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The Simple Life

By CHARLES WAGNER

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In the midst of your new habits and in the changed atmosphere your friends of other days, your old relatives, will be expatriated. Your next step will be to lay them aside in their turn. The worldly spirit leaves the old out of worldly spirit leaves the old out of consideration. At last, established in an absolutely transformed setting, even you will view yourself with amazement. Nothing will be familiar, but surely it will be correct—at least the world will be satisfied. Ah, that is where you are mistaken! After having made you cast out pure treasure as so much junk it will find that your best so much junk it will find that your bor-rowed livery fits you ill and will hasten to make you sensible of the ridiculous-ness of the situation. Much better have had from the beginning the courage of your convictions and have de fended your home Many young people when they marry

listan to this voice of the world. Their parents have given them the example of a modest life, but the new generation thinks it affirms its rights to existence and liberty by repudiating ways in its eyes too patriarchal. So these young folks make efforts to set themselves up lavishly in the latest fashion and rid themselves of useless property at dirt themselves of useless property at dirt cheap prices. Instead of filling their houses with objects which say. "Remember!" they garnish them with quite new furnishings that as yet have no meaning. Wait, I am wrong; these things are often symbols, as it were, of a facile and superficial existence. a facile and superficial existence. In their midst one breathes a certain heady vapor of mundanity. They re-call the life outside, the turmoil, the rush. And were one semetimes dis-posed to forget this life they would call back his wandering thought and say, "Remember!" In another sense, do not forget your appointment at the club, the play, the races. The home then becomes a sort of halfway house

where one comes to rest a little be-tween two prolonged absences. It isn't a good place to stay. As it has no soul, it does not speak to yours. Time to eat and sleep, and then off again! Otherwise you become as dull as a hermit. We are all acquainted with people who have a rage for being abroad, who think the world would no longer go round if they didn't figure on all sides of it. To stay at home is penal. There they cease to be in view. A horror of home life possesses them to such a degree that they would rather pay to be bored outside than he award. be bored outside than be amused gratu-

tously within In this way society slewly gravitates toward life in herds, which must not be confounded with public life. The life in herds is somewhat like that of swarms of files in the sun. Nething so much resembles the worldly life of a man as the worldly life of another man. And this universal banality deman. And this universal banality de-stroys the very essence of public spir-it. One need not journey far to dis-cover the ravages made in modern so-ciety by the spirit of worldliness, and clety by the spirit of worldiness, and if we have so little foundation, so little equilibrium, calm good sense and initiative, one of the chief reasons lies in the undermining of the home life. The masses have timed their pace by that of people of fashion. They, too, have become worldly. Nothing can be worldly. Nothing can be have become worldly. Nothing can be more se than to quit one's own hearth for the life of saloons. The squator and misery of the homes are not enough to explain the current which carries

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each man away from his own. Why does the peasant desert for the inn the house that his father and grandfather found so comfortable? It has remained the same. There is the same fire in the same chimney. Whence comes it that it lights only an incomplete circle when in olden times young and old sat shoulder to shoulder? Something has changed in the minds of men. Yielding to dangerous impulses, they have bro-ken with simplicity. The fathers have quitted their post of honor, the wives grow dull beside the solitary hearth, and the children quarrel while waiting their turn to go abroad, each after his

their turn to go abroad, each after his own fancy.

We must learn again to live the home life, to value our domestic traditions. A pious care has preserved certain monuments of the past. So antique dress, provincial dialects, old folk songs, have found appreciative hands to gather them up before they should disappear from the earth. What a good deed, to guard these crumbs of a good deed, to guard these crumbs of a great past, these vestiges of the souls of our ancestors! Let us do the some for our family traditions, save same for our family traditions, save and guard as much as possible of the patriarchal, whatever its form. But not every one has traditions to keep; all the more reason for redou-bling the effort to constitute and foster

