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THE THOUGHTS OF THEOBALD.

"DUNDONALD'S DESTROYER."

Over a hundred years ago a mysterious invention was submitted to the British Admiralty by Lord Dundonald. The invention was tested by a board of experts, who reported that the method was too terrible for adoption by any civilised power, for it would have shocked humanity and made war between nations impossible. Researches in the British Museum have revealed a pamphlet which described an invention of "burning glasses," whereby it was claimed that man was enabled to grasp the "veritable bolts of Jove himself" and hurl them at his enemies, and this was evidently Dundonald's idea. The idea of these burning glasses was the arrangement of several hundred mirrors in a great frame, at such angles to catch and concentrate the rays of the sun on any desired spot. Any boy will know of the power of the sun's rays through a magnifying glass to burn a hole in a handkerchief, but the power of the concentrated rays of these hundreds of mirrors was so great as to explode any magazine, quickly set all woodwork in a flame, and to cause the instant death of any human being who came within the influence of their scorching breath. It was claimed that these rays could be swept along a line of advancing troops, causing each man to drop dead the moment the rays fell upon him.

Archimedes by means of polished metal mirrors burned completely to ashes the Roman ships besieging Syracuse. A modern scientist with five plane mirrors in a frame ignited wood at one hundred feet away, and another by four hundred mirrors melted lead and tin at 150 feet.

Maybe before the war ends, we shall have some modern adaption of "burning glasses" as an instrument of human destruction.

MONEY.

At first sight it seems a wonder as to where all the money comes from to

carry on this war, but it really does not surprise when we consider how much money can be found in normal and peaceful years for non-productive luxuries or amusements.

In England for instance there is a yearly expenditure upon

All kinds of Drink .. £230,000,000
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Motor Cars 75,000,000

£340,000,000

And these are only a few of the many forms of expenditure on luxuries by all classes. It is no wonder then that with comparative ease the same country can raise £500,000,000 for war purposes.

Even in this little Newfoundland of ours we can easily account for over a million dollars that go for "wets" and "smokes" without counting the motor cars and the "movies." The curious thing seems to be that the Patriotic Fund still sticks in the neighbourhood of one hundred thousand dollars, while this expenditure of over three thousand dollars a day still continues. There are men using gasoline for pleasure trips, smoking expensive tobacco and cigars, and drinking money's worth who don't realize that the call to-day is for every resource of the Empire, and the time has not yet come when funds are unnecessary.

The registry of national resources should begin and end with the human element alone. The nation can force every mother's son to join the army, but there is another resource that is valuable to the Empire that ought to be registered also and that is money.

The volunteers offer their lives on the altar of their country. Is this not a supreme sacrifice? Then why should those who are "fifty and fat" be content with living the same luxurious lives, instead of offering their money, all of it even? No matter what they give, they cannot match the sacrifice of the volunteer, who gives his life. And the man of surplus money is not patriotic till he has made his sacrifice and offered it to his country.

VISITING CLERGY.

Judging by the reports of some of the Methodist Conference meetings, the visiting clergymen are men of vision. Not often do we hear from pulpits such expressions about the business world as one reverend Doctor gave utterance to, and mores the pity. To my mind our men too seldom get down to facts. Theory and high principles are excellent, but they don't help every one. There must be the application of principle to the everyday life of a man before he will realise where he stands with regard to it. And the nearer a clergyman gets to fact, the closer will he get to man, which, after all, is his mission.

Dr. Chow, I am told, said to a congregation here once: "You business men of Water Street it is just as much your duty to make Christians in your business as it is to make money." And if the business men

took this to heart and made the first the object of their business as much as making money, I don't think there would be any clamour because of ill-treatment or ill-payment because these latter wouldn't exist.

FREIGHT EXPERT.

In some countries I have read that there are Freight Experts who audit the freight bills of various large firms and who are satisfied, in lieu of a salary, with a commission on the mistakes they find out in the making up of freight charges. It is not that freighters intentionally charge high or rates than they should, but the many rates are apt to be confusing and the shipping clerk may easily make a mistake.

