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THE BASIS OF SUCCESS

The American boy's heart swells at the thought of success. He dreams in which he sees himself the center of an applauding multitude. He imagines himself a popular military or naval hero, or else a powerful stateman or a commanding capitalist. He reads impossible tales of boys who accomplish things that few men can do. But meanwhile he is taking no steps leading to any exceptional career.

The fame attained by the late General Frederick Funston, who has been as well known as any American soldier of the present generation, illustrates about how fame and exceptional success comes to a man. Funston made his reputation by capturing Aguinaldo. It was a daring attempt, when he and his small company ventured into the rebel chief's village. Most men would have said it was impossible. But Funston had the courage, the nerve, the determination, and he did it.

In ordinary life the seeker for success is not asked to risk his life. He need not risk even his health. All he has to do is to show grit and indomitable perseverance. He has got to "keep on keeping on," as the poet said, after other people have become discouraged.

The world is full of the "It can't be done" spirit. Everyone finds plenty of opportunities for growth and expansion. In every business position there is a higher success that can be achieved. Some one is going to achieve it. But it requires devotion to duty, a concentration of one's mind, and a persistence in the face of obstacles, which most people are unwilling to give.

Most people look the obctacles over, they are baffled by them for a time, and then they quit. A large success means a long fight. Only those who are game for a persistent struggle ever get far. Success is not a matter of luck nor usually of exceptional genius, but more often it is merely the gift of sticking to a thing.

THE AMERICAN TEMPERAMENT

A fine spirit is being shown by many men who in this crisis of submarine warfare, are being ordered off the ocean. They have been sailing the seas all their life, and they don't propose to stop for any kings or emperors.

It would be much better business policy for them to stay at home. It might save getting their country into trouble. But Americans won't take orders from any master, save the ones they have erected above themselves, and those are mighty careful how they issue their commands.

When you examine the causes leading to the separation of this country from England, they were really trifling. They were mostly questions of taxation. On the money basis, there was nothing in the idea of separation. It cost more to run a government at Washington than a Colonial administration would have come to. It was just American spirit that won't take orders.

You can see that all through the life of any local community. If the idea gets into the heads of the people that a man is trying to boss too many things, they pull him down just to show their own authority. His authority may indeed be exercised quite well. But people do not take kindly to the idea of lords and masters. They will hit a boss every time they get a chance.

If the Unied States ever gets drawn into a world war, it will be just because it can't stand the idea of dictation. No one power can set up to run the earth and get away with it. The United States is long suffering, because it has enough business sense to know that wars don't pay. But the moment you begin to order Uncle Sam around too far, you run up against the fundamental American temperament.

THE MERCHANT'S CAREER

An interesting feature of the recent meeting of the National Dry Goods Association at New York, was the extending of honors to the ten oldest retail dry goods merchants in the United States. In the record of these men it was brought out that most of them were passing goods over the counter by the time they were 14 or 15 years old.

It is a remarkable record when a man begins supplying human needs at 15 and keeps it up half a century. In a period when most people are changeable, moving around from place to place and frequently changing business and professions, the retail merchant located in one place and supplying faithfully the changing needs of that place, is one of the most permanent of old landmarks.

Were it not for his faithful service, many homes and many lives would go without daily comforts and conveniences. He is a main stay of public progress, and a substantial promoter of the growth of the community.

THE VALUE OF LENT

The traditional observance of Lent is an interesting contrast with the spirit of the modern world, with its emphasis on physical pleasure, the value of money, and the search for diverting amusements. The modern world questions such a custom and pokes fun at it, as merely a relic of formalism. Yet it may have a value not suspected in our hurrying life.

The church feels the spirit of the age enough so that the old rigors of its observance have disappeared. Of course there are still a large number of persons having a keen spiritual and mystical sense, who follow it in much of the old fashioned manner. They deny the flesh the things the flesh craves. Thereby they feel that the galling grip of material thoughts upon their spirits is relaxed. Earth seems more distant and heaven nearer.

To the majority of people these loftier visions come hard. The burdens and the fascinations of the world fill their minds and can't be evaded. Life is a struggle in which they need all of the physical strength they possess. The churches make liberal modifications of the old rule of Lent to "working people." Moss people in this unspiritual ages give their bodies the benefit of the doubt, and live a good deal as usual.

