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WITH CHARITY FOR ALL

Most of us are fairly willing to admit that it takes all kinds of people to make a world. Yet somehow we feel that the other kinds exhibit many more faults than our own. For our own shortcomings we always have a reason. For the other fellow's there can't be any good reason. Of course we don't explain it in these words. We may think of it something like this: "Well, I can see how a man might want to get divorced from his wife; I feel like doing it myself sometimes. But I can't understand why he should want to shoot another man for taking his sweetheart."

There is the proposition in those words: I can't understand. Those who understand are rare.

We may not sanction certain acts; we may feel that the other fellow might have used better judgement, more self-restraint; we may think the world would be better off without him; but it is not our place to judge. We have not his feelings, his motives, his outlook. We have not had his parentage, his training, his environment. Knowing all these things, still we dare to condemn him? We arose from the same earth and shall return to the same earth, having merely followed a different path through life—a path, alas, that is not always to be chosen. Ah, but for the moment we stand above him!

Stop! Have we searched our souls to see what they contain? Are we above reproach? Whatever we have done or have failed to do, here within us is this sad ability to break all the ten commandments under proper provocation! We shudder, but it is true.

When we examine ourselves, we discover that under different conditions we would doubtless have been different persons. Let us then be a little charitable toward those whom we might have been, and when the graceless arouse our ire, let him that is without fault among us cast the first stone.

TAKE A WALK

There is one notable characteristic of great men that lesser men might do well to imitate. In biographies, one after another, the fact is repeated. It is that each of the celebrities was fond of taking long walks alone.

Charles Dickens knew his London. Victor Hugo his Paris. Shakespeare his Warwickshire. Scott his Edinburgh. Hawthorne explored his countryside and Ruskin, Mill, Savonarola, Milton, Napoleon, Rousseau, Turner, Whitman, Humboldt, Emerson, Bryant and many others. Longfellow loved his Portland and Thoreau his Concord.

Walking is one of the best of exercises and has this advantage over sports—the mind is left free to think and the eye to observe. By night or by day there is glory in the open sky. As the legs swing in rhythm the freshness of nature enters the blood and wisdom penetrates the soul.

The city is a vast museum and the country a mighty conservatory. Whether you walk beneath the facades of man or in the forest glades, you have around you a universe. The breeze sing to you, the trees whisper a welcome, the houses speak of the present and the past. Electric lights attest your greatness and the stars say you are small indeed.

Get out, man—and woman, too—and stretch your legs! Walk alone through the streets! Seek in solitude the valleys and the hills! Use your eyes, your ears and your brain and if you do not return to your work refreshed and with more understanding, then—well, we'll quit our preaching!

GOOD FOR ALL

The plan of adopting an official standard of weights and measures in Birmingham was discussed at a recent Commission meeting, and Attorney Gaffill was directed to draft a suitable ordinance covering this idea.

We do not think merchants dealing in various commodities are at all guilty of intentionally going short weight. But, as was brought out at the Commission meeting, scales often get out of order. With someone to check the scales at intervals, a great service will be rendered the merchant as well as the buying public.

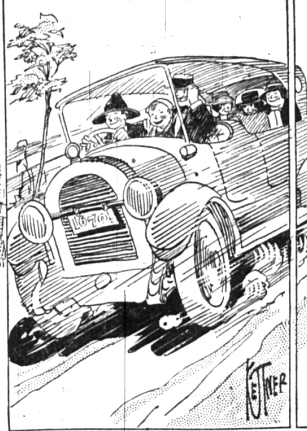
WORTHY OF SUPPORT

Birmingham now has a Scholarship Association, an organization incorporated to promote higher education among the students of the district. Deserving graduates of our high school may borrow money from this Association in order that they may obtain additional training in any institution they desire to enter. In order to function properly, this organization must have money, and

R'member

WHAT A LONG TIRESOME RIDE IT USED TO BE FROM THE STATION OUT TO THE FARM—AND

NOW!!



this money must come from residents of the district. It is a worthy cause and should receive the unstinted support of everybody. Money invested in education will not only bring returns to the one receiving the educational training, but will pay big dividends to those furnishing the funds.

EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Marietta Johnson, director of the School of Organic Education of Fairhope, Alabama, and the Edgewood School at Greenwich, Connecticut, is giving a series of lectures this week at the Northern High school, Detroit.

This is "Educational Week" in America, and the lectures delivered by Mrs. Johnson have a great deal to do with the education of today's children—tomorrow's mothers and fathers.

