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### WHEN FEAR IS VIRTUE.

(By GRAHAM HOOD.)

If there is one thing that invariably interferes with success—that gets in our way and trips us up upon any and all occasions—it is the element of fear. Let a man be afraid that he cannot perform the task he has undertaken, and it is a safe wager that only failure awaits him. No matter how hard he may try, the very fact that he is afraid will make his efforts come to naught.

In discussing the subject before the Medico-Legal Society a few nights ago Clark Bell stated that fear was at the bottom of many of the diseases with which people are afflicted and there are many medical authorities who might be quoted in support of this theory. In fact, it was but a few months ago that an investigation of this subject was made in connection with contagious disease, and upon this occasion it was found that while few of the porters employed by the Health Department were immune, it was extremely rare for one of these men to contract any of the extremely contagious diseases with which they were brought into such close contact. Thus, for example, there were instances in which these porters were not even vaccinated, and yet they had no hesitancy in going into houses in which there were cases of smallpox, in taking the patient in their arms and carrying him to the ambulance. They did not catch the disease simply because they were not afraid of it. Had it not been for this mental safeguard there would probably have been some more patients for the pest house.

And this law that operates in these cases applies quite as forcefully in all other affairs of life. When we go out looking for trouble we find little difficulty in locating it. If we are always looking for success we are far more apt to find it than we would be if we were to keep our minds saturated with the depressive element of fear of failure.

To succeed to any marked degree it is necessary that we should know just what we want to do, and we should do it without hesitation. The old maxim that states that "he who hesitates is lost" is still true. Of course, it should happen that we really did not know what course to pursue, it would be wiser to sit down quietly and think it out before trying to do anything at all, for it is sometimes more dangerous to leap in the dark than to waste time in apparently needless hesitation. Those who are too eager to seize every opportunity frequently get hold of opportunities to ake some pretty costly blunders.

If we know what we want to do, however, it is quite another matter. Then we have no right to let the fear of possible results step in to retard our efforts. If we have a duty to perform it is our place to attend to it regardless of consequences. It is really a duty it must be done and it does no good to postpone the occasion for its performance. Yet there are lots of us who keep putting things off because we are afraid of what may happen or what other people will say.

Accordingly, the one and only thing to be afraid of is to be afraid of being afraid. To be afraid of anything else is dangerous. To be afraid of fear is a virtue that every one of us should endeavor to acquire.

### THE SPEAKER AS A DETERRENT INFLUENCE.

It is predicted that Speaker Cannon will put a kink in the proposed waterways bills and it will not do for Indiana Harbor to be too jubilant until Mr. Cannon, who is an old enemy of the idea, comes out of the woods. It does not seem to matter to Mr. Cannon how many big men fall into line to support the bills, he still maintains his old stubborn stand but at the same time he seems reluctant to advance good reasons. Why doesn't he consider it a great public service? He says he stands ready to support the plan to issue bonds to carry out the work, provided the Rivers and Harbors committee favors it. And there's the rub. Mr. Cannon knows quite well that the committee will not favor any large expenditures at this session. It is unfortunate that the project should be hampered by the speaker of the house whose influence is all-powerfully felt. Despite the speaker's opposition there are really enough big men in congress to grasp the matter in all its importance and push it through. To this class, of course, belongs Congressman E. D. Crumpler. It takes a big man to see the value of river and harbor improvements and to appreciate the fact that transportation is now absolutely dependant upon our waterways to do that part of the work which the railroads can never do.

### PARENTAL NEGLECT IS RESPONSIBLE.

Another pitiable case of girlish delinquency came to light in Hammond yesterday when the two girls who lodged at a resort on the Calumet river for two days were brought back to their parents. Neither of the girls is old enough to be put in long dresses, yet they have gone astray so far that their ultimate reclamation is a matter of doubt. Just what the parents of these delinquent lasses have been thinking of in the past is a mystery. It is quite palpable that they have been remiss in their nurture and guardianship so much so that the condition of one of the girls is shocking. The example set in both cases is full of harm to the young people with whom the girls come in contact and it is an all around deplorable state of affairs. It is to be hoped that the keeper of the place where these girls lodged can be brought to justice. If the police of Hammond and authorities of Lake county ever did a praiseworthy deed in their official career, they will bring him to justice, or see that the lawbreaker gets short justice.

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IT IS REMARKABLE how the Chicago Journal is striving to get a little advertising from President Roosevelt in the Panama affair. It hurts awfully to have an Indiana paper get a griddle-roasting and to see Mr. Pulitzer get his trimmings and then to be ignored after industriously crying "thief" as the Journal has done. The Chicago paper is still asking where the money went when the president has already told the people where it did go.