Yet there are thousands and thousands of society people to whom a Lenten season of half denial would be a godsend. It would rest their strained nerves, give their overloaded stomachs a rest from hearty late eating, give them needed sleep. Many of them instinctively feel this and welcome a period of quiet and abstention. But the majority still continue wearing body and sould in the frenzied effort to kill time and fill life ever fuller of thrills and novelty.

NATIONAL SONGS

National Song Week has just been observed in the schools of Illinois. It would be interesting to know just what songs the children sang, and whether they really put some heart into them.

There is a lack of a good singable national song characteristic of the American temperament. "The Star Spangled Banner" is difficult as its notes run both high and low with wide intervals. The average person drops out when the verse reaches the more squealy points.

People would sing it more cheerfully if it had better rhythm. "America" is merely borrowed from John Bull. One very good air is commonly called "Keller's American Hymn" but it is not well known. It is vigorous and expressive, but too much the choral style for our restless and enthusiastic temperament.

The song best fitting our national temperament from the musical viewpoint, is "Dixie" which will stir enthusiasm even in a Northern audience. It has a rhythmic swing that makes one want to sing or dance.

A song will need something of that tingling contagious enthusiasm before an American crowd will sing it with any "pep." Rag time is really the expression of American feeling. The musicians see that there is value in even this despised type of musical notation. Their scientific name for it is syncopation, and the great modern composers make large use of it. It is up to some song writer with a genius for expressing the temperament of a people, to produce a patroitic song having a touch of rag time tingle about it, yet dignified with strong, virile harmony, and with a melody having some animation and impetuous quality. Then National Song Week will be observed with some enthusiasm, and it will promote patriotic feeling.

HEAR AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Representative James W. Husted of new York charges that the Democrats excepted the profits of Agriculture from the operation of the new revenue bill because of their admitted inability to ascertain the profits and assess the tax. "I want to ask," inquired Mr. Husted of the Democratic leader, "whether you consider it more difficult to keep track of profits on the farm than of profits in a large manufacturing industry." "It may be the gentleman is right," was the reply. In other words whatever taxable income is plainly in sight is made to bear an extra burden sufficient to make up for the lack of tax on incomes which are difficult to reach, and which the Democrats do not care to take the trouble of uncovering.

THE PERILS OF PEACE

As proof of the inefficiency of the present administration of the Navy Department Republicans of the House have called attention to the naval disasters which have overtaken us in the past year. Nine ships of the Navy during that time have met with accidents resulting in the total loss of four of them, including two large cruisers, and the serious disablement of the others. Individual officers who were concerned in the affairs are not so much to blame as the administrative officials of the Department who order vessels into perilous positions or place them in command of officers unaccustomed to such responsibility.

DEPLORES CONGRESSIONAL ABDICATION

Vehement protest against a practice, which has grown to alarming proportions during the present Democratic administration, of delegating the powers of Congress to Cabinet officers and chiefs of bureaus is registered by Representative C. N. McArthur of Oregon. While not having in mind any particular government official Mr. McArthur insists that "the whole machinery of the Federal Government is becoming top-heavy with bureaucracy. It is to be supposed that Members of Congress are sufficently well informed on public matters to discharge their duties intelligently, and it was not contemplated by the Constitution that officials of the Executive Department should be clothed with legislative powers. "Congress," declares Mr. MrArthur, "has come to be a joke in the minds of many people, because we are emasculating ourselves and placing too much power in the hands of bureaucrats".

BROKEN PLEDGES EXPOSED

Pointing out in detail the extravagance of the Democratic administration, as compared with economical expenditures under Republican control, Representative Martin B. Madden, of Illinois, delivered an address during the recent revenue debate which every voter should secure and read. Among other things, he said: "You have squandered $162,000,000 to no purpose in the Mexican border fiasco, $25,000,000 in the Vera Cruz incident, $35,000,000 in Alaska, $11,000,000 in an armorplate plant, $20,000,000 ina nitrate plant, $50,000,000 in a ship-purchase scheme, $50,600,00 in a scheme for for flood control, which means nothing but the reclamation of privately owned lands. You spent last year 40,00,000 on the river and harbor bill, much of which went into dry creeks where you were compelled to dig artesian wells to furnish the water. You have increased the number of men on the pay roll at an annual cost of $50,000,000."