It is an opening for an active man here. Most of the firms trouble little about freight rates, and especially lately the freight have been such that it is almost impossible to know what rate will be charged next. The law in regard to wharfage, too, is made as most laws are, for the lawyers. The law states that wharfage at the current rate may be charged, and goodness knows there is enough bother with that elastic phrase in the Labrador fish question.

ROAD DUST PREVENTION.

Perhaps the following may be of interest to the Civic Commission. Anything that will help to remove our annual summer "blight" is surely welcome. If one could only get rid of the dust the city would improve in many ways; people would feel like painting up their houses, and would welcome the day when they could open their windows and get fresh air instead of dirty dust.

From experiment granular calcium chloride would appear to be a particularly suitable, effective and cheap dust preventive for estate and farm roads. The granulated material was spread evenly over the road surface with a shovel at the rate of 1/2 lb. per square yard on two successive evenings, giving a complete dressing of 1 lb. per square yard; this application was found effective for two months. The material is hygroscopic, i.e., it absorbs available moisture and so keeps the road surface continuously sufficiently moist to prevent the formation of dust. It is free from offensive odours, and does not adhere to, or injure, boots of pedestrians, rubber tyres, or the feet of animals. The cost of the material was 50s. per ton, so that the cost of the dressing per square yard was just over 1/4d.—The Colonial Journal.

RICH WITHOUT MONEY.

My crown is in my heart, not on my head, Nor decked with diamonds and Indian stones, Nor to be seen: my crown is called content; A crown it is, that seldom kings enjoy.—Shakespeare.

Many a man is rich without money, as the old wise man says, "there is no riches above a sound body and no joy above the joy of the heart." Good bones are better than gold, a good stomach than silver, and a good heart is better than houses and land.

"One would think" said Boswell, "that the proprietor of all this (Keddiestone, the seat of Lord Scarfield) must be happy." "May, sir," said Johnson, "all this excludes but one evil, poverty."

He is rich who values a good name above gold. Among the ancient Greeks and Romans honour was more sought after than wealth. Rome was imperial Rome no more when the imperial people became an article of traffic.

A friend of Professor Agassiz, an eminent practical man, once expressed his wonder that a man of such abilities should remain contented with such a moderate income as he received. "I have enough," was Agassiz's reply. "I have no time to waste in making money. Life is not sufficiently long to enable a man to get rich and do his duty to his fellowmen at the same time."

Is it any wonder that children start out with wrong ideals of life, with wrong ideas of what constitutes success? They are urged "to get on," "to rise in the world," to "make money." William Pitt, the great Commoner, considered money as dirt beneath his feet compared with the public interest and public esteem. His hands were clean. Character is perpetual wealth. Invest in yourself and you will never be poor. Floods cannot carry your wealth away, fire cannot burn it, rust cannot consume it. "Do you know, sir," said a devotee of Mammon to John Bright, "that I am worth a million sterling?" "Yes," said John Bright, "I do; and I know that it is all you are worth."

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ABOUT SUNBURN AGAIN.

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Sunburn is very injurious to the skin, not only the burning sensation and discomfort and the peeling, but as to the ultimate effect upon the skin. There are certain qualities in the sun's rays which coarsen the texture of the skin. These rays are so powerful that they penetrate to the under layers, and even though the top layer peels off the harmful results are sure to appear.

Sunburn also weakens the skin tissues and makes them less able to withstand attacks of rash or the infections that sometimes come from water. The best remedy for sunburn is an application of equal parts of glycerine and witchazel. Apply it very gently with a soft cloth, don't rub the skin, just sop the mixture on. When it has dried apply cold cream liberally and let it remain on for several hours, then wipe off with a soft cloth. Use no soap until after the burning sensation has subsided.

If you are going to take a dip in the ocean fortify yourself. Rub your face, neck, arms, and hands with cocoa butter and finish with a generous application of rice powder. This treatment will not prevent sunburn if you expose yourself to the rays all day but is the best preventative known.

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