

THE FEAR OF DEATH

IT SHOULD FIND NO LODGMENT IN ANY RATIONAL MIND

Yet This Dread of Meeting the Inevitable is So Universal That Our Entire Social Fabric is Largely Built Upon It.

Do we dread death on the same principle that half a flock of sheep leap through a certain hole in a fence—because the other half has done so? For unless the fear be traditional and hereditary it is hard to account for it.

Death is a change, occupying a moment, from one form of life to another. Whether it come in the course of nature or by accident or design, it is seldom painful; never probably so painful as about of the toothache. It brings us from a condition of bondage and uncertainty at least to one of freedom and security. But often it is a change from slavery, both physical and moral, to emancipation comparatively perfect. If we held the materialist view, to everlasting unconsciousness. The spiritual state is emancipated from the inertia of matter and the tyranny of space; therefore thought will be present, and a man's surroundings as to both thing and person will be inevitably such as are most desirable to him. The evil will be emancipated from the opposition of the good, and the good will not be grieved and hampered by the machinations of the evil. The whole chapter of accidents which here looms so large will be eliminated. Time, which now makes us long for the arrival of an appointed hour and now dreads its too speedy coming, will be no more. But we shall measure life by its intensity and by its opportunities. In other words, we shall to the makers of our own times and seasons.

Death takes us from a world of efforts to one of rest. The soul is made of will and thought, and as we may daily perceive, it is only the obstruction of material conditions that prevents us from immediately accomplishing our desires and beholding the realization of our thoughts. Again, death is inevitable to all and to anyone who chooses is at any moment attainable. By what logic can our fear of it be defended?

Yet we fear it so much and so universally that our entire social fabric is built largely upon that fear. Our law makes death the supreme penalty. Our funerals are occasions of mourning, and the medical profession, one of the most numerous extant, spends its existence in combating death. We seek eagerly all nostrums or elixirs that promise us continuance of life. We ascribe supreme merit to the soldier who risks his life for his country or to the individual who sacrifices it for others. We laud the stoicism which affects to despise death, but which bases the virtue of that despising upon the acknowledged terror of the event. Our humanitarians spend sympathy and money in attempting to prolong the miserable condition of the poor and diseased. We shudder to hear of a vast natural calamity like that of Martindale or of avoidable accidents such as are furnished daily by railroads and other instruments of civilization. And all the while it is the survivors who suffer, if any one does, though they, too, are soon comforted by time or the insurance companies. The dead man, the man who has entered upon the new and spiritual life, whom we absurdly pity, is free, and his troubles are over.

Suicides. It is true, are said to increase with civilization. But few philosophical suicides occur. The majority are induced by dread of life over-coming dread of death. It may be doubted if suicide be ever the act of a man at once perfectly brave and thoroughly sane. The value of this life and it is a real value—in the discipline and experience it gives, which it is our honest and sensible duty to improve to the utmost and to the last. Life may be interesting and arduous; it may be disappointing and irksome. It is very seldom if ever uniformly and positively agreeable. Fear, on the other hand, is one of the worst and basest of evils. It must have originated in sheer ignorance and through modern enlightenment and capacity, and with its disappearance will appear social changes that cannot be revolutionary and salutary.—Julian Hawthorne in Brandur Magazine.

Dangerous Criminals. "Why," said a lady reproachfully to her husband, "you know when I say Deanna's I always mean Holland!" Perhaps the city girl in the following story, told by the Philadelphia Telegraph, allowed herself a similar latitude of expression: "I wonder if it is true that fireflies do get into the haymows sometimes and set them alight?" "Everybody laughed at what was apparently a pleasantry, but the young lady looked surprised. "Why," said she, "it was only yesterday that I saw in the paper an article headed 'Work of Firelings.' It said they had set a barn on fire. Really."

Following a Good Preaching. "Dear severely, to his cook—Mary, you had a wonderful supper last night. Cook—Yes, sir; he's my brother. "Dear—But you told me you had no brother. "Cook—So I thought, sir, until you preached last Sunday and told us we were all brothers and sisters.—London Wit-Sits.

Cured of Rheumatism After Spending \$3,000 in Vain. Mrs. G. L. Thaxter, of Ashland, Cal., writes: "I had been long afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism and was confined to my bed six months. I had tried every known remedy, spending \$3,000 dollars to no effect. I used three bottles of Uriscol, and found permanent relief. Uriscol never fails to cure diseases incident to disorders of the kidney and bladder when caused by uric acid. Druggists sell it at \$1.00 per bottle, or six bottles for \$5.00.

ROOM FOR ALL GRADUATES

Nature Adjusts Matters and Always Preserves an Equilibrium.