TESTIMONY FROM HIGH SOURCE

In the report of the National Foreign Trade Council on cooperation in foreign trade are to be found a couple of interesting statements which traverse the oft-repeated assertion of the Democrats that the Demcratic tariff was not responsible for the industrial depression before the war. Renewing its declaration in favor of the Webb bill, the report goes on to say:—

"The (former) declaration came at a time when industry languished, labor was idle, and machinery stood still. A steady increase of foreign trade, beginning in 1908, had been arrested. Exports in 1914 had fallen below 1913, but imports had increased. Natural commodities predominated in the exports and finished manufactures represented the enterprise of a comparatively small number of industries---The European war restored prosperity to the United States. Abnormal detmand and prices for munitions, foodstuffs, and raw materials accelerated industry and recalled idle hands to the forge---This excess of export trade over normal rests upon the following circumstances:

(a) Abnormal war demand and prices for munitions, foodstuffs and raw materials.

(b) Elimination of normal European competition through occupation of European factories in munitions production.

(c) Loss of labor through enlistment or conscription and belligerent restriction of normal exportations.

(d) Curtailment of investment of European capital in neutral markets, normally a stimulus to European export trade.

The Council warns Americans not to rely on present conditions as being permanent and anticipates tooth-and-nail competition when the war is over.

AN OLIVER TWIST ADMINISTRATION

It was Oliver Twist whose plate was always held up with the cry for "More". It is the Democratic administration which is always going to Congress with a like demand.

Under the guise of preparedness, the Secretary of the Navy is asking Congress for more power to enable him to take over and to operate private enterprises if and when his single judgment shall determine that an exigency requires it.

Under the guise of putting into operation the new revenue laws, the Secretary of the Treasury has asked Congress for four million dollars to be expended in salaries for a new army of tax-eaters and office-holders to collect the money which thrift and enterprise must pay.

Under the guise of taking steps to protest American rights, the President meditates asking Congress to grant to him unlimited authority to use all of our forces and all of our resources without restriction of legislation.

More money, more power, more opportunity to interfere with private enterprise. This is the aim of the administration. It is Oliver Twist multiplied. It is like the daughters of the horse-leech, whose continually cry was "Give! Give!"

By the time they get through fixing over that railroad law, the unions will probably be strictly forbidden to strike unless they think it is all right for them to do so.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A TRUE STORY

Once upon a time, and a long time ago, there lived in one of the adjoining States, a man, his wife and one little son. This child was reasonably heathy and well, until he was about eight or nine years old, then he began to fail in health until, he finally became a helpless suffering invalid for some years: his disease baffling all efforts of doctors and nurses. One morning the boy awoke in great excitement; calling his mother, he told her, an angel had come to him in his sleep and said he should send to a Drug Store and get certain liquids and drugs, and his mother should mix them and rub him with the mixture and he would get well. The mother said it was only a dream, and that they had done every thing the Doctors could think of for him. The boy cried, plead and insisted until the father came home. The father treated the affair as a sick child's whim and would not hear to it: but the boy fretted and grew so much worse The mother's heart could no longer disbelieve. The angel had given the name of each ingredient, and the mother noticed nothing peculiar until, after the mixing; the odor was so dreadful the people could scarcely stay in the house. She rubbed her boy as he had told her, in the Angels directions. The child said, he had such a wonderfully strong warm feeling all over him, and struggling up on his feet, he walked across the room praising God for making him well. Doctors, preachers and people from all over the county came to see what they all said was a miracle. The child insisted he had prayed to God and God had made him well.

THE CIGARETTE IN SCHOOLS

The following table from an article by Prof. P. L. Lord in the school Journal, New York, shows the statue of boys in average public schools in New York City. There were twenty boys in each group, chosen by lot, one group from boys who smoked cigarettes, and the other from those who did not smoke.