a family life. And to do this there is need neither of numbers nor a rich establishment. To create a home you must have the spirit of home. Just as the smallest village may have its history, its moral stamp, so the smallest home may have its soul. Oh, the spirit of places, the atmosphere which surrounds us in human dwellings! What a world of mystery! Here, even on the threshold, the cold begins to penetrate; you are ill at ease; something intangi-ble repulses you. There no sooner does the door shut you in than friendliness and good humor envelop you. It is said that walls have ears. They have said that wais have ears. Incy have also voices, a mute eloquence. Every-thing that a dwelling contains is bath-ed in an ether of personality. And I find proof of its quality even in the apartments of bachelors and solitary vomen. What an abyss between one com and another room! Here all is flead, indifferent, commonplace; the device of the owner is written all over the of the owner is written all over it, even in his fashion of arranging his photographs and books. All is the same to me. There one breathes in ani-mation, a contagious joy in life. The risitor hears repeated in countless fashions: "Whoever you are, guest of an hour, I wish you well. Pette be with you."

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Words can do little justice to the subject of home, tell little about the effect of a favorite flower in the window or the charm of an old armchair where the grandfather used to sit offering his wrinkled hands to the kisses of chubby children. Poor moderns, always moving or remodeling! We who from transforming our cities, our houses, our customs and creeds have no longer where to lay our heads, let us not add to the pathos and emptiness of our changeful existence by abandoning the life of the home. Let us light again the flame put out on our hearths, make sanctuaries for ourselves, warm nests where the children may grow into men, where love may find privacy, old age repose, prayes an altar and the fatherland a cuit.

CHAPTER XI.

SIMPLE BEAUTY.

OME one may protest against the nature of the simple life in the name of aesthefics or oppose to ours the theory of the service of luxury, that providence of business, fostering mother of arts and grace of civilized society. We shall try briefly to anticipate these objections.

It will no doubt have been evident that the spirit which animates these pages is not utilitarian. It would be merror to suppose that the simplicity ve seek has anything in common with hat which misers impose upon themetes through cupidity or narrow aded reason through false austerity.

To the former the simple life is the one that costs least; to the latter it is a flat and coloriess existence, whose merit lies in depriving oneself of everything bright, smiling, seductive. It displeases us not a whit that people of large means should put their fortune into circulation instead of hearding its securing life.

hoarding it, so giving life to commerce and the fine arts. That is us ing one's privileges to good advantage What we would combat is foolish prod-igality, the selfish use of wealth and above all, the quest of the superfluous on the part of those who have the greatest need of taking thought for the greatest need of taking thought for the necessary. The lavishness of a Maccenas could not have the same effect in a society as that of a common spend-thrift who astonishes his contemporaries by the magnificence of his life and the folly of his waste. In these two cases the same term means very different things. To scatter money broadcast does not say it at all. There are ways of doing it which ennoble men and others which degrade them. Besides, to scatter money supposes that one is well provided with it. When the love of sumptuous living When the love of sumptuous living when the love of sumptuous living takes possession of those whose means are limited the matter becomes strangely altered. And a very strik-ing characteristic of our time is the rage for scattering broadcast which the very people have who ought to husband their resources. Munificence is a benefit to society; that we grant willingly. Let us even allow that the prodigality of certain rich men is safety valve for the escape of the su-perabundant. We shall not attempt to gainsay it. Our contention is that too many people meddle with the safety valve when to practice economy is the part of both their interest and their duty. Their extravagance is a private misfortune and a public dange So much for the utility of luxury. We now wish to explain ourselves

upon the question of aesthetics—oh, very modestly and without trespassing on the ground of the specialists. Through a too common illusion simplicity and beauty are considered as rivals. But simple is not synenymous with ugly any more than sumptuous. stylish and costly are synonymous with etylish and costly are synonymous with beautiful. Our eyes are wounded by the crying spectacle of gaudy orna-ment, venal art and senseless and graceless luxury. Wealth coupled with bad tasts sometimes makes us regret that so much money is in circulation to provoke the creation of such a prod igality of horrors. Our conten art suffers as much from the want of simplicity as does our literature too much in it that is irrelevant, over-wrought, falsely imagined. Rarely is it given us to contemplate in line, form or color that simplicity allied to per-fection which commands the eyes as evidence does the mind. We need to be rebaptized in the ideal purity of immortal beauty which puts its seal on the musterpieces. One shaft of its radiance is worth more than all our pompous exhibitions:

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