

PHILOSOPHY OF LUCK WITH ROD, GUN AND PLOW

Dr. Moorehouse, of Keswick, Reasons Subject out in the April Number of a Popular Magazine.

Readers of the sporting magazines will find an interesting 2-page article on the above subject in the current issue of Rod and Gun. This is how the Doctor discourses on the subject:

THE PHILOSOPHY OF LUCK

Luck.—That which happens to a person; an event, good or ill, affecting a man's interest or happiness, and which is deemed casual; fortune. We say a person has the good luck to escape from danger; or the ill luck to be ensnared and suffer loss. He has good luck, or bad luck in gaming, fishing or hunting. Luck is what we call chance, accident or fortune, is an event which takes place without being intended or foreseen; or from some cause not under human control; that which cannot be previously known or determined with certainty by human skill or power.—Webster.

To the casual observer this definition seems to be correct and sufficient, and even if it were not just to our liking, Webster says so, and that settles the question.

Let us, however, look a little deeper and enquire if we can what luck is. There seems to be just two kinds of luck, viz., the good and the bad with no intermediate gradations. We speak of a man having good luck or bad luck as the case may be, and there seems to be just one big jump from one to the other.

The late W. E. Gladstone said: "Luck is a bad word and I wish it could be blotted out of the language so thoroughly that the next generation might never hear it pronounced."

There is an element of chance in all our lives and a failure to grasp an opportunity is often put down to bad luck, whereas, if a little more good judgment had been used, success instead of failure would have been recorded.

We sometimes wonder at a man's prosperity and call him lucky, where, if we look closely, we will see that good judgment and a large measure of common sense are responsible for it, and the other man's bad luck can be traced to his shiftless worthlessness and want of good judgment, and in nine out of ten cases there is no such thing as that by the strongest instinct gets on by elbowing."

Two men go to a stream that abounds with fish and try their 'luck' both are well equipped for the sport and their chances would seem to be equal in all respects. They settle down to work and one man catches everything in sight, while the other does not even get a bite; both fish out of the same pool and with the same kind of bait or fly as the case may be; I have even known them to exchange fishing tackle and position, etc., with the same result; the first man catches all to the other man's nothing. Is that 'luck'?

One man goes after big game and travels through the woods where the game abounds for days, weeks and even years but he never sees anything to shoot. The other man goes out in the same place and does not look fifteen minutes before some moose or deer runs up against his gun, and he does not have to hunt; the game seems to hunt for him. He always gets his full share and sometimes a little more(?) and he disclaims all luck in the matter but attributes his success to his skill; while the first man will say he has been very unlucky. Again, is it 'luck'?

I went out one morning to look for deer, and placed myself on the stump in a likely looking place and where deer were said to abound. I sat there until I nearly froze to death and got mad and walked away. I had not been gone more than twenty minutes when my brother, not knowing that I had been there, came and sat on the same stump, and was not there more than fifteen minutes when along came a big buck deer and he shot it at ten paces.

Luck? Or was it plain "Cussedness?"

Two boys grow up side by side and settle down in life under precisely similar circumstances and conditions so far as we can see. Both are endowed with the same amount of common sense; both have the same education and are on the same financial standing at the start. They are we will say farmers and they prosper for years until they become what are called well-to-do in this world's goods and things in general go well with them both. Suddenly, during the night, a storm arises; lightning strikes A's barns and burns them to the ground with all their contents, and he awakens next morning to learn that, through no fault of his own his insurance policy had run out just two days ago.

He is compelled to place a mortgage on his farm in order to build again and the next year his crops fail and before he can get fairly started on the uphill road again sickness invades his home followed in a short time by death and one after another his loved ones are taken from him until finally he is left alone and involved in all kinds of financial difficulties. Through overwork and trouble his health gives way and credit-

FASHION HINTS

BUTTONS USED AS A TRIMMING.

A feature of the frock is the use of small, flat buttons—such as are sold for lingerie garments by the card—as a trimming. These little buttons are sewed close together on the plain silk border trimming and loops of still darker silk simulated buttonholes. These small pearl buttons, put on in flat, closely set rows, trim scores of the summer foulards, and often a frill of narrow Val. lace, set along the edge of the silk border outside the row of buttons, adds a very dainty finish. The checked silks in black and white and in colored effects are particularly pretty with plain colored silk borders to which are added these white buttons and tiny frills of lace. The white pearl button trimming is also shown in another illustration, the frock in this instance being a border pattern foulard.