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ONE OF THE most peculiar cases that ever came up in a Gary justice court was concluded yesterday. It was one in which a person who had been living with an affianced sought to establish his equity in property that the woman possessed. The honorable court turned the fellow down "good" and "cold" and the rest of us will only wonder and gasp in amazement that such a creature can find the hardihood and nerve to look his fellow men in the face.

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THERE ARE TWO ways of flying a kite on the streets and the Hammond city council which has just passed an ordinance preventing the flying of kites in the street is kindly asked for the benefit of wobbly gentlemen who come home late from lodge o' nights just what kind of a "kite" is referred to.

## Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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### THE STATE CUT OFF HIS ARM.

Joe Bulanda, aged fourteen, is a little citizen of Chicago. Joe's right arm was injured. Because of the virus in his blood gangrene set in. The doctors said the arm must be cut off or Joe would die. Joe's father said he would not consent to the operation.

He isn't much of a father as you and I esteem fathers, but he knew Joe would have a hard time to make his way even with two arms. He said it would be better for Joe to die than to lose one arm.

And Joe also objected—said he would rather die. Poor kid! The world he knew was the kind that always pushes a boy down.

Here is the state of Illinois stepped in. It got an order from the court ordering Joe's arm to be amputated.

So the big state forced Joe on to the operating table. The boy fought the doctors and the nurses. They smothered him with chloroform until he quit struggling. Then they cut off the gangrened arm.

It matters not about the lingo of the lawyers in this strange case. We said the state of Illinois stood "in loco parentis"—that is to say, the state acted in the stead of Joe's father.

The state did not cut off Joe's arm to defy Joe or Joe's father or to show its power or to punish. It amputated the boy's arm in order to save Joe's life—for Joe's good.

So far so good. But—

What had the state—the "we" of Illinois—ever done to keep Joe from poisoning himself physically and morally? It gave him bad air and insanitary surroundings and a vicious environment. It put the saloon on the corner near the tumbledown tenement in which Joe lived and the dance hall upstairs and the dives and the gambling resorts. It did this either by license or by sufferance. It made Joe's gangrene possible.

Having cut off his arm, it will take care of the boy until his stub is healed, and then it will turn him out in these same surroundings and let him hustle with one arm or beg or steal.

Well, some day, some sweet day, instead of cutting off gangrened arms, the state—"we"—will create conditions that will prevent such festering sores. Some sweet day!

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 17. 1778—Four hundred persons perished in the burning of a theater in Saragossa, Spain.

1792—First provincial parliament of lower Canada met at Quebec.

1812—Town of Derby, Vt., attacked by the British.

1824—Thomas Starr King, preacher and lecturer, who saved California to the Union in 1860, born in New York. Died in San Francisco, March 4, 1864.

1877—Edward Kent, first whig governor of Maine, died in Bangor. Born in Concord, N. H., Jan. 8, 1802.

1880—Paul Kruger elected president of the South African republic.

1891—Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry dedicated in Philadelphia.

### THIS IS MY 73D BIRTHDAY.

Alexander Agassiz.

Alexander the eminent naturalist, was born in Neuchatel, Switzerland, Dec. 17, 1835, the son of Professor Louis Agassiz. He came to the United States in 1846, and completed his education at Harvard University and the Lawrence Scientific school. For several years he was connected with the United States coast survey. From 1866 to 1869 he was superintendent of the famous Calumet and Hecla copper mines on Lake Superior. He surveyed Lake Titicaca, Peru, in 1875, and subsequently conducted explorations and scientific investigations in the Hawaiian islands, in Australia, among the coral reefs of the West Indies and in other parts of the world. For a number of years Professor Agassiz has been director of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University. He has served as president of the National Academy of Sciences and has been honored with membership in many prominent scientific and learned societies of America and Europe.

### WHAT MAKES PEOPLE DOUBT A MAN'S SANITY IS HEARING HIS WIFE QUOTE HIM IN THINGS HE SAID JUST THE OTHER WAY 'ROUND FROM THE WAY SHE TELLS IT.

Pennsylvania man has offered \$2,500

reward for the return of his wife, and \$2,000 worth of stolen jewels, but we are not informed what he will give for his wife without the jewels.

There is nothing easier for a woman than laughter which means tears, except tears that mean laughter.

Indiana is now producing cobles corn, according to an exchange. Haven't you all of it, but have felt it between our teeth.

Just as sure as a man has a bad liver, he can't sing.