They were taken from the same classes in the same school; the ages, ranging from ten to seventeen years, averaged fourteen years. The reports were made impartially by ten teachers, the boys were being under observation for a numbed of months:

	Smokers. No.	Non-Smokers No.
Nervous	14	1
Impaired hearing	13	1
Poor Memory	12	1
Bad manners	16	2
Low deportment	13	1
Poor prysical condition	12	2
Bad moral condition	14	0
Bad mental condition	18	1
Street loafers	16	0
Out nights	15	0
Careless in dress	12	4
Not neat and clean	12	1
Truants	10	0
Low rank in studies	18	3
Failed in promotion	79	2
Older than average grade	19	2
Untruthful	9	0
Slow thinkers	19	3
Poor workers or not able work continuously	17	1

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MA'S TOOLS

AT Home it seems to be the rule
Pa never has "the proper tool"
Or knack to fix things. For the stunt
That stumps ma, though, you'll have to hunt.

The caster on the table leg
Fell out. Pa said a wooden peg
Would fix it up. But ma kep mum
An' fixed it with a wad of gum.

We could scarce open our front door,
It stuck so tight. An'pa, he swore
He'd "buy a plane" as big as life—
Ma fixed it with the carving-knife.

The bath-tub drain got all clogged up.
Pa bailed the tub out with a cup—
He had a dreadful helpless look.
Ma cleaned it with a crochet-hook.

So when my things get out of fix
Do I ask pa to mend 'em? Nix!
But ma just grabs what's near at hand
An' togs things up to beat the band.

THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT FOODS

For an hour the teacher had dwelt with painful iteration on the part played by carbohydrates, proteids and fats, respectively, in the upkeep of the human body. At the end of the lesson, the usual test questions were put; among them: "Can any girl tell me the three foods required to keep the body in health?" There was silence till one maiden held up her hand and replied, "Yer breakfast, yer dinner and yer supper."

NO CAUSE FOR THANKS

The teacher was holding a Thanksgiving exercise in an effort to awaken the gratitude of the children. The class was composed of several girls and only one very homely, red-headed, frecklefaced, friendless little boy. The gratitude of the girls took the direction of their vanities; one was thankful for pretty clothes; one for pretty shoes; another for pretty curls, etc. The teacher, rather disappointed, turned to Johnie: "Well, Johnie, what are you thankful for?" Johnie, quite seriously: "I ain't thankful for nothin'. The Lord has mighty nigh ruint me."

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IN THE ORPHAN'S COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY.

February Term, 1917.

Estate of Elizabeth Kneller, deceased.

On application, it is ordered, this 27th day of February, 1917, that the sale of Leashold and Real Estate of Elizabeth Kneller, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by Charles C. Kneller, Executor of the last Will and Testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this Court by the said Executor, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 1st Monday, 2nd day of April next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 4th Monday, 26th day of March, next. The report states the amount of sale to be $2044.00.

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BIRD COMEDIANS TO BE SHOWN BY LYMAN H. HOWE

The wonderful film to be shown by Lyman H. Howe at the Opera on March 21st, of Sir Douglas Mawson's Expedition into the depths of Antarctica furnishes more thrills and genuine laughs than any of the manufactured "thrillers" could possibly hope to imitate. Comedy in rich measure is provided by the birds and animals of which the penguins are the "head liners". As they drive from the rocks they are funny. Then when they try to feed their clamorous young or attempt to cover six eggs, placed unedr them by mischievous humanity, instead of the normal one, they are funnier. But when they form in cadet like lines to salute a ponderous sea lion they are funniest. The reproduction in its entirely has more real entertainment in it than a hundred photoplays. There phases of the film combined with breathless adventure and daring exploits make it appeal irresistibly to all ages beyond anything ever shown in motion photography. No conception or comprehension of the uncivilized or uninhabited section of the earth's surface is possible without seeing this film.

Another feature of Howe's itinerary takes spectators into the groves and sunlit corridors of giant Sequoias in Yosemite National Park, and among waterfalls of trancendent beauty, some of which hurl themselves from precipices more than 2000 feet in height. Thrills to satisfy the most exacting will be provided by still another film showing the recent automobile race over Giant's Despair at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where fearless drivers race their cars at tremendous speed up steep inclines and around many sharp curves. Throughout the entire program, amoryement follows amusement in swift succession a wealth of rch hunor being contributed by an entirely new series of animated cartoons. —Advertisement.

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