

hope in human form. Thus, perhaps, cunning priests, feeling within themselves this yearning, began to cause them to give expression to the thought and the longing in various forms. Probably the sun worship was the earliest one. It was natural, for it represented to them the light of the world, and the warmth which insures the driving away of the winter and gives the promise of the harvest. So the emblem of the sun was the celestial character and the winged steeds making the daily circuit of the world. But the Deity most revered by the two greatest of ancient nations, was Pallas Athena. It was to her that the richest offerings were made, her statue became in their thought their palladium. But when we search for the reason it is easily understood. Herself a virgin, she taught mothers how to care for their young children; possessing all wisdom, she was the protectress of all the arts and industries; she invented the loom that the children of men might be clothed; she protected the fields where plants were growing; she taught men to tame horses, and how to hitch them to chariots and in war she with helmet, spear and shield, rode in the van of battle.

To a people who believed in her prowess, what wonder that she was worshipped, what wonder that temples were reared to her and offerings made! But looking deeper another meaning is discerned, for the people that possess the attributes ascribed to Minerva make their own Palladium, and are secure against attack. The first attribute was wisdom, the second valor, the third industry, the fourth the ingenuity to make the most of the material at hand. Now, a people that possess these attributes are sure to be invincible among nations, and hence we see in the ancient worship of the goddess merely the exemplification of the idea of the worshippers of what constituted greatness and insured a people against defeat. A pure life, a life devoted to industry with the genius to make available all the forces around it, and on trial always ready to spring to the defense of native land. That makes the greatest citizen, and when a nation is made up of such citizens, then they constitute their own Palladium—they are always victorious. The priests that invented Pallas Athena were wise men; they knew what attributes men should cultivate to become wise and strong and true, and so the daily ritual of their faith was a daily inspiration to them to take on more and more of those divine attributes and to more and more withdraw from all that was debasing and low. Under that worship men became exalted, in arts and arms, they mastered the world and wrote words on the scroll of the ages which it is yet enchantment to read.

**The Tariff and Our Shipping**

THE NATION of New York reviews a book, "Ocean Life in the Old Sall Ship Days," which is the simple story of an old Boston sea captain, who followed the sea until 1870. The Nation copies approvingly one paragraph from the book, as follows:

"With the ending of the war all hoped that the tariff, especially on shipping, would be reduced, to enable our shipyards to again resume building, and enter into competition for the world's carrying trade, where we had lost prestige; but it was not to be. The tariff was still kept on, the same as during the war, and no one, under these conditions, was insane enough to build. The carrying trade of the world that should have been in American bottoms was allowed to slip from us, and with it one of our finest New England industries—shipbuilding."

The Nation endorses that as true and filled with good sense. The captain was doubtless sincere when he wrote that, but what of the sincerity of the Nation in endorsing it?

In 1870 the carrying trade of the ocean, for all valuable freights had passed to steam ships and

wooden ships had, in great part, given way to iron and later to steel. In 1870 Great Britain had regular lines of steamers running to all the important ports of the world, except, perhaps, San Francisco. She kept them going by subsidizing them, and her merchants had trading stations in all lands. How could the New England sail ship compete with that system, save in carrying coarse and heavy freights on routes where time was not a supreme object? If sail-ships could not compete with steamers in the coast trade of our own country, what chance was there for them to cross the seas against the competition of England, with her steel ships, compound engines and the all-protecting subsidy. Our steamers had to be withdrawn from the Atlantic because the Buchanan administration refused to renew the payment of the little subsidy that had been given them, while at the same time England increased the subsidy to the Cunarders. That was when our country was on a free trade basis, almost as strict as that of Great Britain. Germany and France are both tariff-protected, but they are able to keep their regular lines of steamers traversing the oceans. Our country cannot simply because our wise legislators refuse to accept and adopt the methods that other maritime nations have adopted. A subsidy is scouted in country though the fares and freights paid to foreign ship-owners annually drain our country of \$250,000,000, which at even four per cent would, could it be retained here, produce in interest \$10,000,000. Is that real good business? It is not the tariff that has driven our ships from the sea. Germany has her tariff, but her ships and her foreign trade through her ships has made her since 1875 the richest country of Europe. The reason is she keeps her money at home and draws, annually, from the outside world a mighty reserve to add to her stock of money. In the meantime we charter English ships to keep our battleship fleet supplied with coal.

**The Great Krupps**

THE KRUPPS of Germany must be industrial kings sure enough. It seems the daughter of the house is the sole heir to the great Krupp works, the iron works on land, the building of ships at sea. Upon her marriage, the Emperor of Germany desired to establish a title of nobility, which should attach to the eldest child of each generation, the same as is done with royalty, that it should be a matter of primogeniture, and that the first child of the family of Krupp should be an hereditary noble, and the Krupps, with a self-respect that was beautiful, respectfully informed the Emperor that the Krupps were known the world around as the creators of a new industry which held the biggest forces of the nation in its grasp, and that no title that could be conferred would, in their estimation, exalt the name of Krupp. And so, in their stubborn, German way, that family goes down with the title which they covet for themselves, and that is as decedents of the great Krupp who inaugurated a work which enabled Germany to be first among the forgers of cannon and the builder of ships, and it is a great thing when a family can, by its own achievements, reach such an appreciation in the estimation of the world, that the children of that family can say to the most powerful emperor on earth: "We do not want a title from your majesty. We hold our simple name as higher than anything you can give."

"Mamma, can I ever be President?" "Alas, no, my child. You were born before papa and mamma came to Ohio."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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