

# Something To Think About

Mr. Botz, The Boss

By Bruno Lessing

This is a sort of continuation of the previous article in this column about the little boy who ran away from school because Mr. Botz, his teacher, was so strict. Wherever he went and whatever he did, he always found a Mr. Botz in charge.

Because the Mr. Botzes of life, who are entrusted with the responsibility of "bossing" other people, must be strict and impartial and impersonal. Otherwise, they lose their jobs and are replaced by other Mr. Botzes.

To carry favor with the particular Mr. Botz whom you happen to be working for is a waste of time. In the long run you will be judged by whatever merit you possess.

In that other article the writer tried to make it clear that all the Mr. Botzes and Mrs. Botzes and Miss Botzes belong to the same family. They are the "bosses." We all must work for them.

Some boss our daily work. Some boss our income. Some boss our wealth. Some boss our ambition or our hopes or our domestic trials and tribulations.

This article is devoted to the BIG Mr. Botz, the head and founder of the Botz family, who is our most tyrannical and most exacting boss. He bosses our habits and the various inclinations of our nature.

"To thine own self be true," is a splendid adage. If only we knew how to go about it. If only we knew our own selves. If only we knew what the truth was.

Mr. Botz typifies "self." He is our boss. He is a terrible tyrant. It is hard to get away from him. And yet—it is possible. That is, it is possible to a certain extent.

The more we learn to control ourselves, our appetites, our habits and our selfish inclinations, the more independent we are of Mr. Botz.

The Catholic church, in its teachings, lays great stress upon the sin of gluttony. In some form or other we all are gluttons at heart. Where this weakness manifests itself in the majority in the form of over-eating or over-drinking, it shows itself in the minority in the form of ambition, of cupidity, or abuse of power.

Gluttony is a sort of brother-in-law of Mr. Botz. He is our boss as long as we are working for him. And he certainly is a tyrant.

It is the sad fate of youth to acquire habits which, it thinks, are easy to abandon. But Mr. Botz is the father of the Old Man of the Sea. When he once gets on your back he is hard to get rid of.

It is in his capacity of boss of one's personal habits that Mr. Botz is most tyrannical. Therefore, if you have any yearning for complete independence lose no time in freeing yourself from his domination. If you have bad habits, he gets worse as the years roll along.

So live, as Bryant says, that when the summons comes to join the big parade, you fall in line tranquilly and of your own free will. (Although that wasn't exactly the way Bryant said it.)

**MAYOR ARRESTED IN DRIVE ON COLORADO'S OPEN BARS**

Leadville, Colo., Dec. 17.—Federal officers, armed with bench warrants, came to Leadville today to arrest more than a score of persons indicted by the federal grand jury at Pueblo, in connection with the alleged wide open operation of saloons and other liquor dispensing establishments here. Mayor R. J. McDonald was one of the first to be arrested.

# SUICIDE DEATHS AMONG DOCTORS RUN VERY HIGH

Availability Of Means For Self-Destruction One Of Causes For The High Rate.

London.—Declaring that physicians are more susceptible to suicide than any other group of men because instruments to bring a quickened to their existence are always at hand, Dr. E. Graham Little, M. P., has started a heated controversy by a recent speech in which he called attention to an "appalling number of deaths" among doctors from alcohol and suicide.

Many prominent British doctors are prepared to dispute the statements of Dr. Little, although others second them vigorously. The passage in Dr. Little's speech which has caused the greatest controversy was one where he declared that the doctor's consulting room, "far from being a gold mine, is often the shortest route to the cemetery."

After telling his listeners of many cases where physicians had met premature death by over drinking, Dr. Little said:

"The doctor, especially the doctor practicing in industrial areas, is a very much overworked man. He is often obliged to force himself to the utmost to get the last ounce of his strength, and the peg of whisky is the quickest and most effective means of getting that last ounce of energy out of himself."

"The doctor also, in poor and slum districts, is usually isolated and lonely, as well as a tired man. He is largely cut off from fellowship with his equals. He cannot mix with his patients as men in better environments may do, and moderate but continuous drinking, rather than occasional excesses, constitutes the worst type of alcoholism—that of the secret drinker."

"The drabness of life under these circumstances is again a compelling factor in producing alcoholic habits," Dr. Little continued. "The insistence and rush of his professional calls, too, frequently prevent him from having any other interest in life, and he is much too apt to cut himself off from proper recreation and unrest."

Dealing with his charges of a high suicide rate amongst physicians, Dr. Little continued:

"The prevalence of suicide may perhaps be explained by a number of considerations. The doctor who thinks he is attacked by a fatal disease may yield to a temptation to end his troubles, which is not present to other persons similarly affected, and the transitory or even momentary depression of a tired man may thus precipitate a fatal issue which so simple a measure as a good night's rest would avoid. The means of terminating his existence are always at hand in the drugs he handles."

"On the subject of the medical profession as a career, Dr. Little was frankly pessimistic.

"It is probably true to say that the calling has never been so anxious a one as it is today," he declared.

"The profession is greatly overcrowded, as may be gauged from the simple statement that the number of medical practitioners in Great Britain has more than doubled during the last fifty years while the general population during that period has not increased by so much as one-fifth. Far from being the gold mine which popular imagination so fantastically imagines it to be, the consulting room of a doctor is much more often the shortest route to the cemetery."

The quality of the Canadian wheat crop is lower, a government report reveals. It may be that the quality is trying to get down to the price.—Topeka State Journal.

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**"A Puzzle."**  
(By Lloyd Mauney.)

I've often wondered why some folks  
Can't take and give their share of jokes,  
And why some people as you and me  
Never help those folks to see,  
The little jest wrapped inside  
That fills us all with joy and pride  
And helps to make the sunshine grow  
That fills and thrills the very soul.

I've often heard some folks say  
"Why must we act in a foolish way,  
Why can't we keep our share of joy  
And help ourselves to thus employ,  
The thrills of life that come to us  
Without us raising such a fuss,  
What's the use to joke and shout  
When I for one can do without?"

I've often found it to be the case  
That just such people lose the race,  
And never find the joy in life  
But only taste the fruits of strife,  
They only plan for their own good  
And lose the charm of pure man-

hood,  
For never was there mortal found  
Who thrived and lived with just  
a frown.

I've often seen the trails of woe  
That follow up the despairing soul,  
And I've always found that this be true  
What you give will come to you,  
For after all we have our share  
Of pain and woe and joy to bear,  
And each must conquer with a smile  
That helps to make our life worthwhile.

**ASHEVILLE LAYS CLAIM TO 47,600 POPULATION**

Asheville.—City of Asheville, exclusive of its suburbs, has a population of 47,600, according to preliminary estimates made by the Commercial Service Co., Inc., publishers and compilers of the city directory.

The territory known as greater Asheville has approximately 73,000 inhabitants. This includes South Woodsey, Grace, Chunn's Cove, Richmond Hill, Kenilworth, Vernon Hill, Lake View Park, and portions of Biltmore Forest, Haw Creek and Fairview road.

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