Once a year the schools and colleges of the country harvest a crop of graduates, and once a year the wise men of the land write essays for publication on the surplus of men who are entering the law, medicine and other callings that are open to the newcomers. If the wise men are to be believed, it would seem that all the occupations were filled and that the young man had arrived too late.

Fortunately for the tenderfoot, the wise men have always been wrong. No philosopher has ever presented a logical argument that did not leave something to be said on the other side. Every year since the world set up for business a new crop of young men has arrived, and that new crop has eventually become the stay of the race. What has been going on eternally will continue. The young chaps will locate themselves. It is no argument that lawyers have their signs staring at you from every hallway on half the streets within several blocks of every courthouse in the country. The harvest that includes a new lot of lawyers also raises a lot of new litigants. Nature takes care to preserve an equilibrium. If the fiddlings of the medical schools do not find bones to saw, some of them turn to sawing wood. The boy who has gone through college with the intention of becoming president of the United States finds a satisfactory job as master of ceremonies in a coal yard. A few justices and the new man adjusts himself to circumstances, and then he has become a part of the machine, which runs on as usual.

It is unnecessary to become alarmed about the surplus man. If he is in law, medicine, theology, horse trading, peddling milk or anything else, he finds it out, and he arranges the matter in some way without any upheaval in society. The surplus man is surplus only until he gets his first job. After that he is one of the establishment.—Pittsburg Times.

SCIENCE SIFTINGS.

The sun's flames spring at times to a distance of 350,000 miles from its surface. In dry air sound travels 1,412 feet per second, in water 4,990 feet and in iron 17,500 feet. The amplitude of vibration of the diaphragm of the telephone receiver in reproducing speech is about the one-hundred-millionth of an inch. Fresh air contains about three parts of carbonic acid in 10,000, respired air about 441 parts, and about five parts will cause the air of a room to become "close."

Heliophane glass is a pressed glass resembling cut glass, having vertical prisms on the inside for diffusing the light and horizontal prisms on the outside for directing the light. The following are found to be the densities of the planets, water being 1: Mercury, 5; Venus, 5.14; earth, 5.57; moon, 3.34; Mars, 4; Jupiter, 1.33; Saturn, 0.98; Uranus, 1.09; Neptune, 2.29. The star Arcturus, the hottest of celestial bodies, gives us as much heat as a standard candle six miles away. This fact was ascertained by the radiometer, an instrument which will show the amount of heat given off from a man's face at 2,000 feet distance.

He Was "in the Soup." "Mon ami," said the Marquis de Croisic the other day, "the hotel keeper's life is an unhappy one. If he does not look to the least little detail, the whole thing goes—what do you call it? Ah, yes, on the blink. "Here is an example of what I say. When I had the Logerot, there was once a dinner there at which Glandave Depew was a guest. I told the chef to put in the main some dish in honor of him, and I forgot to look at the menu before it went to the printer. "What do you think that imbecile of a chef had done? There?—And the marquis produced an old menu card on which among the "soups" appeared the following: "Purce de moutons a la Depew."

Gently Sarcasitic. The following church notice was recently exhibited: "The service on Sunday morning is at 11 a. m. The supposition that it is ten minutes later is a mistake. Young men are not excluded from the week night service. The seats in the front portion of the church have been carefully examined. They are quite sound and may be trusted not to give way. It is quite legitimate to join in the singing. The object of the choir is to encourage, not discourage, the congregation."—London Answers.

Giving Her Light to Die. A small farmer in Abercrombie, having a wife that had been long ill and confined to bed, was of so significantly a disposition that he graduated the poor woman so much as a light. She in a pet one night exclaimed: "Oh, I wish this an unclo' thing that a pair body 'll me get light to see to dee." The husband rises up and lights a candle and, placing it at the bed foot, says to his wife, "There, dee bo!"—Scottish American.

A Deep Look. "Yes," said the lawyer; "there are many things to be investigated in this case. The first thing to be looked into?" "Is my pocketbook," asserted the client, with perfect assurance.—Judge.

The Hungry Sen. "Why do you speak of it as a hungry soul?" "It takes the dinner right out of a person's mouth."—Town and Country.

Goes Like Hot Cakes.

"The fastest selling article I have in my store," writes druggist C. T. Smith, of Davis, Ky., "is Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, because it always cures. In my six years of sales it has never failed. I have known it to save sufferers from throat and lung diseases, who could get no help from doctors or any other remedy." Mothers rely on it, best physicians prescribe it and Twitty & Thompson guarantee satisfaction or refund price. Trial bottles free. Reg. size, 50c and \$1.

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The following tracts and parcels of land, hereinafter named, have been levied on for taxes due for the year 1901, which still remain due and unpaid; therefore, for the satisfaction of said taxes due, I will sell at the court house door in Rutherfordton, on Monday, November 19, 1901, the following described lands. E. A. MARTIN, Tax Collector.