The system in force at the two schools conducted by Mrs. Johnson is something different than was ever before attempted along educational lines. We hear a good deal about the defects of our present system of schools, and after hearing Mrs. Johnson talk one cannot help but feel that she has come nearest right to discovering and putting into practice the greatest need the world has ever known: the natural inculcation in the juvenile mind of a pure desire for enlightenment, physical and spiritual. It is to be hoped that present-day educators will absorb into the curriculum of our schools some of the splendid principles of child education that are the rewards of Mrs. Johnson's many years of research in organic education.

ECCENTRICITIES

You may not think our stuff is funny, you may not think it very good—but it helps us earn our money to keep the stove supplied with wood.

All things come to an end; even the Xmas gift list.

A woman does not have to go to college to know everything.

Skirts are being worn longer, but our good wife says she has worn her's too long already.

Birmingham has lots to be thankful for. We have not as yet seen out on the streets one he-flapper with bell-bottom, split trousers.

Five men sat at a table one night, and

Opening the pot filled them with delight—

And it was not a pot roast, either!

A guy asked us the other day if moonshine shone only in the state of intoxication.

Heard in a local garage: "Yes, alcohol is cheaper if we put it in your own can." "All right—come out and put some in my flivver."

Money talks, but some folks don't have time to study its language.

How's the stroke with the snow shovel, Mister?

Health Hunt: Colds may be cured by not getting them in the first place.

Many hunters who went north are back home again. But the hunting still goes on—some of them are now hunting for their collar button 'neath the bed.

Winter Sports: Thawing out the water pipes.

Some friends extend sympathy—when it's money you want extended.

A Dirty Shame

(By Sammy)
Bouncing a ball as she played in the street
Was a little girl, spic and span and neat.

With eyes like stars and with a golden curl;
And in the street she seemed so happy a girl;

While she played at her game of bouncing ball
The world she saw not at all.

Thundering along a dirt truck hove into view,
And the girl's ball rolled away—as balls often do—

With a grinding of brakes the truck stopped a short space
The truck driver dismounted with a smile on his face;

He picked up the ball—it was not at all hurt—
Handed it to the girl and got back on his truck-load of dirt.

—THAT'S ALL.

Waterproof Fan.

Among the many varieties of fans in use among the Japanese is one made of waterproof paper which can be dipped in water, and creates great coolness by evaporation.

DETROIT UNITED LINES

BIRMINGHAM TIME TABLE
In Effect June 8, 1922
(Eastern Standard Time)

Southbound Limited—(except Sunday).
6:48 a.m.

Southbound Local—4:00 a.m., 5:20 a.m., 6:41 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 9:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 12:25 p.m., 1:46 a.m., 3:06 a.m., 4:26 a.m., 5:46 a.m., and every 10 minutes to 6:21 p.m., and every 20 minutes to 10:41 p.m., 11:31 p.m., 11:51 p.m.

Pontiac to Birmingham only—11:50 p.m., 12:20 p.m., 12:18 a.m., 12:35 a.m. and 12:50 a.m.

Northbound Local—5:59 a.m., 6:22 a.m., 6:30 a.m., 7:07 a.m. and every twenty minutes to 9:07 a.m.; then every 15 minutes to 1:55 p.m., (6:05 p.m. Limited), 6:22 p.m., 6:37 p.m., 6:52 p.m., 7:07 p.m. and every 20 minutes to 12:29 a.m., also 12:49 a.m.

FLINT DIVISION

Change at Royal Oak for Rochester, Oxford, Flint, Romeo and Inley City. Through limited cars for Flint, Saginaw, Bay City at 7:19 a.m. and every two hours to 9:19 p.m.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 2nd day of November, A. D. 1922. Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the Estate of Frank P. Gerhan, Deceased.
James A. Miller, executor of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.
It is Further Ordered, that the third day of April, A. D. 1923, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.
ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.
A true copy.
DAN A. McGARREY, Register of Probate.

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Perhaps, after all, there is some virtue in poor matches. They don't strike.—Answers, London.

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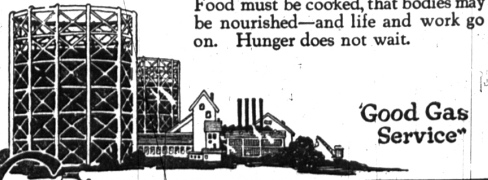
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