

ALTRUISM; INSTINCT OF DEVOTION

inventor in mechanical devices: a pleasure in the act of contriving and operating, as well as surrender of self to one's own creation. More important perhaps is the alliance of the instinct of devotion with one more conspicuous and doubtless in the majority of these cases more powerful, — the instinct of pugnacity or domination. How large a part this plays in the motivation of the captain of industry I have also had occasion to consider. It may seem odd that two dispositions which are diametrically opposite in tendency — the one essentially altruistic, the other essentially regardless of others, — should combine toward one single-minded course of action. Yet that they do so is the most familiar of experiences. The sentiment of patriotism is precisely such a compound of pugnacity and devotion, — a mixture of extraordinary explosive power, and far more potent in its influence on men than either component acting by itself. The business man, as has been pointed out in recent speculations on these topics, seems often to