

have little or no effect on him at a later time. In purely personal, social relations there is no more fanaticism than elsewhere; but usually it does not become epidemic except in cases of large families of races. At the stage which human nature has reached the social relations furnish more exciting objects of desire than others. Love and infatuation may react in the wildest fanaticism, and frequently it may be distinguished from simple hatred, envy or jealousy. In certain parts of Kentucky the fatal feuds, which from time to time shock the nation, are a compound of fanaticism and other elements. Everywhere only exceptional persons are free from the possibility of being unreasonably agitated at the mention of some name or act. Hence those, who arrange a banquet or reception, have always to consider what subjects must be tabooed, and what guests placed near one another.

"The crop of religious fanatics is perennial, and unless a perpetual miracle should interrupt the operation of common causes, may be expected to appear so long as human nature remains what it is. Next in frequency and for similar causes government and its machinery—civil, military and naval—form centres of fanaticism. In religion and politics it is always liable to become epidemic.

"A hobby is often, if not always, a cause of fanaticism. It may be merely a relief avocation."