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LIGHT OUT OF A DARK TRAGEDY.

Out of the necessarily confused and contradictory stories of the "Titanic" disaster, told by the survivors, there has shone, conspicuously, one reassuring fact, which has shed a softening light upon the unspeakable horror of the disaster.

Supreme among the master motives of this complicated human nature of our are the love of life and the instinct to preserve it at whatever cost. True it is that under certain conditions of iron discipline or the contagious passion of the multitude, men have seemed to hold life less dear—and so the roll of recorded heroism has grown with the passing years.

When the side of the "Titanic" was torn asunder, the rapid settling of the ship must soon have foretold her doom to every thinking man aboard; and early in the development of the disaster the terrifying fact was known that two out of every three of that ship's complement must go down in that ice-covered sea.

Yet in all the narratives of those final hours of agony there is practically unanimous testimony to the noble spirit of chivalry which prevailed. With scarcely an exception the men stood aside and surrendered the one chance of life for women and children, until the safety of every one of these had been assured. Then, with that calm resignation in the face of certain death which is the mark of the highest courage, and to the music of the band (to whose eternal honor be it recorded) the majority awaited the final plunge, or flung themselves in a last vain hope into the dark waters.

Let the pessimist who laments the debasing effects of our modern civilization take note of this—the supreme triumph of the man in us over the brute. The blow which proved the "Titanic" the supreme exhibit of our boasted skill and powers, to be after all but a fragile shell, served to demonstrate the eternal strength and the eternal growth of those sublime qualities of heart and mind, which, after all, are the true values and highest glory of our human life.

The Jews are a small minority of Russia's population, and all persecution of them by the Czar's Government is based on the theory of social justice. The Jew, being more intelligent and ambitious than the moujik, must be kept down for the benefit of the moujik majority.

According to the Industrial Workers of the World, social justice consists in confiscating all the profits for the wage-worker and driving the owner out of business. According to Mr. Baer, social justice consists in the miners' being content with the scale of wages that the divinely appointed operator is inspired to grant. According to Wall street social justice consists in repealing the Sherman Anti-Trust law and letting the directors of corporations make such business agreements as they think best. According to the prohibitionist, social justice consists in restraining everybody from taking a drink.

The Sea Captain.

I have watched them wave from the crowded decks,
As my ship put out to sea,
With their smiles and tears and their joys and fears,
But most in a merry glee—
Two thousand precious human lives,
And their care was laid on me!

I have watched them wave to the crowded piers
As they turned to their native land

With a cheer all 'round for the homeward bound,
And a tear for the foreign strand,
Two thousand precious human lives
In the hollow of my hand!

And this is the law of the untamed sea,
Where never a law is known;
Where one may say where the right may lie,
Save me, and by word alone:
"If you bring not back these precious lives,
You must not bring back your own!

And they haunt our sleep on the mighty deep,
And the awful waves run gray,
And no man knows when the tempest blows

What night will end the day;
But our lives are pledged that we'll bring them home,
And the pledge we always pay!
—H. F. T., in New York Herald.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You can do it by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts freely at each application. For sale by All Dealers.

A correspondent wishes to be informed where he should address a letter to Hon. W. J. Bryan to make sure of its prompt receipt. We can only reply in a general way:

Find out where he is being bled the biggest political pie into which an obtrusive nose can be poked, and Mr. Bryan will be found close by. Just now we believe that he is meddling especially with politics in Florida.—Va. Pilot.

Which Do You See?

The pessimist sees the thorns on the roses; the optimist sees the roses on the thorns.—Judge.

A Depilatory

Barber—"Getting pretty thin on top, sir. Ever use our Miracle Hairgrowth?" The Chair—"Oh no! It wasn't that that did it."—Judge.

The Demons of the Swamp.

are mosquitos. As they sting they put deadly malaria germs in the blood. Then follow the icy chills and the fires of fever. The appetite flies and the strength fails; also malaria often paves the way for deadly typhoid. But Electric Bitters kill and cast out the malaria germs from the blood; give a fine appetite and renew your strength "After long suffering," wrote Wm. Fretwell, of Lucama, N. C., "three bottles drove all the malaria from my system, and I've had good health ever since." Best for all stomach, liver and kidney ills. 50 cts. at Mebane Drug Co.

The conclusions of last week finds a rapid readjustment of losses, from flood and wreck. The losses from the sinking of the "Titanic" are said to amount to large figures in Hartford, Conn., insurance companies. The losses by flood in the Mississippi valley are placed at \$100,000,000, yet such is the general prosperity of the country that the money centers do not show a tremor. Slowness in collections is reported in the cotton districts, as might be expected whilst the price of cotton has increased in view of the smaller area to be planted this year. With the usual rains of the season, a large area of the recently submerged and will be long in drying out. This will make it too late in some cases for cotton. General business is growing in the south at a greater rate than transportation facilities. Car shortages will grow in seriousness and crop movements may be delayed. Still there is room for much confidence in the outlook.—Raleigh Times.

A chief blessedness of intercessory prayer is that we can use it for those whom we love and care for when we can serve them in no other way. Their distance, their very nearness their unbelief, their desperation, may render our other helps—helps of the hand or tongue, of counsel or cheer of warning of the most delicate generality or the friendliest sympathy impossible or futile.

Beauty is God's handwriting, a way side sacrament; welcome it, then, in every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower, and be sure that yet gayer meadows, and yet bluer skies, await thee in the world to come.—Charles Kingsley.

Overman Presents Astounding Figures.

