

## The Upward Look

### Causes of Poverty

No. 6

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.—Psalm 24:1.

Now that we are beginning to realize that much of the poverty of the world is due to "man's inhumanity to man," Christian men everywhere are seeking to discover the causes that contribute to poverty. And as we prosecute this search, why may we put our faith in Christ's encouraging assurance: "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."—St. Matthew 7:7, 8.

In time we shall see clearly that poverty is not the result of God's will being done on earth but is due to the fact that we have ignored God's will. When Moses led his ancient Israelites out of the land of Egypt, he laid down numerous laws that were to govern them, not only in moral and spiritual matters but in the production and distribution of wealth as well. Not all these laws were lived up to. Some were ignored from the start. But more and more we are being led to see that they involved great principles, the justice of which is being revealed in their fulness only now, after the lapse of the intervening centuries. One of the greatest of these principles is that involved in the declaration: "Behold \*\*\* the earth is the Lord's thy God's, with all that therein is." (Deut. 10:14) and "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth hath He given to the children of men." (Psalm 115:16) And "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity. (K.V.) for the land is mine." (Leviticus 25:23).

These laws have been ignored, and land, including all the great natural riches, such as our timber, mines, water powers, coal and iron mines, and oil wells, have been—given over to be the property of the few. In this fact, according to many of the great thinkers of to-day, lies the main explanation of the fact that the few control great wealth while the many often suffer want. In his book, "Christians and the Social Crisis," a book that already has received much favorable comment in the religious press, Rev. Walter Rauschenbusch, professor of church history in Rochester Theological Seminary, says: "Next to life itself, the greatest gift of God to man is the land from which all life is nourished. \*\*\* The social prosperity, the morality, the rise or decline of a people, always fundamentally depend on the wisdom and justice with which the land is distributed and used. Now, that our free lands are almost exhausted, we have come to the point where the element of injustice in the system will begin to menace us."

"The first comers are well placed, but how about those who press up hungry through our ports and through the gates of birth? They will have the bitter cry of Esau when the blessing had been given to Jacob, and nothing was left for him. Those who have the soil have that, and their bodies to work it. Those who have no soil have only their bodies, and they must work for the others to get bread. They are the disinherited children of our nation. The land henceforth belongs to a limited number, not merely for use, but for complete possession, and the ever-increasing remnant will have no right in it, nor income from it. What God gave for the support of all, will be the special privilege of a few. \*\*\* Already the current of immigration, which no longer finds a ready outlet to the land is choking our great cities."

These represent the new ideas that are forcing themselves forward for consideration and solution by professing Christians. To ignore them is to own that we do not consider ourselves our brother's keepers. To face them bravely, in Christ's name, and to seek to find their solution, and to apply the remedies, is to express by our actions, and to demonstrate the earnestness of our hearts when we utter the sacred prayer, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."—I. H. N.

### The Art of Dish Washing

By Pearl White McCowan

Dish washing is a science with a woman. Now, by that I don't mean that the mere washing of dishes in itself is so important as to be designated a science, although I do believe some high-minded writers have termed it so. But it is rather what goes on while the dishes are being washed.

Woman, you see, does her weight-

### What is a failure?

What is a failure?

It's only a spur

To the man who receives it right,

And it makes the spirit within him stir

To go on once more and fight.

If you never have failed, it's

an even guess

You have never won a high

success.

iest thinking while she's washing the dishes. And depend upon it, the harder she rattles the dishes, the faster fly her towels and suds, the more viciously she scrapes the tinware—the more effective is her thinking.

WHEN TEMPER APPEARS

If you are in disfavor it bodes no good to you when the dishes begin to rattle violently. It isn't exactly sweating. Oh, no. It's entirely too methodical and premeditated for that. But let me tell you, if a man's had a quarrel with his wife, he'd better get it settled before she washes the dishes for, mark my word, his fate will be settled then.

Plans are weighed and decided upon, destinies determined and established, children raised and launched out upon the world, quarrels settled, revenge planned, peace made, scandals started, social ladders reared and climbed, church work and charities planned and all but executed—while woman washes the dishes.

Thus in deference to the mighty plots and intrigues evolved, perfected and almost consummated during the process, I say, All hail to the gentle art of dish washing.—Farmers' Review.

### Camping Out

"Horace Greeley said he had been 20 years in the field, and time to go a-fishing, and a few years later he died from overwork and anxiety. Many a farmer lives all his life without sight of running streams, or within sight of babbling brooks, and the suggestion that he hang up his hoe and go a-fishing never reaches him. Thoreau says, 'The better part of man is soon plodded into the soil as compost,' and I have known some such lives.

"I knew a woman who put her babies in a barrel and left them while she worked in the field with her husband. Together they paid off the farm mortgage, and then bought more farms, and paid off more mort-

gages. They never took vacations. Neither of them ever saw a train of cars until the iron rails were laid through their own lands, and when the first train passed through, the old lady was heard to say, 'Well, I have worked hard all my life, but now I shall have it easy. I can sit and milk and see the cars go by.'

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"Another family of my acquaintance, living on a large farm, with 50 cows to milk and care for, and 500 hens to look after, finds time every year for an outing; rather, they hire extra help on the farm and take the time, and they do not take the time grudgingly either. They figure that what the outing costs is the best investment of the whole year. They have their own tent and camp for a week or more on a near-by stream or lake, where fishing and boating are good."

"A fairly good tent can be bought for the price of a week's board at a summer resort, and the tent will last many years. Vacation does not necessarily spell Nantucket. Distance sometimes lends a great deal of enchantment. We forget that our birds sing just as sweetly in our own fields and groves as they do in fields and groves hundreds of miles away. Why should we remain shut in during the hot summer months just because we cannot travel far away? If we cannot afford to own a tent, there are even less expensive ways of camping out."

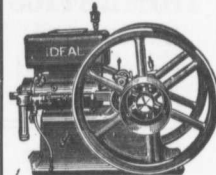
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### Laying Linoleum

Before covering the kitchen floor with linoleum, see that the hollow worn places in the boards are filled up with layers of newspaper. Neatly fit this around the hard knots, which wear through first. Do not fasten the linoleum down permanently until it has remained on the floor long enough to stretch. This prevents bulging and subsequent cracking.

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