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## NO HANDICAP

In our day dreams, or whatever we call those intervals when we think about the wonderful things we shall do after fortune has smiled on us several years hence, we see nothing but ideal conditions which will serve us with an abundance of pleasures and protect us from every disappointment. That few, if any, of us will reach that goal is merely another manifestation of kindness in Divine Providence.

We who struggle along meeting adversity with a fighting spirit are really the Lord's elect. We are like the young man of the gospel who was told to give his wealth to the poor and shoulder the burdens of life if he wished to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Man was placed on earth to accomplish something not simply to coast along on the path of least resistance. Rich people are prone to become too independent and too much concerned with their possessions, and lose sight of their eternal destiny.

Christ branded wealth as a spiritual handicap. Human experience also brands it as a handicap to happiness. A thing accomplished is worth no more than the effort expended. The millionaire heir who buys a country estate does not have half the feeling of pride that his humble neighbor next door does after paying for his place by sacrifice through lean years. Pioneers were more pleased with their settlements than we are today. The old timers fought Indians and severe winters, we inherited.

Our lives are tempered and made keen by adversity. That we are ordinary people is ample evidence that we are getting along nicely. Each difficulty surmounted brings the joy of another successful conquest. And the mere fact that the difficulties are present is another inducement for extra effort and greater achievement.

There is still another sunny feature. Persons who have troubles are more likely to understand that others also have them and will be more willing to sympathize. The writer will always remember the man who felt privileged to have had a serious illness because it taught him how other sick persons must suffer. A similar thought from a prominent author is: "The greatest need of humanity is humanity."

Adversity draws people together. It encourages them to learn the wants of others and do something to satisfy those wants. It gives them a better understanding of the ancient expression that "a man should be ashamed to die until he has done something worth while for his fellowman."

The idle rich have a miserable life. They resort to artificialities and derive some artificial pleasure but no solid satisfaction. Other wealthy people achieve things in spite of their handicap. But we regular folks are the elite; we were not burdened with a handicap.

## HOW'S YOUR CREDIT?

In one of the Muenster business houses is a sign stating that one of the surest ways to win a customer's good will is to present a bill when it is due. It gives the patron a feeling of conviction that he is dealing with a responsible concern as well as reminding him at the correct time that a just obligation is due for settlement. Delaying on the other hand diminishes a person's feeling of

obligation so that he may resent a statement later.

But even though diminished the feeling of indebtedness still remains and the patron has a tendency to take his trade where he is not ashamed to face the proprietor. It seems low and ungrateful to discontinue patronizing the merchant who has extended credit and pay cash elsewhere. Nevertheless people are doing it every day.

That is the merchant's angle of present day credit business, a development that is at once the greatest benefactor and the greatest curse in our system of living. The person whose credit is good can begin in business with no resource other than a good name. Many another will use his credit as a means of legalized stealing and create an unfair burden on honest people. He who wishes to keep his self respect should ponder over the fact that when he buys something without an intention or a reasonable assurance that he can pay, he is a thief at heart.

## OPINIONS of READERS

The Enterprise welcomes the opinions of its readers and will publish, as far as space will permit, all such letters when signed by the authors.

## EDUCATION

Our old friend, the Ex-governor of Texas, Jim Ferguson said once: "This country runs hog-wild for education" or words to the same effect. When we see our children walk or being transported miles and miles by the busses to the school-palaces, (there are only a few little, red school houses left) we may ponder seriously the question: Is our modern education worth the money, time and effort? We may ask ourselves: Are the children of this generation better educated than their grandparents, who were only taught the four "R's," reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic, religion?

It all depends what we mean by education. If we mean cramming their undeveloped minds with a plethora of indigested facts and stuffing into their young memories a multitude of dissected numbers and names, they are far ahead of the older generation, but if we take education in its real significance, I have my serious doubts.

Education is a Latin word, translated it means: The leading out. Education is therefore not putting in, but taking out. Real education is the development of the whole man. Man has two kinds of faculties, since he is a creature composed of body and soul, corporal and mental. The corporal faculties are brought out by athletic contests and there is no fault to find with our educational systems in this respect. Is not in many schools the coach the best paid professor? But are not the faculties of the soul: Intellect, reason and will frequently neglected? Cramming and stuffing may help the intellect but do not help reason; and little or nothing is done to develop the will, to follow the dictates of the Supreme Lawgiver. This is a serious omission, deplored by all true, earnest educators.

