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LUCK IS GETTING RICH

The remark of the late Julius Rosenwald will always be quoted. It is that "success is 95 per cent luck and 5 percent ability." One writer says it was one of the most ridiculous things ever said by a successful man. We don't know about that. It certainly is contrary to teaching and established principles of business. No doubt the element of luck has been in most successful lives. One rich man says, "Success is making and no touch of genius; that it was easy to make money when one knows how, and requires no special gift. He began at the bottom and became a millionaire."

So the thing to do is to learn "how" to make money. Dr. Richard has given his maxims of thrifit as a foundation for accumulation—but now the rising generation pays little or no attention to his wisdom. The modern literature on the subject tells us to master our business to study economics, and keep a sharp eye on the trend of trade.

Mr. Rockefeller's huge fortune came from foresight and speculation in oil wells wisely made. Mr. Ford's success was the result of confining himself to the production of cheap cars everybody could afford to buy, and then educating the public to provide suitable roads for them.

There is one thing we regard as essential to money-making, and that is saving as large a proportion of earnings as possible for future use. With or without luck the natural money-maker will get rich. He need not confine himself to good habits, either. His only problem is to hold on to the money he makes. Then it will swell his riches by its own earning power.—The Morganton News-Herald.

HARRY HOUDINI

A recent article recounts the fact of the late Harry Houdini, who was perhaps the greatest magician of all time—a man whose mysterious performances led many to believe that he was endowed with supernatural power.

But Houdini himself made no such claims. He declared that he performed his astounding exhibition acts through sheer physical dexterity acquired by years of study and practice. His ability to escape from a wooden box, wrapped with ropes and chains, in which he was bound hand and foot and placed under water, was a remarkable example of his skill, while he repeatedly demonstrated that he could release himself from any kind of handcuff or shackles that might be placed upon him.

One of Houdini's feats was to remain in a sealed coffin under water for an hour and a half, conserving the oxygen in the small air space by taking short and infrequent breaths.

Much attention was given by Houdini to the exposure of spiritualistic mediums, all of whom he denounced indiscriminately as frauds. He made a standing offer of \$10,000 to any medium who could produce any phenomena which he could not duplicate through natural agencies. The reward was never claimed.

* Houdini wrote several books on various phases of his art, but it is said that the secrets of his most important and almost increditable performances died with him.

During his lifetime he thrilled millions of spectators throughout the world, including many rulers and nobles, but his most lasting contribution to the advancement of civilization was his fearless and uncompromising warfare upon charlatany in all its forms, and its attendant frauds and superstitions.—Ex.

SLOT MACHINES

The Index-Journal is not familiar with the South Carolina law on slot machines.

The law cannot be too severe. The slot machine is one product of the machine age which can be dispensed with and society will be the gainer.

New York state has tried several measures and a few days ago Governor Lehman signed

the latest effort to put the slot machine out of business.

The new act makes it a misdemeanor to "manufacture, own, store, keep, possess, sell, rent, lease, let on shares, lend or give away, transport or expose for sale or lease, or offer to sell, rent, lease, let on shares, lend or give away or to permit the operation of, or for any person to permit to be placed, maintained, used or kept in any room, space or building owned, leased or occupied by him or under his management or control, any slot machines."

The measure bars any "agreement with reference to any slot machine or device," and gives a very broad definition of what a slot machine is.

In another section the bill gives additional enforcement power to the police by declaring operation of a slot machine a public nuisance.

Immediately after the new act had been signed, eighteen hundred slot machines were seized in New York City, taken out to sea and dumped into the water. That is an effective way to get rid of them.—Greenwood Index-Journal.

THE MORTGAGE LIFTER

In a recent editorial the Reidsville Review said that the cow was now the mortgage lifter for farmers in Rockingham County—that is now very true in Haywood and more so since the establishment of the creamery here.

Western North Carolina has always been known as a great country for dairy cattle because of the fine grazing which is afforded here, but in this county there has not been much effort put forth except by a few to take advantage of this. Since the creamery is here and paying cash for the dairy products, we feel that the dairying industry in Haywood is just on the threshold of a new day.

In backing up their statement, the Review said:

"Farmers around Reidsville used to refer to the hog as the 'mortgage lifter.' But that was back in the days before the big meat packers found a way to keep prices down to where there is no longer any profit in raising them. Now there is a different story to tell, for it appears the cow is coming forward to claim the title.

"During 1933 the cows of this country created an income of a billion, two hundred and fifty million dollars, or one-fifth of the established income from agriculture. Recent years have brought a decline in the income from dairying—the same as from everything else, and yet figures indicate that while the general farm income has declined 43 per cent that of the dairies was reduced only 25 per cent. However, the cow has gone right on giving all the fine rich milk she can create, unrestricted by the federal order for reduction in product. And best of all, the products of the cow do not have to depend on a foreign market. They are nearly all consumed right here in the United States.

"It would seem that the cow, idly chewing her cud, is doing her part just as faithfully as the giant industries with their screaming Blue Eagles tacked on the walls. It would seem, too, that once we get completely back to normal we should set aside a special day for honoring this faithful old depression-buster, this new mortgage-lifter—the contented and uncomplaining cow."

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS

We once asked a physician if he thought so-called spring tonics, made of roots and herbs, did people any good. His reply was: "Yes. If they'll get out in the fresh air and dig the roots and herbs themselves."

With the season of "that tired feeling" well underway, quoting the do's and don'ts of that old family physician are both timely and helpful. Like many doctors, he took little stock in so-called body-builders. He had a set of rules that he believed beat them all hollow and now is a good time to put them into practice. Here they are:

Do—get into the open air and sunshine.
Do—become an outdoor crank; cultivate some form of recreation in the open air.

Do—remember that a sun-tan will do more good than a spring tonic.

Do—expose the body to direct sunlight, which is just as important as food.

Do—eliminate regularly all poison from the body.

Do eat fruit and vegetables.

Don't—forget to mix play with your work.

Don't—be ashamed of a healthy tan, but avoid serious sunburn.

Don't fail to get plenty of exercise before the hot months arrive.

Don't—wait until a cold has progressed to a serious stage before giving it proper attention.

Don't—permit waste matter to accumulate in the body—that is what causes a sluggish liver, and it's a sluggish liver that brings on that tired feeling.—Ex.

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By W. CURTIS RUSS

The June primary is over, but the game is still the main topic of conversation everywhere, with the chief concern being "How Crawford and Bailey stood up?"

In all the years that there have been elections in Haywood never has there been such a tie as that between Crawford and Bailey. The younger generation of today will thirty years from now tell their grandchildren that "back then" in '34 when Crawford and Bailey were candidates for representatives we had shor enough elections, and when tellars was only four and two votes apart."

The two candidates started out neck and neck and kept it up until all the precincts were in except Big Creek. Bailey had a lead of 17. At Big Creek reported there was only one difference. This is being a citizen across the canvassers made the tall al checker.

The aftermath of the election goes to Paul, Greenwood stamp-saler, and I am Sam here, who said after all returns were in, "Everybody would have been elected if so many had not been in it."

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