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Emperor Machine I

"Humanity is suffering in the grip of forces beyond its control, and of purposes not its own. . . . They call it industrialism," says John M. Clark in his article entitled "The Empire of Machines." He sets forth the arguments that machines play such an important part in the present civilization that men have lost their mastery and have become the servants of the machines. He asks the question, "What is the human role of highest economic good?" and answers it by saying, "That of midwife at the birth of one of these mechanical species"; thus relegating the machine to the rank of humans. This race of monstrous beings, that man has brought into existence, has powers superior to man and needs contrary to his.

Mr. Clark contends that man has become so utterly dependent upon the machine that he thrusts a large part of his routine mental operations to them. He gives the following examples to support his assertions: the use of the adding machine when man does not trust his own mental calculations. Some further examples, according to the article, where man has given over to the machine, are: the use of the cash register and the dictaphone as detectives, the recording clock as a watchman over workmen, and as a keeper of man's integrity the time lock to safeguard his funds.

The writer argues that the machines have become a superior race, governing and controlling the activities and the consciences of men; that they have forced men to live and work in undesirable places; that they have become dictators of national policies; that they have forced men into a great struggle of the survival of the fittest; and that they have divided men into different classes of thought, living, groups, and religions. Mr. Clark ably presents the picture of man versus machinery, but greatly exaggerates the scene. He makes one recommendation to remedy the situation, that man must try to reobtain equality, not mastery, with the machine, that man must not be led blindly into any more bargains with the machine, and that in the future man must look carefully into the inducements of the machine before accepting them.

According to the article, one gathers that there is little hope left for man in his struggle with machinery for supremacy. The author evidently forgets that in order for machines to master men they must have the power that created them, the power to think. How can the machine, which can do only that one thing for which it was made, only then by direction of man, and can stop its work only when its creator desires, become the master of men? As long as man retains the capacity to think and to do as he pleases, one does

What Do You Think?

Should Basketball be Included in the Extra-Curricular Activities of Our College Girl?

I think basketball should be intramural for the girls; I don't believe they should play other college teams. The girls who play intercollegiate might be injured in their strenuous efforts to win the game. This would not be the case in intramural basketball because this is played just for the exercise.

—Harold (Dago) Johnson, Freshman.

Yes, I think it should—that is if she is a good student—she should be allowed to play basketball to use up some of her spare time. It is good exercise. It will give her a "school spirit" and she will get more out of college than education.

—Anne Flintall, Senior.

Yes, I think it should. It teaches the girl to mingle with girls of other schools, and makes for good sportsmanship and wholesome living.

—William Hall, Sophomore.

Yes, because some like basketball better than others. Some girls are physically able to play basketball. If we had more girls trying for the team, Miss Kelly would have more girls to choose from and the girls would have a better team.

—Mildred Robinson, Freshman.

Yes, I think so, because it is good exercise. Girls should not only be allowed to play intramural basketball, but intercollegiate. In intercollegiate competition they will not only become good sports but make friends that will be helpful in later life.

—Terrell F. Ledbetter, Jr., Senior.

No, it should not be included because it lessens the hours she would use in her studies. With basketball as an extra-curricular activity, it requires absences from class to participate in the games, which thus causes the student to lag behind in her classes.

—Celestia Harris, Sophomore.

Yes, I think the girls of our college should play basketball with other college girls because through this they are able to gain contact with other people, as education is for the purpose of bringing about better relations gained through contact.

—G. H. Conley, Junior.

Ten Commandments of Keeping Friends

I. Thou shall make promises sparingly, but keep them always.

II. Thou shall keep cheerful, and disguise your disappointments and down-heartedness with a smile.

III. Thou shall praise your friends when praise is due; criticize only when helpful.

IV. Thou shall never be too self-conscious or too sensitive toward your friends.

V. Thou shall pay no attention to every little ill-natured remark made concerning you.

VI. Thou shall not gossip.

VII. Thou shall not praise self, but live a life worth the good praise of others.

VIII. Thou shall guide the use of your tongue, and cultivate an interesting, pleasant voice.

IX. Thou shall beware of hurting the feelings of your friends. Wit at a friend's expense is often harmful.

X. Thou shall be patient and keep a sweet disposition, and thou will be rewarded with many friends.

—ARABELLE BULLUCK.

not need fear or worry about machines becoming the masters of men.

—SYLVESTER L. CARTER.

Jakie Says— On Winning Friends and Influencing People

Do you want people to like you? Would you like to influence people? Well you can, but first you will have to know the art of doing so.

One of the most important factors involved in winning friends and influencing people is your personality. You will have to possess a pleasing personality to make people enjoy associating with you. Frequently, people remark, "But I don't have a pleasing personality."

No? Well, are you going to let that stop you? Do you think all of us were born with a pleasing personality? Not by a long shot. Nine times out of ten the greatest personalities you meet or read about, weren't born that way. They made themselves into great personalities. And if they could, then why can't you?

Have you ever thought of the importance of learning the art of conversation? Why not try acquiring it? Get your best friend to tell you the flaws in your speech. Ask him to analyze your speech by pointing out the bad points and the good points of your conversational habits. Do you twiddle your fingers while engaged in a conversation. Do you wear a bored expression if the topic of discussion is boring? Do you chatter merrily on, not giving anyone else a chance to speak at all?

Do you become infuriated when involved in an argumentative discussion?

Do you talk about things that you feel will interest your listeners, or do you speak only on things that are of interest to you.

Do you gossip?

Find out what is wrong with your daily conversational habits; and then go to work correcting them. Use stick-to-it-iveness in correcting them.

Notice the change that will come over you. Notice the expressions on the faces of people when they converse with you.