## Santa Claus For Times Boys And Girls

write Your Letters And Send Them To Santa Claus And He Will Take Care Of Them

Another year has rolled around and Santa Claus is preparing his gifts for his good boys and girls. As has always been its custom, the TIMES will publish letters from its young readers, both boys and girls, and give them to Santa Claus so that he will know what to bring them. Letters intended for Santa Claus must be written plainly and on one side of the paper only. It does not matter where you live, any letter from any part of the country, will be sent to Santa Claus. Santa is getting old and his eyes are not so good as they used to be, so his boys and girls are asked to be careful in their writing. They must be careful and give their names and addresses for if the name only is given how is Santa Claus to tell where to go. Don't forget to write early. Santa Claus wants to know what you want and address all your letters to SANTA CLAUS, care of the Times, Hammond, Ind.

known how to do anything but him.

"One good fellow" is what the city council has voted T. W. Englehart, owner of "The Princess," and they have naught but good words either for the Princess.

NO MAN EVER MAKES SO MUCH MONEY AS HIS WIFE WANTS THE NEIGHBORS TO BELIEVE HE MAKES.

Counting Her Roll.

One Howard woman is trying to reduce her flesh by lying down on the floor once every night and rolling over twenty times.—Howard (Kan.) Courier.

The worse

The medicine

The better the doctor,

Is what some people think.

The names of several Hammond men who attended the First ward orgy in Chicago did not appear in the Chicago papers.

And some thing come to the man who kicks while he waits, as well.

A Tennessee Preference.

Whisky may be more dangerous than bullets, but we would rather have our carcass filled with whisky than with bullets, and take chances.—Sevierville (Tenn.) Vindicator.

Some girls are so fond of music that they even like that which they make themselves.

The officials of the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend interurban line learn that the path to success is paved with sharp cobblestones, but they are determined to get there for al lot that,

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 16, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: I am 7 years old and I want a nice set of furs and a muff, and a pair of leggings and some candy and nuts. Please give me this. Goodby. I read in THE TIMES that Santa Claus will give me what I want for Christmas. Please give me this. Your little friend,

Box 222, Whiting, Ind.

Griffith, Ind., Dec. 16, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: I see several letters of little boys in THE TIMES so I thought I would let you hear from me. I wish you would please bring me a drum; my little sister Henrietta wants a Teddy bear, a small one, as she is afraid of a large one; for Lizzie, my baby sister, a nigger dollie. That is all I care for. If you have some candy left I would like to have some. Goodby.

Dear Santa Claus. BERT C. OOMS.

Griffith, Ind., R. F. D. No. 1.

ROBERTSDALE, Ind., Dec. 15, 1908.

Dear Santa: I want a scroll saw, magic lantern, drum, toboggan, electric engine and an automobile.

Thomas D. Courtney, former constable in Chicago, arrested on charge of malicious mischief, believed by police to have thrown bomb at the Coliseum.

National Life Insurance company is charged with transacting business from May 1, 1903 to March, 1904, in direct violation of the law.

Patrolman Ernest Griffith, accused by Mrs. Melvia Anderson of trying to kiss her, is defendant before civil service commission by his sweetheart with an alibi and retains his job.

Congress is afraid of Roosevelt and his big stick, but is determined to carry on its war with the president. Both houses may delay their "rebuke" reports until the last minute, when the executive cannot answer.

President Roosevelt refuses to consider a brother of Judge Grosscup for a federal position, despite plea by a West Virginia congressional delegation.

William J. Bryan in the Commoner will denounce President Roosevelt's message on the Pulitzer-Panama case as "dangerous doctrine" and as an attack on free speech and press.

Pullman company officials fear the consolidation of railroads will eventually result in the companies using their own sleeping cars.

Bishop Muldoon appears in court at Rockford and required formalities concerning him the title to church property in the new diocese are gone through.

Alice Nielsen, the grand opera singer, files a petition in bankruptcy in New York, giving liabilities as \$7,200.50 and assets as \$72.

Count Boni de Castillane in continuation of suit in Paris for the possession of his three children, renounces "with pleasure" his petition for \$60,000 annually.

Wheat market easily responds to buying and scores a good advance; other grains and the provision list show easy tone; cattle and sheep higher; hogs lower.

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Robert V. Clayburn, Chicago, to Ven-

ite, Ill.

H. A. Johnson, Chicago, to Hilda

Lester M. Spellman, Chicago, to Ora

M. Lyon, Chicago.

Morris Glavin, Chicago, to Rose Car-

son, Chicago.

Henry Greenmeyer, Chicago, to Frances

Fancher, Chicago.