BORDERED MATERIALS IDEAL FOR DOUBLE SKIRT EFFECT

Foulards, linens, batistes, chiffons—even the practical gingham—come with graceful border patterns along one edge, and these bordered materials make up splendidly into double skirted effects. The long Crusader tunic and the skirt beneath often show a border on each, and these skirts when worn rather short, to show the wearer's foot and ankle, are youthful and graceful in effect—providing always that the wearer is slim enough to suggest youth from a back view. The large hipped woman in a double layer skirt, each layer being edged with a fancy border, is too lamentable an object to be dwelt upon even in imagination.

Sometimes the borders of these pattern materials are cut off and applied to various parts of the costume, the seams being most carefully opened and pressed to give a natural effect—as though the border had "grown" there. Very pretty effects may be achieved in this way and the bordered material is much easier to handle. In the frock referred to immediately above, the border has been cut in this

way and has been made to "go" much farther in the trimming of the costume.

A bordered chiffon, shows a border used directly on the material with no cutting. This graceful frock, which was worn by a bridesmaid at an Easter wedding, is of pale pink chiffon with a border embroidery in self color. Beneath the tunic, and over the deep flounce which forms the skirt, is a wide soft satin sash of pale pink ribbon.

The hat is a leghorn model with a crown of delicate pink roses and the gloves are of light pink, embroidered in a deeper tint of the same shade. With summer costumes these embroidered gloves are very dainty and some of the new patterns show exquisite colorings.

CHIFFON TUNICS OVER COLORED FOULARDS.

Though not literally in double skirt effect, the chiffon tunics over summer foulards are exceedingly dainty and charming. These tunics are usually in the Crusader style, with a loose belted blouse attached to a long skirt which hangs about to the knee. A French tunic shown on some importations, a darker yoke and hem being in the country, is of two shades of added to a tunic of light tint. The plain colored tunics, however are prettiest over the patterned foulards, and some very charming effects are achieved by a harmonious blending of tints. For instance, a wood brown chiffon tunic was hung over a green foulard, a smoke grey tunic over an old blue and white pattern; a light green tunic over a darker green silk—and so on. Rose colored foulards are usually draped with black chiffon; and one very smart model of this sort showed a red and white foulard in the broken sided squared design called the "rooster track," in accordance with the present Chantecler fad, over which was draped a black chiffon tunic, hat and parasol being in the brilliant Chantecler, or coxcomb red.

THE HONESTY OF SAM.

(Success Magazine.)

I was sitting at my desk, when black Sam, who sometimes waits on me at my restaurant, entered my office.

"What can I do for you Sam?" I asked.

"Can't yo' tell 'em Ah'm hones' n' s'ich?"

"Of course," I hesitated, "you're a good waiter, Sam, but I don't know anything specially about your honesty."

"Well, tell 'em dat, an' say yo' t'inks Ah'm hones'. Dat'll be enough!" So I promised I would.

"Thank yo', thank yo', Misses Clark," he said with a deep bow. "When yo' come over tomorrow, sit at mah table 'n' Ah'll give yo' a ho't check."

ors become pressing; the Sheriff appears and sells his last remaining bit of property. He is turned out of doors and finds himself a wanderer on the highway, with not a friend to grasp him by the hand with a word of cheer. The world turns its back upon him and he brings up in the poor house where he dies and fills a pauper's grave and the last clod of earth is scarce pressed down upon the rough box that contains his mortal remains when he is forgotten and is—so far as we can see—the same as if he had never been.

B. prospers in everything; his children grow up to be a credit to him and he finds himself honored by all men and passes to a ripe old age and when he dies the country mourns; a monument reaching almost to the skies is erected over his grave and his memory remains green forever.

Was A, "unlucky" and B "unlucky"? Think this over. It was no lack of good judgment or foresight that one failed nor was it any credit to the other that he succeeded. Surely some power, some influence over which neither had control threw down one and raised the other up. Lightning did not strike B's barn, nor did his crops fail, nor did sickness and death despoil him.

