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OUR DEVOTEE:
"There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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But then we don't know what's happening to the man in the moon.

We hope winter has made its last "drive" and is now in full retreat.

Even Cuba can't resist the temptation, Hell's broken loose down there, too.

The economical housewife now carefully counts her spuds before serving them.

If we must have war trot it along, this uncertainty interferes with our Sunday dinners.

Having overrun the skies the east of living is now reconnoitering for even higher altitudes.

If we art to have preparedness in this country, let's have it before we are smeared all over the map.

Laugh! We do! The idea of old Carranza posing as a dove of peace is too much vinegar in the sugar bowl.

As an effective method of national preparedness we suggest the prompt planting of spuds—more spuds.

Republican? Democrat? Progressive? Never! When our country is threatened we are AMERICAN.

Bankers don't like the new coins because they say they are hard to stack. But we are not running a bank.

If Villa gets to slashing around too reckless in Perishing's old shoes Uncle Sam may yet be forced to pull the strings.

An exchange says a man should have a good excuse ready before committing a mean act. The average man has. He's the excuse.

Well anyway, Tom Lawson has been swallowed up in a bigger scare. Verily there is some consolation even in our greatest misfortunes.

We are not a bit flippant when we express the ardent hope that the federal investigation of the high cost of living doesn't pave the way for yet another boost.

In these strenuous times we forgot to mention in our last issue that Old St. Valentine made his periodical visit without creating even a ripple on the bloody waters.

Some sensitive people are beginning to wonder if a man will feel any better in the next world after being blown up by a mine, than he would have felt had he been sunk by a submarine.

Universal service wouldn't be so bad after all. Instead of ogling young girls on the streets, our nineteen-year-old mashers would be devoting their valuable time to the delightful occupation of digging trenches, peering spuds, washing dishes and drilling in the boiling sun. Make it universal.

—Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, passed her 70th birthday Feb. 15th. Among the numerous congratulatory messages received by her was a cordial letter from President Wilson.

—Clifford Baham, of Whitesville, and Miss Ethel Paddock, of West Union, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in West Union, Saturday, Feb. 19th.

WE HAVE A FEW

The super-sensitive man or woman is a puzzling proposition for a community to handle. The person of acute sensibility suffers slights where none were intended. He is forever imagining that his friends are not as cordial as they should be.

The sensitive man wears his feelings on his sleeve, as it were. If this extremely sensitiveness in our neighbors was a fault in the strictest sense of the word we would know how to deal with him. But it is not such a fault. It is purely the result of self-consciousness and is frequently found in persons of a warm-hearted disposition. They have a cordial liking for their friends and are perhaps of an impulsive, ardent temperament. Their feelings find vent in an effusiveness that rarely meets with the response which they think it merits, and disappointment is the result.

The great trouble with the sensitive man is that he has not yet realized that all men are not built on the same plan as himself. He should remember that there are almost as many different natures as there are individuals and each has his own peculiar mannerism and modes of expression.

A smile is simply the working of a certain set of facial muscles, and is just as easy to call up as a frown. Courtesy and kindness are two of the noblest qualities of humanity and are attained at the smallest prices.

Give the super-sensitive person a smile when you meet him. He will feel better and so will you.

HOME MEN FOR HOME POSITIONS

No other proverb of man's coinage is so true as the old saying that "A prophet is not known without honor save in his own country." But for the life of us we can see no earthly reason why he should be without honor in his own country. Yet, sad to state, that seems to be almost invariably the case.

We have studied much over this peculiarity of mankind. Why cannot a young man succeed in life just as well at home as away from home? Is it really a fact that he cannot, and has this basic fact of human nature given rise to the proverb? Or has the endless repetition of the proverb worked to obtain the conditions? We believe the latter supposition to be correct. We can see no good reason why, all things else being equal, a young man should not succeed just as well at home as abroad.

And this suggests another phase of the question. Why is it that many communities have gotten into the habit of seeking applications for responsible positions among the citizens of other communities? This is particularly true in educational circles. Any man with a knowledge of school conditions knows that, go where you will, you will find the greater number of responsible positions in any community filled by people from a distance. Rarely is a home man found in such a position.

Our young men and young women grow up, study and secure good educations only to scatter out in the world in search of good positions; while the management of their home schools is turned over to strangers. Go into the stores and manufacturing plants of almost any community and you will find the same condition prevailing there—home boys and girls leaving home in search of employment, while their fathers are importing their assistants from a distance.

We submit that this condition of things is all wrong. People argue themselves into the belief that young people cannot succeed where they are known by everybody and where they know everybody else, and so a stranger fills the place that should be his, while he roams the world in search of a position in lieu of the one that by right he should fill.

"Home men for home positions" is the just and sensible view to take. In the first place, the home man is well known, and we run no such risk of picking an

Sign Boards on the Up-road

By Hamilton B. Williams

The story of God's control of the world based upon occasional magic is a child's idea. But if we look upon all events as under control of a God who has a definite purpose we may with equanimity face forward.

Down in this twilight lane of life we see only, once in a while the flashing of the feet of God as He leaps over the mountains of events. The obvious thing is our leading. What seems to be imperative we must do. A necessity lies over against every moment of existence.

I should dread to live in a world detached from its creator. Unlike Hamlet, I should prefer any fate of any trail of the undiscovered country than to live in a world like this so jangled by the children of darkness and of the jungles if God were remote.

What wearies the journey of life are the little souls having the form of humans but having the tender mercies and vision of the jungle.

The sign of the humanity of Jesus is courtesy. He would be a flimsy God who could not control a world He could make.

He would be a strange kind of God who would not be vitally related to His creation.

He would be a monstrous God who would not control all events in reference to a just and triumphant purpose.

And sea to it that no calamity should overcome His purpose.

The program of a true-visioned soul is laid out on the foundation of a belief in the squareness of God.

Let Browning, who caught the Christ-idea of man wonderfully and consequently exalted man to His God-like eminence, sing a man's vision: "One who never turned his back, but marched breast-forward. Never doubted clouds would break, never, dreamed though Right were worsted Wrong would triumph. Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better."

A theory of God's government incompetent or untrustworthy man in selecting him as when we employ a stranger.

Who has not known, for instance, of communities torn up and disorganized by incompetent and unreliable people brought from a distance to fill responsible positions? Such instances are too numerous and in many of these cases it might all have been so easily avoided had those responsible for the trouble have only employed home people who were undoubtedly anxious for the place and really in need of it?

If we are loyal to our town we must stick to Andover people. We must see to it that no stranger fills a position which a home man is capable of filling and will accept. This is not only the sane and sensible rule to adopt, but it is only justice. No person should be forced to seek employment from strangers while there are positions to be filled among his home people, for which he is fully qualified.

Let us stick to our own home girls and boys. It will pay us and them.

AGRICULTURE

Packing apples attractively helps to sell them for more money.

Lime-sulfur sprays gets peach leaf curl, apply in fall or winter or any time the leaves are off.

Shrubs that attract birds by their fruit are worth planting around the farm home.

Painting farm implements and vehicles is a good odd-job for winter; of course they are all under cover.

Snow is said to be the poor man's fertilizer, and it is—in the sense that any man who depends on it is bound to be poor.

Systems of drains in land that has been tilled but that was more or less wet have usually paid for themselves in four or five years, and often in much less time.

The people of the United States consume fully twice as much meat per capita as do the people of Europe. Dried beans, peas, and lentils may replace meat in the diet to a large extent, to the advantage of out-door workers especially.

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