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**THE LAWYER AND THE MAN**

The only criticism that has been made of Hon. John W. Davis in connection with the presidential nomination is that he is attorney for big interests. Several months ago, when his chances of the nomination were considered slight, a friend of Mr. Davis, Mr. Thea. A. Huntley of Washington, D. C., wrote the West Virginian suggesting that he trim his sails for the nomination by withdrawing from the service of the clients who were a handicap of his candidacy. Replying to Mr. Huntley, Mr. Davis said in part: "At no time have I confirmed my services to a single client, and in consequence I have been called upon to serve a great many different kinds of men; some of them good, some of them indifferently good, and others over whose character we will drop the veil of charity. Indeed, some of my clients—thanks perhaps to their failure to secure a better lawyer—have become the involuntary guests for fixed terms of the nation and the State. Since the law, however, is a profession and not a trade, I conceive it to be the duty of the lawyer, just as it is the duty of a priest or a surgeon, to serve those who call on him unless, indeed, there is some insuperable obstacle in the way. No one in all this list of clients has ever controlled, or even fancied that he could control, my personal or my political conscience. I am vain enough to imagine that no one ever will. The only limitation upon a right-thinking lawyer's independence is the duty which he owes to his clients, once selected, to serve upon them without the slightest thought of the effect such a service may have upon his own personal popularity or his political fortunes. Any lawyer who surrenders this independence or shares this duty by trimming his professional course to fit the gusts of popular opinion, in my judgment, not only dishonors himself but disparages and degrades the great profession to which he should be proud to belong. You must not think me either indifferent or unappreciative if I tell you in candor that I would not pay this price for any honor in the gift of man."

**CRAFTSMANSHIP**

There is dead in Grand Rapids, Mich., a man whose boast it was that he made everything he used save food. He made all his own clothes, his shoes, his hats and even his false teeth. What money he needed he earned by painting signs. And he made the coffin in which he is to be buried.

The man, Frank Way, known as "Home-Made" Way, may very properly be classed as a crank, but there was something of worth in his crankiness. He was a living protest against the uniformity and efficiency of mass production, which has made modern progress possible and which has served to rob millions of men of craftsmanship.

We pay a penalty for every step we take. Once on a time an artisan was master of his trade and the world was full of artisans. Nowadays, so far as the manual work of the world is concerned, to find one craftsman in a hundred workers is to play in luck.

Way, of course, was merely satisfying a pride he had in himself; and even so, society showed him his limitations. He did not raise and shear the sheep nor weave the wool into the cloth which gave him his clothes. He would have been helpless without the mass output which provided him with needles and thread and buttons. And this is to present only an angle of his self-sufficiency.

But he did demonstrate the fact, in danger of being forgotten, that there is joy in individual labor, the joy of the artist in the thing created.

We shall never again get away from machine-made articles. Our complex civilization demands them. And only here and there in the mass is there a man with individuality enough to make the thing he likes the way he likes it in addition to the work of the cog he is in the industrial machine.

**WOMEN AND WAR**

It must be discouraging to the pacifists who have been appealing to the women to end war, to be reminded that war will not be ended in any such way. There is an instinct stronger than reason which fights against it. As long as it seems to be necessary to have soldiers the women as a whole will hold in contempt the man who refuses to fight. This not because they like war, but because they hold in contempt a physical coward and a weakling. If a man cannot stand whatever may be the contemporary test of manliness, the women will have nothing to do with him.

This is not an instinct of civilized woman alone. The British who have fought the natives in Africa have found that the men will take desperate chances rather than retreat, and these men have explained to their captors that if they had not fought they would not dare go back to their women. Neither the civilized nor the uncivilized woman wants to become the mother of children by any sort of weakling.

War will be ended not by fighting the injustice that leads to war. War is a product, and its seeds must be devitalized before it will disappear.

**THE ROBINS**

A Norfolk firm ordered white oak planking from a lumber company in Tioga, W. Va. The Tioga firm wrote that it could deliver the planking in a few weeks but not earlier. The fact was, it was explained, a robin was raising a family on the wood pile and all concerned wished to give the birds a chance. The Norfolk firm consented to the delay. Even if the story were not true it would be interesting.

One can imagine cases where such giving way to sentiment would be maudlin and downright wickedness. If, for instance, Norfolk had needed the lumber for homes.

But at bottom the sentiment is sound and, like all sentiment, has its roots in practicality. Without birds, insects would rule the world and man would die. And so, far more often than most of us suspect, sentiment steps in and, ignoring practical details, works according to the larger wisdom.

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**FLUES & ROOFING IS MY** specialty for July. **SAMUEL DAVIS** the man who pays the freight.

**ARMLESS VISITOR AT LURAY IS A WONDER**

(Baltimore Sun)

B. F. Coffman, treasurer of Macon county, Ill., a descendant of the numerous family of that name of Page county, who for a month has been visiting relatives in the Valley of Virginia, is a "prodigy," according to the modern meaning of the word.

A number of years ago Mr. Coffman lost both arms below the elbows in an accident. Not dispirited by his misfortune, he began life over again, soon becoming a candidate for clerk of Macon county. Putting the stubs of his arms to work, he was soon able to use a pen and in a little while undertook the mastery of the typewriter, succeeding with them both until today he is one of the best penmen in the middle west and has few superiors with the typewriter. This work is done by a clever contrivance that has been attached to the stubs of his arms. Then he undertook the management of the steering wheel of his car and has no trouble in clipping off fifty miles an hour on the Illinois highways. He was recently elected treasurer of Macon county.

**GOOD TEAM WORK**

(Baltimore Sun)

A missionary in Cina sends to an English paper the following instance of the well-known co-operative work of ants:

While eating our midday meal we noticed an ant struggling with a piece of bread about eight times its own size. Finding itself unable to carry the bread, the ant went away, and we followed it across the floor, out at the door, and across the veranda, till it reached a hole, which is entered.

Almost immediately it came out, followed by a whole regiment of ants. These were led by the ant straight to the piece of bread. After much maneuvering three of them managed to move it on, and then went over hill and dale—otherwise, knots or indentations in the floor boards—till they arrived with it at the door of their home.

The rest of the ants followed, several carrying smaller pieces of bread. The whole performance lasted about three quarters of an hour, and the perseverance shown was amazing.

—Nothing is expensive if it is worth the price to you.

**DAVIS HE PAYS THE FREIGHT.**

**Serious Enough, However.**

Applicants for positions on the police force of a certain Middle Western town are of course required to undergo a careful physical examination. During the examination of one candidate the physician asked: "What did your grandfather die of?"

The applicant looked nonplused for a moment and finally admitted that he did not remember. But in order that his own record be not too seriously compromised he hastened to add, "Anyway, I know that it was nothing serious."

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