

IT IS SAID

Silence is the best resolve for him who distrusts himself.—La Rochefoucauld.

How victorious is silence!—Longfellow.

Every sin provokes its punishment.—A. Bronson Alcott.

There is always a best way of doing everything, if it be to boil an egg.—Emerson.

The heavens are nobly eloquent of the Deity, and the most magnificent heralds of their Maker's praise.—James Hervy.

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.—George Washington.

Kind words are benedictions. They are not only instruments of power, but of benevolence and courtesy; blessings both to the speaker and hearer of them.—Frederick Saunders.

Better to wear out than to rust out.—Bishop Cumberland.

Moral Geography

The longest river is Time. The deepest ocean is Death. The highest mountain is called Success. Few reach the top, save those who watch sharply for the passing of the spirit of the mountain, Opportunity, who carries upward all those that seize hold upon him.

The most highly civilized country is Today.

The region where no man hath ever set foot is called Tomorrow.

The region where no living thing hath habitation is called Yesterday.

The greatest desert is called Life, and it hath many oases. These are called Hope and Ambition and Love and Charity and Home; and of them all, the last is the most beautiful. Besides these, are many others, smaller in extent, whence the traveller obtaineth refreshment during the weary journey through life.—Author unknown.

The Prospective Tariff

The big talk of the Republicans about the fat times to be brought about through protective tariff would be laughable were it not so serious. Protective tariff enriches the few by robbing the many. It is special privilege with a vengeance. Protective tariff destroys competition, creates high prices by restricting production, and the poor pay the bill. Look at the country today. The farmer's wheat is going down to the bottom. Wages keep going down. Merchandise is high. Shoes are high. What the working man has to sell is going down. What he has to buy is going up. A fine thing, is this robber doctrine, it is a good doctrine, as well!—Union Times.

The Missouri River

The Missouri is one of the great drainage channels of the United States, measuring in total length about 2,400 miles. According to the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, it drains 527,155 square miles, a territory as great as that embraced in all the States south of New York and east of the Mississippi, except Indiana and Illinois. Although the Missouri is no longer utilized to any extent as a means of communication and transportation, it is destined to play a large part in the development of its drainage basin by furnishing water for irrigation and generating power.

A Cure for Faultfinding

The Youth's Companion

It is so easy to find fault, so easy to stand by and criticize what others do, to imagine what might have been accomplished and to set it up as a fatal standard for what has been accomplished! To slip into the habit of thinking such things is dangerously easy, and when we think them it is difficult to refrain from saying them. Perhaps the best cure is to say little or nothing; but for the most part humanity is not contrived that way.

A help to preserving a better attitude in the matter is to consider not so much what people have actually done as what they tried to do. Once understand what they were aiming at and you will understand something of their difficulties, and perhaps in the end you will be astonished, not that they have accomplished so little, but that they have accomplished so much.

Also that understanding will be vastly facilitated if you go farther and consider whether in their place you would have done exactly the same, or even less well. You are human as they are, your means and capacity are limited as theirs are, perhaps even more limited. When you estimate the complication of circumstances and put yourself, your own blundering, mistaking, regretting, ever-recommencing self, right into them, your tolerance for the failures of others will be immensely increased.

For this is the best cure of all: instead of dwelling upon the faults of others, to give a little attention, or even a good deal of attention, to your own. It is really quite as easy to find flaws in your own large field of life as in others', in fact much easier, since you are even more familiar with your own mistakes than with theirs. The trouble is that it is much less agreeable. This little unkindness, that little social awkwardness, the sharp, harsh word you uttered yesterday when a small matter went wrong—it is much more unpleasant to remember those than to point out a friend's shortcomings. It is, however, much more profitable. Those were wise words of Orlando's, the good wrestler, the good lover, and the good friend: "I will chide no breather in the world but myself, against whom I know most faults."

Sodium Widely Distributed

The element sodium is very widely distributed in the earth. It forms about 2.36 per cent of known terrestrial matter, according to the United States Geological Survey, and is the most abundant of the alkali metals. Sodium appears to occur in nature only in combination with other elements, if its alleged occurrence as the free element in blue rock salt is neglected. It is an important constituent of the feldspars and several other insoluble minerals from which sodium salts are not extracted commercially, but which are nevertheless regarded as the ultimate source of the salts that are soluble in water.—Youth's Companion.

Personality

- Persistency
Earnestness
Reliability
Sociability
Optimism
Neatness
Assurance
Loyalty
Initiative
Temperance
Youthfulness

The above is an analysis of the personality that wins, by V. L. Price.