This is no overdrawn case; we all could point out such instances in or during our lives. Such things are, we know they are, and that is all we no about it. Call it 'luck' 'fate,' 'chance' 'destiny' or what you will the fact remains that there is some unknown or unseen influence or power at work either for or against us, and over it we have no control and in the face of which we float like a chip on the bosom of the broad ocean.

Think of these things as we will, study them, as we can, think, think, and ponder, and the more we do so the less we will know about it until we are forced—perhaps against our will—to admit that there is "a destiny that shapes our ends, rough hew as we may."

Remember: You will find that luck Is only pluck

To try a thing over and over; Patience and skill, Courage and will, Are the four lucky leaves of luck's clover.

TAKE HATS OFF TO THE BANKER

(Edward C. Blomeyer, in The Book-keeper.)

Hats off—fellow-fighters in the battle of the world's his oyster. Other men must go out and scrape to get the coin—he stays at home and has it brought in to him. He rents the room vacated by the delicatessen store last week and buys two desks, some iron grill work, a typewriter, a second-hand adding machine and three bottles of ink—assorted colors; he builds a vault out of some brick and boiler iron, then he hangs out a hammered brass and gilded sign that reads in shiny letters, "Bank" and people tear one another's clothing to get to him and exchange their cash for a neat little book covered with imitation leather and a pad of fifty checks.

With genial equanimity he takes their coin and cheerfully agrees to return it to them in installments between the hours of 9 and 3 of any day, Sundays and all possible holidays excepted and barring loss from fire, robbery, embezzlement, failure, panic or ordinary wear and tear. Then he loans it back to them for interest compounding annually and deducted in advance providing they can secure the signatures of eleven responsible endorsers or give a mortgage on real estate or chattels worth seven times their loan. He advertises to pay the highest rate of interest on time deposits, and when you go to him with the hoardings of years of sweating toil he frowningly advises you that money is so plentiful that it is only out of the goodness of his noble heart and his tender regard for you that he can pay you 3 per cent.

WATER ABSORBS MUCH IMPURITY IN VITIATED AIR.

Water that has once been heated or that has stood any length of time in the kettle cannot be made to boil as quickly as freshly drawn cold water. If this fact were fully appreciated, it would have more weight with housekeepers as an argument against using water that has stood overnight than numerous homilies on the unhealthfulness of stale water. Fresh water is living, and water that has been boiled or allowed to stand long absorbing gases and heat is either dead or poisoned; so it is easier to boil fresh water than stale or dead water.

In connection with the subject of water, there is one peculiar property of that liquid with which every one should be made acquainted, and that its capacity for absorbing impurities, which it increases proportionately the colder it gets. Hence, water that has stood in an insufficiently ventilated sleeping chamber all night is not only unpleasant, but is injurious to drink, since it readily absorbs the poisonous gases given off by respiration and the action of the skin. An ordinary pitcher of water, under such conditions, as a temperature of 60 degrees, will be found to have absorbed during the night from a pint to a pint and a half of carbonic acid gas.

WHEN BOB ROGERS CAPTURED THE SWAG

Came Down to Montreal and Launched Great Scandal of the Grand Trunk—Helped New Provinces.

"Those who were running the Conservative party ignored the fact that there are always at least 100,000 Conservative voters in the province, out of a polling possibility of 230,000 yet the men who had the financial end of the campaign sacrificed Quebec, took the money from this city and poured it into Manitoba and the west. Hon. Robert Rogers came down to Montreal, launched the great scandal of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which the more moderate party papers would not publish, and got off with enough of the money for organization purposes to carry his province, and also give a helping hand in the new provinces. Had a part of this money been left here, ten or twelve more Quebec members would be sitting today on the speaker's left. But there was no one with authority to tell certain rich men here in Montreal that Quebec is not, as they suppose, wholly devoted to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and that, with a proper organization and with a man like Chapleau, for instance, Quebec can almost be divided whenever an appeal to the electors is made.

"When 'Bob' Rogers carried off the swag prior to the election of 1908 he carried in his sack the political head of J. G. H. Bergeron and a dozen other good men, who were sacrificed, when they should have been saved by a modest legitimate expenditure."

The above is from that strenuous Tory paper, the Toronto World. None have forgotten the laying of hands on hearts and the proclamations of electoral purity indulged in by the Tory party for many months previous to and in preparation for the elections of 1908. Here we have a sample of how the purity campaign was worked. "Got off with enough money to carry his province and to give a helping hand to the new provinces!"

