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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Personal Value of Money.

It is a sentiment worth while to put in one pocketbook may be as important to its owner as $100 in another pocketbook is to the owner. The five dollar man will miss something that the $100 man does not show up full value when he parts with it. The $100 man can drop the bill and the loss would not have fought. He'll have that way.

The widow gave virtue to a mite by putting in the all that she possessed. It carried with it personal value—heart value. Money earned by strenuous toil and self-denial is fifty times as dear to buying a home, paying off a mortgage, getting a machine or a horse to replace lost or exhausted that makes toil more profitable. That money has personal value. Put out at interest for its highest power except to see it increase would reduce it to surface value. It is a very plane of calculation. Then $5 has just one-twentieth the importance of $100 and no more.

The line between economy and thrift is very narrow sometimes; again it broadens so far as to put economy out of business. That is a mistake. Economy gives to money a personal value. It demands a return in the investment of personal benefit, some high purpose accomplished. Thrift will accumulate much and economy direct its use or expenditure. Thrift ceases to exercise its power when it becomes a miser. Money is then only a commodity to hoard and to rate at market value. The good it might do, the contentment, happiness and health it might buy, will be set down as having no value compared with what the money will bring elsewhere.

In the primitive age the naked man gave backloads of venison or bear meat that he didn't want to a hungry man in exchange for a blanket that he did want. Both parties to the deal were buyers of something which to them had personal value, and who on basis made them for worshiping the money power expressed in the transaction? By it a blanket was made to appease the pangs of hunger, and meat became a shelter to ward off the storm.

Love of money merely because it is market money is truly the root of evil. But to regard money as having a personal value and then prize it because of that value is noble and even right even. Some people have the knack of making a dollar go a long way. This comes of investing it with a personal value and getting the worth of it on that basis. And that is how $5 can beat $100 in purchasing power.

Writing Done by Inspiration.

Frances Jane Crosby, best known as Fanny Crosby, the hymn writer, is receiving congratulations over the near-ness of her eighty-fifth birthday, which finds her busily at work on her autobiography. In a recent chat about herself and her hymn writing Miss Crosby said:

The hymn I hold fondest is "Safe In the Arms of Jesus." I wrote it in ten minutes, and I have always thought a little pride in this fact. W. H. Doane, who had written the music for several of my hymns, came to me one morning and said he had some music which he wanted words. He added that he had just forty minutes to catch a train for Cincinnati and he asked me to create the hymn in less than that time. I sat down at the piano and played the music. I sat thinking dreamily for a few minutes after he had stopped, then said, "I think I can write it." I hurried upstairs and in a short time I had come down with the stanzas of the new song. I believe that the hymn was dictated by the spirit of the Lord. It has brought comfort to many thousands. What a blessing it is for me to have written it! I have written more than one hymn, but "Safe In the Arms of Jesus" is my favorite one of all.

Miss Crosby had been writing hymns three years and other verse for a longer period when she produced her favorite song, sitting down in fifteen minutes. No doubt it was inspired, inspired by the devout emotions produced during three years of contemplation and the indwelling spirit that made welcome and potent. This does not discredit belief in the divine element in a case of that kind, but, as one of the hymn singing composers wrote, "God moves in a mysterious way." It is not wise to wait for divine inspiration nor any other quick acting infatuation. Get down to work and be in line when an agent is wanted. Cowper's hymn just referred to, was inspired by a most dramatic episode in the life of the poet. "Abide With Me" was the cry of a soul upon whom the eventide of sorrow was fast descending. In the long run it is the pen which has been dipped in the heart's blood of him who wields it that speaks most eloquently.

China Wants Cheap Cotton Goods.

United States Consul Anderson reports from Hangchow that the field for American goods in China is unlimited. The Chinese need the goods manufactured in the United States and recognize their merit. But in order to sell them it is necessary that the manufacturers provide a grade which the Chinamen can afford to buy. The Japanese have met the demand for cheap cotton goods, but there is no reason, the consul says, why the goods should not come direct from the United States in a similar line at a similar price to scour. Hangchow imported 350,000 worth of cotton goods last year and the district four times that amount, while cotton goods comprise 40 per cent of the total imports of the empire. It is only one cotton mill in southern China, a comparatively small one at Hangchow, which employs 1,200 men, women and children. It makes cotton cloth, yarn and weaving out about 1,000,000 pounds a year.

China has prospects as trades unions, according to the United States consul, but they seem to have done little to reduce the wages of the shoemakers. In Canton, says the consul in a recent report to the state department, there are 200 shoe shops, employing over 1,000 men, women and children. The men receive 40 cents a day and the children average 25 to 30 cents a day for our money with their rice. The wages of the 1,000 workers are $2,000 per month, with their rations consisting of rice twice a day and now and then a piece of pork or a few vegetables. The men begin work at daylight and continue until 8 or 9 o'clock at night. The females, who do the needlework on the shoes at their own homes, get 6 cents a day and are not found.

The Art of Listening.

A good listener is on the way to a liberal education. Although an inferior order of intellect is possible in a good listener, there will be a chance for the play of art as fast as drawing out the gold of the speaker is used, an education, in which is found in the gems sense and spirit, so as not to be sympathy nor being a source and show of interest. The speaker knows whether his audience is with him or merely making believe.

There has been a time not to break in by a word or sign. The talker understands and anticipates objections, questions and replies. But there is a point of blessing in silence to a speaker and a loss for the auditor. The mind is most receptive when alert.

Reciprocity between Canada and the United States is popular with the farmers over the border. The manufacturers are against it. The McKinley tariff imposed a burden upon them by practically closing the markets of this country to their products. They now seek a reopening of our markets and a chance to buy our machinery and manufactures, especially farming implements, free of import. As the farmers, men, miners and merchants of Canada side with the farmers, the majority stand for reciprocity.

Novel Effect of X Ray Treatment.

Dr Henry K. Pancoast, the University of Pennsylvania X ray specialist has discovered, has observered during the continued use of the X rays on negro patients produces a gradual change in the shade of the skin and that in time it becomes white, says a special dispatch from Philadelphia to the New York Herald. The discovery was made by Dr. Pancoast, who is the son of a new religion which has reached Muncie, Ind., and since it appeals to the fanatics it seems to be spreading at an alarming rate, says a Muncie correspondent of the Chicago Chronicle. Men, women and girls have become so interested and fired by disturbing the progress of other religious meetings and they insist upon going to the churches that God ordered them to go to.

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