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A PITCHER FULL OF VIPERS.

(From Editorial in Hearst's Boston
American.)

We have all heard about 'a pitcher
full of vipers,' but few of us have
looked into one.

It would be grewsome and impres-
sive to look down upon a writhing
mass of shiny, squirming, struggling,
twisting and winding snakes, climb-
ing over one another, struggling to the
top of the pitcher, falling back and
others squirming up. The so-called
"civilized being" of today would look
with horror and compassion into a
pitcher full of vipers. Their selfish
struggling would appal him. The
heartless crowding down of the weak
by the strong, the coiling, twisting,
hissing and biting would cause shud-
ders of horror. But what about this
world we live in? Imagine a really
civilized being—for instance a splen-
did, intellectual, superhuman creature
like that angel described by Dante,
flying to open the way for Virgil and
impatiently pushing aside the coarse
impeding atmosphere.

Would our earth, to a pure mind, a
really CIVILIZED BEING, appear to
be so very different from a pitcher
full of vipers?

Are we not all struggling, striving,
And isn't nine-tenths of human suc-
cess merely THE ABILITY OF THE
STRONG TO CLIMB UPON THE
BACKS OF THE WEAK AND
CRUSH THE WEAK DOWN?

Isn't all of our material life a
struggling, a squirming, AN EVER-
LASTING CLIMBING?

What do we see in this selfish vip-
er's nest that we call modern civil-
ization? Are not the strong at the
top, prosperous in comparison, strug-
gling to keep at the top?

Are not the weak at the bottom,
half suffocated, wretched, distressed,
feebly struggling to get up, usually
bitterly hating the topmost, AS THE
TOPMOST DESPISE THE UNDER-
MOST?

We do not hiss like the vipers. But
wouldn't our imaginary civilized being,
listening to gossip, to slander, to in-
sincere political ranting, to bitter re-
ligious discussion, find a resemblance
between our so-called civilized dis-
cussions and a viper's hissing?

The strong despise the weak and

keep them down. The weak hate the
strong while struggling to be like them
and to share their power. The great
man is standing on the shoulders of
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and he is planning to climb higher
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