

gradually less, and that there is, comparatively speaking, scarcely a recorded instance where the dying person has not at least yielded up life without seeming reluctance or fear. Of course the numerous physical phenomena which usually accompany the act of dying vary considerably in the early stages with the causes which are producing death. To one schooled in death scenes, the physiognomy which the grim destroyer presents is one not easily mistaken. Among the many signs of death that are unmistakable are the failing pulse, the coldness of the extremities, the change in the countenance as the venous blood courses through the arteries; the skin grows clammy as the various vessels refuse to longer perform their functions; the eyes glaze; the jaw drops; fluid accumulates in the windpipe, causing the "death rattle," and finally the breathing ceases altogether.

For a city the size of Victoria, it is wonderful how many runaway horses one will see in a day. Within the short space of an hour, one day this week, I saw too runaway teams, with wagons attached, and that some person was not run over and killed cannot be laid at the doors of the drivers. They evidently intended that some poor unfortunate's days in this world would have been cut short, and then what? I suppose they could be tried for murder, and I say right now, and I say it boldly, that if ever a man is brought up on a charge of criminal negligence for permitting his horses to run over somebody, and I am on that jury, it will not be well with him. It would be better for him that a millstone were tied around his neck and he were cast into the deep blue sea.

Next to the deep abiding interest which every man has in his individual possessions is the satisfaction he feels in seeing his town prosper and its people happy, and certainly the result of the voting on the by-law last Wednesday, proves that there are at least six or seven hundred people in Victoria who are anxious about the future of their city. Too many men, selfish in the extreme, are envious of their neighbor's prosperity, and hence we see many who patronize foreign establishments for everything they need rather than buy at home and help their

town. Many articles that are bought elsewhere are no better or cheaper than those offered by home dealers. This shortsightedness does not permit them to see that their interest are identified with those whom they are continually coming in contact in the everyday affairs of life.

Now it seems to me that a man in this city can get anything good enough for himself without sending away to other places for it. Every resident should take sufficient interest in Victoria to do his trading here, and thus keep the money in circulation in his own community. In short, if you want to kill a town and invite hard times to your door, import everything you can and export as little as possible. Patronize your home business men and mechanics, and see what a difference it will make.

Men have been known who wanted to marry certain women just because the women were rich. I received a letter this week asking me if "a man without money can ask a girl who has money to marry him and at the same time retain his self-respect." He asks: "Do you think such a marriage would turn out a happy one? I know society has ordained that a man should be able to support a wife before he takes one, but when a man reaches the age of 35 and has been unfortunate in money matters, should he allow himself to drift into old age alone?"

It would depend a little, of course, upon whether he could help himself—upon whether the woman was willing. Supposing, however, that her affection for him is as great as his for her, and that it very considerable, there should be no worthy objection which either might weigh, so far as they themselves are concerned. The only trouble will come in when their kind friends and neighbors find it out and begin to philosophize. But, as the marriage really concerns the contracting parties first, the question of the outer society ought to be of relatively small importance.

The fact that the girl is rich should not keep her from happiness if she is certain that the marriage will mean happiness. If she is certain, she ought, logically, to be willing to burn up her bonds and throw away her money before giving up the man. All

these questions, like half a hundred others which confront people who are contemplating matrimony, are to be decided only by those immediately concerned. Any man or any woman who seriously doubts the advisability of taking such a step ought to reflect that the doubt itself is a strong argument against it.

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