Without a Church

Charlotte Observer

Mr. Hickman, the Baptist preacher of Gaffney, who was a candidate in the late primaries in South Carolina, and an open advocate for Cole L. Blease, was asked shortly after the election to quit that pulpit. The deacons have later joined in the request and the preacher has quit. But in a public statement in explanation of his retirement, he indicates that it was not all on account of his championship of Mr. Blease. It seems that he has an un-American war record. For an established case of opposition to the Government's war policies he was at one time fined \$500, and it is his own admission that this is his third and last church to lose "on account of my stand on the war." About time he was seeking some charge in Germany. He might find a church over there to which he could stick and which would stick by him.

Bouncing Baby is Found Upon Anderson Porch

Anderson, Oct. 24.—A bouncing two-months-old baby girl, wrapped in a luxurious bundle of clothing and snugly tucked away in a drummer's sample case, was left on Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin's front porch in the lower edge of Anderson county the night of Oct. 24. Awakened by the baby's cries, Mrs. Martin saw an automobile drive off in the darkness, and later discovered a woman's size 2 shoe track in the front walk.

"Wouldn't take a house for her," Mr. Martin replied yesterday, when asked if the child would be adopted. "Have you ever seen a woman who her mother is, but she can come to see the baby if she wants to. Mrs. Martin and myself wouldn't care."

The girl has been christened Mary Louise. She is enjoying a gallon can of malted milk left beside the sample case.

The Good and Bad

How's your cotton crop this year?" I asked a Chesterfield county farmer one day last week.

"I am making a fairly good yield this year," said the man. "You know my farm is sandy and not very fertile, and I'm making more cotton than some of my neighbors who have better land."

"Do you think you can grow cotton another year?" the farmer was asked.

"I know it. This is our third year's experience with the boll weevil. With proper cultivation this land where cotton does not grow rank is where we are going to make the most cotton. The Lord in my opinion never put all the good in one spot and all the bad in another. Our poor sandhill land is coming in to its own."

And the man may be right.—Monroe Enquirer.

Woodrow Wilson Can Vote in New Jersey

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 24.—The ruling made several days ago by the Mercer county board of elections which deprived former President Woodrow Wilson from voting in the state of New Jersey under the absentee voters law was reversed tonight by State Attorney General McCran. The decision of the attorney general is based on a supreme court ruling which holds that a voter's residence is determined by his intention. Under the decision Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will vote as citizens of Princeton, N. J.

Time to War on the Boll Weevil—Now

The State.

It is a great mistake for those expecting to plant cotton next year to assume that the fight against the boll weevil need not be entered upon until the 1923 crop has been planted.

If there is one thing the experts who have studied the subject, in the schools of both theory and practice, are agreed upon, it is that the time to begin the fight for next year's production is as soon as possible after harvesting this year's crop. Experiments have proved that the earlier the cotton stalks are cut down and plowed under in the fall, the smaller the number of weevils appearing in the spring. Moreover, this method is a sound farming policy.

With equal insistence they urge the early clearing of field-edges and ditch-edges and the burning of the brush.

The second point of importance on which the experts agree is that it is economically disastrous to plant land in cotton that would not produce, if free from weevil attack, a half-bale to the acre. Fighting the weevil successfully necessitates expense for material and the going over from three to six times of every foot of ground planted. The cost is greatly different in protecting an acre that normally would produce a bale than that incurred in protecting the same acre that normally would produce only one fifth as much. It is obvious that the latter is not worth the cost for and should not be planted.

The boll weevil can be annihilated, but in order to accomplish this, progressive farming methods will have generally to be employed in the South. Those new methods involve close study of the problems, more constant attention to the farm, and a greater degree of energetic work than heretofore employed.

Gambling and Gambling

That what is gambling to one person may be merely an innocent pastime in the opinion of some other people seems to be indicated by the way some people who would not think of playing cards for stakes played gambling devices at the recent county fair here quite frankly and openly and seemingly without giving the gambling feature a thought. Some people who would be quick to condemn a card game for stakes cheerfully paid the price to pitch a ball for a chance at a doll or to try their luck with a wheel or some other device. Isn't gambling by some other name just as bad as it is when you frankly call it gambling?—The Lumberton Robesonian.

Politics in Amen Corner

During a recent political campaign, two deacons of the same faith religiously, but on opposite sides of the fence politically, attended prayermeeting.

"Oh Lord," intoned the Republican deacon, "I pray Thee, that the Republicans may hang together."

"Amen," ejaculated the Democrat.

"But not, O Lord," continued the Republican, "in the sense that my Democratic brother means, but in the sense of accord and concord."

"Any cord'll do, Lord; any cord'll do!" was the Democrat's closing thrust.—Everybody's Magazine.

The Death Penalty

The Spartanburg Journal.

