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Rupert Hughes and Washington. How Heroes are Made. Iconoclasts. Coolidge. The Ideal Warrior.

BY ANTHONY JAMES

There are many among the great number of Americans of light and leading who have expressed disapproval of Rupert Hughes, the author, because he goes about picturing the weaknesses and defects which George Washington had in common with others of his day. Some say that Mr. Hughes might be in better business. So he might. Others note that Mr. Hughes is tearing down an

ideal. So he is. And that is why so many are resentful.

The process by which heroes are constructed in the race consciousness is fairly well understood. Much study into legend and tradition of the past has taught how kings came to be heroes and often gods, and why it is that to this day there are multitudes of human beings who regard the emperor as divine, just as the Romans of pagan days thought their emperors divine.

George Washington belongs to the warrior type of hero. He partakes a little of the king type, for he was ruler as well as general. The George Washington of this day is not and cannot be the George Washington of his own day. He is the product of national consciousness working on the memory of a great man who was supremely useful to his countrymen and their successors.

The strong man, the great fighter, the winner of victories was always a notable man. The worship of such a man had its beginnings when men were primitive, and combat was the daily life of man. The great fighter was a terror to his enemies, a tower of strength to his friends. In his hands there was safety and peace. In the race consciousness there is a latent picture of the great warrior, a great respect for the ideal warrior, to a very remote time.

The Washington we know is a product of the grateful recollection of his countrymen. His image is hissed and moulded by many thousand minds, each striving to add something to its image of the ideal figure. It boots nothing that once here was a real man, with the realities of a man. The true picture of Washington is the hero picture that has been constructed in the hearts of Americans, the ideal that has become a part of their nervous organizations, that has a temple in nerve center, plexus, or brain.

Those who tear down the heroes and the gods never will be welcome. Mr. Hughes has been branded as an iconoclast. And thence so vane an iconoclast is an idol breaker. Idols are to be broken however, until they have become unrepresentative of the ideals of which they were once a satisfactory representation, an adequate symbol.

This race consciousness is superior to the individual opinion of the moment. It preserves what is useful to the race; sanctifies it, makes it revered of man. The great warrior, who saved his people in their hour of peril, has always had place in racial memory, and will until war is no more.

In the respect that is paid to Mr. Coolidge we see here worship propelled by race consciousness in its very efficiency. How differently did many people think and speak of Coolidge the instant he was elevated to the presidency! Some of his hero worship is a product of the sense of favors to come. Part of it is partisan in origin. The party will profit if its leader is revered. Far more of it is born of the deep seated respect of the race, which through many ages, beginning with a time when individual men were far closer to the leader than now have shown reverence for and devotion to persons in authority over them, the patriarch; the warrior king. When a man is president these deep seated feelings inherited from ancient yesterdays are stirred in many souls, and the president does veritably become to these minds a new order of being; one different than he was before.

Mr. Hughes' views on George Washington's human weaknesses will not get him favor with his countrymen. They properly belong, if they are to be uttered at all, in the books which are read by students. They are not for popular consumption. It is not the man Washington who is slandered, but a national hero whose deal image exists in millions of human hearts.

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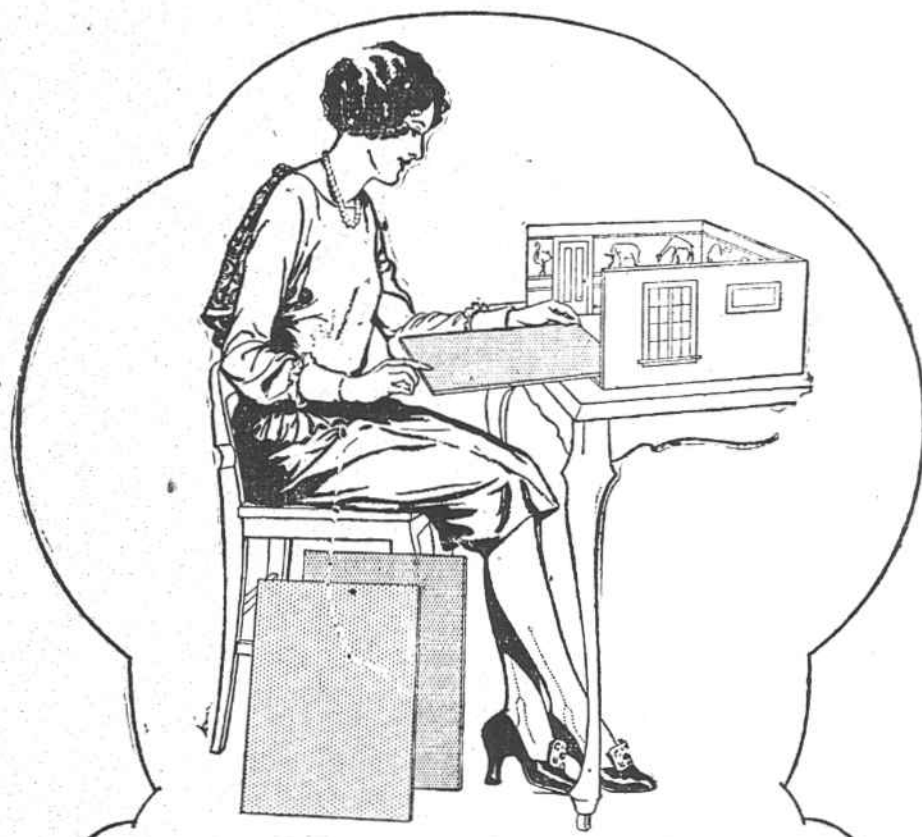
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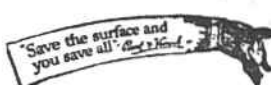


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