The Monthly Book Review

"And there was war in Heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels . . . and the great dragon was cast out . . . into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."—Revelation 12:7-9. Thus did Philip Barry's title of his first novel, *War in Heaven*, have its origin.

In *War in Heaven*, Philip Barry tells of one memorable evening in the lives of a number of vaudeville artists. After the show on that eventful Saturday evening, there trooped down the stage-alley from "The Glove," and into the back room of Ma Speedy's Cafe des Artistes an amazing assortment of people. In this one evening, their troubles seem to present themselves as world troubles; their joys, world joys; and the problems that beset them take on a significance as curious and as fascinating as the characters themselves. In *War in Heaven*, Phillip Barry has done the difficult task of effectively portraying the feelings of human beings who are seeking for truth. The style of this book is somewhat unusual but that only seems to make it more exciting and interesting.

—ISABELLA JEFFREYS.

No great thing is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen.

The Outlook

Active participation in any extra-curriculum activity is beneficial to every student of this institution. In expressing my personal opinion I would like to think that this participation means much not only to the student but to the organization as well. I have said that to say this that such organizations as the Forum, Dramatic Club, and others of that nature offer opportunities for participation but it seems as though we have a dull student body so far as these things are concerned. I am not criticizing the present participation, what I am saying is that it needs more than what we have.

May I say parenthetically that the sooner we become adjusted to the existing conditions around the college, the sooner we will have a better student body. Having radios and other pertinent problems can be discussed and settled in these meetings. If we had given this matter careful consideration, the question of radios would have no need to appear. These things I have said with serious implication to every student of this institution.

"A cautious approach and a sane solution to any student problem yields maximum results."

—ERNEST BLACK.

A Rule

One rule to guide us in our life

Is always good and true;

'Tis do to others as you would

That they should do to you!

If I can stop one heart from breaking,

I shall not live in vain;

If I can ease one life the aching,

Or cool one pain, or help one

Fainting robin to its nest again,

I shall not live in vain.

It's no use to grumble and complain,

It's just as cheap and easy to

rejoice;

When God sorts out the weather and

sends rain,

Why rain's my choice.

Here is my life!

It is my country's, too—

A life to live for her who made me

free,

A life to give for her,

If need must be.

—EVERESTINE E. THOMPSON.

What-nots by paul green

"Thank You"

"The real zest of life lies in those little courtesies, each small in itself but mounting in the aggregate to a reputation for friendliness, which every person cherishes. . . . Spontaneously from these comes "Thank You."

Young ladies, when some young man holds a door open for you, greet him with a clearly spoken "Thank You." This will make him feel that he was courteous, mainly to a lady. A lady never forgets. Remember this: The person is not compelled or obligated to hold this door open for you. It is only gentlemanliness and politeness on his part, and it is up to you to show some kindness. The cultivation of kindness is a valuable part of the business of life.

A Frenchman must be always talking, whether he knows anything of the matter or not; an Englishman is content to say nothing, when he has nothing to say. —Selected

Be sure you put your feet in the right place and then stand firm.

—Lincoln

The success of tomorrow depends upon the preparation you are making today. —George Wesley Blount

The Silver Lining

GENTLEMAN JAC

One adventuring day we had a beautiful, awe-inspiring eclipse of the sun. The millions who saw it will never forget it. It was one of Nature's grandest spectacles. In the midst of the eclipse, when the sun was completely blotted out, it became so dark that it was possible to see the stars in the daytime.

Sometimes in the life of men and women it becomes dark in similar fashion with the sun of prosperity and happiness obscured. Troubles and sorrow and hardship blot out the sun for us and darkness fills our sky. When that happens, look for the stars.

One of the deepest truths any of us can learn is this: When it gets really dark, the stars will appear, for they shine with greatest brilliance only on dark nights.

What shall we do when life gets hard, and it is hard for many people today? First, one must realize that hardship has a place in the well-ordered scheme of things—to make men, real men, and you cannot make men except by a process of fire and pain. The trees from which the wood of most exquisite grain is taken, that used in the finest furniture, come not from the valleys and sheltered places but from the mountain tops, where, battling with the elements, struggling with the storms, fighting with the hurricane, they grow a fibre strong and clean.

Another thing to do when life gets hard is to square ourselves for a good fight. The effective way to react when life gets hard is not to surrender weakly and grow cynical but to come up with a smiling face ready for a new battle. It is not enough, however, to be a good fighter. Some people have learned to utilize a power greater than their own which is available to all of us. We have drawn power out of the universe in many ways. We have drawn from the universe power to operate our great turbines and move our machinery. Marvels of power usage in the field of electro-machines never cease, and we are advised by scientists that we will never reach a limit of discovery as long as man's mind is willing to work.

It is a bit tragic, however, that, having become expert in the natural sciences, our generation is a novice in the important science of spiritual forces. Why not draw out spiritual power? If power is in the universe to be used mechanically, power must likewise exist in the universe to be used spiritually. If men of science can find power to turn night into day mechanically and to operate a huge mechanistic civilization, is it not logical to assume that, through spiritual expertness, we can extract from the same universe, out of which mechanical forces come, a spiritual power sufficient to illuminate this world and dissipate the dark shadows of fear, war and economic troubles?

If we can draw from the universe mechanical forces to lessen the burden of toil for the average man, it should naturally follow that we can find in the same universe a force which will lift from our hearts the weights of fear, discouragement and disaster. And then when one adventuring day comes, and the sun is eclipsed and completely blotted out, we may see the stars of hope and courage in a daytime of chaos and confusion.

The day is always his who works in it with serenity and great aims.

—Emerson.