We do not think the Associated Press dispatch which follows has been published here, but if it has been it is well worth reprinting because of the steadily increasing body of public sentiment in favor of punishing crime as its enormity demands for the common welfare:

"Detroit, Oct. 18.—The murder rate is increasing in the United States because, in the opinion of leading statesmen, capital punishment is not inflicted in all cases of deliberate murder and because misguided sentimentalists are interesting themselves in behalf of murderers, Henry Barrett Chamberlain, operating director of the Chicago Crime Commission, declared tonight before the American Prison Association.

"Crime, though incurable, can be minimized and controlled, and capital punishment is a deterrent and does reduce murder," he asserted, speaking on the subject, "The importance of the Death Penalty for the Murderer." "The right of the State to execute a murderer does not exist because of the gravity of the offense, but solely because of the necessity for protecting itself from the murder" he said. "Abolition of the death penalty for murder in this country usually has been for short periods, followed by its restoration when the murder rate rose."

"Mr. Chamberlain said he believed irresponsible slayers should not be allowed to remain at large, and was inclined to agree with a newspaper editorial he read sometime ago that 'irresponsibles should be painlessly put away.'"

The murderer who has been put to death by Law. The only safe Judge is the Judge who pronounces the penalty prescribed by law for the crime committed by the murderer, the manslayer, the rapist, the firebug, the thief arraigned for sentence before the Court. The only safe State or community or county in which to live is the State, community or county whose official representatives do not shield the criminals, but who execute the law.

A Beetle Story

A beetle weighing two grains is able to move a weight of five and one-half ounces, or 1,320 times its own weight. A man weighing 150 pounds, if proportionately strong, could thus move 198,000 pounds, or nearly a hundred tons. Some years ago I captured a very handsome beetle and placed it under a beaker—a thin tumbler used in chemical analysis—on a shelf of my laboratory. A few hours after the beetle had disappeared very mysteriously, the beaker remaining inverted. He was recaptured and again placed under the beaker. I watched the result and presently found that the beetle walked the tumbler along the shelf till it reached the edge, then crept out and fell as soon as the overhang was sufficient to afford room for escape.—W. Mattieu Williams in Gentleman's Magazine.

God's almanac has but one day, that is Today.

Satan's almanac has but one day, that is Tomorrow.

The fool's almanac has but one day, that is By and by.

A man must be either a Christian or an unsaved sinner; there is no neutral ground. Which are you?—Exchange.

MORAL ISSUES

A Better Way

If we notice little pleasures
As we notice little pains;
If we quite forgot our losses
And remembered all our gains;
If we looked for people's virtues,
And their faults refuse to see,
What a comfortable, happy,
Cheerful place this world would be!
—Youth's Companion.

The Blessing of Work

One of the best things for any young man is work. Idleness is the devil's trap. Work is the liberation of energy, the channel of achievement. Whatever one may lack of native talent may be compensated for by patient and persevering drudgery. The young man who does not have to work is to be pitied; the man who won't work is to be condemned; the man who is willing to work but can find no work to do should have our sympathy and our aid. But work is a generic term. One can work with his brains as well as with his hands; on his knees as well as on his feet; with his pen as well as with his pick; with his pocket-book as well as with his plumb-line; with his prayers as well as with his possessions. God has not held any of us up to one single line of duty. Obligation is as wide as life, and our energies should be as expansive as our vision and as generous as our prayers.—Christian Observer.

The Worth of A Soul

In the shop of a diamond merchant at Amsterdam we saw great machinery and great power all brought to bear on what seemed to be a small piece of glass. One might be sure of the result if he would but look around and see what skill and labor were being expended upon it. God has laid out for the good of a soul the watchfulness of angels, the providence of this world, the glory of the next, the councils of eternity, Himself and all that he hath, the Holy Spirit and all His Divine influences—yea, He spared not His only Son. Say, soul, what must thou be worth thus to have all Heaven's thought and power and love laid out for thee?—Selected.

When one enters into the common life, resolved to live it in the spirit of Jesus, bringing into all its occupations, even the homeliest, the faithfulness, the thoroughness, the courtesy, the consideration, the gentleness of ideal demeanor, then to him is given, in answer to his gift, the blessing of the wise men, and under his own roof, through the street he lives in be narrow as that in which the carpenter and his family were lodged, the Lord Christ shall appear daily.—Geo. Hodges.

Rothschild's Rules

When Meyer Rothschild, founder of the great banking house in Frankfort, Germany, died, he left something better than wealth—an example that has become a tradition in this noted family. He also left precepts. Among them were the following:

- Carefully examine every detail of your business.
Be prompt in everything.
Take time to consider, but decide positively.
Dare to go forward.
Bear troubles patiently.
Be brave in the struggle of life.
Never tell business lies.
Make no useless acquaintances.
Pay your debts promptly.
Shun strong liquors.
Employ your time well.
Do not reckon on chance.
Work hard.

—American Boy.