CHIMNEY ROCK TOWNSHIP James Ellis, 70 acres of land on Bill's creek, taxes and cost, \$1.40. J. S. Hudgins, 10 acres of land on Cedar creek, taxes and cost, \$3.47. Jason Lynch, 37 acres of land on Bill's creek, \$3.57. C. L. Nix, 27 acres of land on Cane creek, taxes and cost, \$3.32. A. J. Ruff, 68 acres of land on Cane creek taxes and cost, \$3.81. Peter Scott, 3 acres of land on Broad river, taxes and cost, \$3.10. M. E. Ruff, 100 acres of land on Cane creek, taxes and cost, \$2.70. DUNCAN'S CREEK M. W. Logan, 88 acres of land First B river, taxes and cost, \$2.70. J. C. Elliott, 117 acres on M. O., taxes and cost, \$2.45. John Brown, 75 acres of land on D. C., taxes and cost, \$5.30.

SULPHUR SPRINGS Philip Robbins, 81 acres land on S. B. R., taxes and cost, \$3.15. A. L. Robbins, 50 acres of land on B. R. B., taxes and cost, \$3.41. C. A. Simmons, 25 acres land on Bill C., taxes and cost, \$1.28. J. B. Steadman, 90 acres of land on B. I. R., taxes and cost, \$3.40. D. C. Strickland, 40 acres of land on Meek C., taxes and cost, \$2.10. LOGAN STORE C. W. Blankenship, 33 acres of land on R. creek, taxes and cost, \$3.91. Erwin heirs, 600 acres of Spec land, taxes and cost, \$2.00. Mrs. C. R. Logan, 456 acres of land on S. B. R., taxes and cost, \$18.94. John Showler, 100 acres of land on Camp creek, taxes and cost, \$5.70.

GOLDEN VALLEY Anna Brackett, 50 acres land on Briar creek, taxes and cost, \$1.20. John Heaven, 50 acres of land on N. E., taxes and cost, \$3.50. Joseph Johnson, 50 acres of land on Briar creek, taxes and cost, \$1.20. Frank Johnson, 50 acres of land on Smith creek, taxes and cost, \$1.20. Dean Johnson, 65 acres of land on N. F. C., taxes and cost, \$1.70. Gaffney & Ray, 60 acres of land on N. F. C., taxes and cost, \$3.30. J. H. Shalinger & Co., 150 acres of land on N. F. C., taxes and cost, \$3.00. COAL SPRINGS Sherwood Bohler, 12 acres of land, taxes and cost, \$2.91. Henry Eaves, 15 acres of land, taxes and cost, \$2.39. Rose Hamilton, 1 acre of land, taxes and cost, \$1.40. J. W. Long, 9 acres of land, balance due on taxes and cost, \$2.15. J. W. Washburn, 2 acres of land, taxes and cost, \$3.33. Wm. Kosely, 6 acres of land, taxes and cost, \$2.33. Lawson Logan, 3 acres of land, taxes and cost, \$1.25. UNION TOWNSHIP J. G. Anon, 70 acres of land on I. creek, taxes and cost, \$2.83. Dix Miller, 68 acres of land on Broad river, taxes and cost, \$2.35. Elias Patman, 28 acres of land on Broad river, taxes and cost, \$1.55. RUTHERFORDTON Dock Bridges, 29 acres land, G. C., taxes and cost, \$4.35. L. P. Erwin, 50 acres land near F. G., taxes and cost, \$12.12. Jack Logan, 3 acres land in New Hope, taxes and cost, \$1.62. D. E. Merrill estate, 88 acres, Prater land, taxes and cost, \$3.30. Cox Miller, 13 acres, Carpenter land, taxes and cost, \$1.00. Mart Simmons, 30 acres, Ledbetter land, \$2.43. Harriet Withrow, 1 1/2 acres, Hamby land, taxes and cost, 95 cents. John Western, Sr., 46 acres land, mill creek, taxes and cost, \$3.10. Bryant Eaves, 1/2 acre land near New Hope, taxes and cost, \$1.00. Mrs. Mattie Koster, 63 acres land, taxes and cost, \$2.30. Albert Kester, 40 acres, home place, taxes and cost, \$2.50. Quince Miller, 1 acre land near New Hope, taxes and cost, \$3.15. H. C. Roberts, 17 acres land near New Hope, taxes and cost, \$2.60. GREEN HILL Joe Lewis, 26 acres land, taxes and cost, \$1.23. J. C. Lane, 79 acres of land on Knob creek, taxes and cost, \$2.10. W. B. Suggs, 26 acres land on mountain creek, taxes and cost, \$4.00. W. M. Sisk, 42 acres land, taxes and cost, \$1.45. COLFAX E. W. Dedman, 1 town lot in town of Ellenboro, taxes and cost, \$1.05.

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