

were that were looked upon askance, verily they were seen through the corner of the eye.

For is it not to be read in the Book of Worldly Wisdom that in business there is no sentiment; and why therefore should one that pileth up the dollibills and shekles of silver take unto himself one that is sore tried because of his battle hurts, and so hug to his bosom a toiler that is not efficient?

Yea, in the Book of Worldly Wisdom, it is written, that efficiency is the watchword of progress; and in the Book of Life the word efficiency is written in letters of blood.

And it came to pass that some that were returned from warring would make them homes upon the land, and the Lords of Can that do assemble now and then in the House of Talk at Ott said: "Ye noble heroes, that which ye desire we will grant unto ye, also will we give unto ye money for to buy implements of agriculture and lo! ye shall know happiness for ever more."

And the Lords of Can did appoint them men that knew; verily experts in finding land suitable for the plow did they appoint, saying: "Go forth over the country of Brit Columb, and find land that is fruitful and where the heart of the deserving hero shall find happiness and his body sustenance."

And the experts did go to it.

And after that they had discovered land flowing with milk and honey, they sent returned soldiers there saying: "There is the Promised Land yonder, go ye forth unto it and be happy."

And some of them that would till the land, went forth to see and verily they saw.

Thereupon they beat it back thro the gates of the City of Van and made it known to Harn that liveth in Elysium, and Perd that runneth the Veteran's Club, that the feet of man could not approach unto the farm land the experts had discovered,

So these two that are wise beyond the dreams of Solomon took council and planned plans and spoke a multitude of words on the phone.

And suddenly, as the bursting of light thro a black cloud, an idea filled the mind of Harn with radiance, and the brain of Perd shone with its reflected glory.

"An Airplane! An airplane! My reputation for an airplane!"

"What meanest thou, O Harn?" and he did say unto Perd: "We will fly over the farm land and see."

And it came to pass that the huge bird took off and flew over the high mountains, and aloft in the fresh air.

And the pilot said unto the observer: "What seest thou?" and he answered: "Mountains."

"What else dost thou see?" and the observer made reply: "Trees that are tall and very large."

"And dost thou see aught else," and he said: "Yea, I see rocks, huge rocks in abundance; and deep valleys filled with rushing waters."

"Where then is the farm land concerning which the experts have spoken?"

And the observer, being a truthful man, said: "In their imagination."

And when they had looked upon the land that was not, they turned them back, saying: "We shall see the experts."

And unto the soldiers that were seeking land for to till it was told: "Comrades, the land that we have seen is rock, and the mountain goat that doth disport him there is free and joyous."

And, one that was sick of it, interrupted, remarking: "We are not goats, tho all the experts would make us so."

And when some that were overwrought by the kindness that was shown unto them betook themselves to the experts, they learnt the cause of this thing that had happened,