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THE AWAKENING EAST

The eyes of the world at the beginning of 1912 are turned upon the Far East. There is a universal feeling that a great change is afoot in the East. The most remarkable evidence of this change is, of course, found in China. A few years ago no observer in the west would have been willing to admit that there was the slightest prospect of a republican government being established in China. Yet such a government is now established in a portion of China, and there is at least a possibility that the Imperial dynasty will be swept from power and the whole country brought under republican rule. Should that occur, there will necessarily be great and grave problems to solve before the people can adapt themselves to the new order of things. But these same Chinese appear to have a remarkable facility for adaptation to new conditions, and the career of their students in schools where the sciences are taught show that they are clever of brain and quick and sure of eye and hand. Whatever may be the outcome of the present struggle, the ancient nation that China must continue as it has continued for several thousand years appears to be pretty effectively discredited.

Turning to India, it is found that despite the influence of caste and tradition the people are beginning to absorb western ideas, and gradually to adapt themselves to changing conditions. For the "old order changeth," it will be long before democratic principles are fully accepted in India but the change is coming, and the British government recognizes the fact by giving encouragement to education and by gradually extending the scope of self-government. In Persia, also, an attempt has been made to establish representative government; and, although it has not been successful as its promoters had hoped, yet the die has been cast, and a forward movement begun. Just what the result of the present clash between Persia and Russia will be it is impossible to foresee, but it is evident that throughout the country a great change in sentiment has taken place within the last decade, and in this Mohammedan land there is a movement for the adoption of western ideas of government and of national development. The awakening of the East has come, and brings to the world new problems, and to the west new responsibilities, and new dangers.

ROADS AND MOTOR CARS

The relation of good roads and motor cars to the general welfare is the subject of interesting articles in this week's edition of the Weekly. We quote one of the statements: "It is stated upon excellent authority that the public highways of France carry one and one-half times more freight than the railroads of that country. Much of this freight is transported in motor trucks, which have become such an efficient vehicle of commercial transportation that the cost per ton mile has reached a very low figure, practically the same as that for the electric railways."

Here is another paragraph from one article, which is very suggestive: "Improved roads and the automobile make it possible for a large element of the business population in the cities to live at a considerable distance out in the rural districts. They may own their own homes, with several acres of land which may be cultivated, so as to produce various food stuffs, and thus contribute to a solution of the high cost of living. Not only this, but the motor car so bridges the distance between farm and town or city as to enable every farmer and his family possessing an automobile to make frequent trips to the city, and thus partake of the benefits of the city in an almost equal degree with the city dwellers. Let every citizen therefore contribute in whatever way he can to the improvement of the highways and the development of the motor car, for the two must go forward to the time when the highways approaching every city and town in New Brunswick will be in perfect condition, and that along them will be located thrifty farmers, who will be able, with the aid of motor trucks, to carry their products cheaply to market, and help to solve the problem of the high cost of living? The first requirement is good highways. In France and Great Britain, although they are old countries, with a good system of highways, very large sums of money are spent every year in new experiments, to find some possible better system of road making. In the United States the question of road making attracts more and more public attention every year, and the annual expenditure for betterment is enormous.

The province of New Brunswick must have better highways. The large and increasing number of automobile owners has brought to bear a new influence, which will hereafter be exerted upon provincial and municipal governments with increasing force, to bring about an improvement in the roads. The farmers, to be successful, must also have good roads. It is of the utmost importance that they should be able to deliver their produce quickly and cheaply over good roads to the point of shipment. At present such roads are not provided, and the farmers themselves are far too careless in regard to a matter of so much importance.

For swift and amazing changes come to the weather.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding as to their attitude, the executive of the Moral and Social Reform Council have reaffirmed their decided approval of the removal of screens from the windows of liquor saloons.

How Nature Makes New Complexions

(From the Family Physician) It is well known that the human skin is constantly undergoing a tearing down and building up process. With advancing years or waning vitality this tissue-change lags; the lifeless, soiled surface skin stays on so long that its owner gets a "poor complexion."

Common sense tells us this dead skin cannot be cultured or beautified by any cosmetic, lotion or powder. The natural thing to do is to remove the offensive skin—remove the bad complexion. It has been found that ordinary mercurized wax completely absorbs the devitalized skin, in minute particles, so gently, gradually, and painlessly, that the complexion is renewed, in and washed off in the morning. If you would have a brilliantly beautiful complexion, just use this simple treatment.

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MIGHT COME IN USEFUL AGAIN Jack (just engaged)—"Can you take the name Mabel off this ring and substitute 'Joan'?" Jeweller—"Yes, but it will cost you something; the name is out so deep."

NOT GOING THE WHOLE HOG. Father to young Adonis who has begged for the hand of his daughter—"But, my dear son, are you able to support a family?" Adonis (softly)—"Yes, I could. But, an only asking for the daughter."

STRANGE "She holds peculiar views of matrimony." "That so?" "Yes," she says, "that even if her husband should make a fortune in five years, she expects to stick to him until death."—Detroit Free Press.

"AND THEY KICK TOO." Pat was standing near the car track when he noticed an automobile coming up the street, and to be safe he stepped back a little from the car track. The driver had an occasion to turn off the track. When he did the auto skidded, and Pat, who was standing near the car, and say, "Now, what do you think of that? Why ye stand in front of 'em, they run over ye, and they get out of the way to let this pass, they turn around and kick ye!"—From Judge.

JUST ABOUT. "Father, what is the difference between a lunch and a luncheon?" "About five dollars, my boy."

IT SHOULD BE. "I wish you a happy New Year." "Thanks, old man. It ought to be. There are fifty-three pay days in it."—Detroit Free Press.

SEE COULDN'T SAY. A little boy out in St. John, according to the Book of County Record, said to his mother the other day: "Ma, am I a descendant of a monkey?" "I don't know," replied the mother. "I never knew any of your father's folks." The father, who was listening, went out in the coalshed and kicked the cat through the roof—Kansas City Star.

NO DANGER. A benevolent dergyman, while walking in a mining district, came upon an old man turning a windmill which hauled up ore from the shaft. It was a very hot day, and the old man had thrown aside his hat, and the sun was streaming down upon his bare head.

"If you expose your head to the sun in that way," said the good parson, "your brain will be injured." But the old man only looked wearily at the speaker and shook his head. "I wouldn't be doing this all day long if I had any brains," he answered quietly.

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