention one assessor who became indignant and that protested and strongly resented of being locked in, again I say you do not tell the truth.

Oh Liesch, must we commence to look up a man's character of his boyhood days way down to St. Paul?

"Never carry two faces under one hood."

Chapter No. 1, which now closes has been very interesting.

1. Locked out by the Co. Auditor at the session of the Assessors.

2. Closed out at the executive meeting of the New Ulm City Council meeting.

3. Kicked out, being the City official paper.

Chapter No. 2 to follow.

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Alfred Henry Lewis draws the curtain aside and gives the public, for the first time, a real good look behind the scenes in the closing drama of the last administration in his live-wire article, "The Falling Apart of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft." Furthermore, Mr. Lewis makes an announcement in this issue of tremendous import and interest to the reading public.

There is a captivating royal love story by Vance Thompson in this issue, of a presentday prince and princess whom a cruel Fate has parted for many years.

"My first lesson in individual dressing I learned from our cook," is the astonishing admission of Grace Filkins, the charming actress, in her article, "My Philosophy of Clothes."

George Russell Stratton most entertainingly sketches the career of Asher C. Hinds, who will be a candidate for Congress this fall from Thomas B. Reed's old district in Maine; and Edna Herron relates, in a racy way, the story of the rise of Chicago's "No Vote, No Tax" League.

Half a dozen other departments offer a varied and tempting menu, while the number and variety of the illustrations add not a little to the attractiveness of this issue.

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Mr. Bob a Big Hit.

Members of the New Ulm High school scored a decided success Friday night at Turner Hall in the presentation of the two-act comedy "Mr. Bob" before a large audience. The piece was presented in an admirable manner which reflected the greatest credit upon every participant. The audience applauded the efforts of the young amateurs in a way that indicated enthusiastic approval of their efforts, and there was not a dull moment during the entertainment.

Stanley Koehler handled the part of Philip Royson in an acceptable manner. Peter Scherer, as Robert Brown, acted in a manner which promises a great theatrical future for the young man. Teresa Gieffer gave a splendid portrayal of Rebecca Luke, a maiden lady and Elsie Marti as Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid, was particularly pleasing keeping the audience in good humor whenever she appeared on the stage. Alvin Gruenfelder displayed all the ardor of a lover and the ability of presenting the character of a butler. Amelia Bouchard was charming as "Mr. Bob," and Katherine's friend. Katherine, the niece, was splendidly portrayed by Edna Edwards.

The members of the Girls Glee Club, High School Orchestra and Negro Minstrels all did acceptable work adding very much to the merit and success of the evenings entertainment.

To Make a Strong Band.

How to make Sleepy Eye band a strong and permanent musical organization is a question that can be answered in only one way. Get a good, capable leader and teacher and pay him a reasonable amount as a salary. For the past twenty or more years this city like other towns of its size and even larger, have had good bands at times but they went to pieces and disbanded for lack of support and not having good leaders. Now some of these difficulties in Sleepy Eye have been overcome and since the city is giving the band \$200 per year this ought to be a sufficient guarantee for the band to prosper and become a strong and permanent organization. We are told by the city council that the \$200 per year was to be given on the theory that it was to pay the leader or teacher and for music. For some time this has not been done by the band and on the advice of the council and business men who are interested in the welfare of the band it is suggested that a good, first class leader be secured who at all times will have charge of the band. The boys should get a good leader or teacher like the fine Second Regiment band of New Ulm and then it will prosper.—Sleepy Eye Herald-Dispatch.

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