"Good my masters, Plain bluntness marks your speech" The phrase, "for organization purposes" is rich indeed. This tells how Manitoba was carried. It might be well to have a similar revelation concerning British Columbia and Halifax. The hounding of French-Canadian journalism from Halifax to Vancouver, and, with the exception of the Montreal Gazette, practically every Tory paper for two or more years past has been having "a go" at the people of Quebec until it has become a wonder how any self-respecting Canadian of French extraction can give his support to the opposition. It is all very well for the Mail and Empire to attack the News on that ground now, but the election campaign especially it followed the lead of the latter paper in the abuse of Quebec and Quebecers. If the News is Mr. Borden's champion and the World is the defender of the rank and file, for whom or what is the Mail and Empire contending? No two Tory papers at the present time apparently can agree upon anything except that the party's fortunes are at a low ebb.

THE FOOTNOTE

"In our cities modern extravagance finds its most untrammelled expression. The total debt of the States, including all minor civil divisions increased \$13,921,443, or 1.25 per cent. between 1880 and 1890. Between 189 and 1902 it increased \$727,778,393, or 64 per cent. Nearly three-quarters of a billion in twelve years, an average of \$60,000,000 a year in the amount borrowed by the people, ought to make any country stop and think. Most of the actual material development is privately financed, and carries its own bonded indebtedness, which the public finances cannot take into account. The figures down to 1910, outside of and in addition to the national debt would probably show an increase of a billion and a half dollars for the last twenty years and a grand total of over two and a quarter billion dollars—about what it was in 1890."—J. J. Hill on "National Extravagance" before the Conservation Convention, St. Paul Minn., Sep 23, 1909. These figures are as being portions of

ARBITRATION AGREED UPON

New York, April 22—Arbitration of the wage demands of the trainmen, and conductors of the New York Central lines west of Buffalo was agreed upon here today. The arbitration will be independent of that now in progress affecting the men on the Central's lines East of Buffalo but the same arbitrators will serve.

"What makes that continual racket in the woods?" asked the visitor. "Racket? I don't notice any," answers the native. "Listen. Don't you hear that whipping and scratching sound?" "That? Oh, I've got so used to that I never notice it. You see, down yonder in the hollow there's a couple of dogwoods grow in a clump of pussy willows."

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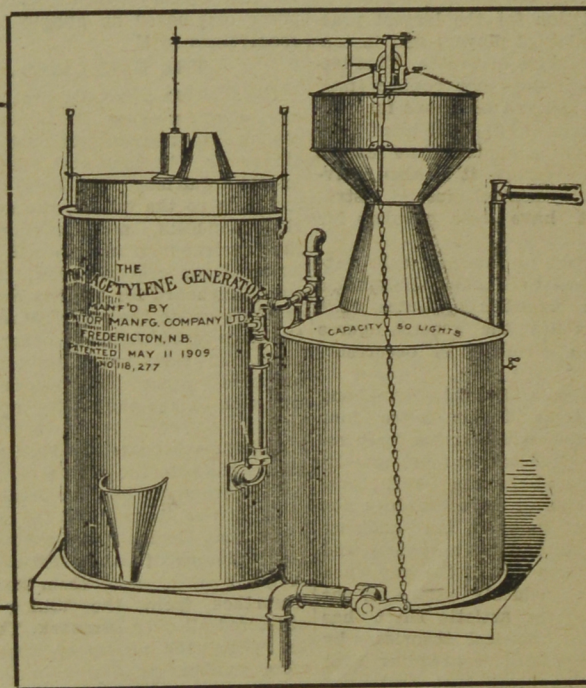
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Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied, and signed with the actual signature of tenderers. Combined specification and form of tender can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa. Tenders must include the towing of the plant to and from the works. Only dredges can be employed which are registered in Canada at the time of the filing of tenders. Contractors must be ready to begin work within thirty days after the date they have been notified of the acceptance of their tender.

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NAPOLÉON TESSIER, Secretary.

Department of Public Works.

Ottawa, April 9, 1910. Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.

"Why so sad, old man?" "The doctor wants my wife to travel two months." "I understand—sorry for you." "Understand? No, you don't—she will not go."