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very large scale in France, more especially on the Arachon Basin, at the season, from June to September, the oyster cultivator collects by means of a long pole, an operation which must be performed with great care and precision. The oysters are then placed in special treatment. The oysters are then placed in the basins of the depot, where their

flavor is improved. means that it is unwise for us to train up our children in idleness; and unwise for us to help to make it possible for men and women to live with least possible effort, there can be no dispute. Man was made to work, and the man who has nothing to do, and wants nothing to do, is apt to be a very poor citizen. But this is not what we are talking about. We do not want to free men from work, but we do want to make that work a pleasure, at least we would like to make the burden a little lighter.

CONTENTMENT TRUE AND FALSE

Both from Pagan philosophers and Christian theologians the world has received discourses and sermons innumerable, during these twenty centuries, on the subject of contentment. In most of the said discourses, contentment is held up as one of the supreme virtues, the possession of which was regarded as an evidence of superior sanctity. If by contentment is meant that frame of mind by which we make the most out of our lot, while still striving for greater and better things and being thankful for the blessings received, then it is most emphatically a virtue and a priceless possession. But we fear that it is not always in this sense that the term is used. In fact in perhaps most cases it is used synonymously with mental and physical stagnation; that complete satisfaction with our position and environment which balks at ambition, paralyses initiative and represses energy. There is an old saying, "better is a contented swine, than a discontented Socrates," and a rascally saying it is.

Had the Anglo-Saxon race been contented in this sense of the term, we would still have been living in huts and caves, clothed largely in tattoo marks. That contentment which gives a man eyes which see not, and makes him deaf to the voice of improvement and legitimate ambition, is no virtue.

It is that brand of contentment which leaves the house unpainted, the front fence whitewashed, the gate off its hinges, rags filling the place of broken panes of glass, the room unswept, the person unkempt, the workman toiling for a shilling a day when he might be earning five, the boy or girl away from school, the bridge path where a carriage road is needed, and the apple tree growing number twos and threes instead of number ones. This is the sort of contentment which has produced the invincible stagnation of India and China and makes the Arab grind his meal between the crude stones which may have been used in the times of Abraham. It is the contentment which has been the peculiar virtue of races forever under the feet of some foreign conqueror. Such contentment is merely another name for indolence and cowardice. The world is not a dormitory, but an arena where all must strive or perish.

There are many more or less distressful circumstances in which every human being will find himself placed, and which arise from no fault of his own or his fellow beings. These he must accept philosophically, without unnecessary fume or fret, and make the best of things; but he must never lay down his arms. It is this philosophical acceptance of untoward conditions, accompanied all ways by the determination to rectify them as best he can, which constitutes the only sort of contentment which is worthy a human being. All must work, and work of itself should not be deemed a hardship as long as the power to toil is left us, but that work need not be made so hard by the action of others as to embitter and degrade the worker. Work is necessary to virtue. The most active paces are the most moral. An indolent people is usually afflicted with moral rottenness. Man must work, but his fellow man has no right to add to that burden or degrade him by reason of it.

To preach contentment to the slave under the task-master's lash is little less than a hellish mockery. Yet it has been preached in all ages by the very lash-wielders themselves. Again our contemporary says:

But some one objects, and declares that work is of divine ordination, and if we make things easier for men, and if we make things easier for men, we will spoil their manhood. If this

means that it is unwise for us to train up our children in idleness; and unwise for us to help to make it possible for men and women to live with least possible effort, there can be no dispute. Man was made to work, and the man who has nothing to do, and wants nothing to do, is apt to be a very poor citizen. But this is not what we are talking about. We do not want to free men from work, but we do want to make that work a pleasure, at least we would like to make the burden a little lighter.

Is there any man who will dare to tell us that God meant each man's lot to be made as hard as possible in order to develop his manhood? It would be cruel to take work away from man, but is it not even more cruel to burden that work with conditions that are a menace to health, and that are manifestly destructive of sturdy and independent manhood. Neither the herding of workmen in the slums, nor the nerve-racking toil of vertaxed women in the home can hide in these days behind "the providence of God." These are not the work of God, but of man, and their removal belongs not to Him, but to us.

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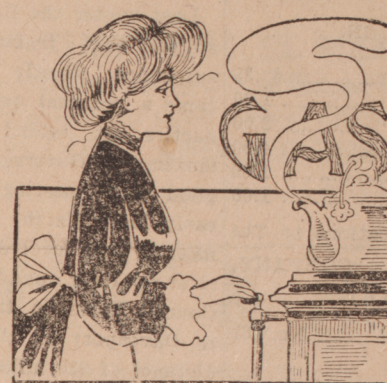
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In the matter of the Estate of Henry Nevers, late of the Parish of Lincoln, in the County of Sunbury, Farmer, deceased.

Let the heirs, next of kin, creditors, and all others interested in the Estate of the said late Henry Nevers, deceased, be cited to appear before me at the Court of Probate to be held at my office in Oromocto, in the County of Sunbury, within and for the said County of Sunbury, on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of September next, at eleven o'clock, in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why license should not be granted to Martha True, Administratrix of the Estate of the said late Henry Nevers, deceased, to sell such of the real estate of the said deceased as may be necessary for the payment of the debts of the said Estate.

Given under my hand and seal of the said Probate Court, this sixth day of July, A. D. 1910.

(Sd.) JOHN W. GILMORE,
(L. S.) Judge of Probates
County of Sunbury.

(Sd.) EMMA E. ESTABROOKS,
Registrar of Probates in and for the County of Sunbury.

GREGORY & WINSLOW,
Proctors for Petitioner.

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