

### Human Beings and Sheep.

The resemblance which human beings bear to sheep is, at least in one respect, very striking. By drovers it is a well-recognized principle that, in whatever path they wish their animals to travel, they have only to induce one to make a start, and the whole work is done. All the rest will abandon whatever will they have, and follow. So it is with humanity. With the majority of mankind the great business of life is to gain proficiency in masquerading in that noble game, "Follow the Leader." Instances meet us on every hand.

Any observing person who has been the occupant of a street-car when a "block" has occurred upon the road, will have noticed the indecision depicted upon the faces of his fellow-travelers, every one of whom sits staring vacantly at his neighbor, as though he hoped thereby to discover the cause and the consequence of the delay, until at length one, more vigorous than the rest, makes up his mind that remaining where he is will not bring him to the end of his journey. He makes a start, determined to alight and walk the remainder of his way, and in two minutes the car is empty.

So one who chances to come upon the outskirts of a crowd may soon ascertain that the greater part thereof knows not wherefore the assembly has gathered. Everyone, upon arriving, stands still and stares at the others, because they are found in a singular position and engaged in a like occupation.

So it is all thru life. If one will only be bold enough to lead, one will find plenty ready to follow. Cause and consequence are very inconsiderable factors in determining the act. They may be known or unknown. If known, their characters are not investigated. Whether they are absurd or sensible, hurtful or beneficial, is not a matter of inquiry.

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### The Public Press.

It may be truthfully affirmed that the public press is an educator; that it is the champion of right, the defender of the injured, and the terror of evil-doers, and what is of encouragement to all, is the fact that it keeps in the advance, and carries its standard in the front, of civilization and of refinement. If not the ideal leader, it is at least a living exponent of best thoughts of good men, and is as a rule, found upon the side of truth and right.

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