

material knowledge has increased so rapidly that the generation that we are now forced to make specialists where before the well rounded man was in demand. A lifetime is not long enough for the mastery and comprehension of the forces which are at present, and have been forever for that matter, operating. The mind of the masses has become increasingly capricious and as a consequence increasingly difficult to understand and control.

We have had, within the last fifty years, a development of a new power which transcends all other means of control. This is the press—which is hailed, with pronounced reservations, as the organ of Public Opinion. Predatory interests have realized that the most efficient means of gaining and maintaining control is by the intelligent and deliberate molding of the public mind through the press.

The five races, which have been, at least since the beginning of history, separate, distinct, and for the most part not interfering with each other, have been brought into close contact by the speed and sureness of modern communication. The white race, which since time immemorial has maintained almost undisputed control of our well known globe, has been challenged, and the next few generations, and perhaps the next, will see if the human mind is able to solve the problem and induce the races to abide in amity.

This is a day when giant industries, with smooth and intricate organizations have ramified themselves into the innermost recesses of governments and direct indirectly the policies and laws of nations.

Religious ideas are facing the supreme test and the challenge has been issued to religion by advanced civilization as to whether or not the best will endure. This is a day when men worship Mammon and live for mundane satiety rather than for spiritual, moral and intellectual values. It is a day when the superficial impresses and governs. This last statement is debatable. It is indeed difficult to discern whether the obvious present inamoration for superficiality was ever so epidemic as it now is. The intellectual stock has remained the same without doubt and the question then resolves itself into the discussion as to whether or not the environment which influences is the same. Opinions favor the impression that the influence of the external is on the increase.

The reader is by this time aware that this is a very different world from the one into which were born our fathers and mothers. It is a world which challenges the utmost in the young man. It offers to him opportunities incomparably better than it has offered heretofore. Not only are these opportunities those of better physical environment but they are also of the intellectual and spiritual kind. The young man may look out upon the world daily and watch with accuracy, if he desires to, the events which are taking place there. The world is a stage upon which he may see what is better than acting—real life. The actors of the tremendous drama of life are not clever portrayers of other persons but actual and earnest characters.

The young man has an opportunity that his father has not. His father is forced to forget much that he has learned and to revamp his concepts if he is to retain his understanding. The young man starts with a clean slate and can progress much faster than his father did before him.

If the young man desires he can train his mind and thoughts so that he may feel the tremendous pulse of humanity and understand in some degree at least the works of man and nature. He can become a citizen of every land and clime no matter how sequestered or how cloistered his environment. He has within his reach the keys to the storehouse of knowledge and can intelligently direct his life with the heritage which is his by virtue of the travail of his ancestors.

In Youth lies the promise of the salvaging of civilization. Upon his shoulders fall the burdens of past generations. To him is thrown the flaming torch for him to carry on. Let us earnestly hope that the trust is well placed.

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers low, "Thou must,"
The Youth replies, "I can."

INCIDENTALS—By Chas. Mayes

Worry never produces anything but more worry.
A loud mouth makes a big noise that soon dies out.
Some men are more important than others think.
The person who pays as he goes never gets there too soon.
A good way to resist temptation is to refuse to be tempted.

lie circulation, by a court decision. Among them are "Jurgen," and "The Satyricon of Petronius Arbiter." Let those who are accustomed to bewail the advent of Prohibition bewail no more, for the long-sought-for substitute for strong drink has arrived. Boccaccio's "DeCameron" is of course still on the tabu list but there are enough others to provide adequate diversion for all who have been deprived of their time-honored right of drowning their cares at the neighborhood grog-shop.

RUBIAYAT OF AN UP-TO-DATE CYNIC

II.

Ah my Beloved, fill the fragrant Bowl
With Lethe's magic Weed, that brings the
Soul
Delicious dreams, then who shall care if
all
The Planets should from off their Orbits
roll!

ENTRE NOUS

The other night
Being the 31st of October
I went
To a so-called
Hallowe'en frolic
Attired
As a knight
Of the good St. Louis.
There was a gob of people there
That seemed to be
Having a good time
Trying to guess
Who each other was,
Which didn't interest me
Especially,
Except that
There was in the assemblage
A Certain Person
Known to me
By the familiar cognomen of
Gracie
Whose identity I much desired
To ascertain,
But was baffled
For a long time
Until I happened to notice
Quite by accident, I assure you,
A pair of slippers
That looked strangely familiar
And so
I concluded
By the process of deductive reasoning
That these must belong
To Grace
And so
I behaved accordingly.
And the next morning
When I woke up the nurse said
That I must be very still
And that if I would be quiet
She would tell me
How it happened.
It was like this:
Gracie's maid
Is enamored by a local pugilist
And Gracie's maid
Was wearing
Gracie's slippers.
I thank you.

Frank B. Downs

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