By introducing into the curriculum of our High Schools and Colleges a series of new-fangled fads and giving the pupils the liberty to choose the easiest way to acquire their credits or diplomas, we have hurt real education. Languages, history and mathematics used to be the good, old standards for a thousand years in secondary schools but now we have bookkeeping, typing, agriculture, manual training, subjects which should be left to be taught in commercial, agricultural and trade schools after the students were deeply grounded in the fundamentals, after they have learned to think in high schools.

Irving Babbitt says: "The standards of a genuinely liberal education, as they have been understood, more or less from the time of Aristotle, are being progressively undermined by the utilitarians and sentimentalists." Yes, we spend an enormous amount of money, time and effort for the education of our children. But do the results justify the outlay? "Modern education too often covers the fingers with rings and at the same time cuts the sinews at the wrist."—Sterling.

P. J.

According to the newspapers President Roosevelt is talking about balancing the budget again—or rather we should say, he is again talking about balancing the budget.

## What Others Have to Say--

## IN THE NAME OF CHARITY

The state department at Washington makes the startling statement that many of the groups which have been licensed to collect moneys for the aid of those "fighting for democracy in Spain" sent NOTHING AT ALL to Spain.

One group which received \$30,753 from gullible persons spent \$25,793 of it in "a relief drive."

Throughout the nation as a whole, out of \$376,926 given for "Spanish relief," \$124,986 went for "publicity and administrative expenses"—which means, generally, the upkeep of "friends," "comrades" and left wing parasites.

The Central Spanish relief committee in Washington, according to the government's figures, made this showing: Receipts, \$11,832.15. Sent to Spain, NOTHING.

If this is charity or mercy, it would be interesting to know just what the word RACKET means.—San Antonio Light.

## LOTS IN THE CEMETERY

Four out of every five automobile accidents occur on dry roads in clear weather. Four out of every five automobile accidents involve cars driving straight ahead.

Here is the statistical proof of the disregard for every rule of courtesy and safety that characterizes the reckless or incompetent motorist. He constantly over-estimates the "safety factors" of good roads and modern cars. A straight highway and a clear day act as bait to make him "open her up"—with the result that the undertaker gets about 37,000 new accounts each year.

The seven most important causes of fatal accidents in order, are as follows: Exceeding speed limit or driving too fast for road and weather conditions; driving on the wrong side of the road; disregarding stop signs and signals; usurping right of way; cutting in; passing on hills and curves; failure to signal for stopping and turning.

These driving errors cause the great bulk of all serious accidents and the first is by far the worst. Every one of them is a human error—and every accident they produce could be prevented if individual drivers would observe the most elementary rules of caution and proper driving.

In conclusion, here is one more fact you might think over the next time you feel the urge to step on it: At 20 miles per hour, one accident in 61 is fatal, while

at 50 or more miles per hour, one accident in every 11 produces a corpse.—Salem (Ind.) Republican Leader.

## WAR ON THE RUSTLERS

Formation of the North Dallas County Cattle Protective Association to combat the activities of motorized rustlers brings close to this city the problem of protecting Texas farmers and ranchmen from the prevalent livestock thieving. Dayton Moses of Fort Worth reports that in the twenty-one years in which he has been attorney for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association there never has been as much cattle thieving as today. In the opinion of Col. H. H. Carmichael, commander of the Texas Rangers, there is more livestock theft now than at any time in the last seventy years.

The modern rustlers—gasoline cowboys they are called in Oregon—have outlawed themselves by taking advantage of speedy highways and high livestock prices. Sometimes they counterfeit bills of sale or sell under assumed names. More often they become "tree shade butchers" and market meat to unscrupulous dealers who ask no questions when a bargain is offered. They bury the tell-tale branded hide in some obscure thicket and peddle the beef to small-town or suburban meat shops and restaurants.

Sheriff's forces and Texas rangers have been mobilized to stamp out this modern rustling, but still it goes on. Cattlemen have been forced to realize that, through their own protective associations, they themselves must take a leading part in the capture and conviction of livestock thieves. This does not mean that the vigilante methods of early days should be adopted again but that protective measures and law enforcement methods must be brought up to date as the rustlers' methods already have been.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has made a highly creditable record in its brand-inspection work, both at shipping points on the range and at central livestock markets. Its inspectors and its legal staff also assist law-enforcement officers in gathering evidence against rustlers and in prosecuting cases in court. This work can be made even more effective when supplemented by the activity of such local associations as the one just formed at Irving.—Dallas News.

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