North Carolina contributes annually in taxes to the federal government to help pay pensions to old soldiers \$3,800,000 while in return only \$600,000 is returned to the state. This is \$3,200,000 over what the federal government contributes to North Carolina. He said that in the case of Indiana \$4,000,000 in taxes is paid to the federal government, while \$10,000,000 is paid to the state in pensions.

Rosa Bonheur's Humble Lover.

When asked why she had never married Rosa Bonheur always answered: "Nobody ever fell in love with me. I have never been truly loved." More than one man, however, really worshipped her. But she inspired such deep respect that no man seems to have dared to reveal his feelings to her. There is a curious example of this fact, taken from the humble walks of life. On several occasions Rosa Bonheur had done service for a workman who throughout his life spent his savings in buying engravings of her principal pictures and photographs of herself. His simple dwelling was a temple to her kindness. He described himself as "the earthworm in love with a star." The person here referred to—E. A. Bauray of Clermont-Ferrand—tells me that Rosa Bonheur once asked him why he was not married, and he replied by asking her the same question. Here was her answer: "Well, sir, it is not because I am an enemy of marriage, but I assure you that I have never had time to consider the subject."—"Reminiscences of Rosa Bonheur."

Paternalism in Groceries.
Paternalism with a vengeance is practiced in certain New York groceries. It is benevolent paternalism, though. "Ma wants two pounds of sugar," said a child to a patriarch in the trade. He consulted a calendar on the wall. "I guess you'd better take only a pound today," he said, "and go kind of slow on that. The week is only half gone, but you have already eaten up three-fourths of your allowance. Tell your mother so."

The child promised to deliver the report on financial depression. "That is the only way on earth to keep those people from running into debt," said the grocer. "The system is common in this neighborhood. I do it at the customers' request. Every pay day women with spendthrift husbands and an extravagant disposition of their own deposit enough money with the grocer and butcher to see the family through the week. They instruct us to let no one overdraw the amount, and except in cases where extra food is actually needed we stick to our end of the bargain."—New York Times.

Horrors of Bokhara.
The terrible deeds that once made Bokhara a byword are now prohibited by the Russian government. Prisoners are not permitted, for instance, to be dragged through the streets by galloping horses. Nor are they thrown from the top of the high tower called the Minar Katan. This was the usual punishment meted out to evildoers in the old days. Watched by thousands of spectators, the poor wretches were flung from that giddy height on to the flagstones beneath.

Bokhara has many chambers of horrors, unwholesome for western eyes to see and the description of which would certainly be unfit for publication. Perhaps the most horrible of these is a pit where prisoners were tortured by vermin, which were so numerous and ravenous that in the absence of human prey they were fed on chunks of raw meat.—Wide World Magazine.

Disraeli and Goldwin Smith.
It may have been partly by suspicion of my possession of an unpleasant secret that Disraeli was moved to follow me across the Atlantic and try, as he did in "Lottin" to brand me as "a social scyphanth." His knowledge of my social character was not great, for I had only once met him in society. His allusion to the "Oxford professor" who was going to the United States was as transparent as if he had used my name. Had I been in England, where my character was known, I should have let the attack pass, but I was in a strange country, where, made by a man of note, the attack was likely to tell. I therefore gave Disraeli the lie, and neither he nor any of his organs ever ventured to repeat the calumny.—Goldwin Smith in McClure's.

The Thimble.
About 200 years ago a London goldsmith called Trotting made and presented to the lady of his heart on her birthday anniversary a thimble of gold, beautifully ornamented and chased, accompanied by a note which introduced the little contraption as a "token of my humble esteem which shall protect those delicate, fair and industrious fingers from prick and scar of needle head." That was the origin of the thimble.

Fate of a Duchesse.
We have had excellent morals drawn from the substantial waist of the Venus of Milo for the admonition of the fashionable woman. But what can we say about the Duchesse de Mazarin, who (G. Duval tells us in "Shadows of Old Paris") "died in 1775 from tight lacing, although she had posed for a statue of Venus?"

A Matter of Looks.
First Boarding House Keeper—I always keep my boarders longer than you do. Second Boarding House Keeper—Oh, I don't know! You keep them so thin that they look longer than they really are.—Boston Record.

He Got His.
Geraldine—You haven't been to see me since you asked father for my hand. Gerald—No; this is the first time I've been able to get about.—Human Life.

All Alike.
The following entry appears in the "visitors' book" of a hotel in Germany: "The living here is good, plain and substantial. So is the waitress."

Helps A Judge In Bad Fix.
Justice Eli Cherry, of Gillis Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles 25 cents at Mebane Drug Co.

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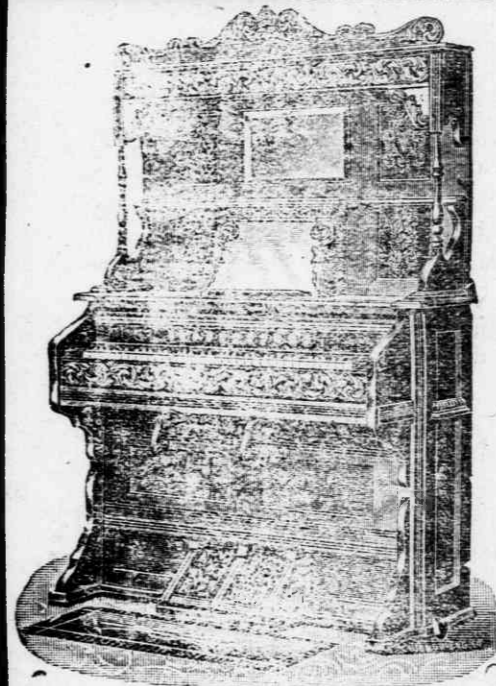
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