

AS IT SEEMS TO ME

BY A PRISONER OF HOPE

September brings with it a temptation to idleness. It is enough just to live and be still. To the prudent housewife it is a time of preparation. But even the prudent housewife has her weaknesses. Inside there is work and work and work. Outside—outside in September! Blue skies and green grass and yellow sunshine and the delicious crispness of the fresh cool air. Have you ever closed all the doors softly against the work behind them, the work and all your burden of care, all the bewildering anxieties and puzzling troubles, all the grave responsibilities? And then, catching your breath at the daring of it, have you bolted? Actually runaway when the world and the best and the other one demand that you stay and sweep and dust and sweep and perhaps scribble? Have you? If you have you will do it again. If you haven't—try it to-morrow.

Leave everything but your own soul and a copy of the Kentucky Cardinal. You needn't go far; just far enough to feel sure that you have really bolted. The work and the worry are prisoners and you are free. Your soul is getting a change. It seems to me that souls get a bad time among us. Poor things, how they do stretch and expand and develop and grow in the glory of one September morning! And the little book fits into the beauty of it as naturally as the sun of a day. You wonder what is loveliest, the sky or the light or the swaying limbs above you. It doesn't matter, only one likes to wonder, and as the pages almost turn themselves and the wonder what paragraphs are finest and what it is that makes all so beautiful. A dear little story without any plot, abrim with poetry, with life, as fragrant as the breath of a rose and wonderfully tender and almost shut in so securely that not one small duty, not one little care, can get out to vex your soul. There is a living room in your home, too, a place where the family live and burn and the brightest lamp are placed. The living room in Mr. Allen's "Aftermath" was bright and new. But that was only at first, and doesn't matter at all. It is not what you think about as you imagine yourself heated in the light of the history.

grievous fashion, one who knows what the people are saying? The pity of it. No friend anywhere. It might have been on the street, that you looked into the eyes, or between the bars that cast the shadows of crosses on prison floors, or by the grace of God, you have seen them in the homes that lie under the brooding wings of a great desolation. They are always the same, if you look long enough to catch them unawares. Always the same bewildered troubled eyes, and in them you read the awful thought of a great man who did not know the greatest Man.

"Oh Thou, who didst with pitfall and with guile in the rooming of the Reet the road I was to wander in. Oh Thou, who man of bluer earth did make. And even with Paradise devise the snake? For all the sin wherewith the face of man is blackened—man's forgiveness give and take!"

An awful look for human eyes. But it is there. And these eyes are looking at the things that are the dangers that beset the way. I wonder if the great Creator expects them to read in innocent eyes the compassionate pity and love of the Friend of sinners? We have been waging valiant war against tangible evils. It seems to me that we ought to try a crusade against evil speaking. It is a curious thing that everybody is against it, and yet—

The Question Box

W. F.—Who invented the typewriter, and how long has it been in use? (2) When will the Tennessee State fair be held? (3) There are many attempts to invent a machine which will do the work of a man. Has any one succeeded? (4) How long has the typewriter been in use? (5) How long has the typewriter been in use?

G. G.—What should you put in jelly to stiffen it? (2) Please give tables for English, German, French, Italian and Spanish money and the value in dollars. (3) How long has the typewriter been in use? (4) How long has the typewriter been in use? (5) How long has the typewriter been in use?

O. S. H.—Is there any journal which gives the location of all the steel cities in the United States? (2) Please give tables for English, German, French, Italian and Spanish money and the value in dollars. (3) How long has the typewriter been in use? (4) How long has the typewriter been in use? (5) How long has the typewriter been in use?

P. B.—Please tell me the birthstones for June, July and August. (2) The agate and ruby, respectively. (3) Please print a recipe for making soap with caustic soda. (4) Please print a recipe for making soap with caustic soda. (5) Please print a recipe for making soap with caustic soda.

the whole narrative of naval operations from 1861 to 1866. The first set costs thirteen dollars, the latter three dollars.

G. M. L.—Are there any school lands in Oklahoma, and what method should be taken to secure a farm there? (2) Most of the school lands are leased for grazing purposes for which it may be leased. To lease unoccupied land one should apply to the secretary of the school land commission at Guthrie. To lease school lands already under lease, one would be compelled to buy the improvements of the occupant and possibly pay him a bonus for the lease. There is also the annual rental fixed by the commission.

F. J. R.—How can I make cement that will withstand the action of water? (2) Aquarium cement is made of 1 gill plaster of paris, 1 gill litarge, 1 gill fine white sand, 1-3 gill finely powdered resin; mix well. When wanted for use mix in small quantities with boiled linseed oil and dryers until it is thick as putty.

E. D. E.—What was the highest mountain when the food subsided, and which is now the highest? (2) There is no evidence of any material change in the earth's surface since the flood. Mount Everest, 29,002 feet above sea level, is the highest of mountains now, and undoubtedly it was so then.

G. A. D.—Is a candidate for the government secret service compelled to take a civil service examination? (2) A ninety-day trial is substituted. Appointments are made by the chief of the department at Washington, and applications must be made to him accompanied by recommendations.

M. L. M.—How can electric light bulbs be tested? (2) Give the address of Meredith Nicholson and tell something of interest about his life? (3) It cannot be done. (4) Mr. Nicholson has resided at Indianapolis, Ind., since 1901. He was born in Crawfordsville, that State, Dec. 9th, 1866, and was educated in the public schools and at Washburn and Butler colleges. He studied law, but never practiced, and after taking up newspaper work for a time went into mining in Colorado. Later he returned to Indianapolis and engaged in literary work, contributing to magazines and writing several books. He is married.

W. W. H.—To whom must I write concerning getting a patent on an article? (2) What is the horoscope for those born Sept. 16th and 15th? (3) The Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C. (4) Loves of music, admirer of tasty surroundings, happy and agreeable, good critic.

J. L. E.—Horoscope for Sept. 1st is same as paragraph above. March 26th, natural leaders and reasoners. Nov. 15th, high temper, bold, strong will, silent and dignified, like to be praised.

J. C. R.—For caloused feet put a handful of sea salt in hot water and bathe the feet every night, and wear shoes filled with some soft material to relieve all pressure.

R. S. T.—The Muse Clio presides over history. (2) Windsor Castle is not in London, but about 22 miles away on the river Thames.

More Advice from W. U. Tells a Battle Creek Audience How to Attain Long Life. Battle Creek Dispatch to New York World.

Chinese Minister Wu Ting-fang, who left here to-night for Washington, took the hearts of the people of Battle Creek during his stay here by his cheerful and extremely democratic manner. Scarcely had he arrived when he insisted that he be shown everything there was to see about the town, without making a distinction of any kind. He had entered into the spirit of the place like a 10-year-old boy and had asked even more questions.

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