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Our Keynote: "If There Is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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SELF-CONTROL

NOT LONG ago a wealthy man in one of our large cities, telephoned to the gas office to send down a plumber to turn on the gas so they might have light in the new house which he had just rented.

It was after hours and the workmen did not want to go out, but finally one man was persuaded to go after he was told that the people who had just moved in were without light.

By the time the plumber got to the house the wealthy man who owned it had managed, with his new tenant, to find the gas jets and light them. When the plumber saw that the house was lighted, he did not stop to ask any questions, but started in to curse the wealthy man for bringing him away from his family under misrepresentations.

He completely lost his equilibrium and called the wealthy man everything he could think of. The wealthy man merely smiled, said to the irate workman: "You didn't give me time to explain that we found the gas and turned it on before you got here." He then called his chauffeur, took the angry workman by the arm and said: "Drive the gentleman home."

We, of course, have no way of reading a man's mind; at least positively and minutely; but we'll wager the cigars that the workman felt mighty small as he climbed into the automobile of the man whom he had given every reason to feel insulted at his outburst of anger and lack of self-control.

As the wealthy man walked back to the house and joined his wife and new tenant whom he was helping to get settled, in his new quarters, he merely said: "My, I had a regular spit-fire to deal with, didn't I?"

He showed no signs of anger. If he felt any he carefully concealed his feelings. His name is well known from coast to coast. Self-control is one of the virtues which this big man possesses. We have a strong leaning toward the belief that this self-control is largely, if not entirely, responsible for his immense fortune and his success in other directions.

If you wish to exercise any degree of control over others you must first learn to exercise control over yourself. A man who "loses his temper" never can become a big leader. He never can have a large following of sincere friends.

The man who permits another to draw him into controversy which causes him to lose his self-control, is allowing that person to dominate him.

When a person speaks to you with a snarl in his voice and a frown on his face, reply in a soft, rich tone, with a smile on your face, and you will take the wind out of his sails.

You will be fencing with him with a weapon with which he is not familiar, consequently you are sure to beat him in the finale. It is a hard matter to act so mean that no one else can go you one better. It is a hard matter to say ugly words which cannot be duplicated or exceeded by another. But when you exercise complete self-control, and deal with an angry person with kindness and politeness you are making use of a force and of a weapon with which most people are not familiar as they should be, consequently you win with hands down.

Free advice is seldom worth its cost.

All women look alike to men who can't see.

Success breeds confidence until it is misused.

When duty calls most of us are hard of hearing.

Keep moving, or the world will run off and leave you.

Poverty is not a crime, but many people treat it as such.

It is difficult for a filthy heart to produce a clean mind.

Beauty that is skin deep seldom fades. It washes away.

Be optimistic as to the future. Pessimism gathers no moss.

Keep in touch with the world if you don't want to be touched.

People who hit the high spots often find themselves in the low ones.

When a fellow fights for the right he often gets licked by the worst.

Don't throw your money to the birds.—It is had for their digestion.

A word to the wise is sufficient, provided it is not uttered by a fool.

Every few weeks a new row breaks out in some European peace conference.

Prices continue to come down, they say. Soon we may be able to see them.

There is method in madness, but many people are not sane enough to see it.

No, that wailing noise in Washington is not the cry of a puny newborn infant. It is only Congress turning out its daily grist of nothing.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

SOME of these days we Americans — or our descendants — are going to see the greatest curiosity of all time, a politician who makes good on his campaign promises.

Just now there is no such animal. There never was one. It is not in the nature of things that there should be one — under present conditions.

Promises just ooze off from an electioneering tongue like thin molasses gurgling out of an open bung-hole. And, like molasses, they keep on oozing out until the hole is plugged up by election or defeat.

And yet we can't navigate the turbulent sea of life without our politicians, especially those of the professional breed.

Bunk is soothing to the disturbed mind, and there is no one who can hand it out as scientifically and as smoothly as a politician. We have to be hoodwinked and cajoled and bamboozled about so often or we would think the country was on oiled skids and headed for the everlasting bow-wows.

And right there is where our dear old politicians get in their glorious work. After listening to their glowing promises for five minutes we see millions and other enticing wonders ahead, and this entices us and spurs us on to performance of real constructive work of our own. Thus we see the politician as a necessity and a national asset.

Nobody expects a politician to keep his promises. It can't be done. They are made to fit the various sections of his district in which he hands them out, and no two sections want the same thing and in the same manner.

It is the political duty of every voter to forget election promises as soon as the returns are counted. To insist upon their fulfillment would create discord thruout the state and nation.

Any poor boob can be a politician. It doesn't require any brains — just an unlimited amount of bunk and the ability to smear it on — and make it stick.

Yes, we or our descendants will some day see a politician who makes good on his campaign promises.

But perhaps he won't be a real bona fide politician — just a mere man instead.

We live in hopes.

FORMER Empress Zita is devoting her life to the task of placing her son on the throne of Austria, from which her husband was so ingloriously kicked as an aftermath of the war.

That is ambition, which too frequently produces unhappiness, disaster and death.

It would be much more profitable to the young Hapsburg if she were to give him a hoe, put him to work in the garden, and teach him to earn his salt.

That would be common sense, which is the forerunner of success, and happiness, and a life worth living.

Her inordinate ambition made a fool of her husband and is likely to do the same for her son.

Foolish Zita — poor kid!

PERK up and stay perked. The month of May witnessed a gratifying improvement in the American industrial world. Manufacturers are putting many of their idle men to work again, and plants that have been running on short time have increased their hours of activity. Altogether, the situation is fairly satisfactory to those who are not seeking to get rich one day and cut a dash the next.

Proof conclusive that they are all looking our way lies in the fact that Swiss cheese made in the United States has a ready sale in Switzerland.

Of course, we all know that France and Germany must eventually fight it out again. But in accordance with the accepted order of things they should first kiss and make up.

The Lord made the world and all of the people therein, and we often wonder if He ever feels ashamed of some of the "birds" he produced.

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